



Ardmore United Methodist Church

Newsletter

September 2009



A Word From the Pastor

It's been a good summer here. It was not as hot as some and abundant rain kept the grass green, flowers blooming, and made for a productive vegetable garden, indeed!

Our people (in the midst of travels) met together on Sunday mornings - worshiped and lingered awhile on the patio. The more leisurely pace and informality of summer was a gift.

And now, renewed and refreshed the pace quickens and we look forward to an energetic fall together. September 13th (*a return to Fall schedule*) we celebrate "Learning". Breakfast for all begins the day - we will move into an introduction of our learning opportunities - and then in worship, celebrate the good of the day!

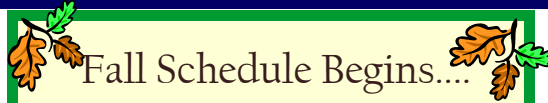
Our guest preacher that day will be the Rev. David Adam. The Rev. Adam is currently involved in ministry at Simpson House, a United Methodist retirement community and care facility. He will also guest preach on Sunday, September 27th. The Rev. Edwin Green will bring the message Sunday, September 20th.

I am grateful for these good colleagues of mine as I take some September time for rest and renewal. Destination: Santorini, Greece! I plan to be with you at Worship on the 20th but felt it prudent to fill the pulpit in case of travel changes.

It's a full fall - Auction, fellowship nights, classes for learning, fellowship groups and good surprises along the way.

We hope you will make a renewed commitment to take the opportunity of the good that our life is together.

-Don Williams



Fall Schedule Begins....

Sunday, September 13th

Welcome Back Breakfast
at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages
at 10:00 a.m.

Worship at 11:00 a.m.
(with Children's Time)

Calendar Notes:

Sunday, September 6th
Worship at 10:00 a.m. w/ Holy Communion

Sunday, September 13th
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Group Kick-off Cookout
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 17th
Church Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 3rd
"Night in Napoli" -
5:30 Bailey Hall



Summer Patio Parties

Generous of spirit and providers of plenty...

Thanks to our 2009 Summer Patio Hosts:
Hector Ortiz, Susan and Sandy Peabody, The Lewis Family, The Fellowship Committee, The Wenzinger Family, Dave & Clare Sautter, The Christian Family, The Bartels/Kaufhold Family, The Nelson Family, The DeMichele Family, The Feske/Kirby Family, Michelle Flamer & Ruth Althouse, The Hopkins Family,

Auction News...

The Summer has come and gone so quickly hasn't it? We are busily getting ready for our "Night in Napoli" event on October 3rd. The evening will include delicious homemade hors d'oeuvres and Italian Dinner, silent auction, live music, raffles and more! By now you should have received your invitation. Please respond so we'll know you are coming!

With each auction we get a little more adventurous! This year we will raffle a gift card tree valued at \$400.00. This fabulous prize includes a variety of gift cards (which were generously donated to us). The proceeds from this raffle will benefit our church and The Women's Resource Center in Wayne. For just \$5.00 per raffle ticket (or 5 tickets for \$20.00), you will be eligible for the drawing. The drawing will take place at the Auction on October 3rd - you do not need to be present to win! Tickets will be on sale after church and of course, any time at the church office.

In order to have the silent auction, we need items...here are some ideas that have been popular in the past: Baked goods, services such as babysitting, dog walking, leaf raking, rides to the airport, and gift cards to restaurants or area attractions. We've had tickets to the ballet, 76rs and even the zoo!! If you have an idea but aren't sure, feel free to call me (610)649-0453 or email me Claresautter@comcast.net and I'll be glad to help you.

Our "Night in Napoli" serves several purposes: We gather together as friends and family and enjoy each other's company. We have some fun bidding on great auction items. We'll enjoy good food and music - all while supporting our church financially. Please don't miss the opportunity for fellowship and support of our community at Ardmore Church.



The Church Mouse

It was a good summer up here on the hill. I particularly enjoyed my daily visits to the vegetable garden - watching the plants mature and then produce so bountifully. Baskets and baskets of tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, green beans, broccoli, carrots and melons were harvested for Philabundance! Kathy Romine tended the garden so well as God kept it adequately watered. I enjoyed my early morning and dusk garden visits with Kathy. A garden can be soul soothing for those who tend it.

We continue to harvest, though the evenings now bring the cool of a change of season. Another sign of that change is our young people off to college again...and beyond. Noni Nelson wrapped up an archaeological dig in Tuscany and is now back at Bucknell. Her brother, Jeff, begins his first year at Dickinson. Doug Ammon returned to Gettysburg. Lauren Peabody is now in Happy Valley and Emmie Christian is back at Boston University. We'll see you all at Thanksgiving!

BJ, oldest son of Chris and Bill Chain has been awarded his PhD in Chemistry from Harvard and decided *not to let Summer go* - he is now Associate Professor of Chemistry at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu!

As our young people are off to other places, we welcome our children back here. Our Pre-School will soon be in full swing and Sunday morning learning will be lively as well. Doc Maddison tells us all is set for another Season of Sunday School and fellowship groups as he watches from a distance. Doc is just about in the middle of two consecutive surgeries. We anticipate Doc back with us mid-October. Thanks to Kristen Lewis, Stacy Bartels, Clare Sautter and Tracy Wenzinger for doing "Doc duty" with children's sermons.

Congratulations are in order to Michelle Flamer for a 2nd prize winner in a recent contest by the Alliance for American Quilts. Michelle's entry "Obama Victory Garden" celebrated a new White House garden and the hope it brings for a more fruitful and peaceful future. Michelle combined

scripture and whimsy in a delightful, colorful creation! A picture of the quilt is on the bulletin board in the hall outside the church office.

Note, too, on the bulletin board a "New York Times" feature article on Keith Miller of the Metropolitan Opera entitled "For an Ex-Fullback, Big Plays in a New Game". Keith was our bass soloist for 4 years and visits when in town.

Well that's the news for now. I'm looking forward to all the good days ahead and the "return" fun that September brings. In the meantime - remember to always be kind to animals.

-Uncle Bob, the Church Mouse



Our Garden of Plenty!!



In Memoriam

Elsie Culver

Christopher Newcombe

Youth Group News

Mark your calendars...it's that time of year. School is starting and so is the Ardmore Church Youth Group! This is a great time for children age 9 and up to meet others their age, have some fun and engage in Christian fellowship. If your child is 9 or older, please consider reserving 6:30 to 7:30 each Sunday evening just for them!

Joe Mastronardo, Stacy Bartels and Clare Sautter, the Youth Directors, put a lot of energy into developing the program and making sure our youth enjoy the time together. We are always interested in having parents volunteer to bring snacks or participate in any activities. If you are interested, please let the church office know. Here is the exciting September through December schedule for the Youth Group:

September

- 13th - Water Balloon Volleyball & BBQ
- 20th - Kick Ball (*a favorite!*)
- 26th - Movie Night
(*a family movie for everyone to enjoy*)

October

- 4th - Mini Golf & Water Ice
- 11th - Scavenger Hunt
- 18th - Pumpkin Carving/Decorating
- 25th - Family Night Halloween Party
(*All welcome*)

November

- 1st - Board Games
- 8th - Balloon Volleyball
- 15th - WePac Dinner Boxes
- 22nd - Thanksgiving dinner

December

- 6th Family Night
- 13th - Bake cookies - Carol practice
- 20th - All Welcome Caroling

Adult Learning..

Phil Hopkins will lead a discussion on Health Care the Sundays of September (10:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room).

Beginning in October, Pastor Williams will guide discussions on "The Scripture of the Day" using the lectionary lessons for each Sunday.