



Middletown Press

September 2010

Coming Events:

- 9/10-11 – Women of Faith
- 9/12 – Rally Day, 9:30 Worship followed by Pancake Brunch
- 9/12—Aid for Friends Cook-in at 2PM
- 9/15—Chili/Dessert Cook-off 6PM
- 9/18 – FrenetiCafe 6:00-8:30 Sr. High's
- 9/19 – Sunday School 9 AM; **First 10:30 AM worship**
- 9/22—Adventure Club 4:45PM-7PM
- 9/24 – Frenetic Fridays 6:00-8:30 MiddleSchool
- 9/26—Fall Festival 4:00-7:00 Community Dinner
- 10/1-3 – Men's Retreat at Lake Champion

Recharge for Fall

As many of us return from summer homes and summer travels and our kids prepare to begin a new school year, we at Middletown look forward to the excitement of a new church year. As has become the custom, our new year will begin with our Rally Day celebration on Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 A.M. In the context of our morning worship service, we will hear from our children, our teenagers and many of our adult leaders about the good things that the Lord has been doing throughout a busy summer of exciting ministries.

The following week, we will begin our normal schedule with Sunday School at 9:00 A.M., fellowship time beginning at 10:00 A.M. and worship beginning at 10:30. Sounds like the same old stuff, doesn't it? The 2010-2011 church year, however, will be far from just the same old routine! The Lord, as always, continues to challenge us with new things in our midst. Obviously, the most exciting thing that we can anticipate is the call of a new pastor for our church and that person, most likely, will be coming sometime during this church year. The Pastoral Nominating Committee continues to work prayerfully and diligently, reviewing resumes of a large number of prospective candidates. Eventually, they will begin preliminary interviews with favorable candidates and then narrow down the field through visitation, more extensive interviews and, finally, extending a call. At that point, the candidate will appear before all of us and preach a candidating sermon, after which we will meet as a congregation and vote. Exciting times!

As many of our people have been meeting after worship to pray for the new pastor, you may have heard that they have also been praying for me. I can use all the prayer I can get! Each time interim pastors complete their service with a particular church, they are responsible for seeking and finding another interim position. Currently, there are no interim vacancies. As you know, I am not retired, so it is important for me to move into my next interim ministry as quickly after my time here as possible. Please continue to pray that Marlo and I will trust God faithfully for his provision and that a congregation as special as all of you will be ready for me upon the completion of my time here.

The beginning of a new church year also marks the final months of our budget year. We have many faithful and generous servants here at Middletown church. Not only have scores of people volunteered for special summer ministries, but many of you have been faithfully giving throughout the summer months. The staff has been paid, our bills have been paid and support has been sent to our missionaries. That might not sound like such a big deal, but we must remember that we no longer have any financial reserves. If we don't receive enough to meet our expenses, there is no backup. And the good news is that, so far, God's generosity through many of you has enabled us to meet our basic needs as a church. Let us continue to give faithfully and generously so we can complete the budget year with an abundance of blessings!

Let me whet your appetite with some tidbits about our mysterious building renovation! We

are on the verge of getting our final permits from the township. Test digging has already been done on our elevator shaft. Preliminary work has been completed which will enable the contractors to hit the ground running and in the near future we will have a new look in the administrative wing, a new entrance with handicap accessibility including a handicap rest room, a new elevator to take us to a fellowship hall and kitchen that will be spruced up to provide an excellent venue for our entire congregation and guests to meet for fellowship and ministry. Our Legacy & Building Team, with many volunteer helpers, have done a wonderful and faithful job of getting us to this point using the funds which were already in place. Continue to pray for them and encourage them as they finish their work.

One final note. As we begin another year of worship together, our musicians are already dreaming and making plans for enhancing our worship time together. Pray for them as they look for ways to use all the considerable musical gifts that the Lord has showered upon us here at Middletown so that we may glorify Him in the best of ways. Janet Wooden will be coordinating all of these efforts and she is excited as she has received so much encouragement from many of you and such great enthusiasm from our choir, our praise team and our other talented music people.

What wonderful things God has in store for us. Be sure not to miss out. Participate in an adult Sunday School class. Bring your children and their friends and your grandchildren to Sunday School every Sunday, become a regular at Adventure Wednesdays and be looking for opportunities during the week to serve and to enjoy fellowship and study. It's going to be an exciting year!

Blessings,
John

Sermon Titles for September

September 5 - "Listen To The Potter"
Jeremiah 18:1-12

September 12 - "Playing Chicken With God"
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

September 19 - "The Weeping Prophet"
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

September 26 - "Like Playing Powerball"
Jeremiah 32:1-15

Fall Line-Up

The following Sunday School classes begin September 19 at 9:00-10:00 AM

3, 4 and 5 year olds	Carol Curtis
1 st and 2 nd grades	Trish Steward and Steve Almond
3 rd thru 6 th grades	Donna Coulter and Ken Schreffler
7 th and 8 th grades	Karen Mayer and Karl Dubendorf
9 th thru 12 th grades	Matt Miazga, Rusty Abrams and Steve Hixson

For Adults

Sam Hall's class will be studying "Doctrines of the Bible". Pastor John's class will begin a series entitled "When God Interrupts".

Small groups meet on various evening. Contact any of the following for more information: Jim and Nancy Standish, Julie and Mike Burke, Kent and Maureen Thompson, Karen and Bill Mayer.

Lydia Circle

A group of women meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month for discussion and fellowship. If you want to know what it's all about feel free to talk to Julie Burke, Janet Gemsheim, Jinny Heilala, Karen Mayer, Bernardine Steinmetz, Nancy Standish, Chriss Benson, Beth Shoemaker, Carolyn Speakman or Joan Davis.

Chili/Dessert Cook-off

All Church Picnic on Wednesday September 30 at 6:00 PM. We would love to see families join us for this great time of fellowship!

Hot Dogs on the Grill and your best Chili recipe. If Chili is not your thing bring a dessert!

This is an opportunity for everyone to join together in a fun time to begin the new Fall year.

Adventure Club

The first regular Adventure Club will begin September 22 and run through December. Adventurous Wednesdays is for all ages—children, middle school, youth and adults. Children should plan to arrive at 4:45. The program will begin at 5:00 and run until 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 and adults are welcome to come for dinner followed by a Bible study with Pastor John King.

Frenetic Fridays and FrenetiCafe

(Beginning Saturday, 9/18)

Coming this fall, our new youth group will begin. Based on the success of Wild Week, we are completely changing the way youth group is done. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month will be our high school nights, called FrenetiCafe. It will be part coffee house, part movie theater, part game room, part... whatever else we can think of! Each month will feature a different band or artist, movie, etc. This will be for high school only, grades 9-12, and give them a chance to just come and hang out with friends, listen to some good music, etc. Our first meeting will be Saturday, 9/18 from 6:00-8:30.

Our middle school program, called Frenetic Fridays will be on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Frenetic Fridays will be crazy, fast-paced and fun! This will be much like Wild Week in style, but will be smaller in size. Games, food, prizes, movie nights, etc. We'll have it all! It's going to be amazing. Many more details will follow as we get closer to the start date. Our first meeting will be Friday, 9/24 from 6:00-8:30.

Frenetic means chaotic, fast-paced, disordered... all of our lives would be frenzied and confused, meaningless without Jesus, who brings order and stability to our chaotic lives. Though the pace of our lives may seem like a violent storm, we can look to Jesus... the one who calms the storm.

Please feel free to call or e-mail Matt (mattmiazga@verizon.net) with any questions you may have.

Sunday School and Bible Study

This fall, our high school Sunday school class will begin a study in the book of Hebrews. We will look extensively at this book's historical and biblical background, it's place in the New Testament, the insight it gives us into Christ's life and work, as well as its application for us in our daily lives.

Our Wednesday night Bible studies will now be open to middle school students. Beginning Wednesday, September 8th at 6:00, the middle school (grades 6-9) Bible study will be starting a study called "Jesus the Life Changer". Our high school Bible study time will remain the same, from 7:00-8:30, and we will be studying the

book of Acts. I am really excited to see what God has in store for these groups this fall!

Upcoming Youth Trips:

Middle School "Alive" conference in Ocean City, MD – November 19-21. This will be an amazing time for our middle school students. It will feature great concerts, several comedians, beach games, and great teaching from the Bible. Many more details to follow soon. Look for sign up sheets on Rally Day (9/12).

Fall Festival

Outreach and Publicity will host a "Fall Festival" on Sunday, September 26 from 4-7PM. The menu will feature "pulled" (barbecued) pork as well as various other "autumn delights". Tickets will again be sold in \$10 for 20 packets, with additional available for extra treats. We plan to have a Moonbounce, fire engine rides, and arts and crafts for the kids (**and adults**), along with some other surprises! It will be similar to the Chicken Dinner but without the HEAT!!! Yes, we know---the Eagles will be playing that day, **so we'll have the TV available for those die-hard fans**, or-- Ladies: Leave that "couch potato" at home and come out **with or without the kids** for a time of fun and fellowship! (We will also offer "take-out" packages.) See Sharon **Reed** or Linda **Fox** for tix or info.

Offering for Bill and April Reeser

There will be a special "Thanks and Blessings" offering for Bill and April Reeser taken on September 19. During their recent visit back to the US, they shared many wonderful stories about their service to the "unchurched" in Thailand. They continue to be the "hands and feet" of the MPC church family, working to introduce Jesus to those who do not yet know and love Him! The money will be used to purchase and send items they need (and cannot buy) on the "other side of the world"! (Watch for the specially-marked envelopes and remember to note your weekly offering number on it.)

Release Time New Day

Release Time (Kidz Club) will be starting on Thursday October 7th at 3:25 PM until 4:30 PM at Indian Lane Elementary School. The children will be learning the stories of Joseph. Sandy Connolly, Carol Jones and Margaret Bailey will be continuing to have this outreach at the school.

What a privilege we have serving the Lord and giving Him the glory for making this outreach available for us to minister to the children at the school.

Aid for Friends

Aid for Friends will start cooking for the new year on September 12 at 2:00 in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

We will need main dishes (low in salt). Do not add any salt to recipes and make enough to serve 10-12 people.

To replenish our pantry we need noodles, pasta, rice, applesauce, canned fruit, snack bags, foil, cookies, and tea bags. We are always looking for help or cash donations to do purchases.

For further information call Carol Curtis at 610-566-7274.

Cookie Walk News

It is time to start to look for recipes, sales on butter, flour and sugar. You can freeze butter and flour in ziplock bags.

You can mix dough and freeze now to pull out closer to baking time.

The Cookie Walk will need cookies. Last year we had to send people away. So please help bake and pray for our success with our 5th year on December 11.

Recipe for Blueberry Bars

- 1 cup butter softened
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 jar blueberry preserves
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix butter and sugar and add flour. Reserve ½ cup crumbs. Press into a 9"x13" pan. Spread with jam. Top with the reserved crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cut into bars.



Just a note or two . . .

It has been wonderful this summer to begin my music ministry at Middletown. You have been so welcoming and kind! I have been working in Church music for 35 years now and it is both a joy and passion in my life. I wanted to share with you what I believe God calls me to do in this role. Music is a powerful way we worship God when we gather on Sunday Morning. My job is to use music to provide prompting for us so we can keep our hearts and minds focused on the reason we gather - to worship God almighty.

The Holy Spirit has given inspiration to many men and women over the ages and I am excited to explore the blended worship style you have here. I will use a variety of music (classical, traditional, gospel, contemporary) for both service music and choral music. Working along with the praise band we will plan music around the scripture text, sermon topic, and church calendar to provide a cohesive worship experience. Please share your favorite music with me and I'll share mine with you. It will be great to learn new things together!

I see the choir as one of the fellowship groups of the church and my prayer is that we will encourage and support each other on our journey as the Body of Christ. If you love to sing, please come and join us for a time of fellowship, worship and singing. We will work hard at times, but we will always have a good time together. No experience is needed to sing in the choir . . . all are welcome to sing with us. It would be exciting to see some new faces!

If you are not able to sing on a regular basis, please watch for announcements about our special music opportunities. Let me know and I'll make sure you get all the details. Also, let me know if you play an instrument, or if you would like to provide special music from time to time.

Our first Choir rehearsal will be Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 7:30 pm in Martin Chapel. I look forward to getting to know you better.

Solo Dei Gloria,
Jan Wooden

Deacons Doings

At this time of year the Deacons' outreach project called the SOLE Fund becomes active. This fund provides free gift cards for shoes, socks, or boots from Payless Shoe Source. Each year in the fall, a letter describing this service is mailed to administrators of local schools and leaders of organizations such as Children and Youth Services of Delaware County, Pathways PA, Chester Eastside, and City Team ministries. Children in need of shoes are identified by these organizations. Our SOLE Fund then offers \$20.00 gift cards to be given discreetly to the needy children. Over the years, hundreds of children in neighboring communities have benefited from this ministry.

Through your generosity to the Deacons' offerings, we have recently been able to assist a member of our church community with some household needs. We are happy to help local ministries, and are especially grateful to be able to assist members when they need help.

Session

We received three correspondences.

- First we received an invitation to participate in a survey for the Missional Action Network of Evangelicals (M.A.N.E.).
- Secondly, we received a request for continued support from the Stewardship committee of Philadelphia Presbytery.
- Finally the Philadelphia Presbytery has moved to 915 East Gowen Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19150. Phone 215-242-1400 and fax 215-242-1444.

Pastor John will be away 10/1-10/3 as he will be at the men's retreat.

Session approved:

- Pancake brunches for 9/12, 10/17 and 11/21.
- Middle school youth group for the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 7-9pm
- High school youth group for the 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 6-8:30. Those months with five Sundays they will have a combined activity.
- Retaining Pastor John for an additional six months or until our next Pastor is installed.

Session affirmed:

- having the NA group meet upstairs in the Christian Education wing.
- having Wolfe's market rent our kitchen at \$100.00 per day.
- Outreach and Publicity hosting a Fall Festival on September 26, 2010.

Our next stated session meeting is September 21, 2010 at 7:30pm.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to be very busy! It seems that as soon as the beautiful finished shawls arrive, they are being sent out to bless and comfort those in need.

Please consider supporting this effort so we can keep up with demand. So many of the recipients have written to let us know how grateful they are to be wrapped in this symbol of God's love and care while they endure their difficulties.

During the "creation" process (knitting or crochet) these lovely shawls are filled with prayers for peace and healing, and, even though we don't know just who will be receiving them, each one carries the handcrafter's heartfelt wishes for healing and peace.

Legacy Progress

We rented a POD. In order to work in the Library we had to move the "stuff" in the room. This will keep everything from getting dusty. The carpeting was removed and the lights installed in the Library. We built a closet in the room so the pastor has a place for his robes etc.

Jeff George started to do some digging today. We now have a good idea where the existing footers are. We are going over the proposals and deciding which contractor to use. If everyone will email me about using sheet

We plan to work on the two offices and get them ready to paint while we wait for the concrete work for the shaft to be completed. Once the concrete work in the pit is complete we will construct the remainder of the elevator shaft in preparation for the installation of the elevator. When all the "dirty" work on the first floor is completed we can finish the two offices and move the offices back. Continue to PRAY!

Bulletin Board

Knit Night WEDNESDAYS

Join us for **Knit Night** (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) or just ask for needles, yarn and instructions--we'll gladly help YOU help OTHERS.

We are currently "renting" an area on the 2nd floor of the CE Building in the Purple Room and can get you all stocked up any Sunday morning. Need transportation? Give the office a call.

Call Linda Fox at (610) 574-0936 or Janet Gemsheim at (610) 891-1827 to request a prayer shawl or for more information.

Women of Faith

Fall is just around the corner. So is this year's Women of Faith confernece, "Over the Top."

Ladies, this is so special, loud, exciting, uplifting, and spirit filled, that you don't want to miss it. We take the bus so you don't even have to drive. There are a couple tickets left at \$89. It is September 10 and 11— Friday during the day and evening, Saturday all day. Share a ticket with someone if you can't do it all. Believe me when I tell you that you'll want to do it all! Contact Janet Gemsheim (610) 891-1827.

CRAFTER ALERT!!!

Outreach and Publicity will once again this year host a craft and information table at the Penncrest High School Holiday Fair in November (as well as an event table at Sun Valley in October) and we will need a variety of items to sell. In the past, we've been able to raise several hundred dollars with the beautiful hand-made treasures donated by the talented hands and loving hearts of our church family. Please consider creating something for the "craft table" as one of your projects while you enjoy your summer!!!

Calling All Men

Northeast Men's Retreat at Lake Champion October 1-3, 2010. A time for men to reflect on what is really important in life. Contact Ken Schreffler of Pastor John for more information.

Youth Selling Yankee Candles

The youth fundraising year is kicking off with a familiar favorite. Yankee Candle is back!! We have found a new company to work with so hopefully all our problems will be solved so you can get your favorite scents. Sale starts Sept 12 and runs until Sept 30. **NO LATE ORDERS!!** You can start your Christmas shopping early. See any middle or high schooler. Any questions contact Misti Love 610-490-0951.

Room Wanted

Mr. Denis Brand, who is a member of United Presbyterian Church, Flanders, NJ is inquiring about renting a room & would like to know if any of our members would open their home to him. He is looking to rent from mid August to the end of the year and is willing to pay \$675 to \$700 a month. His information is: cell #973-738-3902, home #973-927-3093. Character reference: Pastor Rick Oppelt 732-735-5659. **Please be advised that MPC has not check his background/references and recommends that anyone considering putting up Mr. Brand check them carefully.**

Mark Your Calendar for PrimeTimePlus

PrimeTimePlus will hold its first meeting on October 18 beginning with a delicious lunch at noon. Watch for more information.

College Bible Study

Mike Burke has started a Bible Study for local College Students. They should look for more information in the coming weeks and give Mike a call to learn more.

Growing Great Leaders

A special workshop for those who work with children ages 10-13 will be held at the Church of the Savior in Wayne on Thursday, September 30 from 12:30-2:30. The \$15 cost includes lunch.

Summer Highlights and Memories

Youth Group Update

What a great summer it's been for MPC youth! God has really blessed us this summer. I just wanted to give a brief recap of what we've been up to this summer/

Wild Week

Wild Week was quite an adventure! As many of you know, it was "VBS on steroids" for middle school and high school students, featuring high energy games, music, skits and solid biblical teaching. My good friend Michael "Hair" Kelley taught from the Word each night, highlighting Creation, the fall of man, the life of Christ, the redemption of man, and the Kingdom of God. An invitation was given on Thursday night, and while no decisions were publicly made for Christ, there were many good conversations and questions being asked. We may not know for sometime the level of spiritual impact that we had on these kids, but we know that they heard the gospel. It was planted in them. Now we have to trust God for the future results. We will be doing follow-ups with each of the students who came, and we hope to bring many of them back for the youth events that we have coming up this fall.

Wild Week could not have happened without the support of this church and the wonderful people who volunteered their time, gifts, money and devoted time of prayer. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped in any capacity. God used you in powerful ways and I am so grateful for your willingness to be used to further God's kingdom here on earth. Thank you!

SHACC

Well, we just returned from SHACC (Seneca High Adventure Christian Camp) in Seneca Rocks, West Virginia. What a great trip! We had beautiful weather, amazing adventure and we all experienced God's creation in a very up close and personal way. I know we all were amazed at the many ways that God showed up while we were there. The SHACC staff treated us like royalty, cleaning up after us, preparing all of our meals, leading us on our daily adventures, leading us in Bible study and performing skits

for us each night. They went way above and beyond, and we all felt like family... which made it very difficult to leave when Friday came around.

Our adventures included: hiking, mountain biking (a crazy 20+ mile bike ride), whitewater rafting, caving, kayaking/canoeing, rock climbing, etc. We had an amazing time doing all of these things, and we all returned safely (some of us with some scrapes and bruises). I was also given the opportunity to teach and lead worship each night, not only for our group, but for the entire SHACC staff as well. We had some amazing times of worship and some deep discussions that really enhanced the entire week. Our eyes were opened to just how awesome God is, and how detailed his design of all that we see around us. We are so small and seemingly insignificant in the midst of everything else he has made, yet we find out in Psalm 8 that we are God's masterpiece, we are his beloved creation, and we were created to bring him the most glory out of all that he made.

I want to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored the youth to go on this trip. You made it possible for them to have this amazing experience and to meet with God in a very real and exciting way. So thank you very, very much! Also a huge thank you to Beth Shoemaker and Ken Schreffler for giving up their free time to help chaperone this trip. This would not have been possible without you!

Vacation Bible School

We had a great time during Vacation Bible School. This summer we had our VBS in the morning with 92 children attending and seven awesome youth helpers. The youth did a fabulous job.

The children arrived at 9:00 to start with games in the field led by Sue Robinson and Kate Rainey.

The children had a lot of fun especially on Friday which was our water day. Ken Schreffler made sure everyone got wet, he looked as if someone poured a bucket of water on him. They enjoyed using sponges and dipping them into the pool and wetting each other by shaking the sponges.

The children had the opening in the Sanctuary with our Storytellers. Joseph started

out sharing his dreams with his brothers and father. Music was lead by Kim Fink and JoAnne Gallagher. Music is always a special time for the children. Jane Evans and Pat Steward worked with the children to share God Sightings. The children made a pyramid with their God Sightings. Donna Coulter, JoAnne Gallagher, Bernadine Steinmetz, and Jeanne Mackey helped the children with their crafts of pyramids, collars and beaded necklaces which JoAnne worked hard getting ready for the children to put together.

Terry and Carolyn Speakman challenged the children to learn and memorize the five memory verses. Carol Curtis, Marge Krotow and Aubrey Fink enjoyed the preschool children. Brenda Abrams, Joan Davis, Katie Schreffler, Sara McWaters, Margie Griffiths, April and Bill Reeser, Theresa Gallagher, Shenandoah and Matt Miizago guided the children to each activity. Shorty Mains took his vacation to help us with snacks during VBS. What dedication he has for our children. We had water ice and soft pretzels on Friday.

We had a celebration on Thursday night where the parents joined us to see their children sing the songs they had learned during VBS. We could not have VBS if we didn't have the dedicated teachers who gave their time and talents. Our teachers are steadfast, immovable. always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord their labor is not in vain. We had seven children trust in Christ as their Savior. Praise God! *Chriss Benson*

5 Day Club

We had a 5 Day Club at Naomi Bird's Ceramic Shop. What a great time the children had as they sponged and painted religious pieces. We had two boys and five girls participate. Some of the children are going to continue taking classes because they enjoyed the fellowship and the end product. CEF had a summer missionary named Lucy who shared five Bible stories and they learned five verses We will plan on having the club next summer after VBS. Thank you Naomi for making your studio available to our children.

Mission Tales

MCW Compassion Child



The Women of the church have sponsored Melea James Mbaranyi for many years. She is now 15 years old. The Jones family sent her a family gift in January, and received pictures taken with her mother, next to what she was able to buy: a bed frame, a mattress, pillows, other furniture, a kerosene stove, and some sugar. She thanked all the ladies for that gift, her birthday gift, and for her monthly support.

In the past Melea's support came from circle contributions and the offering at the Advent Breakfast. With fewer circles we need more money to continue to support Melea. If you would like to help contribute, please see Carol Jones or make out a check to Middletown Church Women and place it in the offering plate or give to Tana in the office.

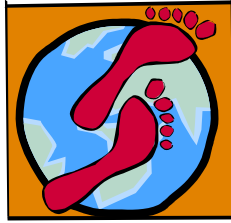
It would be great if we could get a volunteer to write to her, and send pictures. She always asks for letters,

City Team Back Packs 2010

This year's back pack event is August 28th. Volunteers are needed to help at City Team for their annual Back Pack Giveaway. For anyone interested we will be meeting at the church at 8:15am and leaving at 8:30am to return around 2:30pm.

His Glory Runners (The Reesers)

We had a wonderful 2 ½ weeks back in PA in July. We had a great time seeing friends and relatives and spending time at MPC!



We made it back to Hua Hin after nearly 35 hours of travel, 4 plane rides, Philly to Detroit , then to Seattle , then to Tokyo , then to Bangkok . After a 2 ½ hour taxi ride, our driver who took us to the Bangkok Airport when we began our journey was waiting for us at the airport, we were back in our bed in Hua Hin by 3:00 am on Friday July 23rd, our anniversary. After sleeping in a little bit, we went grocery shopping and got ready for Friday Bible study and fellowship. We prepared dinner in our home for about 25 people and on Saturday we had youth group. No time for jet lag when you keep busy! We always try to remember that it took early missionaries nearly 3 months to travel to Asia.

We have now had at least 36 different youth participate in youth group and we consistently have been having 18 to 20 youth a week. It is about 2/3 English speaking youth and about 1/3 Thai youth. We are looking for a home with a bigger yard and a bigger living room as we need more space for youth group, which is a great thing!

Now we walk and take the scooter so you can encourage others to walk and/or ride a bike. You get to meet and talk with others and get some great exercise, even on the scooter. We just made it home from shopping this afternoon before a huge rainstorm hit. We just ran in to some light drizzle, but as soon as we got under our carport roof, the clouds opened up. God surely does protect us!

We have given up watching television since we have been back in Hua Hin. We now have much more time to get things done, and to rest as well!

Prayer Requests:

- God's help in finding a new location to have youth group with more indoor space and a big yard. Whether this is a different house or a church type facility is up to God.
- Less rain for hard hit parts of China and India and more rain for drought infested Thailand .

- God's continued help in learning the Thai language and being able to read Thai.
- Safe travels around Hua Hin on our Honda scooter.
- Improved working relationships between English speaking Christians and Thai Christians in the community.
- That all Christians in Hua Hin will show the light and love of Jesus Christ to everyone they meet in the community.
- That more adults will come out to the various Bible studies of the church.
- That more people from the church will step up and begin serving others in the name of Jesus.
- For a Thai translator for youth group.
- For God's blessing for the upcoming Youth Group Weekend Retreat coming up sometime in September.

Praises:

- Great time back in the US and safe travels back to Thailand !
- Good health while we have been in Thailand - may it continue!
- Giving up TV and loving it! (Still able to watch some of the Phillies games on MLB.com over the internet on computer (that hopefully does not count!) ;-)
- That the youth group continues to grow and reach the lives of many here in Hua Hin!
- For MagicJack and Skype that make telephone calls back to the US quick, easy, and inexpensive.
- For all those who made donations to buy Thai Bibles to distribute here in Thailand. Thank You!
- For our one year anniversary here in Thailand!

Thank you so much for your encouragement.

Love and Blessings,
Bill and April
HIS Glory Runners

Joys and Concerns



Linda Cassey's mother **Judy Cooper** recently diagnosed with advanced cancer. Please keep Judy and the family in your prayers.

Cindy as she undergoes chemo.

MaryAnn as she undergoes cancer treatment.

Cora McCrabb as she

battles cancer.

Judy Belk, suffering from MS and three lumbar and thoracic discs that are pressing against her lungs; they are inoperable.

Sue Batoff, friend of the Steinmetz family, has ALS. Bill spends time helping her every week.

Les Bird in Fair Acres.

Lindgren Lammers recovering from hip replacement surgery.

George Wressig recovering from successful surgery.

UPDATES:

Daniel, grandson of Robert and Frances Andrews. Good news, the healing is going so well that they hope to do the lens implant in November. He is handling things really well for a 13 year old!

Rachel, Kim Fink's young cousin, recovering from extensive injuries is slowly improving.

From Sharon Kruse Stradling: Thank you for praying for me since my diagnosis of a brain tumor following a seizure in January 2010. I was doing well but had another seizure on June 15 which caused temporary speaking and writing difficulties. At present I am functioning very well. On June 28 I joined my sisters in celebrating our parents' (Dave and Edna Kruse, retired missionaries) 58th wedding anniversary. Please continue to pray for my health and for wisdom in seeking medical guidance for optimum management of my condition. God bless you, *Sharon*

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the **chicken dinner**. It was a huge success in so many ways. After all expenses, we netted a profit of \$673.00 which will be put in the general fund for the church. This is an increase from last year when the event netted \$306.67, so again, **WELL DONE!**

Wild Week – Thank you Lord for a great week. We had 59 different kids attend and 16 adult volunteers. Attendance started at 28 the first night and by Friday we had 42 kids. A huge thank you to our adult volunteers and Matt for all the hard work and time put into Wild Week.

Special Thanks to Kryse Sredenshek and Ray Fox for all their hard work giving the **MPC signage** a fresh, new look! You can see the main sign from quite a distance as you approach MPC—even at night, with the lights back in working order. The others also look terrific. A coat of fresh paint tells the community that we care about our church and that we are alive and well and busy. So come, join us! (Great job, you two!)

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out to the following people who helped with the decorating for **VBS**. Ray Fox, Kryse Sredenshek, Lois and Charlie Bowen, Chriss Benson, Kate Rainey, Dot and Albert Herrari. Dorothy Boyer, Sue Robinson and Janet Gemsheim. Sincerely, *Naomi Bird, Chairlady*.



Upward is a unique Christian sports program that promotes character and self esteem in every child. We will offer Basketball and Cheerleading in this, the fifth season sponsored

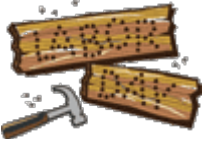
by MPC. Registration brochures will be available in September. Sign-up evaluations and orientations are in October and November with practices starting mid-December. Games will be on Saturdays from January through mid-March.

It takes many volunteers to run this community outreach. Please let us know if you would like to join the excitement. Volunteers are welcome in jobs big or small for basketball, cheerleading or the snack bar. Contact Chriss Benson or Don and Jinny Heilala for information.



SEPTEMBER 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:30 PM Worship & Communion Service - last Thursday service for summer	3 Secretary out - OFFICE CLOSED	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY No Youth Group 9:30 AM Worship & Communion Service	6  OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	7 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	8 7:30 PM Knit Night at MPC	9 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	10 7:30 PM Seeing Eye Puppy Training 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	11 6:00 PM Pancake Brunch Set-up
12 DEACONS COLLECTION RALLY DAY 9:30 AM Worship Service Last 9:30 AM worship service for the season 10:30 AM Pancake Brunch 11:00 AM Parents/Youth meeting following Pancake Breakfast 2:00 PM Aid for Friends Cook-in	13 7:30 PM Deacons Meeting 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	14 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Team 7:00 PM Youth Team Meets 7:30 PM Delco Cruisers Car Club 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	15 6:00 PM CHILI/DESSERT COOK-OFF 6:00 PM Middle School Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Bible Study	16 1:00 PM I & S Meeting 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	17 9:30 AM Mom's Club of Media 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	18 6:00 PM High School "FrenetiCafe"
19 9:00 AM Sunday School Begins 10:00 AM Coffee Break & Fellowship Gathering 10:30 AM Worship Service - begins at 10:30 AM	20 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	21 7:30 PM Session 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	22 5:00 PM Adventure Wednesday 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Middle School Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Bible Study 7:30 PM Knit Night at MPC	23 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	24 7:00 PM Middle School "Frenetic Fridays" 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	25
26 HEALING SERVICE 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Coffee Break & Fellowship Gathering 10:30 AM Worship & Healing Service 4:00-7:00 Fall Festival	27 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	28 7:30 PM Delco Cruisers Car Club 7:30 PM Lydia Circle 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group	29 5:00 PM Adventure Wednesday 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Middle School Bible Study 7:00 PM High School Bible Study	30 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 8:00 PM NA Easy Does It Group		

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 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship