

# The Cito Fellowship News

A Newsletter of the Cito United Methodist Church

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## VBS Searches for Life in Jesus

Join us in the fun and mystery as we investigate new life in Jesus!



July 18-22  
6:30-8:30PM

classes for pre-school through adult

For more information, contact Denise Peck  
at 717-485-5144.

## Readers' Highlights for July

**Adult:** *Love on the Run*

Catherine Salinger has to look out for her sisters since the death of their parents. Now one sister is off to elope. Can she stop her in time or will her sister be making the biggest mistake of her life?

**Youth:** *A Time to Cherish*

Christy is a senior in high school. Can she have a senior year that will be memorable and includes Todd?

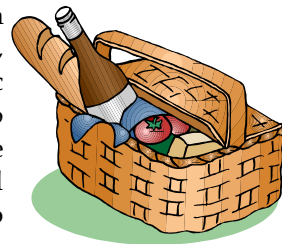
**Children:** *The Prayer of Jabez*

Learn how God loves to answer prayers in surprising and wonderful ways.

You can find this month's selection on the barrel in the library. Please be kind to others who may want to read these books by keeping them no longer than two weeks.

## Church Picnic Planned for July

Plan to spend the afternoon with the church family Sunday, July 1, at 1PM. The covered dish picnic will be held at the Fellowship Hall. The auxiliary will provide ham, rolls, and drinks. There will also be games and prizes. Hope to see you there!



## Church Festival in August

We will host a festival Saturday, August 20, from 4-8PM at the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy sandwiches, soup, French fries, onion rings, pie, and homemade ice cream.

Keep an eye out for information about making ice cream and volunteering to help with the festival.

## Landscaping Beautifies Church

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to plant the bushes, grasses, and flowers around the church. Your hard work has really improved the look of the church.

Phillip's Nursery of Greencastle designed the layout and provided the plants.

The one remaining section in the front of the church will be planted as soon as the mountain stone is placed on the retaining wall.

## Stained Glass Windows Installed



Many of you have probably noticed the new stained glass windows. Sheila Bivens, the church secretary, designed and made each window. If you see her, thank her for her wonderful work.

Thank you to Jeff Shearer and Jason Carbaugh who installed the windows.

## A Trustee Update

Thank you to everyone who has helped with our many projects over the past year. We greatly appreciate it.

The trustees will not meet unless necessary this summer. Regular meetings will resume in the fall.

# July 2005

For the Prayer Chain,  
call Beverly Smith at  
485-3862.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Beverly St. Clair's 64 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	Independence Day Jean W. Mellott & Chad Mellott's Birthdays Marvin & Dana Winters' 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary	Roger Strait's Birthday	Pat & Terri Booth's 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Delores Souders' Birthday Sarah Binder's Birthday	Movie: Twister—7PM Wilma Peck, Lisa Daniels, & Dana Winters' Birthdays	Hope Moore's 30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Jeanne Snyder's 32 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday	Vacation Bible School—6:30-8:30PM Growth Committee—7PM	Vacation Bible School—6:30-8:30PM	Vacation Bible School—6:30-8:30PM	Vacation Bible School—6:30-8:30PM Katelyn Truax's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday	Vacation Bible School—6:30-8:30PM	
Joyce Mellott's Birthday			Mike Binder's Birthday		Sherri Moore 31 <sup>st</sup> & Mary Souders' Birthdays	
Church Picnic—1PM			Earl McCulloh's Birthday	Crystal Glenn's Birthday		Roger DeShong's Birthday

## Pastor's Letter

*The Lord said to Abram: As for you, leave your land, your relatives and your father's household for a land which I will show you.*

Genesis 12:1

Sojourner, wanderer, traveler, nomad, wayfarer, hitchhiker...it's hard to know just what term best describes the itinerant ministry process. Perhaps pilgrim is a good term. All of us are pilgrims on a journey of faith. Throughout this pilgrimage, we live by faith and not by sight. We trust the Son of God who loves us and gave himself up for us. Those who become pastors in the United Methodist system cling to Jesus as we take steps of faith and agree to go wherever we are sent. I believe that God has sent me to the United Methodist churches of Cito and McConnellsburg for such a time as this. I would appreciate your prayers as we grow together in Christ.

I feel quite a bit like Abraham...I'm a stranger in a strange land. I am in the process of moving into a new house, learning new names, receiving new directions, making new friends, acquiring new goals, and preparing for a new baby. I guess you can understand why things are a bit "strange." As the "new kid on the block," I am rather strange to you as well. I look forward to getting to know you and working with you to turn the world right side up in the name of Jesus. Permit me to use the rest of this article to help you become familiar with your new pastor.

**Q:** What should we call this guy?

**A:** Pastor John

**Q:** How old is he?

**A:** 37

**Q:** Where is He from?

**A:** Philipsburg, PA

**Q:** What kind of handle is Godissart?

**A:** ancestors are from Belgium

**Q:** Where is his wife from?

**A:** Karen is from Lancaster.

**Q:** How did they meet?

**A:** through Re-Creation, a singing group

**Q:** How long have they been married?

**A:** five and a half years

**Q:** Do they have kids?

**A:** Joel is 18 months; baby arrives in October.

**Q:** Is the baby a boy or a girl?

**A:** We will find out when it arrives.

**Q:** Do you have names picked out?

**A:** We are working on it.

**Q:** What are their interests?

**A:** music, drama, travel, games

**Q:** What TV Shows do they like?

**A:** ER, American Idol

**Q:** What sports do they like?

**A:** We are athletically impaired.

**Q:** What foods does Karen dislike?

**A:** fish, cauliflower, meatloaf

**Q:** What foods does John dislike?

**A:** meatloaf, coconut

**Q:** What foods does Joel dislike?

**A:** He seems to like them all.

**Q:** Do they have any pets?

**A:** Amos, our basset/lab/beagle mix

**Q:** How long are they sticking around?

**A:** as long as God wants us to

**Q:** What do they think of the area?

**A:** It seems great so far!

**Q:** What do you hope to achieve?

**A:** We want to get folks fired up about Jesus!

Pastor John

## Pastor Bard's Farewell Note

Greetings to Our Church Family,

On January 16 of this year, I announced to the church family that I had requested retirement status as of June 30, 2005. This change was approved by our Bishop and the Board of Ordained Ministry. As of July 1, all pastoral responsibilities will be assumed by the new pastor. Additional staff may be added at some point to care for a growing ministry. At Annual Conference, Rev. John Godissart will be appointed to the McConnellsburg Charge. I have met with Rev. Godissart and his wife Karen on several occasions. He is looking forward to serving here. We have shared with them information on the churches and community so that the transition may go well.

The Bishop attempts to assign the best available pastor to each appointment. The appropriate person is determined, in part, by information shared with the District Superintendent and the Conference by the Pastor Parish Committee. It is through this process that your new pastor has been chosen. For the health of the parish, I encourage you to make a concerted effort to become acquainted quickly. If Rev. Godissart is to have an effective ministry here, he must have your support.

Phyllis and I thank you for your love and encouragement while we have been appointed here. In retirement we hope to divide our time between the family farm near Needmore and our home in Florida. We are looking forward to spending more time with family and perhaps do a little traveling. I have been asked to continue to serve on the District Committee on Ministry and will remain on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Phyllis will continue on the Conference Board of Trustees. We are not retiring from service. We are retiring from active pastoral ministry.

We have seen many changes in the last twelve years. We have seen these churches grow and expand their ministries in a number of ways. We are confident that God will continue to bless these congregations as you are faithful to him.

May God continue to use these churches to share the good news of Christ.

In Christ's Service,

*Donald R. Bard*

Donald R. Bard, Pastor

### Attendance for May

	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>	<u>May 15</u>	<u>May 22</u>	<u>May 29</u>
Worship	110	152	102	116	135
Sunday School	35	35	35	44	41

### Attendance for June

	<u>June 5</u>	<u>June 12</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 26</u>
Worship	124	132	135	167
Sunday School	41	40	31	31

### Wedding Announcement



Nicole Buterbaugh and Ryan Early married June 4 at the church. Congratulations to you both!

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

### Daily Devotions for July

3 Luke 6:37-42	4 James 5:13-18	5 Mark 11:20-25	6 Matthew 7:7-11	7 Luke 11:5-13	8 Matthew 6:1-8	9 Matthew 6:9-15
10 Matthew 6:16-21	11 Psalm 78:1-7	12 Isaiah 6:1-10	13 Mark 4:1-9	14 Mark 4:10-20	15 Matthew 13:1-9	16 Matthew 13:10-17
17 Matthew 13:18-23	18 Daniel 9:4-10	19 Psalm 32:1-5	20 Psalm 86:1-7	21 Luke 17:1-5	22 2 Corinth. 2:5-11	23 Matthew 18:21-27
24 Matthew 18:28-35	25 Psalm 14	26 Proverbs 3:27-33	27 Luke 6:27-31	28 1 Timothy 6:13-19	29 1 John 3:11-17	30 Matthew 25:31-40
31 Matthew 25:41-46	1 Leviticus 25:8-12	2 1 Kings 17:17-24	3 Matthew 13:54-58	4 Mark 6:1-6	5 Luke 4:14-19	6 Luke 4:20-24

### Future Newsletters

Please give information for upcoming newsletters to Kate Carbaugh by the 27th of each month. Information received after the deadline will go in the following newsletter. You can email articles or information to [news@citoumc.org](mailto:news@citoumc.org) or call 485-3077. You can also place information in the newsletter box in the church office.

