

The Cito Fellowship News

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Monthly Missions Update

Our mission for this month is to make and fill school bags for UMCOR to distribute to children around the world who need them. The auxiliary will make bags for the youth group to stuff with school supplies. However, we need the congregation's help to complete this project. UMCOR has specific requirements as to what must be included in the bags. To help this mission be successful, we are asking you to donate the school supplies.



Each school bag must include the following:

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8.5" x 11" ruled paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 handheld pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2.5"
- 12 sheets construction paper (varied colors)
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Donations must be at the church by Aug. 14.

If you like to sew, you can also make bags for the youth to stuff. The bags are 14" x 16" with two handles and a closure. The instructions are available online at <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/schoolbagpattern.cfm#pattern> or you can check with an auxiliary member or Hope Moore.

For more information about UMCOR and their missions, go to www.umcor.org.

Don't Forget!

Church Picnic Today

1PM at the Fellowship Hall
ham, rolls, and drinks provided

VBS Draws More Than 100!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!! This year's Vacation Bible School was a huge success. Thank you to all who helped in any way. Without an awesome God and a wonderful church family like you, we could not do what we do.

The Holy Spirit was definitely moving among our children during the week. We pray they will continue to use what they were taught to witness to others about Jesus. The theme was "GOOD NEWS CLUES: Searching for New Life in Jesus." The children searched for clues at five sites: the Garden, the Dining Room, the Family Room, the Kitchen, and the Living Room. Each night they learned about becoming a child of God and what He does for us.

The average attendance was 129 including adults—the largest attendance we've ever had! We just praise God for the work He is doing at Cito and our community.



Students, teachers, and helpers crowd the stage for a group photo at VBS.

Choir Welcomes New Members

Do you love music? Are you looking for a fun way to get to know others in the church? The new choir year begins at the end of the month, and new members are always welcome. You do not need to have a knowledge of music to join. The first practice is Wed, Aug. 24, at 7PM. The choir sings every Sunday from September through May. If you're interested in joining, contact Jason Carbaugh or just come to the first practice.


Festival Canceled for August

The auxiliary will not host a festival this year during the fair. They will instead serve food for the Donnie and Phyllis Gordon public sale in the Fellowship Hall Friday, August 19, at 5PM. Come for soups, sandwiches, and pie!

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Church Picnic—1PM	1	2	3 Earl McCulloh's Birthday	4 Crystal Glenn's Birthday	5	6 Roger DeShong's Birthday
7	8 Council Meeting—7PM Bill Harmon's Birthday	9	10 Tracey Buterbaugh's Birthday	11 Deena Mellott, Jim Souders & Brenda Taylor's Birthdays	12 Movie: <i>Deep Impact</i> — 7PM	13
14 School Kits Due Today Shirley Hendershot's Birthday	15 Assumption Day Growth Committee— 7PM	16 Gretchen Swope's Birthday	17 Tyler Stallman & Sarah Stallman's Birthdays	18 Krista Daniels & Gracey Morton's Birthdays	19 Connie Shives & Donna Carbaugh's Birthdays	20
21 Rev. D. Bard's Birthday	22	23 First Choir Practice —7PM	24 Tyler Stallman & Sarah Stallman's Birthdays	25 Mike Snyder, Donna Johnston, and Jonah Peck's Birthdays	26 Ron Richards' Birthday	27 Newsletter Info Due
28 Survivor Youth Group—2-3:30PM Mary DeShong's Birthday	29	30 Choir Practice—7PM	31	1	2	3 Jim Sheeder's Birthday


Pastor's Letter


How's Your Reputation?

"This is how others will know you are my disciples...if you love one another."

—John 13:35

Like it or not, each and every one of us has a reputation. Other folks have a general estimate about who we are, what we do, and how we act. Most of us can remember other people from our school days or even now who have "quite a reputation!" As the light of the world and the salt of the earth, we have to pay close attention to how we are reflecting Christ in everything we do. Our reputations should reflect love, righteousness, holiness, and the new life we have in Christ.

Not only do individuals have reputations, but churches do as well. How's your reputation as a church? Churches are known for various things. One church might be known for their musical programs. Another church might be known for their festivals. Another might be known for the type of food they sell at special events. How does the McConnellsburg community look at you? What kind of reputation do you really have? What is it that others say about you? "Oh...you're that church that sells the apple dumplings!" "Oh...you're that church that makes the homemade ice cream!" or "Oh...you're that church that has the new minister!"

What if instead of being known as the churches that sell food, we were known as the churches where people really

felt loved? One little boy used to walk almost three miles to get to D. L. Moody's church in Chicago. He had lived very close to the church but then his family moved. Week after week, he would walk three miles to the church and three miles home again. As he walked those miles, he passed by several other churches that were much closer to his home. One day, someone asked him, "Why is it that you don't just go to one of those churches closer to your house? Why do you keep coming here?" The little boy replied, "Cause you folks know how to love a fellow over here!" The magnet that kept him coming back was the love he felt from that congregation.

Christian love is a magnet that draws others in. Just imagine if when folks started to talk about McConnellsburg and Cito United Methodist Churches, they would say: "Those churches certainly know how to love one another!" That's certainly a reputation worth working for! Let's work together and trust in the working of the Holy Spirit to make it happen!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor John

Church Featured in USA Today

The Sunday School classes recently attended Faith Night at a Hagerstown Suns' game. Because we were the largest group that attended that night, USA Today featured the church in a cover story for the July 22 issue. The article "If You Billed It Around Faith, They Certainly Will Come" by Reid Cherner reports that faith nights at minor league baseball games are very popular, especially in the south. Often faith nights can draw larger than average crowds to the park. According to the article, on the night we attended 3,785 came out for the game and fireworks. The average attendance to a Suns' ball game is about 2,500. This night featured Bob and Larry of the *VeggieTales*, Bible trivia games, and church competitions.

You can find the article online at www.usatoday.com with pictures from the evening, including one of Chad and Brandi Mellott, by searching for the article title.

A Note About Faith Night

I had the privilege of going to Faith Night at the Hagerstown Suns' game. I know I am not one of the teens, but they are such a blessing to be with.

We had a wonderful evening. Terry Peck joined the hula-hoop game; he didn't win, but we all thought he did the best. They also had Bible quizzes between the innings. It's good to know that we can worship publicly but to be recognized in a national paper put the icing on the cake.

We plan to go to the next faith night in September. We need to encourage our youth to take part in these kinds of outings. Someday they will be able to share these memories with their children and grandchildren.

May God bless those who plan and take the responsibility for getting us all in the right place on time.

Janet Souders

Attendance for July

	<u>July 3</u>	<u>July 10</u>	<u>July 17</u>	<u>July 24</u>
Worship	165	134	137	156
Sunday School	45	48	38	62

Have Info for the Next Newsletter?

Please give information for future newsletters to Kate Carbaugh by the 27th of each month. You can email the information to news@citoumc.org, call 485-3077, or place information in the newsletter box in the church office.

Conferences Designed to Reach Others, Inspire Youth, and Refresh Women

October is filled with awesome opportunities! We will host a satellite conference October 1 from 10:45AM to 5:45PM called Becoming A Contagious Christian. This seminar will teach us how to build relationships, start spiritual conversations, and share the gospel in our own God-given style. The conference costs \$15/person (includes a textbook and lunch). Please register by September 24.



Luis Palau's The second conference in October is a youth seminar called Livin' It. We can reach out to the youth of our community with this turn-key event! Our students will be a part of a landmark youth festival broadcast live October 2 from our nation's capital. Join us for music and stage



performances by today's top bands, including Toby Mac. Don't miss Livin' It skateboard and BMX demos, professional action sport athlete interviews, and a gospel presentation by Luis Palau! Actor Stephen Baldwin will host the event! This event is FREE.

We will host Extraordinary Women 2005 live October 29 from 11:15AM-5:45PM. Come refresh your spirit with music, laughter, and prayer. Speakers and performers include Lois Evans, Ruth Graham, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Lisa Whelchel, Natalie Grant, Al Denson, and Julie Clinton. The cost for this is \$15/person (includes lunch).



See Denise Peck (485-5144) for more information and to register for these events.

Readers' Highlights for August

Adult: *Match Made in Heaven*

The continuing story of the Salinger sisters. Now it's Lucy's turn to put her matchmaking skills to the test and see if she can get a date for herself.

Youth: *Sweet Dreams*

Christy's senior year is nearly over, but it is bitter sweet. Her relationship with Todd is growing while her friendship with Katie is being tested. How can she choose between two people she loves?

Children: *The Miracles of the Loaves and Fishes*

Learn how Jesus feeds over five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish.

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

New Women's Bible Study to Begin

Through this in-depth study of the Old Testament tabernacle, explore the fascinating account of the building of the tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, and its variety of meanings for women today. Starting Sept. 8 and meeting every Thursday from 9-11:30AM for 11 weeks, Beth Moore will lead us on another adventure, this time from her series *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place*. Books will be provided as well as a staffed nursery. Come join this nondenominational study and enjoy the fellowship of sister Christians in the McConnellsburg area.

A Tribute to Bertha Mae Black

Our heartfelt loss of such a wonderful person is shared by her friends and family. Oh, to have the love and faith that Mae shared during her lifetime is to be remembered by all of us who knew her. Our Cito Church family has truly lost one of our most remarkable Christian friends.

She was so full of love and joy, and she certainly lived the life of a sincere Christian.

She was truly an example that we need to follow. No matter how ill she was, she remarked, "We have many blessings," and yes, all of us who knew her had a blessing—that was having known her.

I heard it stated at her passing, "When I get to Heaven and if Mae is not there, I didn't get to the right place." What a wonderful remark to say about someone. Mae, we will strive to follow your example and look forward to seeing you in Heaven someday. Our loss is God's gain and we all truly loved you.

Your friends,
Ronnie & Connie Richards



Daily Devotions for August



31 Matthew 25:41-46	1 Levit. 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
7 Luke 4:25-30	8 Luke 7:1-10	9 Matthew 9:18-26	10 Matthew 9:27-31	11 Mark 5:24b-34	12 Mark 5:35-43	13 Luke 8:40-48
14 Luke 8:49-56	15 Deuter. 6:1-9	16 Levit. 19:11-18	17 Matthew 22:34-40	18 Mark 12:28-34	19 Luke 10:25-29	20 Luke 10:30-37
21 Romans 13:8-14	22 Ephesians 4:1-6	23 Philipp. 2:1-8	24 1 Peter 5:3-10	25 Matthew 22:1-10	26 Luke 14:1-6	27 Luke 14:7-14
28 Luke 14:15-24	29	30	31	1	2	3
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