

The Cito Fellowship News

A Newsletter of the Cito United Methodist Church

Rev. John Godissart, Pastor
(717) 485-4318 or john@citoumc.org
www.citoumc.org



Volume IX, Issue 7

September 2005

Focus Youth Rally '05

The second annual Focus Youth Rally will be held September 24 in the McConnellsburg High School auditorium from 6 to 9PM. This praise and worship event will feature PRISM and The Way. Sarah Paylor planned this year's event as her senior project for school.

Communications Committee

Based on the surveys collected by the Growth Committee, many of your suggestions and concerns are related to communication within the church. The Communications Committee is reorganizing to address these issues, which we hope will also help the church to grow.

The Communications Committee's major function right now is producing a monthly newsletter and maintaining the church website. We would like to see this expand to also include printing a weekly worship bulletin for Cito, improving advertising for events, revising the welcome packets, writing a history of the church, and creating an information table in the narthex. The information table would include committee updates, event information, welcome packets, and a church calendar. Our hope is that members and visitors will be able to learn a lot about our church at a glance.

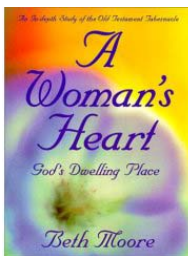
The Nominating Committee is looking for people who are interested in helping with these projects. If you would like to help with any part of the Communications Committee, please let Pastor John or a Nominating Committee member know. If you would like more information about our plans, please contact Kate Carbaugh at 485-3077.

Mission to Support Crop Walk

Join other members of the ministerium to fight hunger in our community and around the world. The Crop Walk will be held October 1 within McConnellsburg and will support the Fulton County Food Basket and the Church World Service. Crop Walkers raise money by the kilometer and can register with Kayla Wright or Hope Moore by September 18. Look for more information in this month's bulletin inserts.

New Women's Bible Study

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 non-denominational study and enjoy the fellowship of sister Christians in the McConnellsburg area.

Youth Group Changes Format

Youth group members in 7th grade and up now have a new meeting time and location. They will now meet Saturday nights from 5:30-8PM in the Cito Fellowship Hall. The format has been changed to dinner and a Bible study. They will gather together and take turns cooking portions of meals and then study God's word. Each evening will end with praise and worship. The first meeting will be September 10.

Toddlers through 6th graders will continue to meet Sundays at the Moore family farm from 2-3:30PM with the exception of the first Sunday of the month. On the first Sunday of the month, all youth are encouraged to attend a 7PM youth celebration service. There will be skits, puppet shows, and praise and worship. Our first service will be September 4.

We are looking forward to our fall trip this year. In the past, we have attended the Alive conference in Ocean City, MD. This year we will attend the Great Escape in Harrisburg. It will be the same weekend as the Alive conference, which is November 18-20. The events are similar with the exception that the Great Escape is a part of our own United Methodist Youth Fellowship through the conference. If you are interested in attending, contact Hope Moore by September 18.


For more information about youth group, please contact Sherri and Hope Moore at 485-4050.



September 2005

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Mary DeShong's Birthday	29	30	31 Choir Practice—7PM	1 Mike Snyder, Donna Johnston, & Jonah Peck's Birthdays	2 Ron Richards' Birthday	3 Jim Sheeder's Birthday
4 Celebration Service— 7PM	5 Labor Day Harry Smith's Birthday	6 Marie McQuade & Mary Booth's Birthdays	7 Choir Practice—7PM	8 Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM	9 Movie: <i>Space Camp</i> — 7PM	10 Older Youth Dinner & Bible Study—5:30-8PM
11 Grandparents' Day Younger Youth Group—2-3:30PM	12 Council Meeting—7PM Cathy Richards' Birthday	13 Choir Practice—7PM	14 Choir Practice—7PM Dorothy McQuade, Morgan Davis & Aaron Shives' Birthday	15 Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM Alice McKeever's Birthday	16 Todd Wyant's Birthday	17 Older Youth Dinner & Bible Study—5:30-8PM
18 Younger Youth Group—2-3:30PM	19 Growth Committee Meeting—7PM Denver Hess & Ashley Fix's Birthdays	20 Nathan Peters' Birthday	21 Choir Practice—7PM Jeff Shearer's Birthday	22 Autumnal Equinox Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM	23 Don Griffith's Birthday	24 Focus Youth Rally '05— 6-9PM Terry Peck's Birthday Linda & Mark Sheffield's 32nd Anniversary
25 Younger Youth Group—2-3:30PM Walter Smith & Thelma Grissinger's Birthdays Brenda & Dick Taylor's 1st Anniversary	26 Samanthia McQuade's Birthday	27 Trustee Meeting—7PM Newsletter Info Due	28 Choir Practice—7PM Ashley Peck's Birthday	29 Women's Bible Study— 9-11:30AM Vicki Bookheimer's Birthday	30 Leah Beck's Birthday	1 Becoming a Contagious Christian Conference— 10:45AM-5:45PM Crop Walk


 Pastor's Letter
 

For everything there is a season, a time and purpose for all things under heaven.

Back in my high school days, I attended several choir festivals. Some of the songs have drifted from my memory, but others made a permanent impression on me. One of the songs that got me thinking had a haunting melody and the following text:

*When as a child, I laughed and wept...time crept.
 When as a youth, I dreamed and talked...time walked.
 And later as I older grew...time flew.
 Soon I shall find while traveling on...time gone.*
 (author unknown)

Where has all the time gone? It just seems to fly by! It seems unbelievable that Joel is now 20 months old. It seems even more amazing that our second child is to arrive October 13. Children certainly do grow up too fast! I need to pay very close attention to the time I have been given to make sure I am a good steward of the time God provides. If I don't pay close attention, time will slip away from me. Another poet has once said:

*Only one life that soon shall pass!
 Only what's done for Christ will last!*

Time is a rare and precious commodity. How we use it has eternal significance.

Many times in the life of the church we hear about our need to tithe. We are to give God our 10%. Have you ever considered giving God 10% of your time? Often, we give God an hour or hour and a half for worship and we may even offer God an hour for Sunday School, but how much time are we offering to God for Christian service.

In a given week we are given 168 hours. On the average:

- 40 hours are spent at work or school
- 52 hours are spent sleeping
- 8 hours are spent eating

Therefore, we still have an average of 68 hours a week beyond eating, sleeping, and working. If we tithe our time, each of us should be giving God around seven hours each week. That is five hours more than going to worship and Sunday School alone. Time is too short to busy ourselves with things that do not matter in the long run. Each of us needs to invest time in building up the Kingdom of God. Let's use our time wisely before it is gone.

Pastor John

Conferences Planned to Energize

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.



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 8 from 7-8PM 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 athlete interviews, and a gospel presentation by Luis Palau! Actor Stephen Baldwin will host this FREE event!

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, 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.

Attendance for August

	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21
Worship	151	150	170	145
Offering	\$1616.00	\$2272.67	\$1830.00	\$1784.50
Sunday School	57	39	52	47

Daily Devotions for September

28 Luke 14:15-24	29 Joel 2:23-29	30 Psalm 16:5-11	31 Acts 2:1-13	1 Acts 2:14-21	2 Acts 2:22-28	3 Acts 2:29-36
4 Acts 2:1-8, 37-42	5 Deuter. 15:4-8	6 Isaiah 55:1-7	7 Luke 12:13-21	8 Luke 12:22-34	9 Acts 2:43-47	10 Acts 4:32-37
11 Acts 4:12-16	12 Luke 7:18-23	13 Luke 9:1-6	14 Luke 4:31-37	15 Acts 3:1-5	16 Acts 3:6-10	17 Acts 3:11-16
18 Acts 3:17-26	19 Ephesians 6:10-20	20 1 Thess. 2:1-8	21 Acts 4:1-7	22 Acts 4:8-12	23 Acts 4:13-17	24 Acts 4:18-22
25 Acts 4:23-31	26 Acts 6:8-15	27 Acts 7:1-8	28 Acts 7:9-16	29 Acts 7:17-29	30 Acts 7:30-43	1 Acts 7:44-53

School Kit Collection Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our school kit collection this summer. Seventeen kits were fully completed and stuffed by the youth group. It wouldn't have been possible without the help the auxiliary members who purchased material. A special thank you to everyone in the congregation who sewed the bags and those who donated school supplies.

We have saved the extra bags and school supplies for a second collection in the spring that will be taken to Annual Conference in June.

Hope to See You at the Pole

A special prayer vigil will be held at McConnellsburg High School Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30AM. Students and adults are encouraged to meet at the flagpole to pray for our children, youth, schools, teachers, administrators, and special concerns. For more information, please contact Becky Cutchall. If you need a ride to school that morning, please contact Hope Moore.

Readers' Highlights for September

Adult: *The Perfect Wife*

Sister Felicia has been hurt; her husband left her with three small children. She must learn to trust God again to find someone who is right for her.

Youth: *A Promise Forever*

After graduation Christy and her friends go on a European mission trip. Follow her as she overcomes homesickness.

Children: *Little Miracles*

A few stories of God's little miracles.

You can find this month's selection for check-out on the barrel. Please remember return the books within two weeks so others can enjoy them.

Info for the Newsletter?

Please give information for future 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 or call 485-3077. You can also place information in the newsletter box in the church office.

