



The Messenger



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As our 31-week journey through The Story draws to a close we thought we'd try some Bible Trivia this month. Have fun!

- 1.) How long did rain fall on Noah's ark during the Genesis Flood? (*Genesis 7:12*)
- 2.) How long did Noah wait to open a window? (*Genesis 8:6*)
- 3.) How old was Abraham when he departed from Haran? (*Genesis 12:4*)
- 4.) How long did the Israelites live in Egypt before the Exodus? (*Exodus 12:40*)
- 5.) How old was Caleb when he was sent to spy the Promised Land? (*Joshua 14:7*)
- 6.) How old was Moses when he died? (*Deuteronomy 34:7*)
- 7.) How many years of rest did God give the land after Gideon? (*Judges 8:28*)
- 8.) How many foxes did Samson capture to burn down the Philistines fields, vineyards and olive groves? (*Judges 15:4*)
- 9.) How long did Jonah tell the people of Nineveh they had until they would be overthrown? (*Jonah 3:4*)
- 10.) How many Days after his birth was Jesus named? (*Luke 2: 21*)
- 11.) How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness while being tempted by the devil? (*Matthew 4:2; Luke 4:2*)
- 12.) For how many pieces of silver did Judas Iscariot betray Jesus? (*Matthew 26:15*)
- 13.) How long did Jesus stay on earth after the resurrection before he was taken away to heaven? (*Acts 1:3*)

(look inside for the answers)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations: to Nicole Cody and Dan Commiso on the baptism of their son Carter Commiso. Carter is also the grandson of Dave and Sue Cody.

In memory: Pastor Barb's mother, Mary Bartholomew, passed away on April 24, 2015. She was born on September 7, 1928. Condolences may be sent to Pastor Barb at 129 Vale Drive, Boyertown, PA 19512.

Vacation: Pastor Barb will be on "vacation" from May 28 thru June 12 to attend the birth of her granddaughter.

THANK YOU

Thank you from Judy Vandegrift to everyone who has sent cards, emails, prayers, visits and phoned her while she has been recovering from hip surgery. You never realize how much personal interaction means until you are restricted in what you can do. Please continue to keep me in your prayers during the healing, future rehab process.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who donated to, volunteered at, and shopped the Rummage Sale. This was a true community effort with so many people helping!

We raised over \$1500 which will be used to support church projects, UMW programs, and missions.

We are now busy planning our annual Tea! The theme this year will be a British Tea, and will take place on Saturday, May 16th. Cost is \$20 per person. This is a wonderful ladies event. Bring your best friends, or make it a family event of mothers and daughters (and granddaughters)! Or treat someone in your life that you want to say thank you to in a special way!

See Gail Schnell during Coffee Fellowship for tickets, or contact the church office for more information. This event is open to the whole community, not just members of the church. So please pass along information on this event to others! Hope to see you there.

Given all of the effort we are putting into the Tea, we have decided to cancel the planned flower sale. We hope to be able to offer this next year.

annual umw tea

saturday, may 16

12:00 pm or 3:00 pm seatings

\$20.00 per person

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The UMM had a fairly successful Hoagie Sale during the weekend of April 18-19. We had about 10 of the men turn out Saturday morning early to do the "fixin" and we delivered them from 10-12:30 and more on Sunday after church.

We sold about 174 hoagies and made approximately \$570.00. The men are looking for a worthy cause to support, so stay tuned. The feedback we've heard was that the quality, freshness and taste were excellent.

We hope to be doing this again in the fall, Thanks to everyone who supported the sale. We would like to sell over 200 next time, so "talk it up"!

You are invited to:

PASTOR ERIN'S ORDINATION

Friday, May 15

7:00 PM

The ordination is being held at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center (approximately 45 minutes from Chalfont), 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, Pennsylvania.

(For GPS purposes: use 1601 Egypt Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460, then you can access the Expo Center by turning on to Station Avenue.)

ANSWER KEY

1. 40 days and 40 nights
2. 40 days,
3. 75 years
4. 40 years old,
5. 40 years old
6. 120 years old
7. 40 years
8. 300 foxes
9. 40 days
10. 8 days
11. 40 days and 40 nights
12. 30 pieces of silver
13. 40 days

BOY SCOUTS

Troop 133 has had an awesome winter and spring. (*First*) we took second place in both the Klondike Derby and the Council Swimoree. (*Second*) we earned the most money ever at our 40th Annual spaghetti Dinner. (*Third*) we had 12 scouts achieve the rank of Eagle, bringing us to a total of 84 since the troop was founded in 1963. (*Last*) we had 6 Cub Scouts cross over from Pack 133; our biggest group in years.

Looking ahead, we have several more camping trips planned, as well as a week of summer camp in the Adirondack Mountains. This is all thanks to a great group of leaders and the support of the church.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sunday, June 14th will be Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please let the office know of anyone graduating from High School or College in 2015 (*or summer, fall of 2014*). We would like to know the name of the person graduating, the school they are graduating from, the college they are planning to attend (*if appropriate*) and their college degree (*if appropriate*).

TECHNOLOGY CLASS

Are you thinking about getting a new camera, computer, tablet, phone... and just don't know where to turn to get a better understanding of what is out there...or even how to use it? Help is on the way. The Communications Committee is offering a Technology Class/Forum (*via Jim Weikert and others*) to help you answer these questions.

The meetings will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the library. (*No class on Council nights, holidays and during the summer*)

What we need to know from you is: What are your interests and needs? Then we can tailor the classes to help you. Do you need to understand the workings of your device, have help with specific software or want to learn more advanced uses of what you currently have?

Stop by the office and let Pat know of your interest.

The initial meeting is targeted for Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm. This will primarily be a planning meeting to determine topics and interests for future meetings. (*Such as: what is a computer, what is software, and debunking the myth that "the computer did it."*)

Bishop Peggy Johnson invites you to join in celebrating Saturday, May 30

A Century of Commitment-A Legacy of Love

That reverent theme will mark a joyous celebration of the former, all-African American Delaware Annual Conference at historic Tindley Temple United Methodist Church, 750 South Broad Street in Philadelphia.

From 1864 until it merged with adjoining geographical conferences in 1965, the racially segregated Delaware Conference stretched from Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore up through Pennsylvania, New Jersey and north of New York City. It was the first all-black conference to organize, in order for black churches in the original Methodist Episcopal Church to have their own black pastors, manage their own affairs and be free of control by white clergy.

More than a century later it was also the first of many black conferences to merge with neighboring white conferences, ushering in the church's eventual racial integration. Delaware Conference churches in our region merged with the Philadelphia Annual Conference in 1965, which later was renamed the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Bishop Palmer will preach a climactic message of challenge for today and hope for tomorrow. But first, Bishop Lyght will summarize past, historical highlights. And two former Philadelphia pastors, the Rev. David Briddell, of Berlin, Md., and the Rev. Herbert Palmer, Bishop Palmer's father, will share heartfelt remembrances of their beloved Delaware Conference.

This May 30 heritage celebration will end a week that begins steeped in church history. The previous Sunday, May 24, is Heritage Sunday, when the denomination honors its own history. It is also Pentecost Sunday, marking the birth of Christ's church through the arrival of the Holy Spirit. And it is also Aldersgate Sunday, signifying the experience that converted Methodism's founder, John Wesley, to a deeper grasp of his faith.

Our Delaware Annual Conference heritage celebration begins with a gathering for fellowship at 9:00 AM and the worship celebration at 9:45 AM. A reception will complete the day from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Visit our Website for more information and promotional flyers.

Order tickets for the reception for only a \$10 donation.

Order online preferably, or mail checks or money orders to: Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Treasurer, P.O. Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 (Memo: Delaware Conference Reception). Only about 400 tickets are available due to room capacity. So order yours right away.

I hope you will try to come and celebrate the old Delaware Conference and the legacy of commitment and love for Christ's church that still resonates among the saints and survivors of that great institution. God bless you! Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, May 10

(Mother's Day)

May 14-16

(Annual Conference;

Pastor Erin Maurer will be ordained on the 15th)

Saturday, May 16

(Annual UMW Community Tea)

Tuesday, May 19

(Voting in the Family Life Center)

Saturday, May 30

(Eagle Scout Ceremony)

Sunday, May 24

(Memorial Day Weekend)

Sunday, June 21

(Father's Day)

Sunday, June 28

(Last day in Sanctuary - 9:30 service)

United Methodist Women's
ANNUAL COMMUNITY TEA

SATURDAY, MAY 16

12:00 and 3:00 seatings

(reservations only)

\$20.00 a person
