



# The Messenger



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## ***Do You know***

*Where you're going to?  
Do you like the things?  
That life is showing you  
Where are you going to?  
Do you know?  
Do you get  
What you're hoping for?  
When you look behind you  
There's no open doors.  
What are you hoping for?  
Do you know?*

**These are the lyrics of the chorus from “Theme from Mahogany.”** The song is from the 1975 movie Mahogany. It is the story of the life of one woman’s quest to become a famous fashion designer. The questions being asked in this song are ones that we have been asking ourselves this year at Chalfont UMC as we talk about what it means and what it takes for us to “Live into Our Destinies.”

**Like the young woman in the movie, we are all on a quest.** Everyone is looking for something. It might be approval, money, fame, fortune, security, happiness and well the list can go on and on. The problem is that many of us just plod or trudge drearily through life. We keep doing the same things day after day and if we are not careful we will find ourselves sinking in our same-old ruts and routines. Our minds, bodies and souls will begin to shrivel.

**Life is more than just work.** We are especially reminded of this as we watch the children play outside during the long warm days of summer. Remember – even God rested on the seventh day. I like the way Joan Chittister expresses this idea in her book *Illuminated Life: Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Life*. She writes: “*Re-creation, holy leisure, is the mainstay of the ... soul, and the theology of Sabbath is its cornerstone. ‘On the seventh day,’ scripture says, ‘God rested.’ With that single image, that one line of Holy Writ, reflection, re-creation of the creative spirit, transcendence, the right to be bigger than we do, is sanctified (102)*”.

**Summer is a good time to evaluate our lives,** to spend some time reflecting on the impact our life is having on us, on those around us and even on those who will be coming after us. Are we making a positive difference in the lives of others? But summer is also an important time for rest, renewal and recreation.

The last verse of the song reads:

*Now looking back at all we've had  
We let so many dreams just slip through our hands  
Why must we wait so long, before we see?  
How sad the answers to those questions can be*

**Life is not meant to be dull, dreary and depressing.** Life is a journey. It is an adventure. It’s what we make of it. And let’s face it – this life is all we have while on this earth. So - what are you making of yours? Do you know where you’re going to?

***It is summer. It's time to rest. It's time to play. Now - grab a friend, go outside and throw a couple of water balloons!!***

*Pastor Barb*

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Memoriam: Ruth Moyer** passed away on April 13 at the age of 81. She was the oldest member of CUMC; her husband, **Alvin**, preceded her in death by a few months. Her life was devoted to the church and the Chalfont Fire Co.

**Graduates: Jacob Bittner**, son of **Jane** and **Clarke Bittner**, graduated from CB West High School and will be attending the Smeal College of Business at Penn State this fall; **Jacob Cody**, son of **Sue** and **David Cody**, graduated from CB West High School and will be attending Penn State University as a Chemical Engineering major; **Sarah Burkhardt**, daughter of **Cathy** and **Mike Burkhardt** and granddaughter of **Jim Ellsworth**, graduated from West Chester University with her MS in Industrial and Organizational Psychology; **Steven Ganakes**, grandson of **Nath Darde**, graduated from the Delaware Technical Community College with a degree in Fire Protection Engineering; **Colby Jane Williams**, granddaughter of **Betty** and **Cassel Williams**, graduated with a BA from Lynchburg College.

### THANK YOU

**Thank you from the Americans for Native Americans** for our generous donation of \$220.00 from our Alternative giving at Christmas.

**Thank you from the Doylestown Area FISH** for our donation of \$206.00. "We will be able to respond to the next caller seeking emergency assistance, like the mother whose food stamps have run out, or the man whose landlord is about to evict him and his children."

**Thank you from the United Methodist Men** to everyone who sold/made/purchased our hoagies. We made over 200 hoagies resulting in a profit of over \$750.00.

**Thank you to "Ms. Erin"** for so generously making music with our 9:30 Sunday School Class throughout the year.

**Thank you: I'd like to express my gratitude to Pastor Barb and my Chalfont UMC church family** for the loving support and kindnesses shared with me at the celebration of my recent commissioning to the Order of Deacon. The lovely bracelet and charms that you gave to me will always be a reminder of the love and prayers you have showered upon me. I also want to extend my appreciation to **Joan Jenson** for taking the time to bake and decorate the delicious cake we shared at fellowship time. I'm blessed to be a part of what's happening here at Chalfont, and I look forward to further service to Christ with all of you. Grace and peace. **Erin**

**Thank you to Cassel Williams, John Paynter and Joan Jensen** for digging out our new cross garden around our front walk sign.

**Girl Scout Troop 21309 - would like to thank Pastor Barb,**

**Pat Kerr and the congregation of CUMC** for their continued support of our troop and the Girl Scout Organization. We appreciate the use of your space for our programs and activities throughout the year.

**Thank you to Junior Girl Scout Troop 21851** for planting flowers in the planters at the entrance to the Family Life Center.

**Thank you from Boy Scout Troop 133** for allowing us to use the church's facilities for our March Spaghetti Supper. Our donation of \$400.00 is a token of our gratitude.

**Thank you from the Food Larder** for the 14 bags of food received on May 29th, and the fresh produce we are receiving from your garden.

### WORSHIP

**The 9:30 service will move to the air conditioned Family Life Center on Sunday, July 7th.**

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**The ladies of the Chalfont United Methodist Women would like to thank everyone who attended the 12th Annual Tea.** We served between the two seatings, 148 people, with a profit after expenses of \$1,618.09. I would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all who helped with the baking, serving, decorating and clean up. With everyone's help, it was a great affair.

**On Saturday, June 8th, 15 ladies from the UMW had a very enjoyable lunch** at the Olive Garden to celebrate our last meeting until September. A good time was had by all.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** *On September 27th, 2013, we are in the planning stages for a Ladies Night Out.* Be on the lookout for further information as the time gets closer.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**We are looking for volunteers (teachers and helpers)** to teach one Sunday during the summer. One class (*ages 5 years through 4th grade*) will be offered at each service. *See Laurie Warren or Sue Cody.*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 8 thru 10**


**6:15 to 8:00 pm**

*HayDay!*

**A barnyard theme, for ages 4 thru 4th grade.**

Please come for lots of fun – games, crafts, stories and snacks. Bring your friends, family, neighbors! See you in the barnyard! *Please call 215-822-2807 to register.*

## THE CHURCH MOUSE

I hear that many of you have been looking for me over the past few weeks.  Well, I have been outside checking on all of the gardens around the church. We have vegetables growing and flowers growing in many different shaped gardens and containers. Did anyone happen to plant the seeds that the office lady was giving out if you found my picture? We would love to see a picture of how your plants are doing. We have a new web site that we can post pictures to and we also post pictures on the slide show that runs during coffee hour between the church services on Sunday. *Have you ever watched the slide show on Sunday? I think I'm going to watch the show this week and see if I can see a picture of myself. Let the church lady know if you happen to see me too.*

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study has scheduled a Pearl Buck lecture and a short tour of the Pearl Buck House on the first of August. All women are invited.

*Contact Louise Peardon or Joan Schumacher if you are interested in participating.*

## FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

The Worship Committee is **NOT** ordering flowers for Fathers' Day. You have the opportunity to honor your loved ones on June 16th through donations to Habitat for Humanity or the Heifer Program.

## MARK YOU CALENDARS NOW!

**On Saturday August 17th the leadership of the church will be gathering for our 2nd annual Leadership Summit.** We will be meeting from 9 am to noon. The gathering will include an inspiring video from Newark, NJ Mayor Cory Booker. We will also be reviewing our ministries from this past year and looking ahead to where we want to go in 2014. All paid staff, anyone who is currently serving on a committee or team at Chalfont and anyone who has an interest in the life and ministries of Chalfont are encouraged to attend.

**Breakfast will be served!** *Please let Pastor Barb (215.822.2807 or bjseekford@gmail.com) know if you will be attending so that we have enough materials and breakfast for everyone! Thanks.*

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

*It's time for days that never end...* time for diving in and grilling out...time to watch the fireworks; to have a picnic ...to root for the home team. It's time to share life...with the grand kids and the first fish they ever caught...with your mother and the vacation she's deserved for years...with friends and mile after mile of open road. These are the stories we live for, and in summer, they're in season.

*What if you could give someone a summer of stories? With the Red Cross, you can.....*

**Chalfont United Methodist Church Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, June 26th**

**2:00 to 7:00 pm**

*Live a story. Give a story. Donate blood.*

## WEB SITE UPDATE

We have a new web site that is now being managed through the office. *Log on to [www.ChalfontUMC.org](http://www.ChalfontUMC.org) and check us out.*

We can't thank Jim Weikert enough for all of the time and financial backing he over the years invested into providing the church with a web site. Many years ago when web sites were just coming of age, Jim created a site for the church using the space the Conference allocated to us. The web site was managed by Jim from his home computer.

*In the past year, it became apparent the space provided by the Conference was not allowing us to keep up with what people were looking for in web sites.* In November, Jim launched an updated temporary web site using new technology he had acquired while creating web sites for Marcia and himself. Our temporary site would only be good for a limited trial period, so a task force was created to decide what would be our best plan going forward. **Kris Karcher, Karen Ralston** and I took on the job.

*Thanks to Jim Weikert in creating/providing the office with new computer equipment and the help of Jim Reece with technology, we are now able to manage a web site from the office.*

I personally want to thank Jim Weikert for patiently teaching me about web sites, Karen for her vision and Kris for all of her technical knowledge/support in creating our site. We are very proud of our final product and hope you will be too.

**Our church web site will only be as good as the information supplied to the office.** Photo coverage of events, final reports on events (*number of attendees, profit, mission, etc.*), and dates of future events are just a few examples of what is needed to keep our web site current. We also need to make sure that appropriate photo releases are completed and submitted to the office.

*If you have a suggestion for the web site or any questions, please stop in the office.*

*Pat Kerr*

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Sunday, June 16**

*(Father's Day, guest speaker - Rev. Bruce Lenich)*

**Sunday, June 23**

*(Ken Beale preaching)*

**Sunday, June 30**

*(last Sunday in the sanctuary for the 9:30 service)*

**Sunday, July 7**

*(both services in the air conditioned Family Life Center)*

**Monday, July 8**

*(first day of Bible School)*

**BIBLE SCHOOL**

***"HayDay"***

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*Ages 4 through 4th grade*