



# The Messenger



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## DEACON'S CORNER.....

**What an exciting few months it's been for me!** I've graduated from seminary, been commissioned as a deacon in the United Methodist Church, and have begun my appointments to clinical pastoral education (CPE) and Chalfont UMC. What does that mean in English? It means I can finally begin an active ministry combining community-based chaplaincy with my work in the local church! I'll continue as worship leader at the 11 a.m. service with our fabulous band, Beacon, and add some new programs working with children and with older adults.

**I'm particularly excited about our community outreach project, "The Koffee Klatch: an Alzheimer's Café."** Based on a model of care in the Netherlands that was brought to the US in 2008 by Dr. Jytte Lodvig, Ph.D., an Alzheimer Café is unlike the traditional support group offered in many communities. Rather than address the needs of persons with dementia and their caregivers separately, the Alzheimer's Café provides a positive experience for families to enjoy together. In a warm and accepting environment, new memories are made while cherished ones are recalled; new friendships are formed while family bonds are enhanced. Coffee, conversation, and purposefully designed activities allow families with dementia to step out of the rigors and stress of the day to day and into a few of hours of gentle respite once a month.

**In addition to my work directly with the Café, I'll be moving out into the community** letting local agencies, nearby churches, existing support groups, and nursing facilities know about our unique ministry to older adults. If you as a member of Chalfont UMC have any connections with community organizations that I might explore, I hope you'll let me know. Also, if you have any interest in working with The Koffee Klatch or have ideas for other senior ministries that you're passionate about, *I hope you'll call me at the church or contact me at erinamaurer@aol.com.*

*Blessings to you as we move into the Fall living into God's destinies for us—Pastor Erin*

### **"The Koffee Klatch: An Alzheimer's Café" coming soon to our Family Life Center!**

**On October 16th, the doors of our Family Life Center will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to persons with dementia and their caregivers for a morning of socialization, stimulation, and support. Served up with the coffee and conversation will be a variety of activities such as singing, art, and reminiscence games for everyone to enjoy together. Volunteer bakers, hosts, and "morning companions" are needed. See Pastor Erin (erinamaurer@aol.com) or Joan Jensen for more information.**

We, the members of Chalfont United Methodist Church, are committed to:  
**KNOW** the love of God in Jesus Christ - **GROW** as disciples of Jesus Christ - **GO** share the love of God in Jesus Christ

The Vision of the people of Chalfont United Methodist Church is to nurture  
**FAITH, FAMILY and FELLOWSHIP**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Memoriam: Florence Rice** passed away on July 15 at the age of 98. She was an active member of CUMC for many years prior to moving to Arizona to live with her daughter.

**Memoriam: Dottie Hullstrung** passed away on August 2. Dottie was the secretary of CUMC and a member for several years before moving to Florida.

### THANK YOU

**Thank you from the New Britain Baptist Food Larder** for the generous donation of \$764.40.

**Thank you from Brownie Troop 2285** for letting our troop meet at your church. We feel very lucky to have your support as we go on our Girl Scout journey.

**Thank you for your generous donation of \$180.00 for your support of A Woman's Place;** and for helping to create the future that you and I really want - one where all individuals are flourishing.

**Thank you for your very generous gift of \$250.00 to Heifer International.** Your gift is vital for the families we serve to eat better, live better and share their tools and trainings. Your gift makes it possible for more families to sow the seeds of a better future.

**Thank you for your contribution of \$50.00 to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.** Your contribution supports our mission to save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cure.

**Thank you all for your prayers, cards, visits** and thoughtfulness during my recent hospital stays.

It helps to know that everyone cares. **Dick Rosenberger**

### BEACON CONCERT

**November 6th**

**You've been waiting and now it's finally here: the 2nd Annual Beacon Bag Bonanza!** Join the Chalfont UMC house band in our November food drive for local food pantries.

**Beacon will be performing a concert of some of our favorite contemporary selections** on Friday, November 6th at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Come join us for a night of favorites by stellar artists like Chris Tomlin, Kari Jobe, MercyMe, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Redman. Bring all of your friends and a bag of groceries (*or even just a can of peaches or a box of spaghetti*) and enjoy an evening of great music!

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

September will soon be upon us. **On Saturday, September 21st, we will have our first meeting of the fall.** It will begin with a brunch starting at 9:00, followed by our meeting.

**A program presented by Joan Jensen titled, *Our Roots to Fruitfulness*,** will focus in on what our purpose is as United Methodist Women. Please bring a breakfast item and join us as we start our fall season.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT & SILENT AUCTION

**On Friday, September 27, we will be holding our second ladies night.** The evening will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with a time of fellowship and a time to browse the many items we will have up for the ***Silent Auction***. **The cost of the dinner will be \$10.00 per person.** After dinner there will be time to make your bids for the items that you are interested in. Cash or check will be accepted for items bid on. *Contact Gail Schnell at 215-855-0953 to make your reservations.*

**The proceeds from the event will be used to support the following organizations that help people in our area:**

**ALZHEIMER'S CAFE,** provides a safe haven for socialization, stimulation and support for families experiencing Alzheimer's disease or related Dementia issues. Location: CUMC.

**DOYLESTOWN FISH,** An organization that is Christian-based that provides emergency assistance to people in need.

**A WOMAN'S PLACE,** provides comprehensive free, confidential services to victims and children of domestic abuse and violence.

**AID FOR FRIENDS,** the organization's mission is to alleviate the hunger and loneliness of isolated homebound individuals by providing home-cooked meals and the gift of friendship in the five-county Philadelphia region.

*If you have a special talent or product that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction please contact Gail Schnell for details. All donations will be greatly appreciated.*

**For your information: The profits from the Chalfont United Methodist Women's spring Rummage Sale were \$2315.00.**

### WORSHIP

**The 9:30 Worship Service will move to the sanctuary on Sunday, September 8.**

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

On Thursday, September 19th our District Superintendent will be meeting with us for our Annual Charge Conference. This year our Charge Conference will be a little different. Montgomery Square UMC will be meeting with us for part of the meeting.

**Chalfont's Charge Conference will begin at 6:30 pm with our District Superintendent.** We will be celebrating some of our new ministries as well as voting on the Pastor's Salary, the 2014 leadership teams, the 2014 budget, the removal of nonactive/nonattending members and discussing our goals for Oct 2013- Aug. 2014.

**At 7:30 Montgomery Square UMC will meet with us** and the District Superintendent for about ½ hour.

**At 8:00 Chalfont will be dismissed and Montgomery Square will then have the remainder of their Charge Conference.** This meeting will be held in the Family Life Center and is open to everyone. We hope you will consider attending. *If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Pastor Barb at 610.310.8349 or bjseekford@gmail.com.*

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**The Chalfont Methodist Women's Bible Study will begin again on Thursday, September 5, 2013.** The new study will be based on 12 studies written by Douglas Connelly titled Angels. Fellowship at 7 pm with the study session beginning at 7:30 pm. Place: 2 Deerpath Rd. *Information: Louise Peardon 215 997 3795. All women are invited!*

## UMCMARKET

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## THE CHURCH MOUSE

I have been out to the vegetable garden to see all of the plants and watch the people pick the vegetables that they take to the food larder, to help people that do not have the money to buy fresh vegetables for their family. Do you know that the church also collects canned/boxed goods and cleaning products to help the families too? Do you know where to put the items that you want to donate to the Food Larder? Mom said that we are going to take a trip to the front entrance and she will let me investigate the bins that are there to collect the items people bring in. Have you ever put something in the bins? Do you go grocery shopping with your Mom/Dad? Sometimes stores have a special where you get a free item if you buy an item. Did you ever think about giving the free item to the church bin? *Let the church lady know if you happen to see me at the bins.*



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Attention all children in grades K through 6th grade: it's time to make some music!** Join Pastor Erin at 10:30 a.m. for choir. We'll learn and practice songs that we will sing for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Children's Sunday. Our short practices will start on Sunday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, so see Pastor Erin soon if you're interested in participating. Please come and lift your voice in praise to God!

## COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

**The community garden at CUMC has been a fruitful success this year.** Thank you to everyone who is tending the garden. Here is a brief recap of what we have donated to the Food Larder during July & August.

**52 Zucchini, 45 Green Peppers, 23 Yellow Squash, 29 Eggplants, 343 Tomatoes, 19 Cucumbers, & 25 Butternut Squash.**

## BLOOD DRIVE

**St. Jude's will be having their blood drive at CUMC on Tuesday, September 2nd at 2:00 until 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center.**

Come, relax and put your feet up and donate. Give a free gift of life to someone.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Sunday, September 1

*(Labor Day weekend; 9:30 service - Family Life Center.)*

### Tuesday, September 3

*(St. Jude's Blood Drive at CUMC; 2:00 - 7:00 pm)*

### Sunday, September 8

*(9:30 service returns to the Sanctuary)*

### Thursday, September 19

*(Charge Conference; 6:30 - 8:00 pm)*

### Friday, September 27

*(Ladies Night Out Dinner and Silent Auction; 7:00 pm)*

### Sunday, October 6

*(World Communion Sunday)*

## CALENDAR:

9/3 – St. Jude's Blood Drive (2:00 - 7:00 pm)  
9/19 – Charge Conference (6:30 - 8:00 pm) in conjunction with Montgomery Square  
9/27 – Ladies Night Out Dinner & Silent Auction (7:00 pm)  
10/6 – World Communion Sunday  
10/27 – United Methodist Bishop to preach at morning services.  
11/3 – All Saints Day *(remembering the deceased)*  
11/5 – Elections in the Family Life Center  
11/8 – Beacon Concert *(donate canned goods)*  
11/24 – Harvest Home *(donate canned goods)*  
11/24 - Hanging of the Greens *(between morning services)*  
12/15 – Christmas Concert *(special event)*