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The Mustard Seed:
Planting the Seeds of Faith

From the Pastor's Perspective...

Lately I have been thinking about how I, as a person, and we, as a congregation, can be a blessing to those who live around us. As I was meditating on that, a story about missing the opportunity to be a blessing came to mind.

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At an important point in the life and work of Mahatma Gandhi, a missionary gave him a book that contained the four Gospels. This was the Indian leader's first exposure to Christianity. He read the Gospels with great interest, especially the teachings we call the beatitudes (Mt 5:2-12) and was convinced that the principles taught by Jesus (see page 3) could resolve all of the political, social, and economic problems of his country.

Gandhi had to travel throughout Western Europe in order to muster support for an independent India. Traveling through "Christian" countries, he was dismayed only to conclude that the Gospels are wonderful indeed, but he did not see anyone living their teaching. For this reason, Gandhi never converted to Christianity.

The word "Beatitude" means supreme blessedness or ultimate bliss. The teachings of Jesus in this section start with "Blessed are" so calling them Beatitudes makes sense because Jesus tells us what traits in people will cause them to achieve ultimate bliss & supreme blessedness as well as it tells us what ultimate bliss, supreme blessedness actually is. The question for us today is, Do we live out these teachings in our lives... or are we ones that know the teachings but refuse to live them out in our lives for various reasons?

It is easy to say these Beatitudes are what Jesus asks us to strive for and something we can attain. However, I disagree with that. The teachings of Mt 5:2-12 are more than goals which we seek to attain, rather these are attitudes to be embraced and lived out. Christianity is by its nature not a religion of what we believe but rather a religion of living in relationship in and as taught by Jesus. The teachings call us to a different life than most of us may be presently living, including me. Maybe it is time stop just believing and learning, and time to start living the life that Jesus taught. Let us all make the Beatitudes come to life.

Blessings and Shalom,

Pastor Kevin

Huntersville News

Well, I took a short vacation from writing the H.N. in August due to the change of personnel in the Church Charge Office, but now I'm baaack!! And, by the way, welcome to Sara Haas, our new church secretary, who took the time to come to Huntersville and make herself known to everyone. A very wise move, Sara. It was greatly appreciated, and I, for one, was very happy you were there, and that you're here ready to assist in the office. All the best wishes to you.

Here's something to think about from the old "Fish Wrapper"A wise man once sat in an audience and cracked a joke. Everyone laughed. After a few moments, he cracked the same joke again and fewer people laughed this time. He told the same joke again and again until there was no more laughter in the crowd. Then he smiled and said, "If you can't laugh at the same joke again and again, then why do you keep crying and whining about the same things over and over again?" What do you think? Does this make sense? I think so, especially if one just whines and cries, but never does anything to change whatever they're upset about.

OK, down from my soapbox!!! I guess you might think that since there's been two whole months to gather news pertaining to Huntersville UMC and surrounding area, I might be loaded with newsey stuff, but I'm not. I guess nobody did anything all through August and most of September that was newsworthy. Really?? Well, almost.

Mrs. Truly and I went to our cottage in Ontario, Canada for five days in early September, accompanied by our daughter Karla and her husband Paul. We had super weather, caught lots of bass, saw lots of loons and eagles, and took some wonderful boat rides. At the same time, Sam and Jessica Booth took a trip to Wildwood, New Jersey, for a beach vacation, or as Grandma Caroline put it, "Jess dragged Sam to the shore!" Good for you, Jess! It's about time Sam got away. Seriously though, you two, I hope you had a great time and you'll undoubtedly be asked if, and what, you did.

Larry and Alice Faus will soon be taking a five-day bus trip to Vermont to view the colors of Fall up there in the Green Mountains. I have to believe that it will be as beautiful a scene as God can paint. Take lots of pictures. Also, we welcome a very nice couple, Gary and Nancy Houseknecht, good friends of Carol Bower, to our congregation.

Many of our "young athletes" have been achieving good things. Keagan Smith scored two goals in a recent soccer game. Jen Pidcoe did extremely well in track and I expect she will be a force to be reckoned with this coming year. Megan Weber is a starter on the South Williamsport varsity girls soccer team as a freshman, and her "big" brother Lenny is playing tackle for both the J.V. and the Varsity football "Mountie" teams. My guess also is that the Fetterman boys will be heard from in the near future.

The 102nd Nunn-Gortner Reunion was held today (9/20/2015) at the church social hall. Wow! That is several!! Next Sunday, the Hall Reunion will be held at the same location, and I'll bet that number will be high as well.

Abby Wingfield, granddaughter of Carol and Ray Bower, first year cadet at West Point, was honored as "Cadet of the Quarter, and is now in line for "Cadet of the Battalion," a terrific honor, indeed. She is in a class of 1240 other cadets, so her competition will be strong, but just to be considered is a wonderful accomplishment. Congratulations to Abby, and proud parents Col. and Mrs. George Wingfield, and Carol and Ray. We will be hearing much more from her.

A "FALL FESTIVAL" is planned for Oct. 4th right after church. You are asked to bring some ingredients to make a "Friendship soup" for the lunch. Other activities include pumpkin painting, bobbing for apples, a hayride, and a bonfire for hot dogs and smores. Kids of all ages are asked to attend.....sounds like loads of fun!!!

In closing, I heard about a fella who came home to his wife all excited and said "Guess what? I've found a great job! A 10:00AM start, a 2:00PM finish, no overtime, no weekends, and it pays \$800 a week!" "Wow, that's great!" his wife said. "Yeah, I thought so too," he agreed. "You start Monday!" (Is he in trouble, or what?)

Till next time, may God bless you richly,

Carl Schlappi, Huntersville Cub Reporter

All You Can Eat Buffet



The August Buffet served 345 people & raised \$2,1145.15 for the church, \$234.91 of which is for church missions. The menu for the October 28, 2015, All You Can Eat Buffet, catered by Springman's Country Store. is Oven Roasted Turkey in Turkey Gravy, Top Round of Roast Beef in Beef Gravy, Mashed Potatoes served with Beef & Pork Gravy, Herbal Stuffing, Oven Roasted Corn, Beverages, and Dessert. The cost is \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children (ages 5-10), & Free for children under 5 years. The meal is from 4pm - 7pm at Pennsdale Trinity UMC.

Help Needed—Pennsdale Trinity UMC



Pennsdale Trinity UMC is seeking volunteers who are interested in

volunteering their time to help clean Fellowship Hall, Kitchen Area, & Restrooms.

We are looking for at least 2 (or more) people or families each month to come in & help with the upkeep of our Fellowship Hall. The ideal time is each week Thursday or Friday either day or night, so that it is all clean for the weekend, & after any event during the month you sign up for. The calendars in the hall always have the dates & times of the events so that there is no guessing when you will need to do it, especially during event times. There will also be a list of duties that are involved in the cleaning, what to use & where to find the supplies. Basic duties include wiping, dry & wet mopping, cleaning the restrooms, stocking any paper needs, & dusting. There is a sign-up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall so that you will know when it is your turn or whose turn it is. Questions? Please contact Pastor Kevin or Jim Muffly (Chairman of the Trustee Committee).



NDAMUKA ANNUAL GALA DINNER—October 17, 2015, 6pm-9pm at Lycoming Valley Baptist Church, 4980 Lycoming Mall Drive, Montoursville, Pa 17756
Dinner, entertainment & silent auction. We have reserved 1 table which seats 8 people & first come, first serve. Please contact either Phil Glasser @570-916-4928 or Sara B. Haas @570-546-2619 Mon-Friday 10-1 if interested in attending!

continued from the Pastor's Perspective...

Matthew 5:2-12 (NRSV)

- 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
- 5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."
- 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
- 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."
- 8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."
- 9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
- 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
- 11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. "
- 12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

October 6th—Pastor Kevin & a small group will be traveling to a Social Media & Communications Clinic in Clarks Summit. Learn how to build church relationships, church promotion, improve your communication mix, & improve hospitality ministry. The cost is \$35 per person & clinic is 10am—2pm. If interested please call the church office or you can register at www.UMCstewardship.org.

YOUTH GROUP— For children 1st through 6th grade, will meet October 11th with leaders Sara B. Haas & Jane Waldman. We will meet 4pm—5pm the 2nd Sunday of every month. We will be discussing how our youth group can impact our community, voting on an official name for our youth group, lots of worship through music & singing, as well as yummy snacks. Hope to see you there!

THE CREATIVE WORKSHOP CONFERENCE & RESOURCE DESIGN

RETREAT --Award winning digital artist, Jason Moore, is holding this hands-on learning experience designed to bring creativity to your congregation! Being held October 14th @LightStreet UMC, Bloomsburg, cost is \$50 per person. Interested? Please contact the church office if interested in attending, we would like to go as a team.



FALL FESTIVAL—Huntersville 's Fall Festival will be held on October 4th directly following service. Please bring a canned ingredient of your choice to add to our fellowship soup. Activities will include pumpkin painting, bobbing for apples, hayride, & bonfire with hot dogs, samores & more!

INDOOR SALE— October 4th, 9—12pm in the youth building Clothes, household, & more! All donation & will be donated to sponsor our compassion child, Ehkerlusoe in Thailand. Please



HARVEST HOME COLLECTION— Harvest Hone will begin Sunday, October 25th & end November 15th. There will be baskets in front of the church to collect canned & dried goods & special needs (cereals & baby foods of all kinds) to be given to Muncy Soon Light House. Thanks for your donations! Questions? Please call Fred Temple @570-546-3492



ANNUAL HAYRIDE—November 1st. Please meet @Pennsdales Trinity UMC @4:45, wagon pulls out @5pm. Remember your UNICEF boxes & dress according to the weather please. Hot dogs & hot chocolate will be served upon return. See you there!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY—Is Sunday, November 8th instead of November 1st due to Holy Communion being held the 1st Sunday. We invite all who have lost loved ones during the year.

AUTUMN BLESSINGS, by Deborah Ann

*Autumn brings to the soul relief,
As hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
To restore, repair and mend*

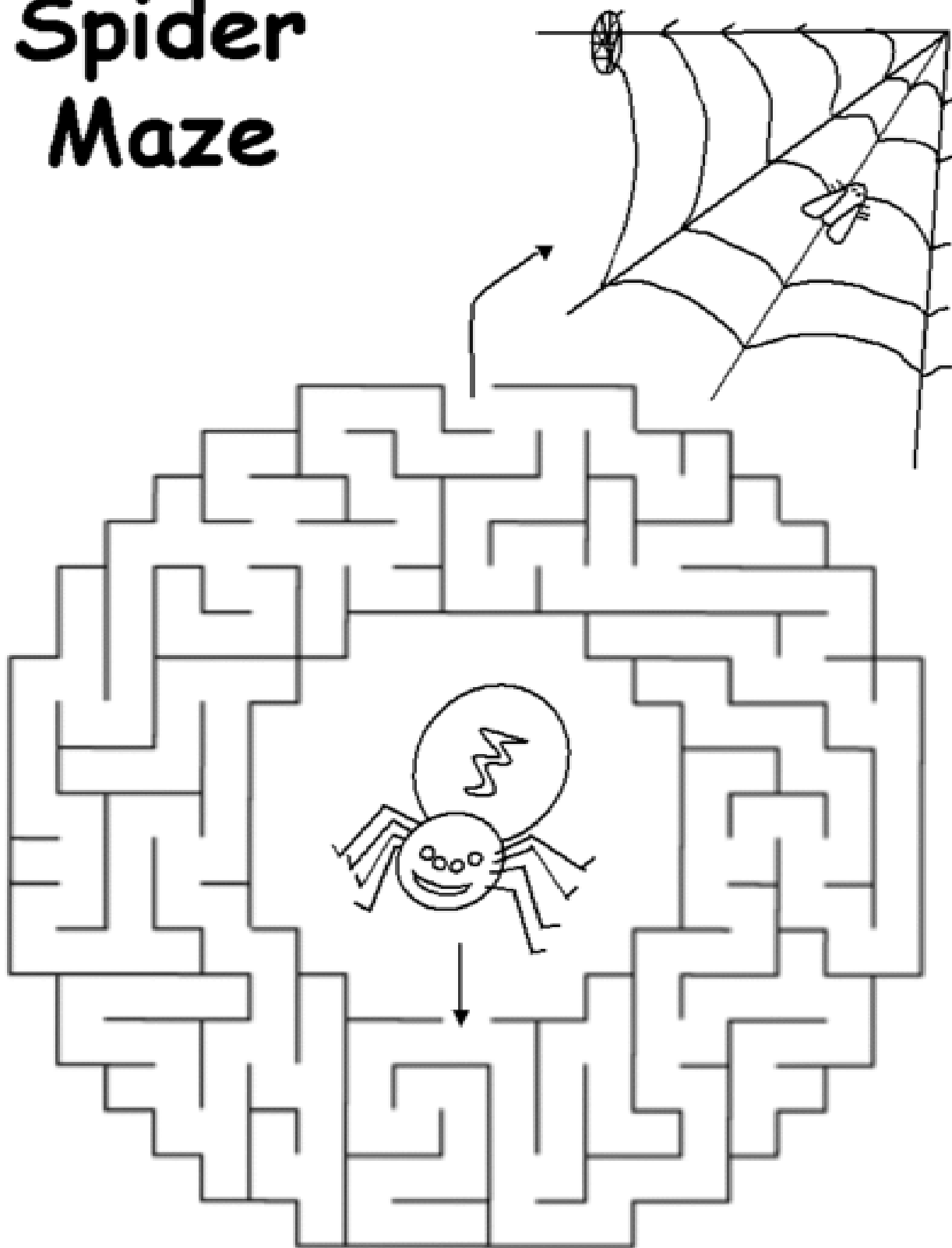
*Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.*

*Unlike the Autumn tree,
That shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
To adhere, embrace and cleave.*

*God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
To see how much we are blessed!*

Spider Maze

Help the spider get to her web.



THE WORD "HALLOWEEN" COMES FROM A SCOTTISH TERM FOR ALL HALLOW'S EVE
(THE EVENING BEFORE ALL HALLOW'S EVE)

October Birthdays



October Anniversaries

1 – Megan Muffly
 1 – Cody Beaver
 2 – Janet McManigal
 3 – Catie (Saam) Bower
 3 – Rand Monroe
 5 – Carter Blasi
 5 – James T. Russell
 10 – Kalee Ray Yerg
 14 – Cathy Dauberman
 14 – Keagan Smith
 14 – Ruth Walters
 14 – Jill Monroe
 15 – Bradley Beaver
 16 – Jason Gresh
 17 – Sandra Neidig
 17 – Dean Kilgus
 17 – Crystal Scott

17 – Helynn Baker
 19 – Kierra Neiswender
 19 – Connie Poust
 19 – Stacie Hart
 20 – Austin Muffly
 21 – Mikala Frederick
 22 – Benjamin Mezick
 22 – Lena Sue Ransom
 23 – Chelsy Waldman
 26 – Mark Harris jr.
 27 – Mary Kilgus
 27 – Missy McKee
 27 – Nathan Palmatier
 31 – Kaitlin Campbell
 31 – Carmin Shoemaker
 31 – Lisa Meyer

2 – Larry & Alice Faus
 3 – Sam & Ammie Welteroth
 4 – Gary & Kathy Clees
 6 – Clifford & Anna Fry
 8 – Dave & Penny Booth
 9 – Harry & Virginia Beck
 10 – Charles & Caroline Hall
 11 – Richard & Dorothy Day
 18 – C. Fred & Jun Harris
 27 – Barry & Jane Waldman




Please Note: Do you have additions &/or changes for the birthday & anniversary lists? Please contact Sara @the Charge Office @570-546-2619. Thank you!


October 2015 Events—Pennsdale Trinity UMC

2 – Zarzyczny-Welteroth supper
 3 – Men's Breakfast 8am, Zarzyczny-Welteroth wedding
 4 – World Wide Holy Communion, Fall Festival 11:30am
 5 – Pennsdale Trustees 7pm
 7 – Choir 7pm
 10 – United Methodist Women 8am, Indoor Sale 9am–12pm
 12 – Ad Board 7pm
 14 – Worship Committee 6pm, Choir 7pm
 18 – World Thank You Offering
 21 – Choir 7pm
 25 – Harvest Home begins
 28 – All You Can Eat Buffet 4-7pm



October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Zarzyczny- Welteroth supper	3 Men's Breakfast 8am Zarzyczny- Welteroth wedding
4 (H) Fall Festival 11:30-- Holy Communion	5 Trustees (P) 7pm	6	7 Choir 7pm	8	9	10 UM Women 8am Indoor Sale 9-12pm
11 Youth Group (P) 4pm -5pm	12 Ad Board (P) 7pm	13	14 Creative Workshop 10--2 Worship 6pm Choir 7pm	15	16	17
18 World Thank You Offering	19 Trustees (H) 6:30pm Ad Board (H) 7pm	20	21 Choir 7pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 29 AYCE Buffet 4pm--7pm	29	30	31 Light the Night Pm 5 -- 8pm 

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 Fred Temple, Worship Committee Chair

PTUMC Lay Leadership

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Phil Glasser, Missions Chair
Joanne Lockard, Fellowship Hall Coordinator/UMW President
Jim Muffy, Trustee Chair
Perry Reed, Ad. Council Co-chair
Ken Varkey, Finance Chair

HUMC Lay Leadership
John Neiswender, Lay Leader
Artie Fetterman, Ad. Council Chair
Russ Pidcoe, Trustee Chair



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