

Please remember the church in your will.

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# The Messenger

Saint Gabriel's Episcopal Church Douglassville, Pennsylvania

*"Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus"*

June 2010



## Summer Schedule to begin



On June 13<sup>th</sup> our summer schedule begins, with the late Sunday service time moving to 10 AM. However, **WE WILL REMAIN IN THE MAIN CHURCH** on Sundays at least through June. Air-conditioning installation should be

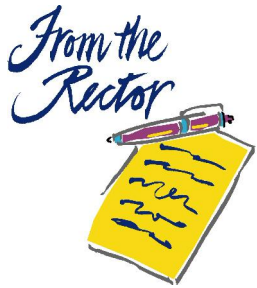
completed by then and we'll just stay put until at least after Father Cal's retirement celebration service on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry will decide whether we'll be moving to the Chapel for July and August.

The last day for regular Sunday School classes will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Youth and adult Sunday School classes will be on vacation for the summer, but **Summer Sunday School** for children ages 3-9 will be offered from 9:45 - 10:45 AM beginning June 27<sup>th</sup> and ending August 26<sup>th</sup>.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
will be held July 26 -30 from 6 - 8 PM.

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## O, it has been a good time!



When I wrote my first article for the **MESSENGER** some 22 ½ years ago, I gave no thought to writing my last article for this erudite and wonderful publication. Just as well, because I certainly had no idea of what would happen in the exciting (at times tumultuous) years that were to follow. Like many new rectors, I came full of hopes, apprehension, joy, fear, and uncertainty. I'm not sure that's changed a whole lot! But it sure has been fun and I am grateful to the core for the time we have shared together.

### “What hath God wrought!”

With those words Samuel Morse, inventor of modern telegraphy and the Morse code, opened his telegraph line on May 24, 1844. It's a bible quote (look up Baalam) reflecting on the astonishing things that God can do in unexpected ways and places. I believe it is a succinct and fitting summary of St. Gabriel's over the past several years (and over the last 287 years, for that matter). You and I have been the recipients of Christ's energizing and missioning Spirit, the Spirit that has led to so many astounding changes in a church of our size in southeastern Berks County, PA.

When I came to St. Gabriel's, a 3 acre hay field (which we didn't own) and a collection of houses lay to our west and the Ladner residence sat on the property just east of the cemetery. The Parish Life Center was half the size it is

today, the building sat empty most evenings and many days, an “iffy” Allen organ provided our music, the chancel was filled with choir pews, and the parking lot resembled a collection of pot holes. The people, however, were wonderful, just like they are now, and were ready in due course to see what Jesus wanted to do with us.

Of course, it's what happens inside the buildings that really matters. Just look at the Good Shepherd Learning Center – a work of God if there ever was one. Building on experiments from the past with nursery programs, GSLC now fills the halls with the noise of children and teachers 5 out of 7 days. Yellow buses glide in and out of the new parking lot; moms and dads arrive and leave with cars full of kids.

Next door, the hay field and houses are now home to seniors who can live in safety and comfort with wonderful care. And more is on the way! St. Gabriel's can feel proud and grateful that we have been the instrument through which God created this ministry and continues to support those who are our new neighbors.

The Parish Life Center is also home to the Atria and Journey to Adulthood ministries that teach our children Jesus' love for them and the essentials of the Christian life. Building on years of faithful Sunday School teachers and programs, the parish offers a loving environment to nurture the faith of God's young as they **“Learn and Do the Work of Jesus.”**

We have been nourished through Spirit-filled activities like The Alpha Course in past years and the renewing power of Cursillo that is attracting some parishioners. The Pastoral Care is growing in learning and mission to extend the care of ministry to folks in distress. And did I mention LOVE, INC.,

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and music and choir and the new organs and the labyrinth and the staff which have all grown up because we have chosen to ***“Learn and Do the Work of Jesus.***

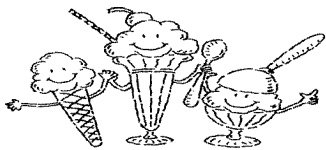
You see, when we were led by God to adopt that statement of purpose, we began to grow further in many ways. With Jesus as the guide and leader, we can do things beyond our abilities and expectations. We become the learners and doers of holy, grace-filled things only God can do through us.

I could write pages more about our last 22 ½ years, but that's not the point. My point is to reflect on God's gifts to us and my gratitude that you have let me come along for the adventure. I will miss it, though more adventures lie ahead for us all – happy and faith-filled adventures, I pray. And I love you, more than I can adequately express. And I am so grateful for your love and God's love which you have shown to me.

In Peace,  
Fr. Cal+

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### You re invited !



#### Ice Cream Social

Join us for a night of ice cream and stories! Hosted by the young people of St. Gabe's for all members of the congregation, we'll gather with Fr. Cal and Pam

in St. Gabe's multi-purpose room on Friday June 4th from 7 - 9 pm. Bring your favorite sundae topping and be prepared to share a Fr Cal Story!



by Kimberly Rowles,  
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Tell me a story and I'll tell you about St Gabriel's Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus. On May 23, I challenged those of you who were here to tell me your story; to tell me what you have done in the past 12 months to advance the work of Christ in the world.

I was very excited to read all that you had offered up to God in thanksgiving, and I would like to share an overview of what you all shared with me with the entire congregation.

There were 11 individuals who worked specifically with food ministries- either the soup kitchen, or the Community Table or the Birdsboro food bank. There were 18 individuals who made donations to Kajo Keji or another worthwhile organization. There were 4 children of Christ who use their musical talents to sing praises to God. There were 20 persons who cared for others in times of need, as others dealt with pain, loss, illness, or stressful life circumstances. The most moving response that I read was in response to the final question on the survey, "We need to do more, since we cannot answer these questions. I appreciate your honesty in your answers. God's work is certainly being done at St Gabriel's.

As I mentioned in the presentation on Pentecost, without your help the Tuesday's-to-Serve Mission Days will not be able to be held this summer. We are constantly discerning

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God's will for us. Please listen to the will of God in your life, and see if he is calling you to spend a Tuesday with us.

A "normal" Tuesday looks like this :

- . 7 am Doors Open
- . 9 am Mission Project
- . 11 am Lunch
- . 12 noon Bible Study
- . 1 pm Activity/ Game/ Craft
- . 3 pm Free time
- . 6 pm Doors Close



Depending on which project is being done or if we are serving at the Community Table that week we may work later so the schedule may change.

If you are able to help from 7 am - 12 noon or 12 noon - 5 pm on any given Tuesday we would welcome you with open arms. Please share with the youth your experiences in feeding the hungry, visiting those in need, clothing the naked, and helping one another learn and do the work of Jesus.

The dates that are open for volunteers are June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3, 10 and 17.

If we do not get volunteers this opportunity for our youth to learn and grow in their individual ministries and to see one another over the summer will not happen this year.

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## GSLC HAPPENINGS:



Pre-K will be starting off the month of June learning about outer space. Next we will be practicing for graduation and during the middle of the month we will be celebrating our Dads. To wrap up the month of June we'll be starting to prepare for our ninth annual art show and auction. Look for details to follow in the July newsletter.

Speaking of graduation, we can hardly believe the end of the school year is already here! With it come the Pre-K full and half-day classes graduation celebrations on Friday, June 11 at 7 pm. We have been and will continue working on graduation songs and practice for our special night. It has truly been our pleasure to watch and help these children grow in their preparations for Kindergarten. We send each of these families best wishes on their child's new journey!

Sue George,  
Pre-K Assistant Teacher

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- I think that most Christians would be better pleased if the Lord did not inquire into their personal affairs too closely. They want Him to save them, to keep them happy, and to take them off to heaven at last, but not to be too inquisitive about their conduct or services.

A. W. Tozer

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## Electrifying experiences hopefully over!

A lightning suppression system was upgraded and expanded on the main church and bell tower, and a surge protector was installed on the utility service coming into the buildings. The Vestry had authorized the work at the March meeting.

In other business, St. Gabriel s Vestry:

- ❑ Learned the windows and gutters around the main church were painted by volunteers on a recent work day.
- ❑ Approved an increase to organist/choir director s salary.
- ❑ Learned the Learning Center s state Keystone Stars “Environmental Rating Scale” inspection went very well and they are close to being a 4-star facility!
- ❑ Learned the Youth reached and surpassed their pilgrimage fundraising goal.
- ❑ Moved to support parishioner Foster Mays through tuition assistance for the 2009-2010 school year as he attends seminary at Sewanee.
- ❑ Is still looking for someone to fill the vacant Vestry seat.
- ❑ Learned St. Mary s in Elverson is available as the site for a Vestry/Leader s Retreat August 27-29, and agreed to book it.

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## Confessions of a lapsed Episcopalian The Right Track has steps

*by Steve Fairbrother*

Each of us is on our own spiritual journey and here is a little bit about mine. As a baby, I was baptized into the Episcopal Church. I was active in the church for the first 15 years of my life. When I was 15 I moved with my family to Atlanta, Georgia and shortly thereafter stopped going to church. Over the years I saw the inside of a church for musical performances, weddings, and funerals. While in college I began singing and exposure to liturgical music was usually as close as I got to a form of worship. At that point I would have described myself as being agnostic.

What changed that? Well, at the ripe old age of 40 I finally met a woman that I wanted to marry. As we looked about for a church, my wife mentioned that she liked the way the Chapel at St. Gabriel s looked and she called the church and spoke to somebody named Sally Heist. My wife said how nice Sally was and we made arrangements to be married in the Chapel. Feeling that it would be hypocritical to drop in, get married, then leave, I started going to the 8:00 a.m. service in the fall of 1994. I also thought about the fact that in addition to my wife, I would have an instant family of three sons. I was going to need help from a higher power. I soon met Esther



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Shelly and got her invitation to join other eight o'clock regulars at Michael's for breakfast. That was my first small group experience of St. Gabriel's. Over the years I've been in many additional small groups and have found the interactions there to be critical in my faith journey. But one encounter that changed everything came for me as I sat in the pews.

In church there came this thing called Consecration Sunday. Having been away for years and not having given real thought to stewardship, I chipped \$10 or \$20 bucks into the plate and figured that was generous. Then Blaine Rittenhouse stood up and explained the concept of tithing and the steps one can take to get there (Grow One Step). It made sense and I started on the steps. Over time I increased my giving feeling better and better about that. I did neglect some important things; chief of those was not including my wife in the decisions as to how much we would give.

In the meantime, I was getting well fed by St. Gabriel's. Bible study at Cal and Pam's house was one experience that really helped me. Cracking open the bible and studying the word is good stuff. For awhile a group of men had a similar study that met on Saturday mornings as we read through the Old Testament. I became a Sunday School Teacher in the Atria and got a great education in both the church service and many bible stories. Then came Vestry membership, Senior Warden, the Architectural Study Task Force, Stewardship ministry and most recently Choir. The annual spiritual retreat for Vestry and leaders is a fantastic spiritual experience. Studying stewardship is some of the most interesting and challenging spiritual terrain. The choir is a great group of people and we have FUN! (Whoops, didn't mean to let the secret out. Now we'll probably have a bunch

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of people who want to join. Darn.) St. Gabriel's is an incredible place with a boatload (arkload?) of opportunities!

Have I stumbled along the way? Did I ever fall? You betcha! At one point I reduced my level of giving because of tensions it caused in my family. I am trying to get back to where I was without making that mistake again. Have I been challenged? Sure. With my last estimate of giving I figured that my employer would be giving me a raise and I increased my giving. My employer didn't come through. What did I do? Instead of decreasing my giving, I increased my estimate by an additional \$5.00 when the vestry identified the need for additional funds and asked each of us to give more. Increasing my giving did not hurt in any way that I can identify.

I look forward to a new experience as I go to an Episcopal Cursillo weekend. I hope to strengthen my prayer life and will continue my travels toward tithing. I cannot say enough about how life at St. Gabriel's has helped me and how much giving has strengthened my experience of God. The joy that comes from giving excels most others. If you aren't already on the steps, join me there. You'll be glad you did!

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- The little troubles and worries of life may be as stumbling blocks in our way, or we may make them stepping-stones to a nobler character and to Heaven. Troubles are often the tools by which God fashions us for better things.

Henry Ward Beecher

- We all need love, but we need it most when we deserve it least--when we have sinned against someone, when we have made poor choices, when we have failed. In these situations, ordinary love must become extra-ordinary love.

Barbara Rosberg

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## Pool party for Jesus!

*By Tammy Miller, Summer SS coordinator*

Kids, bring your beach towel and join us at Summer Sunday School!!! Summer Sunday school this year will begin on Sunday, June 27 and run through to Sunday, Aug 15 from 9:45 - 10:45. All children of the parish age 3-9 are welcome to bring a friend with them to learn more about Jesus Christ, our Savior. Parents, please send a beach towel each week with your child as we sit "pool side" for our lessons.

There are still a few slots open for teachers and helpers. Please contact me at 484-744-1705 if you are interested in teaching or helping. If you've been wondering if you've "got what it takes" to become involved in Sunday School, this is the perfect time to find out.



I'm also looking for a small kiddie pool to use as well. If anybody has a small pool that they can lend or donate, please contact me as well

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- There is nothing, indeed, which God will not do for a man who dares to step out upon what seems to be the mist; though as he puts his foot down he finds a rock beneath him.

F. B. Meyer



**Sunday School  
Atria News**

by Carol Heist, Atria Coordinator

## Happy Birthday to all children of the Atria!

You are invited to our annual everybody's birthday party on **June 6<sup>th</sup>**. This is also our last regular Sunday School Class for this season. We will play games and create our own ice cream sandwiches. Of course we will sing "Happy Birthday to Everyone". Come and celebrate with us!!!!

**Mark your calendars for summer fun at St. Gabriel s. Summer Sunday School** will be held every Sunday morning beginning June 27 and running through August 15. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 9:45 and will rendezvous with parents in the Chapel at 10:45.

**Vacation Bible School** will be held the week of July 29<sup>th</sup> each evening 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We will ride the High Seas as pirates this summer.

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- Cure yourself of the condition of bothering about how you look to other people. Be concerned only . . . with the idea God has of you.

Miguel de Unamuno

*The following is a compilation of items that appeared in weekly bulletins during the past month in an effort to keep everyone better informed about St. Gabriel's:*



On Friday morning May 7<sup>th</sup> Fr. Cal will be having an outpatient hernia repair. Please support him with your prayers.

We re missing some black metal rings from our flower tree (used at Christmas and Easter). If one traveled home with you on your poinsettia or Easter flower pot, please return it to the church office.

A nimble-fingered Irene Hallowell recently spent an entire day here sewing buttons back on to the pew cushions. Thanks so much, Irene!

We have lots of used white candles that can be melted down to make new ones, or fire-starters. If you or someone you know can use them, please contact Sally Heist at the church office.

Our pew candle sexton, Liz Condello, needs to step down from this ministry after ably serving for nearly two years. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Sally Heist at the church office.

*Editor's note: The June lectionary was not available as this issue went to press.*

## Odds 'n Ends

**newSpin** is an electronic newsletter that includes news, information and commentary related to the Diocese of Bethlehem, the Episcopal Church, the Anglican Communion and the world of religion ... with some spin, of course, from the editor. It is edited by retired communication minister Bill Lewellis and ordinarily produced twice weekly, on Mondays and Thursdays. To have it emailed to you, subscribe at the "Get Connected" box on the right column of [www.diobeth.org](http://www.diobeth.org). Select *newSpin* under the groups. The Diocese also has a blog [www.diobeth.typepad.com](http://www.diobeth.typepad.com) by the same name where you may find samples of newSpin.


**CAMPPEACEWORKS** is a five-day day camp presented by Berks Women in Crisis to encourage young people to work together within our communities to foster a multicultural society based on love, caring and justice. This year's camp will be held July 26-30 at Olivet's Blue Mountain Camp near Hamburg. As in past years, St. Gabriel's will be providing lunch for one of the camp days. Please consider sponsoring a camper so all campers may attend "on scholarship", free of charge. You may contact Sally Heist for more information or a sponsor form.

### Financial Update: General Operating Fund (As of April 30, 2010)

Income	\$174,041.11	(Income includes GSLC loan
Expense	<u>\$172,438.92</u>	repayments used for
	\$ 1,602.19	general operating expenses, as well as special additional gift received from a donor.)

*We give thanks for those who continue to honor their giving commitment to St. Gabriel's. We count on everyone to help us continue our mission of "Learning and Doing the Work of Jesus."*

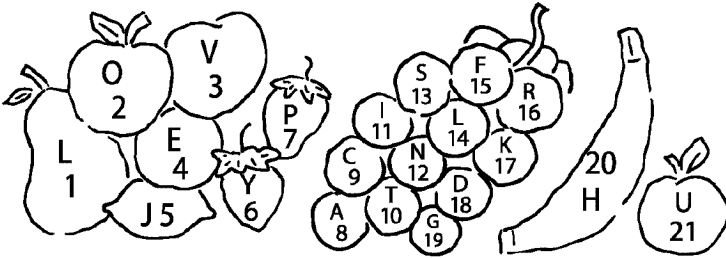
See "Reaching Out" attached below



### Fruit of the Spirit

In the summer we watch flowers, vegetables and fruit grow from tiny seeds and buds. That is also how we grow as children of God – from tiny beings. And as we grow, we need to grow "fruit of the Spirit." In Galatians 5:22-23 we read about those "fruit of the Spirit."

*Find the "fruit of the Spirit."*  
Write the letter from each fruit onto the numbered lines below.



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Answers: love, joy, peace, patience, self-control, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness.

Ministry Schedule for June 2010 appears below

**PARISH FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED OF SPECIAL PRAYERS:**

The family of Woody Adams; Joyce Arditi; George Auchter & family; William Averell; Gloria Bechtel; Trudy Boynton; Brittany Bradley; Brian; Eugene Clemens, Julie Clemons; Margaret Crummy; Jane Cusatis; the family of Ron Daily; "Denise ; "Dennis ; Don Diguardi; Peggy Drexel; Mary Elliott; Carolyn Frymoyer; Thomas Golden; Chris & Esther Hannevig; Harry Hart; Walter Jones; "Karen ; "Kathy S. ; James Keeley; Mary Jo Keith; Michael & Mary Kilareski; Arthur Kipp; Sherry Larrick; Ken Levan, Rachelle Yohn and the Levan family; Tabitha Levengood; Ron Lewandowski; "Lisa ; Miss Louise and family; Janice M.; Neil Mahr; Susan Martin; Harry McCormick; Clare Medori; Victor Medori; Jenny & Elizabeth Eve Miller; Laura Orfield; Lynn Pella; James Perrine; Bill Procter; Dorothy Protheroe; Les Reeps; the Stockton family; Mary Rossi, Suzanne Seibert; Janet Stager; "Stephanie ; Jed S.; Lori S.; Jerry & Kathy Stone; Jason Strange; Sue Suzenski; Isabella Trois; Roberta Trutnau; Lolita Van Putten; Raquel Wallace; Natalie Weller; Joshua Wilson; Barbara Winter; Alex Yost; Erik Zuber.

**We also pray for:** Hearts Ablaze Fellowship, New Horizons Church, Good Shepherd Learning Center, St. Gabriel's parish-driven mission, financial stability, stewardship growth and parish staff and leaders, and for the armed forces of our country, especially those serving in areas of conflict.

**PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER - JUNE**

June 6	Daniel & Jerol Klein; Irene Klein; Fredric & Patricia Kofke; Geoffrey, Kimberly & Drew Kofke; Thomas & Pamela Kopel
June 13	William & Michelle Legrande, Jr.; Carole, Ronald, Brooke & Julian Levesque; Sarah & Miss Trinity Linville; Karen Lippincott; Nancy Litka
June 20	Dorothy Loughin; Lois & Christopher Markiewicz; Lisa, Thomas & Daniel Maynard; Foster Mayes; James, Mary & Mary Rose Mazzoni
June 27	Jackie McCall; Russell & Ryan McClellan; William & Janice McCrudden; Ray & Catherine McFadden; James, Cindy, Roland & Charles McGee

***FOR THE RECORD:***

**BAPTISM:** May 16 - Carley Marie McMillen

**FUNERAL:** May 6 - John Milton Stockton  
May 21 - Raymond Willis Stierly, Jr.

**Ministry Schedule for June 2010**

Date	June 6, 2010	June 13, 2010	June 20, 2010	June 27, 2010
<b>8 AM Service</b>				
Readers	Van Pelt Family	Irene & Roger Hallowell	Tom Pfeiffenberger	Warren McKeon
Intercessor	Liz Condello	Tom Pfeiffenberger	Sally Bosler	Liz Condello
Chalicers	Warren McKeon	Heather McKeon	Liz Condello	Dan Klein
Greeter	Janice McCrudden	Gloria Yoder	Sharon Carrigan	Diana Doherty
<b>10:30 (10 AM beginning June 13)</b>				
Readers	Marilyn Rittenhouse	Suzanne Siebert	Amanda Arms	David Warden
Intercessor	Pat Owsiany	Foster Mays	Sally Heist	Dory McKinney
Chalicer	Anna Miller	Dianne Walker	Foster Mays	Steve Fairbrother
Crucifer	Eric Miller	Brooke Levesque	Alin Hammond	Stephen Rowe
Acolytes	Kyndra Miller	Danielle Gambino	Johnathan Slichter	Thomas Rowe
	Jennifer Miller	Noah Hunt	Stephen Miller	Isabella Trois
Ushers/Greeters	Mark & Chris Elliott	Eric & Anna Miller	Blaine & Marilyn Rittenhouse	Mike Hiebler & Betty Webster
Counters	Mark Elliott & David Warden	Mark Elliott & Cathrin Nester	Steve Fairbrother & Cathrin Nester	Steve Fairbrother & Jo Rivera
Coffee Hour	John Slichter	J2A 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year class	Kelley Klein	Arms Family
Altar Guild	Pam Adams Marilyn Rittenhouse	Pam Adams Marilyn Rittenhouse	Pam Adams Marilyn Rittenhouse	Pam Adams Marilyn Rittenhouse
	Saturday Evening Service Altar Guild			
	Pam Adams	Winkie Reed	Carol Young	Vicki Frankel

*\*\* Lay ministers are reminded to arrange for a replacement if they can't serve on the date for which they are scheduled.\*\**



*Serving our neighbors, serving our Lord*

*Wellsprings June 2010*  
*Our mission is to mobilize the Church*  
*to transform lives and communities*  
*in the Name of Christ.*

### One Lord

One of the most moving and grace-filled parts of the Love INC National Conference that I attend each year in Minneapolis is the time on the last night of the conference when we share Holy Communion together.

We have spent a few days hearing powerful speakers, attending useful workshops, singing and praying and eating meals together. On this, the last night together, we gather in a huge ballroom, more than 400 of us and we share the One Bread, the One Cup—the very Presence of the Lord.

We come from all over the country (and this year from Africa, too), from many different Christian communions and denominations and by eating and drinking in this Holy Meal together, we witness to our oneness in Christ. People in our communities take note of this oneness, this love among us and they are drawn to the One who is the source of Love. That is our calling as Christians and as partners in Love In the Name of Christ.

Russ McClellan, Executive Director

*June 15, July 6\* and July 20 6PM*  
*Food Pantry and Meal at*  
*New First Baptist Church in Birdsboro*

*June 1 6PM (July meal at the church)\**  
*The Community Table*  
*Boone Area Library*  
*Mill Street in Birdsboro*

### The Community Table

For over 3 years now, we have been gathering for food, fun and fellowship in Birdsboro at The Community Table hosted by Hopewell Love In the Name of Christ. Twice a month we have the opportunity to break bread together, to enter each others' lives and to share the love of Christ in ways that we may never have imagined. Relationships are formed and nurtured, we are cared for and Christ is among us. We are grateful for the way that the following local churches have responded so generously in preparing and sharing food and a loving presence at The Table:

Calvary EC, Birdsboro  
 New First Baptist, Birdsboro  
 LOVE Christian Fellowship, Birdsboro  
 St. Gabriel's Episcopal, Douglassville  
 St. Mark's Lutheran, Birdsboro  
 Birdsboro Church of the Nazarene  
 St. John's UCC, Gibraltar  
 Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic, Douglassville  
 Alice Focht UMC, Birdsboro  
 New Horizons, Douglassville  
 St. Paul's UCC, Birdsboro

When Jesus visited a town, he shared his meals with everybody who wanted to be with him. Everyone was welcome at the table—to share both food and friendship.

We are *all* welcome at The Community Table. Come and enjoy good food and get to know your neighbors. Some of us will bring food to share. All of us will bring the gift of our selves to give in friendship.





Wellspring: June 2019

Here are some of the ways you can help make a difference in the live of others through Love INC:

- *Make phone calls to coordinate the efforts of volunteers*
- *Write notes of encouragement*
- *Drive people to appointments*
- *Assemble care packages*
- *Help at the Still Waters Homeless Shelter in Pottstown*
- *Call someone once a week to listen and encourage*
- *Stock shelves /unload delivery truck at the Food Pantry*
- *Enjoy someone's company at The Community Table*
- *Become involved in plans for a Community Garden*
- *Help someone with home or auto repairs*
- *Make a regular contribution to Love INC*
- *Deliver food or furniture*
- *Become involved with planning a talent show fundraiser*
- *Pray for a particular person or family*
- *Pray for the mission and work of Love INC*

Call or email for more information:  
 610-385-0772 [hopewellloveinc@aol.com](mailto:hopewellloveinc@aol.com)  
 Russ McClellan, Executive Director

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**SHARE YOUR INTERESTS**

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**You can help make a difference in the lives of people in need.**

- I want to help with a monthly pledge of \_\_\_ \$5 \_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ Other
- One time gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
 In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me information about volunteering with Love INC.

<b>Mail to:</b>  Hopewell Love INC PO Box 396 Douglassville PA 19518  Phone: 610-385-0772 <a href="mailto:HopewellLoveInc@aol.com">HopewellLoveInc@aol.com</a>	Name _____
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## ***Reaching Out***

An opportunity for churches, groups and individuals to help the Birdsboro Food Pantry at New First Baptist Church and the Community Table

The following is a list of items and services needed. Please contact Russ McClellan (610-385-0772), or Mary Kilareski (610-582-4377) if you are able to help.

June 2010

### ***New First Baptist Church***

#### ***Food Pantry***

#### ***Community Table***

##### **Materials Needs:**

1. Case of sterno with wicks
2. Restaurant size foil wrap
3. Restaurant size cellophane wrap
4. Oven mitts
5. Large size dishcloths and dish towels
6. Pot holders
7. Four slice toaster
8. Paper towels
9. **First Aid Kit**
10. **Cold Packs for first aid**

\* ***Contributions for purchase of items is also greatly appreciated.***

### ***Birdsboro Community Library***

#### ***Community Table***

##### **Materials Needs:**

1. Case of sterno with wicks
2. Restaurant size foil wrap
3. Restaurant size cellophane wrap
4. Styrofoam take away boxes
5. Twelve banquet size flannel backed vinyl tablecloths matching
6. Paper towels
7. **First Aid Kit**
8. **Cold Packs for first aid**

##### **Services Needed:**

- Person to help carry food to recipients cars on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6:00pm till 7:00pm