

THE MESSENGER

December 2005

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"What Do You Know?"

I knew someone once whose usual way of greeting was to say "Hi. What do you know?" Of course, he didn't really expect an answer to that question, and would have been quite surprised if I took the time to tell him what little I do know. But what if we were to greet one of the great souls of God's kingdom with that question, and then wait to allow him to share some of his deepest convictions? Let's imagine for a moment that we're speaking with the apostle Paul.

The first thing Paul might say could be what he wrote in Romans 8:16 that the "Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we are God's children" (New Living Translation). For many of us, if we were asked about being children of God, we would say, "I hope I am," or "I'm trying to be." Such answers must distress the Lord. We who are Christians accepted him, and made promises that we would belong to him forever. Christians don't promise that they will be perfect -- only that they will be his.

Paul might also answer from Romans 8:28, "that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God." This is very much tied in with the Christian understanding of suffering. Everyone understands that sorrows are like clouds that sometimes obscure the sun. But, as with clouds that will one day drift away, we should stick it out in our hard times, and the sun will shine again. But much more than that, the Christian idea of suffering assures us that clouds that hide the sun are not merely something to be survived. They are actually blessings in disguise. If there were no clouds, there would be no rain; and then, there would be no flowers. Paul would say that we should thank God for sorrows and disappointments because, even through them, God is working for good.

Finally, Paul might answer from 2 Corinthians 5:1: "we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down -- when we die and leave these bodies -- we will have a home in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands." By that he meant that he had such a strong faith in heaven that he could withstand anything. And we, too, know that there is a place in God's heavenly kingdom for us -- we who are God's children.

When we know these things: That we are

children of God, that God is working everything for our good, and that there are places in heaven with our names on them -- then life is ours. We have nothing to fear.

But, suppose we said to Paul, "How can all these things be? There must be some basis for your beliefs. What is it?" He just might say, "Yes, there is something more. I know all these things because I know Jesus Christ." In 2 Timothy 1:12, he wrote, "I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return." In other words, when we know Jesus, all other convictions fall into place in our hearts.

And how about you? Do you know Jesus? Most of us know at least a little about him -- the things about his birth, his life, his death, and his resurrection. That's important. But those are things in the past. What do you know about the present? Paul said, "I know the one" -- present tense. Do you actually KNOW Jesus? Will you know his Spirit when he comes, and be able to distinguish it from all the other spirits of this world that tempt you? If so, then life is truly yours. You have nothing to fear, because you have just begun to live!

-Rev Chuck Vorderberg

OBITUARIES

Omar Ray Eubank

Omar Ray Eubank, age 90, of East Canton, passed away on June 27, 2005 in Green Meadows Health Center, following an extended illness.

He was born on March 21, 1915 in Hackers Valley, WV, to the late, Jesse Lee and Daisy Lenore Eubank.

Omar was employed as a laborer with the Timken Company for over 30 years, retiring in 1980. He was a member of the Canton Baptist Temple, and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps., during the early 1930's. Omar proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He saw action during the Tunisian and Italian Campaigns and earned a purple heart and two bronze stars.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Clarence Eubank; and two sisters, Ruby Clamp and Rhoda Morgan. Survivors include a sister, Reba Been of Buckhannon, WV; and numerous nieces and nephews. Rev. John Harrison officiated. Burial was in the Pickens Cemetery. Reed Funeral Home-Canton Chapel was in charge of the arrangements for Omar Ray Eubank

Rhoda Evelyn Morgan

Rhoda Evelyn Morgan, age 96, of Canton, Ohio passed away in the Green Meadows Health Care Center following a brief illness.

Born in Hacker Valley, West Virginia on March 19, 1908 she had been a resident of Canton since 1966.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Camden Morgan who passed away in 1957; also by a son, Earl Casto; her sister, Ruby Clamp and her brother, Clarence Eubank.

She was a member of the Dueber United Methodist Church where she also served as a volunteer. She was a member of the Pickens Rebekah Lodge in WV.

Survivors include five sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Fern Casto of Malvern, OH, Clyde and Jeanne Casto of Canton, Paul and Helen Schneider of Paris, OH, James and Nancy Schneider of Louisville, OH, Lynn and Patty Morgan of Minerva, OH. There are 12 grandchildren, 33 great, grandchildren and 23 great great-grandchildren; her brother, Omar R. Eubank of Louisville, OH, and her sister, Reba M. Been of Buckhannon, WV. There are numerous nieces and nephews.

Minister Grace Baughman officiated. Burial followed in the Sunset Hills Burial Park.

Reed Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangement for Rhoda Evelyn Morgan.

Elaine L. Isch

Elaine Louise Isch, 50, a former resident of Pickens, passed away Aug. 4, 2005, in Talbott Personal Care Home at Belington.

She was born Dec. 15, 1954, at Elkins, a daughter of the late Ernest Lawrence Isch and Margaret Katherina Egleson Isch.

She was never married.

Rev. Chuck Vorderberg officiated.

Interment followed at the Mountain State Memorial Gardens near Elkins. Memorial donations may be made to the Helvetia Chimes, HC 70 Box 2 Helvetia, WV 26224. Tomblyn Funeral Home of Elkins was in charge of the arrangements for Elaine Louise Isch.

Betty L. O'Kernick

Betty Louise Dulaney O'Kernick, 69, a resident of 217 Ferndale Drive, Elkins, departed this life Oct. 12, 2005, at her home after a brief illness.

She was born, March. 25, 1936, at Valley Bend, a daughter of the late Norval Dulaney and Hazel Betler Dulaney McClellan and her stepfather, John McClellan.

On Feb. 27, 1954, at Uniontown, Pa., she was married to Fred O' Kernick, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Stevan Paige O' Kernick of Cape Cod, Mass., Douglas Paul O'Kernick and wife, Retha, of Austintown, Ohio, Gregory Lynn O'Kernick and wife, Suzanne, of Columbus, Ohio, and Joseph Kevin O'Kernick and wife, Chris, of Austintown, Ohio; one brother, Norval Dale

Dulaney and wife, Mary, of Cleveland, Ohio; three sisters, Mary Catherine Simmons of Elkins, Peggy Styre and husband, Thomas, of Elkins, and Barbara Sue McClellan of Sarasota, Fla.; one aunt, Mable Haslebacher of Clarksburg; eight grandchildren, Steven Michael, and Kellie Ann of Cape Cod, Mass., Kevin Jacob and Rachel of Austintown, Ohio, Anna Dulaney and Michael Duffy of Columbus, Ohio, and Kristen Marie and Ryan Paul of Austintown, Ohio; two sisters-in-law, Polly O'Kernick and Anna Louise, of Elkins; one brother-in-law, Joseph O'Kernick and wife, Hazel, of Coalton; and several nieces and nephews.

Betty was a graduate of Tygarts Valley High School, worked for the Packard Electric Co. at Warren, Ohio, and retired from General Motors at Lordstown, Ohio. She had previously lived at Canfield, Ohio, where she and her husband were members of the Saint Michael's Church and participated in the founding of the church. She was currently a member of the Saint Brendan Catholic Church at Elkins. She enjoyed everything and everybody she knew or met.

The Rev. Fr. William Anderson was the presider and interment followed at Saint Vincent Cemetery at Kingsville. Lohr & Barb Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for Betty Louise Dulaney O'Kernick.

William R. Suttle

William R. Suttle, 71, of Fort - Myers passed away on September 12, 2005.

He was born on October 12, 1933 in Weston to, Enos and Elsie Burkhammer Suttle.

He served his country in the USAF, retiring in 1973 with 21 years of service.

He had resided here since 1988 and was employed with Val Ward Cadillac and Bob Taylor Chevrolet.

His parents, one brother and one sister preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years, Evelyn; his children, Kathryn Rice, Jodi Suttle and Jeff Suttle; stepchildren David Marsh and Timothy Marsh Jr.; five sisters, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery. Private arrangements by Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home.

BIRTHS

Ben & Stephanie Thomas announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on July 7, 2005 and was named Cimarron Elise Thomas.

The father is the son of Dee and Peggy Thomas of Frostburg, MD. The mother is the daughter of Cathy Taddonio of Watertown, NY. The parents and baby reside in Butte, MT. The father is the grandson of Junior & Jeanne Williams of East Dailey, WV. The mother is the granddaughter of Robert & Shirley Irvine of Watertown, NY.

O. J. and Sunshine Williams announce the birth of their third daughter on July 13, 2005. She has been named Alexandria Orion Williams.

The father is the son of Steve Williams of East Dailey, WV and Leanette Cook of Elkins, WV. The mother is the daughter of Harold & Stephanie Hall of Richfield, KY. The father is the grandson of Junior & Jeanne Williams of East Dailey, WV. They reside in Waggaman, LA, with the baby and her two sisters, Anastasia and Alyssa.

Matt and Sheri Dulaney announce the birth of a son on November 28, 2005. He has been named Cody William Dulaney, 9 lbs 2 oz and 21 ½ long.

Matt is the son of Bill and Sandy Dulaney and the grandson of the late Cecil and Elsie Dulaney, of Pickens, and Thad and Juanita Howes of Czar.

MARRIAGES

Marson (Marty) Thomas and Steph Ware exchanged wedding vows on June 25, 2005 in an outdoor ceremony during the annual family camping week. Rev. William Sullivan officiated at the ceremony, which was held in Stuart Park Recreation Campground near Elkins, WV.

The rings were held and presented by Bill Jamison, a friend of the couple. Music was furnished by Celeste Gauer and Jeff Sutton, cousins of the groom. The bride's bouquet consisted of wild flowers gathered that morning by members of each family. During the ceremony the hand fastening (a ribbon folded over and around brides and grooms hands and tied in a knot.) representing eternal love, was performed. The ribbon was then worn on the arm of the groom for the rest of the day.

The outdoor reception began with a receiving line followed with an old fashioned family picnic.

Marty is a chef at an Italian Grill and Restaurant in Pittsburgh, PA. Steph is presently

employed by McGinnis Specialty Deli in Pittsburgh. The couple reside in Pittsburgh.

The groom is the son of Dee and Peggy Williams Thomas of Frostburg, MD. The bride is the daughter of Stephen Ware and the late Lydia Maria Ware of Philadelphia, PA. Marty is the grandson of Junior and Jeanne Sutton Williams of East Dailey, WV and the great-grandson of the late Bill and Armeda Sutton of Pickens, WV.

David Manley and LaDonna Sutton Fernandiz exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, July 2, 2005 at Manley Chapel in Fairmont, WV. A reception followed at the Sutton cabin in Lost Creek, WV. LaDonna is the daughter of Joe and Hannah Sutton of Clarksburg, WV and the granddaughter of the late Bill and Armeda Sutton of Pickens, WV.

NEWS

Events at Grandpa John's

Helvetia and Pickens communities were busy this year with two newer events designed to promote farming, preserve our heritage, and increase the number of visitors to our area. The communities of Pickens, Helvetia, and the surrounding area, would like to thank everyone for their support.

Father's Day Weekend 2005 community volunteers came together to host a Homecoming in the Hardwoods Music Festival and Ox Roast. This event was held in conjunction with the famous Pickens Ox Roast at Grandpa John's to welcome visitors and families to enjoy outdoor activities, traditional food, and music as families visited and reacquainted themselves with their heritage. In the late 1800's the families of this Swiss-German mountain community, probably like many other early American communities, would gather for a homecoming weekend to visit and decorate their family graves. Now for many Americans it is Memorial Day Weekend; however, in the mountain communities of Helvetia and Pickens, in May and June respectfully, families get together for "Decoration". Decoration weekend is a great time in the Family Cemetery, a wonderful homecoming, and a wonderful way for folks to learn and remember stories around names like Pickens, Cunningham, Nestor, Burky, Betler, Dulaney, Sassi, Daetwyler, Winkler, Hicks, Been, Roberts, Hartman, Zehnder, Hofer, Miles, Marti, Vogel, Haslebacher, Zumbach, Hefner, LePelly, Schneider, Kelly, Fulglistner, Waybright, Winkler, and, but not limited to Tharp. Some gravestones still revealed the place of birth as far away as Switzerland, Luxemburg, and Germany. Our "*Heimatabig*", Swiss for homecoming, event will be held annually on Father's Day

weekend. 1.877SwissMt.
HelvetiaWestVirginia@direcway.com.

Our second, and a similar event began on the last Friday of September through October 2nd, 2005 where musicians, artists, and folks from everywhere graced Grandpa John Betler's Hilltop Farm to celebrate our heritage, fall, farming, and everything wool with wonderful music, delicious foods, local arts, and farm exhibits. Eleanor Betler showed off her wonderful hand made soaps. Virginia Burky and Margie Daetwyler exhibited quilting. Susan and Bill Daetwyler displayed a beautiful setting of everything honey including a live hive. The Helvetia and Pickens youth danced traditional dances and the Helvetia tap dancers (Maggie Gain, Norman Biggs, Emily Biggs, Clara Mailloux, and Alexander Biggs) tap-danced to Ray Charles in their traditional Swiss costumes! Norman Biggs did a traditional Swiss flag swinging, Norman started flag swinging about 12 months ago and he is preparing himself for a 2008 hopeful trip to Switzerland to join the Swiss flag swinging competition. Diane and Delbert Betler exhibited the making of the original recipe of Helvetia Cheese. Leroy Gain took visitors on hayrides to view the beautiful fall vistas on our farms on Hilltop. The Helvetia Shepherds Association sponsored sheep sheering and exhibited their blankets and wool. The horseshoe competition went way into the evening and the *John Kelley Memorial Stage* rang out almost 48 straight hours with all types of music from Swiss-German, American, Gospel, Bluegrass, Helvetia Folk, and Rock and Roll. Vernon Burky was invited to promote the event to two television stations. At Charleston's Channel 8 live studio Vernon wore his Bern jacket, talked about our Swiss-German tradition of food, music, and farming, and displayed our local products of maple syrup, honey, wool and cheese. Ronnie Silvia, of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia pulled off the prize musical performance with his stunning Sunday afternoon one-man-show. Next year's Fall festival and Wool Fair will begin on the 29th of September through October 1st, 2006. For copies of photos or for information about next year's events contact us at 1.877SwissMt or HelvetiaWestVirginia@direcway.com

Article submitted by Sandy Burky

3 Helvetia Decedents Appointed to the 69th Mountain State Forest Festival Court

Kadra Nicole Kramer, 21, was selected to be one of two Maid of Honors of the 69th Mountain State Forest Festival.

A senior studio art major at West Virginia Wesleyan College, Kadra is the daughter of Harry and Denise Kramer of Elkins. She serves as president of the Students Art League and gallery assistant in the Sleeth Gallery at WVWC.

Previously interning at the Smithsonian Institute's Hirshorn Museum in Washington D.C., she is pursuing degrees in business and English, with future plans of marketing and selling her own artwork as well as furthering her art education.

As a 2002 honors graduate of Elkins High School, she served as vice president of National Honor Society and Interact, and president of the Art Club. She was a member of the school's volleyball team, German National Honor Society and SADD. She attended the Presidential Classroom's Science and Technology Seminar in Washington D.C. and Rhododendron Girls State. A former member of the Hi-Fi 4-H Club, she was a 10 year student of piano at Gale Poe's Music Studio.

Kramer was a recipient of the PROMISE Scholarship, Mason Crickard Scholarship, United Methodist Scholarship, American Red Cross Scholarship and Swiss Benevolent Society Scholarship. She recently received and was honored with the Mollohan Foundation's Mary Olive Eddy Jones Art Scholarship.

The 2005 Maid of Honor is a member of the First United Methodist Church where she is a creator of design sets for children's programs and assists with the children's church.

She has two sisters, Karly and Kary, and is the granddaughter of Harry and Helen Kramer of Beverly and Vernon and Virginia Burky of Mill Creek. Her sister Kary served as a flower girl in the 2000 Mountain State Forest Festival.

The honorable Governor of West Virginia Joe Manchin III appointed Erika Margaret Betler, 19, of Helvetia to the court of the 69th Mountain State Forest Festival.

Daughter of H. Kevin and Diane Betler, Erika was one of 40 princesses from across the state who attended Maid Silvia LXIX Anne Michaelae Craig of Huntington. She is the granddaughter of the late Gene and Pauline Betler and the late Margaret Koerner.

Princess Betler, a 2004 graduate of Pickens High School, was the recipient of the Promise Scholarship and received designation as the 2004 WVU Bucklew Scholar. Currently enrolled as a sophomore at West Virginia University, she is a participant in the honors program and member of the Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honor Society. She has been named to the dean's list and National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and serves as a volunteer at the WVU Hospital. Betler is majoring in exercise physiology with future plans of applying to medical school.

The 2005 Princess is a member of the Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia.

Nancy Herholdt of the West Virginia

Division of Culture and History appointed Ashley Brooks Betler as a princess in the 69th Mountain State Forest Festival.

The 20-year-old princess is the daughter of Stanford and Brenda Betler of Kingwood. She has one sister, Stephanie, who has previously served as a royal court attendant. She is the granddaughter of William and Janet Arbogast of Mill Creek and Lawrence and Don Gloria Betler of Valley Bend.

A 2003 graduate of Preston High School, Betler was a member of the National Honor Society, HSTA and volleyball team. She served as statistician for the boy's varsity basketball team.

She is currently enrolled as a sophomore paramedic student at Fairmont State University. She is a member of the Kingwood Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary and is an EMT for KAMP Ambulance. Future plans include attending Davis & Elkins College to obtain a nursing degree.

By H. Kevin Betler

Helvetia Archives

Collecting information about Helvetia families is very interesting and we are making progress with scanning pictures that folks have so generously shared with us. Interviewing neighbors and former residents is fascinating. From an Aegeter descendent we have received from Bern, Switzerland, a hymnal circa. 1853 and a book of the history of Switzerland that has always been in the family. From the Sassi family we copied an autograph book signed by many early residents, some in German script, some written in American. We work to identify the many people in the pictures we have scanned. Henrietta B. Sanders has been so helpful in gathering photos and identifying them. Together we have done some interviews and visits. Special thanks for sharing with us go out to Henry and Helen Sassi, Mabel Haslebacher, Janice and her sister Judy Armstrong Haddix, the Aegeter-Doyle family, Dr. Frank Hartman, and Rosa Dulaney, Paul and Jaunita Bunner, Lily Morgan, Bernice Morgan and Norman Karlen. The overlapping history of family ties between Pickens, Czar and Helvetia make the work fascinating and the stories so interesting.

Lawrence Metzner, decendent of one of the first settlers, graciously volunteered to help at the Helvetia Fair by manning the museum. His knowledge of the community and the artifacts in the museum made the day memorable for visitors. Lawrence has lived in Clarksburg for many years and has researched his lineage and family history. We really appreciate his help and hope he will come again.

During the fair we showed the documentary of Helvetia in the one room school attached to the library. Nancy Krogh, librarian,

set up the television and chairs and we had continuous viewing, enjoyed by many folks. Some pictures we displayed were identified by fairgoers. They brought back memories and encouraged stories. The annual book sale brought visitors to the library/museum area.

We recently completed a framed group of pictures and articles documenting the history of The Helvetia Folk Dancers, which hangs in The Community Hall. We have pictures dating back to 1947. Does anyone have any earlier records of the dancers? We encourage your help in this area. Soon the folk dancers will be 60 years old according to our current records.

By Eleanor Betler

Pickens Improvements

The Pickens Improvement and Historical Society has acquired a new press run of "Haven in the Hardwood" the story of the founding and progress of Pickens, WV. The book can be purchased at Hulls Store in Pickens or through any member. The purchase price is \$25.00 plus postage if mailed.

The West Virginia Wesleyan College Bonner Students have worked 2 ½ days on the Opera House (IOOF Hall). They removed the old ceiling paper and are putting up paneling. The old seats have been removed (and are for sale for \$5.00 each) and the students are installing the new seats that Jeff Sutton got for us from a lodge in Ohio. Some of the students painted the walls and trim, cleaned the Depot, the Robert Cunningham Museum and the Pickens Volunteer Fire Department hall and kitchen. They hope to return in January so we can finish in time for the Maple Syrup Festival, March 18 & 19, 2006.

By Rose Dulaney, Sec.

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Christmas Program - Sunday evening before Christmas. December 18, 2005. Zion Presbyterian Church.

Christmas Eve Service - December 24, 2005. Zion Presbyterian Church.

Fasnacht - Last Saturday before Lent. February 25, 2006.

Pickens Maple Syrup Festival - Third Weekend in March. March 18-19, 2006.

Pickens Ramp Supper - Third Saturday in April. April 15, 2006.

Helvetia Ramp Supper - Last Saturday in April. April 29, 2006.

Pickens School Alumni/Senior Banquet Mother's Day Weekend. May 13, 2006.

Helvetia Cemetery Decoration - Second Sunday in June. June 11, 2006.

Pickens Cemetery Decoration – Third Sunday in June. June 18, 2006.

Heimatabig, Grandpa John's – Father's Day Weekend.

Burky Reunion - Third Saturday in July. July 15, 2006.

Swiss National Holiday - First Saturday in August. August 5, 2006.

Chicken Supper - Third Saturday in August. August 19, 2006.

Helvetia Fair - Second full weekend in September. September 9-10, 2006.

Helvetia Mountain Run - Sunday of Fair Weekend. September 10, 2006.

Fall Festival and Wool Fair – September 29, through October 1, 2006.

Helvetia Day - Nearest Saturday to October 20th except when the 20th is Friday in which case it is celebrated on Friday. October 21, 2006.

Helvetia Town Meeting - First Sunday in November. November 5, 2006.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Fourth Thursday in November. November 23, 2006.

Note: These dates may change, check to make sure of the dates and times of the event you would like to attend.

PICKENS SCHOOL NEWS

Pickens School Receives Exemplary Status From The WVDE

On November 9, Mrs. Knotts, Sue Hinzman, Superintendent of Randolph County Schools, and Carol Cain, Randolph County Board of Education president attended an awards ceremony at the Marriott in Charleston to honor the schools in West Virginia that attained exemplary status or WV Schools of excellence status. The program was sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Education.

For the third year, Pickens School has attained exemplary status based on students' test scores, attendance rate, and graduation rate.

By Barry Scott and Rebecca Spittler

Rebecca Spittler Is New Social Studies Teacher

Rebecca Spittler has returned to her alma mater to teach social studies to students in grades 6-12.

Ms. Spittler graduated from Pickens School, attended Concord State College, and received her teaching degree from Fairmont State College, now Fairmont State University.

By Barry Scott and Rebecca Spittler

Pickens School Has New Leader

Diane M. Betler has assumed the role of lead teacher at Pickens School. She replaces former principal Richie Carr who transferred to

Elkins Middle School to assume the position of assistant principal.

Mrs. Betler has taught at Pickens School for 24 years.

By Barry Scott and Rebecca Spittler

1974-1975 Pickens High School Basketball Team

The 1974-1975 Pickens High School basketball team was inducted into the Randolph County Athletic Hall of Fame August 13, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church in Elkins. The team ranked as one of the best in school history, compiling a mark of 17-5. After defeating Harman 64-49 in sectional play, Pickens lost to Parsons 62-32 in the sectional finals. Mark "Buck" Dulaney led the team in scoring with 13.8 ppg., while Dave Bachman averaged 12.8 points and William "Giggles" Winemiller 10:0 ppg. Members of the team included, cheerleaders Susie Brewer, Nancy Daetwyler, Peggy Bunner and Janet Casto; head coach Wilbert "Wib" Smith, Wally Tharp, Vernon Hofer, William "Giggles" Winemiller, Joe Conrad, Dave Bachman, Rudy Hart, John Koerner, Cedric Smith, Mark Sneberger, Mark "Buck" Dulaney and Mike Smith.

Attending the banquet were coach Wib Smith, Joe Conrad from Colorado and Buck Dulaney from Concord, NC.

The plague with the team picture can be seen at the Steak House in Elkins, WV.

MESSENGER DONATIONS

Edythe Ortiz
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Burky
Donnes Been
Anna Grace Daetwyler
Clair & Irene Snyder
Hope Rierson
Maxine Lehman Fiorini

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sale of the Manse

At a congregational meeting on August 28, 2005 the congregation voted to sell the manse and property. The money generated from the sale will be used to maintain the church building. With our decreasing congregation it is very difficult to maintain both the church and manse as needed.

On November 15, 2005, we received permission from the Presbytery of West Virginia, to sell the manse and property.

At this time the session intends to have a scheduled open house from December 26, 2005 through January 13, 2006. The session is going to accept sealed bids from perspective buyers submitted by January 14, 2005. The sealed bids will be opened and reviewed at our next

scheduled session meeting, which is January 15, 2005. The manse and property is to be sold "AS IS" without any warranty. Also the session of the Zion Presbyterian Church reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. An offer, if accepted will purchase the manse, the property the manse is located on in Helvetia, WV and the household appliances.

All sealed bids shall include at least the following information:

- Name(s) of the perspective buyer(s)
- Mailing address
- Telephone Number
- Amount of the buying offer
- Method of purchase
- List of all contingents if any
- If the property is to be purchased for commercial use, what intent does the perspective buyer(s) have for the property

A separated sealed bid may be placed on any of the itemized household furnishing listed during the open house. These bids will be reviewed separately during the same session meeting scheduled January 15, 2005.

All sealed bids can be submitted by mailing it to:

Zion Presbyterian Church
PO Box 78
Helvetia, WV 26224

Or you can give it to any one of the church Elders, Joe McInroy, H. Kevin Betler or Alvin Burky.

You may contact H. Kevin Betler by phone at 304-924-5593 or by e-mail at betlers3@msys.net anytime to schedule an appointment to tour the manse during the open house.

The Zion Presbyterian Church at Helvetia would like to thank the following people who made contributions to the church as a memorial for Nellie Umbright:

John & Robin Wager, James Lewis, Ozella Smith, George Betler, Nancy Reed, Mike Metzner, Eleanor Mailloux, Richard Daetwyler, Faye Channell, Herman. Burky, Donal Wetsch, Lena Umbright, and Norma Moore Stalnaker.

The Zion Presbyterian Church at Helvetia would like to thank the following people who made contributions to the church as a memorial for Fred Hofer:

Ozella Smith, Mike Metzner, Lena Mealey, Mildred Betler, Heather Wheeler, and Norman Moore Stalnaker.

The Zion Presbyterian Church at Helvetia

would like to thank the following people who made contributions to the church as a memorial for Elaine Isch:

Phyllis Southern, Charles Higginbotham (for the chimes), Blaine & Dora Winkler (for the chimes), and Ozella Smith (for the chimes).

The Zion Presbyterian Church at Helvetia would like to thank the following people who have made contributions to the church for the building fund:

Carol Hill, Ed and Helen Sutton, Lena Mealey, Mary L. Pafford, Richard Daetwyler, Margaret Smith, Iris Hart, Patricia Karlen, Ida Hill and volunteer labor by Huttonsville Correctional Center inmates.

The roof and the exterior of the church are now painted, thanks to the contributions. Also thanks to the Bonner Students from West Virginia Wesleyan College for their help.

PICKENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thanks to all who sent donations or worked at the Pickens Presbyterian Church.

Carl & Rita Rullman
Opal Andrews
Hicks Family Reunion

Donations:

John & Maxine (Lehman) Fiorini
By Rose Dulaney, Tres.

NOTE FROM THE MESSENGER

We are going to try and have the Messenger printed at least twice a year. Once in the fall, and once in the spring. We would like to print articles from friends and family that are away from here. If anyone would like an article printed in the Messenger, please e-mail it to Kevin Betler, the address is betlers3@msys.net. Or you can mail it to Vada Smith, HC 76 Box 4, Helvetia, WV 26224. Please send your article any time, it will be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we would like to update our records. If you find an error, or if your address or name has changed, please notify us. We want the Messenger to be as accurate as possible.

If anyone would like to have the Messenger mailed to them please send us your address.

CHURCH SERVICES

Church services begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Zion Presbyterian Church in Helvetia.

Church services begin at 11:15 a.m. at the Pickens Presbyterian Church in Pickens.

We invite and welcome anyone wishing to attend any of the services to please come. Whether you are a local resident or someone

visiting, both the Zion and Pickens congregations
would love to have you.

Hope to see you soon!