

Packing shoe boxes for OCC will be at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17th
Bring a Friend to Church Sunday will be Oct. 27th
National Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, Nov. 3rd
Thanksgiving Supper will be at 6 p.m. on Nov. 24th
Lord's Supper on Dec. 1st
Light Up Night at Mill Run Fire Hall at 7 p.m. on Dec 1st
S.S. Rally at MR UMC at 7 p.m. on Dec. 8th
Christmas Caroling Dec. 15th (Time TBA)
Christmas Eve Service with Sr. Choir Cantata at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24th
New Year's Eve Service at ICBC on Dec. 31st. Fellowship at 6 p.m. Service at 7 p.m.

ICBC Fall Festival **Saturday, October 19**

A fun free activity for the entire family!

Trunk or Treat from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Games for all ages starting at 4:00 p.m.
ICBC's ninja warrior course, pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing, horseshoes, and corn hole

Hayride and Campfire

Complimentary Refreshments and Music at 5 p.m.

The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the Indian Creek Baptist Church. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of January and will include activities from October, November, and December. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to the Beacon editor by Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

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 (* Service at Mill Run UMC; + Sunday School Rally; -- No service)

ATTENDANCE	7/7	7/14	7/21	7/28	8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
<i>Sunday School</i>	88	94	75	89	85	88	84	93	83	69	83	90	
<i>Morning Church</i>	130	193	99	136	111	123	137	134	122	124	128	137	
<i>Evening Church</i>	*	31	*		*	28	*	32	--	+	*	31	*

District 11 Sunday School Association Rally

Submitted by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening September 8, 2019 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at ICBC. A total of 53 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and Normalville United Methodist won the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School in attendance. Barney Shipley, District 11 President, moderated the meeting. John Tressler led the singing and pianist was Vicki Tressler.

Special music for the evening was presented by the ICBC men’s quartet singing a medley of “There is Power in the Blood” and “Are You Washed in the Blood?”

The speaker for the evening was Pastor John Zimmerman, General Evangelist in the United Methodist Church. Pastor John had been pastor of the Normalville United Methodist Church about 30 years ago. His message was focused on the history of Sunday School since its beginning in 1780. Sunday School began as a movement to educate poor children about the Bible. But over the years this movement developed into a huge program, and there has often been too much focus on trying to sustain the “program” rather than really reaching new children and adults with the Gospel. Consequently, many Sunday Schools have dwindled over the years. Pastor John demonstrated his point by saying that it has been 30 years since he had been to a Sunday School rally, and he was glad to see lots of old friends. But he also noticed that it was generally the same people attending this rally as was there 30 years ago. Pastor John encouraged us to focus on getting the Gospel message out to others so that there would be growth in Sunday School.

The Sunday School rally was a good time of fellowship. The next rally will be held December 8th at the Mill Run United Methodist Church. Come out and enjoy fellowship with others as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with beautiful hymns of the Christmas season! Hope to see you there!

From the Desk of Pastor Chris

“Jesus replied: ‘love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and the greatest commandment.” – Matt. 22:37-38

The difference between having “love” in abstract, and loving the Lord your God with everything within you, is all the difference in the world. It is the difference between embracing wickedness and shunning it; the difference between blending into the world as a social atheist and living separate as a foreigner. We are called to be a particular people because we are called to love a God Who is holy. Because we are commanded to love God, we are also called to fear Him. The person who believes he or she loves God and yet does not fear Him has completely misunderstood God’s character. He is choosing which characteristic of God is convenient for him at that moment.

When Jesus stated the Greatest Commandment in Matthew 22, He was quoting Deuteronomy 6:4. Listen to what else Deuteronomy chapter 6 has to tell us: “Fear the Lord your God, serve Him only and the your oaths in His name. Do not

follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you; for the Lord your God, Who is among you, is a jealous God and His anger will burn against you, and He will destroy you from the face of the land.” (Deut. 6:13-15)

In our society, many will say that “God is love,” and that we must “love God” (which are absolutely true), but turn around and redefine morality based on the culture. “If God is love, He must tolerate _____” (people insert whichever sin they choose to at that particular moment). Does anything in Deuteronomy 6 indicate that God’s love prohibits Him from demanding anything less than our full worship? Does anything in Deuteronomy 6 leave room for a shallow warm feeling for God that is not followed by obedience and sincere devotion to Him?

As God’s people, let us not settle for shallow worship. When people look at your life, do they see Jesus or do they see themselves? Are you devoted to the Lord or are you going through motions? Are you worldly or are you a foreigner? In Scripture, we don’t find a gray area between the two. The greatest commandment was to love the Lord with everything. How do you measure up?

A Visit from the Whites

Submitted by Bonita Warrick

On Wednesday, June 26, our friends Ashley and Corby White who are long term missionaries that ICBC supports monthly thru World Venture visited with us. They gave us an update on their mission work in Poland. Corby played the guitar and Ashley sang for us. They are the parents of Marshall who is 8 years old and Evelyn who is 7. We were told they both speak Polish and English.

The Polish people mostly are Roman Catholic and seem to have a hopeless life. Their life doesn't reflect any relationship with Christ. Corby and Ashley work with their home church "Hosanah" They have a ministry working with the homeless. They distribute sandwiches wrapped with a Bible verse and help with food banks. Corby would like to purchase a building that he and Polish men can work on cars as a ministry,

Matthew 29:19, 20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Mildred and Virginia Eberharter Scholarship Fund

Submitted by Chip Rowan

On Sunday, June 30, 2019 the Mill Run United Methodist Church distributed the first group of scholarships from the Mildred and Virginia Eberharter Scholarship Fund. Nine scholarships were awarded totaling \$40,000. Receiving scholarships were, Rachel Grimm, Gabriel Kemp, Holly Miller, Alyssa Cain, McKinley Orndorff, Tanner Orndorff, Martie Cain, Cade Warrick and Allie Richter.

The Mildred and Virginia Eberharter Scholarship Fund was established by Virginia Eberharter as a memorial to her and her mother, Mildred Hawkins Eberharter. Education was very important to Virginia and she gave credit to her education for providing her with opportunities to be successful in life. Virginia was a Mill Run native and a graduate of Connellsville High School with the class of 1941. She entered the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Cumberland, Md., in September, 1941, and graduated in September, 1944, as a registered nurse. Virginia also attended the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in public health. After graduation, she was invited to join the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania as their public health coordinator.

Commander Virginia M. Eberharter was a veteran of three wars, World War II, Korean and Vietnam, and she entered the Navy Nurse Corps in April, 1945. During Virginia's military career she lived and traveled throughout the world, but always considered Mill Run home and always maintained her membership at the Mill Run United Methodist Church. Virginia was born on March 11, 1923 and died on March 18, 2018 at the age of 95.

The scholarship is available to members of the Mill Run United Methodist Church and the Indian Creek Baptist Church. The Trustees from the Mill Run United Methodist Church appoint a committee to determine the distribution of funds. Virginia saw this scholarship as a way to help others connected to the Mill Run community to have opportunities to further their education and a path to success.

Congratulations

Josiah Elliot McLaughlin was born to Pastor Chris and Amy McLaughlin on July 11, 2019. Josiah was 6 lbs, 5 oz. and 20" long at birth.

Obituaries

John Clinton "J.C." May, 86, a lifelong resident of Mill Run, passed away peacefully Fri. Aug. 23, 2019 in the Maple Valley Personal Care Home, Indiana, PA. He was born Sept. 25, 1932 in Mill Run a son of the late Gilbert E. and Martha Firestone May. J.C. was the owner/operator of J.C. May Lumber Company. He was a member of the Mill Run United Methodist Church and a lifelong member of the Gideons. J.C. loved horses and was very active in horse pulling and the Appalachian Wagon Train.

J.C. will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by his loving children John D. May and wife Judy , Roger May and wife Nancy, and Ray E. May and wife Kim all of Mill Run, and Lynae Williams and husband John of Indiana, PA., his 14 grandchildren, his 12 great grandchildren, his brother Laird May of Mill Run, and his sister Marie Hay and husband Ralph of Mill Run. In addition to his parents J.C. was predeceased by his wife Shirley M. Kalp May on March 4, 2015.

Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You

Submitted by Patty Ann Dull

I watched some documentaries about the terror attack on Sept. 11, 2001, when nearly 3,000 people were murdered in our nation. Of course, these reminders always fill me with gratitude and admiration for our first responders and our military. This time, I was left with another impression also. One feature I watched was a compilation of many amateur videos on the streets, as New Yorkers viewed it with horror and fear. The most common reaction was "Oh my God". I heard this as a scream, as a sob, and as a quiet murmur, from many various people. I am sure the same was uttered thousands of times from world-wide media viewers. I couldn't help but wonder how many of us had neglected to commune with God before the tragedy, to seek Him in worship or in thanks or in repentance, and not just to keep Him on hold for comfort as needed. It made me sad.

We thank Leroy and Cora (Shearer) Ferri, of Greensburg for their donation to help us to print and mail the Beacon.

Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.