

Blood Drive

At ICBC on March 13th from 12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the church gymnasium. Walk-ins are welcome!

King's Kids Club

will be returning to Friday afternoons for students in grades 3-5 beginning January 2019. Bus transportation will once again be provided from SPR/CNP to the church each Friday. 2019 KKC dates are; January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, and 22

The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the Indian Creek Baptist Church. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of April and will include activities from January, February, and March. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to the Beacon editor by Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

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

ATTENDANCE	10/7	10/14	10/21	10/28	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25	12/2	12/9	12/16	12/23	12/30
<i>Sunday School</i>	68	87	97	82	99	95	100	100	99	86	102	107	99
<i>Morning Church</i>	111	115	130	143	141	145	154	151	161	155	147	182	150
<i>Evening Church</i>	30	*	38	*	37	33	*	*	--	+	--	--	--

Youth News

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

Jett Dunaway is playing basketball for the Connellsville Falcon 5th grade team in the Westmoreland County travel league.

Trenton Kessler played Fall Baseball for Dunbar Little League.

Garrett Kessler also played Fall Baseball for Dunbar Little League.

Trenton & Garrett also welcomed a baby brother, Weston, into their home! How exciting!

Nicholas Santore & Jett Dunaway played Fall Baseball for Dunbar Little League & their team went undefeated!

God's Tots

Submitted by Patty Show

God's Tots recently finished up their fall session. In September we started our 10th year with 19 preschoolers in attendance. We currently have 29 registered. Our lessons focused on the creation, Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel. In October we had our lesson on pumpkins and how our light shines to other when we know Jesus. Pumpkins were scattered in the grove and after our story, each child was able to find a pumpkin to take home. We had a lesson on Thanksgiving and then lessons on Jesus birth. We concluded the lessons with our "Happy Birthday Baby Jesus" celebration. The preschoolers made crafts and had a book gift exchange and each child left with a goody bag. The children also brought shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We are taking a Christmas break but will be back in session on Tuesday, January 8. There is no charge for any preschooler to join us every Tuesday morning during the school year at 9:30 a.m.

District 11 Sunday School Association Rally

Submitted by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening December 9, 2018 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at Mill Run United Methodist Church. A total of 60 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and Mill Run 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 and opened with a Christmas Prayer.

John Tressler led the singing and pianist was Vicki Tressler. We enjoyed selecting many of our favorite Christmas hymns for the congregational singing. Special music for the evening was presented by the ICBC Senior Choir singing the upbeat "Hallelujah Song". And Virginia Work recited the Christmas story from Luke 2: 8 – 20. What an amazing memory!

An offering was taken and the money will be donated to the ICV Food Pantry in Normalville. Pastor Rob Kifer had the closing prayer for the service. It was a good evening of worship and fellowship.

The next rally will be held Sunday March 10 at Normalville United Methodist Church. Hope to see you there!

Gaither Christmas Homecoming

Submitted by Bonita Warrick

On Saturday night, December 1, a group of 10 from ICBC went to the 1st. Summit Arena in Johnstown to see and hear the Bill Gaither Group present a Christmas concert. It was so uplifting and really got us into the Christmas spirit. Quite a few from his group performed. The Gaither Vocal Band presented quite a few Christmas numbers. Of course, Mark Lowry was full of fun and then sang "Mary Did You Know." We were told Bill Gaither is now 83 and seems to still be going strong. It was a very rainy night and we got pretty wet walking to the arena and waiting in line to get in. But we dried out by the time we were ready to leave and go back out into the rain

American Baptist Women

Submitted by Bonita Warrick

The ABW has been busy with many mission projects. We received a request (quota) from the Bethel Chin Baptist Church in Indianapolis, IN. We sent money for them to buy the items they need for their work there. The Bethel Chin Baptist Church started in 2014 with 100 members and now have 229, Their mission is to take care of their members especially newcomers for their spiritual formation and reach the homeless people in their area. We also sent money to Chuck and Peggy Cunningham who are missionaries in Bolivia as they take their Christmas trip into the mountains there to deliver food, gifts and the Good News.

We are happy to announce that our church filled 255 shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. Thanks to all who gave in this mission. The World Mission Offering collected \$1063.00. The Baby Bottle Campaign collected \$941.29.

We will also be rolling bandages this winter and will announce a date later when you ladies and girls can join in. Our region project this year is "Partnering with Puerto Rico". When Hurricanes Irma and Maria brought devastation to Puerto Rico a small church of 20 people located in the rural mountains of Puerto Rico was left with only their concrete bathrooms standing. This small church had been built in 1996 and lost everything due to the devastating power of Hurricane Maria. It will take many years to complete. The American Baptist Women of Pennsylvania and Delaware are coming alongside to help rebuild their church. Our 2019 Calendar party will be sending the proceeds from this event for this project.

The ABW held their Christmas covered dish supper on December 20th.

ABW Craft Night

Submitted by Carol Fullem

In October we hosted a lighted gift bag craft night we had seventeen women and young ladies in attendance, there was snack and beverages. Fun and fellowship was had by all Matthew 5:16 was recited. May the lighted craft they created be a reminder of our own lights and to be a light to those around us.

We are planning on continuing the craft among other activities in the coming months.

Ladies of all ages come join us and see what all the fun is about!!

From the Desk of Pastor Chris

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – Acts 1:7-8

My temptation when reading these two verses is to focus on the last remark: that we will receive power and be His witnesses. These two phrases encompass much of our ministry as a church: we are only able to accomplish that for which we have been empowered (despite our attempts to create new programs and strategies, which are beneficial, we are wholly reliant upon Him) and we must be fiercely committed to the great commission. These are essential. But verse 7 is significant as well.

Jesus’ disciples desired the coming reign of the Messiah. They were eager to see God fulfill His promises to Israel: to reign over the land promised to Abraham (of which, in total, Israel has never held), to David (to have a king sit on his throne), and Daniel (the establishment of an unending kingdom).

Following this short discourse, Jesus ascended to heaven. This has a significant connection to the disciples’ desire: Jesus was promised to return the same way He left. As the Lord’s body; we should still find ourselves looking to the sky, awaiting our King. We should desire to see the Millennial kingdom, and all of the associated promises fulfilled. We have just ended a season of looking back at His first coming; let us now look forward to Him coming again.

Wedding Announcement

Caleb J. Addleman of Mill Run and Leah B. Horning of Somerset, PA were united in marriage on November 17, 2018 at the Somerset Alliance Church in Somerset, PA. Caleb is the son of Douglas & Dawn Addleman of Mill Run and is employed at Somerset County Memorial Park in Somerset. Leah is the daughter of Charles & Eileen Horning of Berlin, PA, and she works at Olde Earth Products and Fetch ‘N Go Feed and Pet Supply in Somerset. The couple resides on Burnworth Road, Mill Run, PA.

Kaitlyn Darielle Ross and Tyler Mark Broadwater were united in marriage on October 13, 2018 at the Indian Creek Baptist Church in Mill Run, PA. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Bob and Cindy Ross of Amity and Tyler is the son of Rick and Becky Broadwater of Mill Run. A reception followed at the Historic Summit Inn in Farmington. Tyler and Kaitlyn honeymooned in Orlando, Florida. Tyler is a Systems Administrator for LHTC Broadband and Kaitlyn is a medical assistant for Allegheny Health Network. Tyler and Kaitlyn reside on Oglevee Lane in Connellsville, PA.

Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You

Submitted by Patty Ann Dull

Ready or not! Here come the snowy days. So far we’ve had a few different ones. One day, the flakes were large and falling gently and softly. Another time, we had the storm-type of snowing. They were whirly twirling blowing little pellets. My sister Susan loves snow and prefers to call them ‘snow fluffies’ instead of flakes. She covered some cardboard with black velvet cloth wrapped around so that she can catch the big ones and see the lacy designs. It’s nice. I do that too. It’s best to keep it in the freezer so the flake appears on it longer.

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Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.

