

# WELLSVILLE UMC NEWSLETTER

## April 2011

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Sunday 10:45 am Worship, -- 9:30 am Sunday School  
Wednesday 6:30 pm Food, Fellowship, Faith & Fun

*Mission Statement: Knowing Christ and Making Christ Known*

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TACO DINNER FUNDRAISER

April 10  
12:00 pm

All are welcome!

This year's VBS is  
"Pandamania"

Don't forget the Nursing  
Home Service Sunday, April  
3, at 3:00 pm. It's only 30  
minutes and they enjoy it  
tremendously!



### Helping Hands Food Pantry Distribution

The Harvester Drive-  
Thru is Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>,  
9:00, and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>,  
10:30, is the regular  
distribution day.

If you can help on  
Friday or Saturday, please do.  
If you need to receive some of  
these items, please go.



### LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday  
April 17 – 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday  
April 21 – 7:00 pm

Good Friday—Community  
Service at the Baptist Family  
Life Center  
April 22 – 6:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY  
Clearfield Sunrise Service-  
West of Church  
April 24 – 6:00 am

Wellsville – 10:45 am

**Wednesday Night Bible  
Study for Lent**  
"24 Hours that Changed the  
World" by Adam Hamilton  
You are welcome to come join  
us as we study these last events  
in Jesus' life.



UMW meetings

Day Lites  
Wednesday, April 13  
1:15 pm

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Nite Lites  
Monday, April 18  
7:00 pm

At Donna Wasserfallen's  
home

Show items: Non-perishable  
food items for the local Food  
Pantry

**YOU ARE INVITED  
VINLAND UNITED  
METHODIST WOMEN'S  
SPRING SALAD SUPPER**

**THURSDAY  
APRIL 14  
6:30 PM**

Call the church office by April  
11 if you wish to attend. We  
will carpool.

## Church Picture Directory

We are still taking pictures for a new directory. We are doing it ourselves. If you have not had the opportunity to have your picture taken yet, please contact Melanie Good, 883-2034, to schedule a time.

If you don't live in the immediate area and would like your picture included in the directory, or you just can't make it to the church for your photo, you may send a digital photo to [donnawasserfallen@embarqmail.com](mailto:donnawasserfallen@embarqmail.com). We would really like to have a family picture as well as individual pictures of each family member.

## HOSPICE

Hospice of Olathe Medical Center is offering an opportunity to community members this spring to become a member of the hospice team by attending a 12-hour volunteer training session.

This 2-day training will be held on April 28 and 29 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. It is necessary to attend both days.

To enroll in this free training call: 913-324-8515.

## SIXTH ANNUAL HOPE HOUSE BENEFIT PRESENTATION

### THE LIVING LAST SUPPER Featuring the Hands of Glory

Sunday, April 10, 7:00 pm  
Ottawa Municipal  
Auditorium  
Adult: \$4

Child (10 & younger, with an adult): \$1

Tickets are available at the Auditorium Box Office in advance or at the door.



## BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS

Save your Best Choice UPC labels and bring them to church. The Congregational Ministries Committee has undertaken is this fundraiser. For every **1000 labels** we will receive **\$60**. What an easy way to raise funds!



## GOOD CAUSE FOR SCHOOL

Don't forget to save the can pull tabs, Education Points and Campbell's Labels. You may bring these to the church or send them to the school directly.



## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONGOING FUNDRAISING

We collect aluminum cans and newspapers for recycling. The money generated from this project is put in a fund for kids who want to go to camp and to help pay the registration fees.

*Please keep all of these projects in mind before you throw away any can, newspaper, or label.*

## INSTITUTE AND CAMP CHIPPEWA

Information and registration forms are available for Institute at Baker University or camps at Camp Chippewa. The information is hanging in the hallway outside the offices.

These are United Methodist opportunities for your children and youth to expand their faith experience and have a fun time doing it.

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

If you wish to apply for a scholarship to college or a Methodist summer experience, there are applications available in the office. Deadline for returning your application is April 30.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

To be blessed while blessing others. To join me in starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry, please email [palmerlina5@gmail.com](mailto:palmerlina5@gmail.com). This ministry uses many different talents including crochet, knitting, and quilting, and healing prayers. Please consider this if you have one of these talents.

Linda Palmer

## THANK YOU

Dear Wellsville Family,

*There are not words to express my appreciation for all the cards, prayers, and acts of kindness you've showered on me during my father's illness and death. I definitely felt your love and it helped. It meant the world to see your faces at visitation and at the service. You made a very difficult time so much better for me, and I'll always love you for being such special people.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart,*

*Kay Bailey*



MEMBERS SPECIAL DAYS

April

Anniversary

Scott & Joyce Garman	1
Doug & Lisa Neis	6
Victor & Heather Rader	8
Wayne & Wanda Good	13
Steve & Chris Patton	17
Lee & Carol Milroy	27
Brian & Barbara Kearney	29

Birthday

Paige McCarty	1
Chailyn Cummings	2
Caleb Westhoff	2
Tom Baker	5
Linda Klamm	5
Sharon Caruthers	6
Cole Silsby	8
Hailey Watson	8
Chris Caruthers	11
Midge Casselman	11
Debbie Snyder	12
Jay Barnett	13
Carol Fleming	13
Tyler Martin	13
Mark Rader	14
Lillian Good	16
Doug Neis	17
Bobbie Pearce	17
Rick Phillips	17
Vanessa Stewart	21
Skyler Chambers	24
Laurel Edstrom	24
Deanna Rhoades	24
Shamus Kearney	25
Carolyn Silvius	25
Melanie Good	26
Heather Rader	26
Renate Watts	26
Dee Ann Power	27
Arlene Coons	28
Kari Patton	28
Jessica Simecka	28
Louise Burgoon	29

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*There seems to be so much more winter than we need this year.* Kathleen Norris

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*Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.*

Charles Dudley Warner  
(editorial, Hartford Courant, Aug. 24, 1897)

**Vacation Bible School**

***It's time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. Please volunteer your time and energy to make this another VBS the kids will remember. Please contact Beth Watson at 883-4824 or you may e-mail her at [nofilter@embarqmail.com](mailto:nofilter@embarqmail.com). Don't forget the Taco Dinner Fundraiser Sunday, April 10, at 12:00 pm.***

**VBS is July 11-15, 9:00-12:00.**



We are well into the Lenten season and Easter is just a few weeks away. So how prepared are we for the holiest day of the Christian year? I don't mean by that have we bought our new Easter bonnet, or dyed a sufficient number of eggs. I mean what is the state of our souls. Odd isn't it? Most of us would never consider going on a two day trip without packing for every contingency, but we will let the day of our greeting the Risen Lord slip up on us with hardly a second thought. Now I know what you are probably thinking. "Lane, it is an anniversary! We aren't going to really be meeting the risen Jesus come the 24<sup>th</sup> of April." And my response is, "How do you know you aren't?" It was clear that on that first Easter no one expected to meet the risen Christ either. In fact, the very last person anyone expected to encounter that day was Jesus. That is the thing about Easter; it is unpredictable. One never knows when one might

encounter the Risen Christ. The two disciples on the road to Emmaus weren't looking for Jesus. When Peter and John ran to the tomb, they would not have been surprised to find Jesus' body, but they certainly didn't expect to find the tomb empty. Mary Magdalene searched the garden for a body, but found her Lord instead. The last thing Saul of Tarsus expected to run into on the road to Damascus was the Son of God.

Our God is anything but predictable. I am amused by people who study prophecy trying to determine the exact date of Jesus' return. Even if we knew the exact moment, would we be any better prepared? The lesson of Easter is that Jesus meets us when we least expect him, in ways and places where we would never expect to find him. One can never be too prepared for Easter. Our Easter is coming! Maybe we have already had an Easter experience, or many such experiences. What is certain is that sooner or later we, too, will come face to face with the Risen Lord. Will that moment be one of transcending joy or abject shame? Will we fall at his feet proclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" or will we shrink in terror? What is the state of our souls? Is Christ Lord of our lives, or do we just give Easter lip service? Don't let Easter sneak up on you? Let the Holy Spirit help you examine your soul and prepare your heart because the Risen Christ is unbounded, free and wild and he will greet you when you least expect him.

Grace and Peace –  
Pastor Lane

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