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The Weekly Vision

January 2—January 9

Thought for the Day . . .

ROOM IN THE BANK

Is your life full and busy? Perhaps, too busy? Sometimes we fill our lives so full we don't have time for the important things. At such times

I remember a story about a young girl and her bank.

The little girl's father had just given her a silver dollar to put into her bank. She excitedly ran off to her room to "deposit" the coin. However, in a few minutes she returned and handed the silver coin back to her father.

"Daddy," she said sadly, "here's your dollar back. I can't get it into my bank."

"Why not?" her concerned father asked.

"It's too full," she said, obviously disappointed.

Her father accompanied her back to her room and, sure enough, her bank was too full to accept even one more coin. It was filled with pennies!

Sometimes our lives are like that bank. So full of errands, obligations and activities that neither nurture us nor help anyone else, that there simply is no room left for what is truly important -- the silver dollars.

Grenville Kleiser has said, "To live at this time is an inestimable privilege, and a sacred obligation devolves upon you to make right use of your opportunities. Today is the day in which to attempt and achieve something worthwhile."

Have you made room for any large coins in your bank; for those things you believe to be worthwhile? If not, you may have to remove a few pennies, but I suspect you will never know they are gone!

From JOY ALONG THE WAY by Steve Goodier

The acolyte is Samantha Markey.
 The Altar Flowers are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of all January Birthdays donated by the Ryder family.
 The Altar rose is in honor of Anna Maren Arrington born on December 22nd, 2004 to Bryan and Nichole Arrington.
 The Bulletins are presented to the Glory of God.
 The Greeters are Helen Hoke and Evelyn Brown.
 The Ushers are members of the Steve Spatz team.
 The Nursery Attendants are Conrad and Tammy Lytle.

The following have BIRTHDAYS this week:

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| 2—Jodie Leedy | 5—Patricia Caltrider |
| 3—Kristen Muller | 6—Richard Deaner |
| Joseph Murren | David Deaner |
| 4—Charlotte Moore | 7—Mary Anne Elliott |
| Millie Ryder | Deb Simon |
| | 8—Noll Slaybaugh |

STAFF	
Jay E. Zimmerman	Pastor
Sara E. Bupp	Dir. of Youth Ministries
Bruce Guiher	Sexton
Fred Myers	Treasurer
Natalie Price	Administrative Assistant
Kelly Renner	Organist
Charles H. Thompson	Music Coordinator

The Weekly Calendar

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| Sunday, Jan 2 | 8:45 AM Breakfast Bunch for Children
9:15 AM Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 AM Worship—Celebrating the Wesley Covenant Service and Holy Communion |
| Monday, Jan 3 | 5:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM The Jesus I Never Knew Series
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting |
| Tuesday, Jan 4 | 10:00 AM UMW—Ginger Riley shares slides of her Serengeti Safari
5:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM How to be a Contagious Christian |
| Wednesday, Jan 5 | 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsals |
| Thursday, Jan 6 | 10:00 Act's Bible Study
7:00 PM Disciple II Study |
| Sunday, Jan 9 | 8:45 AM Breakfast Bunch for Children
9:15 AM Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 AM Baptism of Our Lord/Remembrance of Baptism Celebration
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship |

<u>Attendance</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	
Last week	Last year
92	152
<u>Sunday School</u>	
Last Week	Last Year
26	39

Stewardship

Karsen Donati-Leach's Trip
Mission Can's monthly total:
\$427.13
Weekly Giving:
\$144.00

Yearly Budget.....	\$225,488.00
Budget Year To Date	\$225,488.00
Received Year To Date.....	\$214,945.71
Needed per Sunday	\$4,336.31
Received Last Sunday	\$4,136.10

January's Mission Can is designated to help the recent victims of the Hurricane/ Tsunami .

Our Prayer Ministry

Prayer Concerns for this Week

Our prayers this week include: Arlene Lawyer (sister of Ruth Anna Polley) Lloyd Hawbecker, Chuck Phillips, Doris Deaner, Bob Dillman, Robert and Ida Smith, Margaret LeGay, Jeff Persell, Sara Rose Wickham, Logan Shindledecker, Michael Robinson, and Kelly Baldwin, John McKenna, Marie Claybaugh, Joyce Richmond, Thomas Heflin, Bill Ryder, Mike Orleski, Delphine Seifrit, Martha O'Bryant, Marcus Humphrey, George Wetmore, and 5 unspoken requests.

Pastoral prayers this week for those whose last name begins with these letters: January 2nd—B, 3rd—C, 4th—D, 5th—E, 6th—F, 7th—G, 8th—G, 9th—I.

Please remember that if you don't wish to publicly express your prayer concerns, you may use the PRAYER PILLAR in the back of the church for your requests.

*Sympathy is expressed to Don and Joyce Richmond on the recent death of Don's mother.

Ministries of Worship, Education, and Outreach

Mind, Heart, Spirit-Stretching For the New Year...

*Mondays: On January 3rd, we will jump back into our consideration of Philip Yancey's book, The Jesus I Never Knew, particularly Chapter 3.-Since we are not too far into this book/video series, newcomers are welcome. The book is available at a cost of \$15.00 in both regular and large print. For your copy, please contact the church office at 334-3032.

*Tuesdays: The coming of Epiphany, the season of "light and proclamation," invites us to "Christian witness." Knowing that such a testimony of faith is not without its challenges and opportunities, Pastor Jay will be offering a 6/7 week class on "How to be a Contagious Christian." This meaningful video series has been successfully used in Christian congregations...everywhere! Please join us on Tuesday, January 4th, at 6:30 PM for our first gathering. No cost is involved.

*Thursdays: at 10:00 AM each Thursday, a faithful group gathers in the "conference room" to consider God's Holy Word. Currently, the class is focusing on the final chapters of Acts, particularly starting with Chapter 21. Join us on Jan. 6th!

*Thursdays: Also on January 6th, at 7:00 PM, we will begin Disciple II, the internationally acclaimed Bible Study by Cokesbury. This 32 week series is open to any and all, including those who did not take Disciple I. The cost is \$30 for the materials. Our aspiration is that the study notebooks will be here by next Sunday, January 6th. Join us!

Join us for one or more of these "Growing Moments" in the Lord! Call our church office at 334-3032 for further details.

Audio Training...January 4th—All those who are interested in the Sound Ministry program (our new audio system) are invited to attend the training session to be conducted by Chris Hicks, from PA Entertainment Group. Training will begin promptly at 6:30 PM on Tue 4 Jan at the church and will last approximately 1.5 hrs. Training is open to everyone. There is no age or gender restriction, we're simply seeking anyone interested in learning about audio/visual technology (the visual will follow later) and who desires to serve our congregation by providing meaningful support for our worship programs. Contact Larry Speer at 642-6123 with any questions.

Confirmation Class...To Begin January 9th...Calling all young people, 7th grade and up...who have not joined the Gettysburg Congregation! On Sunday, January 9th, at 5:00 PM, Pastor Jay will be hosting an informal dinner/meeting at the church for those who are interested in our 2005 Confirmation Class. The class will explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and thus, a member of the congregation. For additional information, please call Pastor Jay at 334-3032 (O), 334-1821 (H), or 321-3149 (C). See you on January 9th!

Basic Lay Speaking Class-February 26, March 5, and March 12, 2005-8:30 AM till 3:00 PM at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church, 30 W. High Street, Gettysburg, PA. Deborah Westbrook will be the instructor. The topics will be "Lay Speaking Ministry" & "Serving From the Heart." Applications will be sent to churches in mid-January.