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## Circuit Rider

Fall 2009 Edition

### Christian Education Sunday, September 27

Plans are underway here at CHUMC to honor the important task of training up the body of Christ. Sunday, September 27th has been designated as Christian Education Sunday.

Bibles will be presented to our 3rd and 4th grade students. Children will be invited to participate in worship

and the congregation will have the opportunity to share precious memories of their Sunday School experiences through the years.

We will also be receiving new members to our congregation that day. Please come and support them as they take this important step on their faith journey.

### Homecoming and Harvest Festival, October 4

In celebration of our 175th year in ministry, Cherry Hill UMC is hosting a **Homecoming and Harvest Festival on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 4.**

The celebration will feature a wonderful time of worship at 10:30AM followed by a Potluck Dinner and time of socializing as folks take time to remember their days here at Cherry Hill UMC.

**We would encourage everyone to bring Photo albums, Scrap Books, Historical Items** so that we can share the history not only of a beautiful building but the community of faith that has worshipped here for so many years.

The CHUMC office will attempt to notify as many people as possible about this event but if you know someone who has attended here in the past, please contact them so that they too

might come and join in the festivities.

The meat for this event will be furnished. **Please bring a dish to pass.** We can keep it warm during worship or refrigerated as necessary.

**While no reservation is required, it would be very helpful. RSVP at (734)495-0035.**

As part of our ongoing service to our community and world, the Mission Team is designating our "Harvest Offering" for the Community Pantry in Belleville which has been especially hard hit by the economic downturn. **The Pantry at Belleville 1st UMC** has a Federal Grant with which to buy food stuffs but the grant does not cover any of the following personal hygiene products: **Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Hand Soap, Tooth Paste and Tooth Brushes.**

If you can, please give generously.

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#### Calendar

Sept. 13 & 20, 6pm  
CHUMC Membership Class

Sept. 18-19  
Rosh Hashanah Services  
Congregation Bet Chaverim

Sept. 22, 6pm  
Ann Arbor Dist. Mtg  
Ypsilanti, 1st UMC

Sept. 27, 10:30am  
Christian Ed. Sunday  
Receive New Members

Oct. 1, 7:30pm  
Annual Charge Conference

Oct. 4, 10:30  
Homecoming & Harvest  
Festival

Oct. 24, 8:30am—5pm  
"Iron Sharpens Iron"  
Men's Conference

Nov. 1  
All Saints Sunday

Nov. 22  
Consecration Sunday

## Cleva Luebke walks 60 miles for a cure!



With a difficult family history of Breast Cancer, Cleva Luebke felt driven to do her part to help raise money for a cure. After months of walk training with her husband Ed, she and some 1800 walkers, trekked the 3-day, sixty mile journey.

“I made it!” Cleva said. “I made all sixty miles and the full three days... What a privilege it was for me to stand in the finish circle with my raised tennis shoe in honor of the survivors who walked along with me and endured the heat and the blisters that nearly did us all in. What fighters they are! It made every painful step worth it.”

**“If you haven’t had your yearly mammogram, please do so today. Do not wait...”**

Thank you for your donations, your prayers and your support. In Christ’s love, Cleva

## Jamaica Mission Trip—Mission Accomplished!

Sixteen team members from Michigan, Indiana and Kentucky traveled to Bloomfield, Portand Parish Jamaica June 20-27. We had a great time serving our fellow Methodists there by painting the church building inside and out as well as re-roofing the structure.

Several also held a Bible School at the Bloomfield Methodist All Age School.

Some seventy children participated as our team shared the stories from the Bible with very creative dramas, Bible Study and Crafts.

The “Pillowcase Dresses” were delivered with those not distributed at the school going to Rev. Buchanan to be distributed later as the need arises in the three other communities he serves; Fruitfulvale, Port Antonio

and Hope Bay.

The last day of our trip we visited the Clonmel Basic School which is supported by the Faith United Methodist Women. The children there, 3-5 year olds were delightful. Later in the day we went on to Highgate, St. Mary, where Pastor Merlin & Kay used to live.

Thank you for your support.



## This date in the History of American Methodism

A Blacksmith by trade, Francis Asbury was converted at a young age and became a local preacher at age 18 and in a short few years gave his life to full time ministry. He was admitted as a full member of the clergy in 1768.

Three years later with the blessings of John Wesley, Methodism’s founding father and leaders of the Methodist Conference, Asbury ac-

cepted the appointment to travel to Colonial America and help lead the growing number of Methodists on the continent. On September 4, 1771 Rev. Asbury sailed from the Port of Bristol for Colonial America. The journey would last ‘til October 27 when they made port in Philadelphia. It can truly be said that America has never been the same.

Along the Eastern Seaboard, from New York to Georgia,

even into Ohio, Asbury’s footprint is still visible to this day.

Many of Methodism’s early churches, Holiness Camps and meeting houses were among Asbury’s stops along the primitive roads of early America.

Asbury was a strong believer in Methodism’s emphasis on the itinerancy; the continuing rotation of its clergy. It was a controversial part of our movement then as it is now. Con-

ference approved the time limit of six months for preachers and three months for those in New York. This helped eliminate favoritism and the “Country Club” attitudes that had driven Wesley to seek renewal in the Anglican Church back in England.

In his lifetime, Methodism grew in America from 1000 to 200,000 members.



Tour Guide—Tim Collins  
“Timothy’s Timely Tours”  
“A Ticket to Adventure”  
took us on the Missionary  
Journeys of the Apostle  
Paul in the First Century

## A Ticket To Adventure—VBS a SUCCESS!

With wonderful volunteers and eager students, CHUMC’s VBS program had a successful run back in August. As we studied the missionary journeys of Paul and some of his friends we learned about Jesus’ love and encouragement that goes with us wherever we go.

We had wonderful treats, beautiful crafts, learned Bible verses and new songs that stick in our heads.

Adults and children were able to make new friends.

We had volunteers and students from both Faith UMC and CHUMC which was terrific. **Staff from Faith** were: Pastor Kay Pratt, Doris Bennett, Jeanne Killingbeck, Sue Winther, Barb Price, Christine Mitchell. **From CHUMC**, Kevin Hulse, Bob Simmons, Beth Christesen, Clea Luebke, Jan McDonald, Donna Heath, Jo Nichols, Pat

Beggs, Dorothy Richards, Cynthia Flanigan, Tim Flanigan, Tim Collins, Tim Fotovich, Melody Dodge and Pastor Merlin.

Special Thanks to Michelle Century who helped with prizes and games before heading off to South Carolina.

Our mission project was Heifer International. Nearly \$250 was raised to help families across the globe.

## Physical Health and Fitness at CHUMC

Pastor Merlin wants to invite everyone who is looking to be more physically fit to check out either the American Kenpo (Karate) class or the Pilates Class offered by Guardian Martial Arts & Fitness, Inc., on **Wednesday evenings here at CHUMC.**

This is a great opportunity to stretch out those tired muscles and to work on coordination and balance, all of which tend to leave us as we get a little older.

Kelly Perkins, our instructor tells Pastor that it will make him a better dancer. Time will tell on

that one. Ha!

**On the web at [Guardianmartialarts.com](http://Guardianmartialarts.com)**



**Desperation  
Saturday!!**

## Cherry Hill UMC Work Bee—October 10 & 24

Can you believe that Autumn begins on Sept. 22? I don’t know about you, but I don’t remember much summer. Hopefully God will bless us with a beautiful Indian Summer featuring warm breezes and lots of sunshine as we prepare for winter’s cold blasts that will be here before we know it.

Dorothy Richards has set October 10 and 24 as our Fall Work Bee Days and we hope you can join us for one or both of those days.

While the work is sometimes a little strenuous, many hands do make light work. As we continue to serve our Lord Jesus, car-

ing for our church and grounds is very important. There are still folks who think we’re just a quaint “historical” building. Let’s show them that we are alive and well as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation and salvation of the world.