

Conversations With God

Having a conversation with God can be as easy as grabbing a cup of coffee with a friend. God is always present and open to talk whenever we are ready. As we study prayers in the bible, we'll redefine what it means to pray and learn how we can better communicate with God and live out the scripture to 'pray constantly.'

- June 6** ***Can We Talk?*** **Exodus 3:1-12**
Can I say anything I want? Do I have to use formal language? Can I discuss and bring up my own opinions? Does God talk back? These are just a few of the questions you may have about talking with God. This morning we'll see that prayer isn't a one way request form but rather a two way conversation with a God who loves us and wants to talk.
- June 13** ***Asking for the Right Things*** **1 Kings 3:5-9**
Can I have a new Porsche? How about a 72 inch television? Or better yet, a million dollars? We can ask God for absolutely anything, but as we develop a mature prayer life ultimately we find ourselves asking God for things He wants us to have anyway. This morning we'll discuss how the attitude we bring to the conversation helps our hearts ask for the right things.
- June 20** ***Does It Really Matter?*** **Psalm 22**
Why bother? Is God listening? Life is bad and I don't hear anything. These statements hit us all at some point in our walk with God. This morning we'll learn how to pray through the difficult times of our life and understand talking with God will help. There is power in a good conversation with God.
- June 27** ***Shut Up and Listen*** **1 Kings 19:1-18**
We saved this till last because it's pretty difficult... We live in a loud world. We have televisions, radios, telephones, Bluetooth cellulators, texting, IM and facebook that beep at us all day long. With all the noise in the world, sometimes the hardest thing to do is find a moment of quiet. We're so used to talking and chattering that we forget that God is trying to speak too. This morning we'll listen to God's voice and not our own.



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

The following individuals were received into membership. Welcome them whole heartedly!

Carla DiNatale	Alan Fagan	Ann Fagan	Marisa Francis
Paul Francis	Michelle Frye	Michelle Lehigh	Randy Frye
Ron Reeder	Ricky Sisco	Margo Whittaker	

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CROSSPOINT @ COLONIAL PARK—WORSHIP AT 8:00 AND 10:45 A.M.

May certainly was filled with more than its share of wind and rain. You may have noticed bits of slate all around the building @ Colonial Park. These pieces have fallen from the sanctuary roof. The Trustees, at their last meeting, addressed the need for a new roof and approved installing a new shingle roof sometime this summer. Shingles proved to be the most cost effective and yet long-term option available. Funds for this project will come from the Capital Fund. So please bear with us this summer as we undergo a bit of construction to update the building. If you have an interest or would like to know more about serving on the Trustees, please contact Pastor Jen at jwilliams@xpointumc.org.

CROSSPOINT @ SOUTH HANOVER—WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M....

by Jason Mackey

Summer Options... We're getting into that great time of year where the days are longer, the nights are warmer and Sunday mornings are "sparser." With the summer time comes family vacations and summer sleepovers, and we totally know how that can wreak havoc with your family's church schedule. So take a moment to consider two possible options. First, with all the great weather and not wanting to be cooped up inside, why not have a small group cookout? Invite a few friends from church and your neighborhood to have a cookout. That's what the early church would have done and it's a lot of fun. Faith doesn't have to be boring. In fact, this is a great way to make it practical. Second, when friends and family are in town to visit, it's a great chance to take them to church. Don't forget that CrossPoint has five different worship opportunities at four different times. Find one that works for you, take your houseguests to church and then spend the afternoon in Hershey (especially if you worship out @ South Hanover—we can see the Park from the school). Just because it's the summer doesn't mean we have to bail out on God. In fact it's a great chance to introduce your friends and family to Jesus. If you're interested in throwing a party or have questions about worship and education opportunities @ South Hanover, contact Pastor Jason at jmackey@xpointumc.org.



Dear Friend of God,

I wanted to take this space here to thank the anonymous donor from the bottom of my heart for your kind and generous blessing. On Sunday May 16th, I opened your letter in the Youth Room while preparing for Vessel in the morning and I have to tell you that I was filled with unspeakable joy and thanks for your blessing. I want you to know that your blessing will be used to purchase my camera. Learning the many wonderful and beautiful things of photography is something I look forward to both as a hobby as well as capturing the incredible moments I'm experiencing while leading our students here at CrossPoint Church. I'm forever grateful for you and for our church family. May you be blessed as you continue to bless others.

In His Dust,

Josh Maatman



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CROSSPOINT @ RUTHERFORD—WORSHIP AT 9:30 A.M.

....by Chris Bucklin

So we just finished our XXX Church series on sin, and boy was it a hard hitter. For some it was too much, they decided not to participate. For others, it was difficult, but they made it through. And still for others, it was exactly what they needed, even if they didn't want it. Going through a series like this, I, as campus pastor, receive a lot of questions, sometimes stated in the form of such, other times communicated by that certain look – the 'are you seriously going to do that?' – kind of look. And though the questions vary in wording and form, they all seem to point at the same central idea, which goes something like this: Why is it that we feel it's necessary to talk about such things?

The answer is pretty straightforward: because *we want to become the kind of people who make God pleased with how we live*. Wait – huh? Let me explain. Over the past several years in ministry, I have met a lot of people. And most of these people are very excited to hear about how much God loves them. Why? Because it is wonderful news! God's love for us is so profound, so rich, so glorious, so... needed, that when we encounter it, even in small doses, it ravishes us from the inside out. But most people, instead of moving with God's love in the direction it naturally takes us, instead veer off course, and become self-centeredly obsessed with what God does *for them*. God becomes a genie in a bottle, so to speak, and thus we spend all of our time singing about how great His love is for ME, what He does for ME, and how much He gives ME. Now, these things are true, and important, but they were never intended to be the end all. 1 John 4:19 says this: "We love, because He first loved us." This is true of both our fellow man, and... of God. I have met many people who are all about how much God loves them, and very few who are interested in loving God back. And how do we do such a thing? We, because of God's love for us, respond with a sense of gratitude, and longing, which naturally guides us into a state of mind where we say, "I want to make you proud – you have done so much for me." And we carry this out, by being transformed in such a way, so as to turn away from sin, and seek out – live out – the Good that He predestined us to do (Ephesians 2:10). That is why we talk about sin – so we can be the kind of people who seek to better ourselves as an act of worship in loving our great God.

GOD MOMENTS ABOUND FOR THE HOSPITAL VISITATION TEAM

by Pastor Jen Williams

It's Saturday morning ... early. I'd rather be in bed, but Allen Thompson, the leader of the Hospital Visitation Team, called a meeting and I eagerly agreed to be there. So, there I was neither bright eyed nor bushy tailed, but @ Colonial Park sitting in Room 207 with 17 others at 8:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning. And then WOW, the Holy Spirit moved and I was so glad I didn't sleep in. The Hospital Visitation Team is on FIRE!!! This is a dedicated group of individuals who give of their time to brighten the day of those in the hospital. Each member gives 2-3 days a month where they visit anyone in the CrossPoint family who find themselves sick and checked into a hospital or rehab facility. And on Saturday morning, they shared their stories of how their lives are enriched by visiting others. What a powerful God moment to watch as this team of people became energized by sharing their passion in ministry. If you would like to know more, or join this awesome Hospital Visitation team, please contact Allen Thompson at gat660@comcast.net or call the church office.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE SNACK TIME A BLAST AT VBS!

We are in need of paper products and food item donations for snack time at VBS this year. Please place your donations in the designated box in the Level 200 kitchen @ Colonial Park beginning Sunday, June 13th. Please place your cold or frozen food donations in the black refrigerator. We appreciate your help with this important outreach to our community!



Paper Products Needed

Napkins
Paper plates
Dixie cups
Plastic spoons
Ziploc sandwich bags
Cupcake papers.

Food Items Needed

Keebler Club Crackers
Cracker Barrel Extra Sharp Cheddar Cheese
Cracker Barrel Sharp White Cheddar Cheese
Duncan Hines Yellow Cake Mix
Pillsbury Funfetti Vanilla Frosting
Pillsbury Vanilla Frosting
Vanilla Oreos
Large bags of M&M's
Raisins
Lucky Charms
Chocolate Cheerios
Popsicles - Rocket ship kind, if available
Bags of single serving Ice Cream cups
Rainbow Sprinkles (star shaped, if available)
Capri Sun Juice Boxes
Small water bottles

Note: At CrossPoint, we desire to be sensitive to children with food allergies and their need to feel included in this portion of VBS. Please donate only the brands on the list, which have been pre-screened for the absence of common food allergens (including milk, gluten, peanuts and eggs). In addition, alternative choices will be provided for kids with food allergies. Please specify if your child has food allergies on your registration form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



PARENTS, PASTRIES AND PRAISE

The preschool children of Play-N-Worship @ Colonial Park would like to invite their parents to a special morning of breakfast treats and songs on Sunday, June 6th from 10:30 – 11:00 am in Room 101. Please contact Christy Hicks @ 526-6188 or chicks97@aol.com for further information.

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Galactic BLAST! Vacation Bible School is coming Sunday, July 11th through Thursday, July 15th, 6:00-8:30 p.m. @ Colonial Park.

It is hard to believe that another year has gone by and Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! If you have participated in the past, you know what a fulfilling outreach experience this can be. If you have not participated in the past, please consider volunteering your time to make this VBS an awesome experience for the many children that attend!

The theme this year is Galactic BLAST, A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! At Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010, your cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Our final staff meeting will be Sunday, June 13th at 12:30 p.m. @ Colonial Park in Brown Hall (pizza will be provided). Safe Sanctuaries training will also be provided after the meeting for those volunteers that have not had the training. The training is required to be able to volunteer for VBS. Child Care will be available in Room 202. Please call the church office by Wednesday, June 9th to request child care. We look forward to working with each of you! In the meantime, if you have any questions, please e-mail Natalie Foxwell at 645-4609 or nfwgroups@comcast.net. Also, an email list is being set up to make communication easier. When you see an email from CPUMC-VBS@yahoo.com, it's just from us!

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Our Spring Program was a huge hit! It was a vivid reminder of how *Great, Big and Wonderful* our God is. The kids and teachers did an amazing job!!!

The children spent the last month exploring God's creation from the butterflies to the creatures under the sea. They celebrated the end of school with special presentations and parties too. It is hard to believe our Nursery School Year is over. We had a wonderful year together. We all look forward to a fun filled summer and beginning a new school year in September.

Summer prayer focus: Prayers for those children preparing for nursery school, for those yet to come, and for the children moving on to kindergarten. Also, pray for the Nursery School Team as they spend time with family and friends in preparation for the school year ahead.

NURSERY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

We still have openings in our Nursery School Classes for the upcoming school year. Please be sure to pass on this information to your family and friends. Those interested may contact Jennifer Hecker at the church office.



THE PAPER COACH

--- the newsletter for Small Group Leaders is available online. Leaders were sent the spring edition by email. Hard copies are posted at the third floor Plug In Board @ Colonial Park, and on the information tables @ South Hanover and @ Rutherford.

ATTENTION SMALL GROUP LEADERS: SERMON-BASED LESSONS WILL END FOR THE SUMMER



Sermon Based Small Group Lessons ended at the end of May. “Conversations With God” is the next series starting in June. Several good studies on prayer are available or use the *Serendipity Bible* for Small Group Leaders if your group wants to study through the summer. In July and August, the sermons will be based on the book of Joshua. (Leaders: if you haven’t gotten your Serendipity Bible contact Helen Patrick.)



SAVE THE DATE: SISTERS OF THE HEART LUNCH

Saturday, June 5th, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. @ Colonial Park in Brown Hall. Need a girls' day? Don't we all!? We are planning to have a fun luncheon, with times of fellowship, food and a few surPRIZES as we gather with our Sisters in Christ. You don't need to be in the Sisters of the Heart program to join us for the luncheon, but this will be a great opportunity for you to come and find out what we are all about and that is practicing Christian love by offering our friendship, caring, sharing, encouraging and praying for one another.

During the luncheon, Friends of the Heart will offer a program, “Friendship: Got It In You?”. *Friends of the Heart* is comprised of three Millersburg women—Janine Boyer, Shirley Brosius and Kim Messinger—who share God’s love through testimony, music and drama. The program will include a skit and talks on the qualities of friendship along with songs by Messinger.

Shirley Brosius is the author of *Sisterhood of Faith: 365 Life-Changing Stories About Women Who Made a Difference*, which received the 2009 Gold Award in the category of Inspirational/Spiritual by Young Voices Foundation. Messinger is a school district response to intervention and literacy coach and the singer of the group. Janine Boyer works in a family business. The three lead women’s retreats and church programs throughout the East. Visit www.friendsoftheheart.us to learn more about them.

Books will be available to purchase at the luncheon, which Shirley Brosius will be happy to personalize and autograph for you.

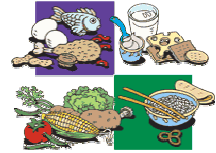
To RSVP (by May 29th) or for questions contact Janeé Bloom at yourbutterfly79@yahoo.com or 545-6045 (leave a message). If you are willing and able to donate a food or drink item to the luncheon please specify what you would like to bring. Thank you!

Contribute

CROSSPOINT FOOD PANTRY

Are you a writer? Do you enjoy telling people about what's going on? Well, there is a ton of stuff going on at the Food Pantry right now and we need a writer. We need someone who can come in, hear the stories, catch the excitement and share it with the congregation.

The Pantry is an amazing ministry that brings people from all walks of life together in one place for one simple mission: *LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, AND MAKE DISCIPLES*. Every week volunteers begin with prayer and bible study, they break out all the food and sort quantities and sizes, and then they transform the Pantry into this wonderful place where it's clear everyone can belong. It's not uncommon to hear someone say how they came in tired and hungry and they left energized and willing to trudge on. No, they didn't get a nap or even a shot of caffeine. They got a powerful encounter with the living God that changed their lives. If you would like to be part of that or if you would be interested in writing newsletter articles that capture it, contact Pastor Jason at jmackey@xpointumc.org. If you would like to make a donation to the Pantry, your financial contributions will go the furthest. At the Food Bank \$3.50 will purchase 12 boxes of cereal. At Giant, that might buy one? Of course, there are some things we cannot get at the Food Bank and that would include paper towels, dish soap and personal hygiene products. All of these items are hard to come by and would mean a lot to the families. Thank you, in advance, for helping to achieve the mission!



SENIOR TRAVEL AND SOCIAL GROUP (ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!)

Here are some of our upcoming events. Contact Mary Jane Starry at 651-1378 with your questions or reservations (if needed).

June 15th: "Sunshine Boys" at the Huntingdon Hills Playhouse.

The next outing will be to Sight and Sound Theatre to see the musical "Joseph". Please call Mary Jane Starry at 651-1378 to let her know if you are interested. Also let her know if you would like to travel to Sight and Sound via "car" or "bus".



SHEPHERD NEEDED @ COLONIAL PARK

From 9:15-10:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in our Infant Room. If you can rock babies, sing them songs, and tell them about Jesus, this is the ministry for you! (A co-shepherds rotation would work, too.) Please contact Christy Hicks @ chicks97@aol.com or 526 6188 to volunteer, or for further information.

CROSSPOINT CHRISTIAN CHILD CARE SUMMER CAMP

...still has several full time openings in our third and fourth grade group, and in our fifth through seventh grade group (grade child has completed). The weekly fee is \$130 plus swimming and field trips. If you are interested in enrolling your child, or would like further information, please contact Darby Golec, Director, at 545-4706 or dgolec@xpointumc.org.



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SIERRA LEONE UPDATE

Did you catch worship on May 23rd? Pastor Dave gave an awesome presentation on Sierra Leone and the impact that CrossPoint is having on that village (it's on the web in case you missed it). It's exciting to see that the Serry Family Home will soon be completed and plans for the new church building are coming together. And right now we are looking for three types of people:



1. Missionaries – the 2011 Mission Team is now forming. If you've ever considered going to Sierra Leone as part of the team, even if you're not sure you can afford it, or get the time off work, e-mail Pastor Jason at jmackey@xpointumc.org and let's chat.
2. Action Team Members – there's a lot to do to promote Sierra Leone, coordinate projects to help the village, advertise to the church and community and keep the village in the forefront. Tackling that task is Tom Wannick and his team of volunteers. If you're interested to hear what he needs or how you can help, contact him at cpl6pa@verizon.net.
3. Hershey Park Volunteer Effort – we as a church believe that we should support our missionaries financially for the work they're doing. Hershey Park has a unique program that allows volunteers to work in the park and earn money for their church, as well as a one day pass. For more details or to get involved, contact Holly Zieber at zieberfamily4@verizon.net.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT WORK CAMP

The Harrisburg District will once again be holding a work camp this summer in the city of Harrisburg. It will be July 11-16 and they are looking for workers, caterers, and finances! If you or your small group would like to help, please contact Pastor Jason at jmackey@xpointumc.org or 545-1911.

MEMORIAL/HONOR GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED

CrossPoint United Methodist Church would like to acknowledge the following Memorial/Honor gifts received in April:

Gifts were received from Robert and Lily Espenshade, Andrew and Marguerite Thompson, Arlene Georff, Debra Behney, Joanne and Donald Paul, Barbara and Paul Moffitt, III, Karen Walborn, Ronald and Eileen Smith, The James Kepler family (Jim, Maryellen, Susan, Greg, Annika, Aidan, Bill, Ellen, Paige, Alex) and Elizabeth Wevodau in memory of **Jean Walborn**.

A gift was received from Patricia Powley in memory of her mother, **Ruth Farmery**.

A gift was received from The James Kepler family (Jim, Maryellen, Susan, Greg, Annika, Aidan, Bill, Ellen, Paige, Alex) in memory of **Vera Hunter**.

E-GIVING SCHEDULE...

...of transactions for June:	
June 7	Monthly, Semi-Monthly, Weekly
June 14	Weekly
June 21	Semi-Monthly, Weekly
June 28	Weekly

Contribute



How Can I Get Involved? The most common question that's asked about missions is, "How do I get involved?" At CrossPoint we have a very simplified model of missions. There are two steps. First, find a mission you want to support. Second, support it. It's not at all complicated and it's very user friendly. So what are your options? Well, the church has three main missions. Our local mission is the Food Pantry @ Rutherford. Our global mission is our sister church in Maboheh Village, Sierra Leone. And our home mission is the CrossPoint People's Mission Fund that helps families within the church. But these are only the three missions that CrossPoint directly coordinates. There are tons of others like Habitat for Humanity, Bethesda Mission, Morning Star, Day Star, Mission Central and more. Want to get involved? Pick one and then talk to your small group, your friends and your family and get to it. It's easy, it's simple, it's Cross-Point's way of doing missions. If you have any questions about missions or want to discuss other mission options, contact Pastor Jason at jmackey@xpointumc.org.

CARDS FOR OUR HOME BOUND MEMBERS

Would you like to be part of the team that sends cards or notes to our at home bound members on a monthly basis? If so, please call Sid Zane at 652-7414 for more information.

APRIL FINANCIAL UPDATE

April began with a Seder meal for Maundy Thursday, egg hunts for our children, and a beautiful Easter celebration. We continued with a Youth Mystery Weekend, VBS staff meetings along with hosting take your child to work day, Habitat for Humanity Dinner and District Trainings. What a blessing to have such an active church.

April's income was \$83,240, a decrease of 3% from 2009. Expenses for the month were \$101,287 a decrease of 3% over 2009. We had a monthly net loss of \$18,047 which was also a decrease of 3% from April of 2009. Not only was April a busy month, but we also had an extra payday. This was the reason for the net loss for the month. Year to date we have a net income of \$1,223.

\$2,302.00 was collected for Lenten Offerings in 2010. These funds were equally divided and given to the following ministries. More information can be found at www.umcgiving.org/specialsundays.

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| One Great Hour of Sharing | Native American Awareness |
| Peace with Justice | Youth/Children |
| Rural Life | Mental Health Awareness |
| Volunteers in Mission | World Communion |
| United Methodist Student Day | Outdoor Christian Education Camping |
| Human Relations | Harvest Home for World Hunger |

	April 2010	April 2009	Increase	% Increase
Income	\$ 83,240	\$ 85,431	(\$ 2,191)	-3%
Expense	\$101,287	\$104,117	(\$2,830)	-3%
Net Income (Loss)	\$(18,047)	\$(18,686)	(\$639)	-3%
Fund Balance	\$ 61,475		Capital Fund	\$37,590

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July Newsletter Deadline: Monday, June 14th

CELEBRATION STATION MISSION FOCUS

This school year the mission focus for the children of Celebration Station will be collecting items for the CrossPoint Food Pantry. They will be collecting items specifically to be given to children that come with their families to the food pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Shelby Joyce at 545-1911, ext. 217 or sjoyce@xpointumc.org. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!



June— Ice Pops: Non-frozen items can be dropped off in the marked bins in the Celebration Station area at each location.

VBS TO GO GREEN!

We are collecting emptied juice pouch containers such as CapriSun, Minutemaids, etc. Pouches will be recycled for which we will receive 1 to 2 cents per pouch which will go towards the purchase of staff volunteer t-shirts. Please be certain to remove all liquid from the pouches by cutting above the straw hole and rinsing pouches out. Clean pouches may be placed in the marked bin at the collection center @ Colonial Park outside of Rooms 208-209. Any questions, please contact Natalie Foxwell at 645-4609 or nfwgroups@comcast.net.

