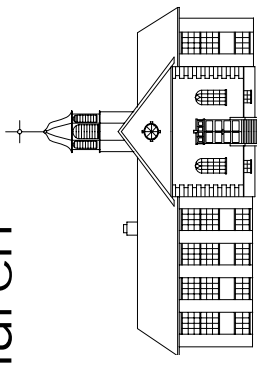


West Hills United Methodist Church



# Newsletter

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EASTER LETTER  
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## PURPOSE STATEMENT

The purpose of the West Hills United Methodist Church is to be a living church, where we can learn about our Lord, love Him, worship Him, and serve Him. We want our church to emphasize fellowship with a sense of sharing one another's concerns and joys. We want our church to reach out to the needs of our youth, and encourage them to participate in our programs. We want our church to be actively involved in the world community, with outreach programs to help the needy and less fortunate, and to attract others in our community who are not currently attending worship service.

Visit us On-line at [www.westhillsumc.com](http://www.westhillsumc.com)

## An Easter Message From The Pastor

Lent 2004

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of God and our Lord Jesus Christ!

When our ancestors in the faith were released from almost sixty years of confinement as prisoners of war in Babylon they were stunned by God's goodness. They came to remember that moment with Psalm 126 which express the irrepressible joy of their salvation:

*When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion,  
It was beyond our wildest dreams!  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
And our tongue with singing!  
Then they said among the nations,  
"The LORD had done great things for them."  
The LORD has done great things for us!  
We were full of joy! Psalm 126:1-3*

So it is for us as well. On Easter morning when we discover again that Jesus' suffering has not ended in defeat, but has become our triumph over death and hate and indifference, it is "beyond our wildest dreams"! And our joy can only find full expression in song. We sing that old Easter hymn:

*The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The passover of gladness,  
The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over,  
With hymns of victory.*

## MISSIONS UPDATE

The Missions Committee will be continuing its collection of Health and School kits that will be used by UMCOR.

Health Kit: Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"), 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized), 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up), 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper), 1 large tube of toothpaste (expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to UMCOR Sager Brown), 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages  
Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag

School Kit(1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip), 2 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper, 1 30-centimeter ruler, 1 hand held pencil sharpener, 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers, 1 eraser, 2 1/2", 12 sheets construction paper (varied colors), 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24), Prepare a 12" x 14" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and a closure (Velcro®, snap or button) and place items in the bag.

For more information on UMCOR:

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>

The Missions Committee would like to extend a big

# THANK YOU

For your support of our "Muffins for Missions" fundraiser. Through your generous contributions we raised over \$90 for Missions activities



## WEST HILLS BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



CATE  
CAMPBELL

Born: Feb  
29, 2004  
Weight: 7  
lbs 3 oz  
Size: 20 ½  
inches

Proud Parents: Jeffrey & Caroline Campbell

Prouder Grandparents: Rich & Peg Columbia



MARY  
IVA  
ANNA  
KNORR

Born: March  
8, 2004  
Weight: 7  
lbs 5 oz  
Size: 19.5  
inches

Proud Parents: Kent and Paula Knorr

Proud Grandparents: Dave & Judy Knorr

Please join us on Sunday morning, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 as we sing our “hymns of victory” at our Celebration Of The Resurrection. But to truly experience the resurrection of Christ, we must be at the Lord’s table on Holy Thursday and again at the Cross on Good Friday. So join us there as well. Both services are at 7:30 in the evening and will be special times of prayer and reflection. I look forward to seeing you.

We are including this letter with our newsletter both as an invitation and as a sampling of some of the great new things that are going on at West Hills United Methodist Church. I am enclosing an envelope for your Easter gift to your church. Your gift supports our ministry locally and around the world. Have a blessed Easter!

Faithfully yours,  
Pastor Bruce

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### A Note About Church Manners

Please remember that the sanctuary is a place of worship. There are many in the congregation who prefer to sit in reflective silence during the organ music prior to the service. West Hills has a beautiful lounge in the Morrison Room designed for friendly conversation. It is a great place to meet and greet friends, catch up on news and hold conversations before entering the quiet sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation and good church manners.



Our folks are pitching in to help with breakfast at the seminar

### Person to Praise

Born in Kearney, New Jersey and living in Chicago, IL, Wellsville, NY, Harrisburg, PA and Dayton, OH, West Hills United Methodist Church is happy that David Knorr eventually moved to Huntington, NY. When he was a young boy, David and his family lived in several locations before settling in Dayton, OH. His father was a mechanical engineer at Wright Patterson Air Force base and his mother taught school. His parents built a house shortly after moving to Ohio and David learned many valuable carpentry, electrical and plumbing skills during this endeavor. He also developed a life long love affair with trains which began with a train given to him by his father for his second Christmas. He spent many happy hours at train yards and round-houses in the Dayton area watching and photographing trains and continues with this hobby today.

After graduating from high school, David served 3 years in the U.S. Army in Turkey and Germany. Returning to the states he attended Tri State College in Angola, IN and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He moved to Quincy, IL to work as an Audio Design Engineer for Gates Radio and married Judy a year later. In 1970 they moved to Huntington, NY and David worked at Fairchild Electronics for a year before beginning a career at CBS Radio in the Radio Engineering Dept. He spent 20 years at CBS and 11 years at the United Nations in a similar position before retiring in January, 2001. Shortly after moving to NY, David and Judy began attending West Hills. In the years since then David's presence has been noticed through his many projects to maintain and improve the church. He is a member of the Board of Trustees, Cemetery Committee and sings in the church choir. He has been the Chief Usher and is founding member with Judy of the Couples/Friendship Club. He was heavily involved with the Christmas Pageant sound and lighting. A strong interest in photography has inspired him to videotape and record many events for the church. David designed and built the church shed. He was instrumental in converting the parsonage heating system to gas, restored and improved the church sound system and the lighting in Jones Hall. He is the person to call when a problem exists with the electrical system, heating, organ, kitchen stove, etc. He can usually figure out the problem and determine what is needed to fix it if he can't do it himself.

David and Judy have two sons Paul and Kent. Paul and his wife Nicole live in Huntington with their daughter Camryn. Kent and his wife Paula are in Wilmington, NC and as this is written are expecting their first child and David and Judy's second granddaughter! Recording all of the many contributions David has made in his 30 plus years at West Hills is probably impossible. What we do know is that he has shared his many talents with the congregation and we are delighted to have him as a member. Thank you David.

## Worship Committee News

The Worship Committee is charged with keeping the morning worship service current and interesting to all participants. At their recent meeting the decision was made to enact some changes. Those attending morning worship will find that the service closing will no longer be sung by the congregation. The organist will play softly as people are leaving the sanctuary. The communion service will also undergo some changes. The elements will be placed on a small table of the congregation at the start of communion. Another small table will be on the altar between the lecturns and used by the Pastor to prepare the communion while facing the congregation. As always the committee is interested in the thoughts of the congregation when changes are made to the service and will be happy to have them shared.

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE

2003 proved to be a banner year for the West Hills UMC. After struggling to fund our budget, **All APPORTIONMENTS WERE PAID FOR THE YEAR.** This was accomplished through the generous contributions of the congregation, fund raisers, and the support of our nursery school. Everyone deserves a pat on the back. Let us endeavor to continue this effort and make 2004 an even better year.

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### THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees are very grateful for the two donations from members of our congregation to help improve both our church and our parsonage. The front walkway of our church has been repaired, and a new walkway has been installed at our parsonage. These two concrete improvements were badly needed. As a result, your trustees are now in the process of further concrete repair to our front stoop. A spring workday is in the planning stages. It will be on April 25th after church. We are also currently looking for anyone who might be interested in serving on our committee. We only meet five times a year and would ask anyone interested to contact Rev. Bruce or George Friedell

## Disaster Response Seminar

The New York Annual Conference offered a training course and retreat in March for Disaster Response/Preparedness through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The United Methodist disaster response has been called a *ministry of pastoral care*. It has not been determined that this term is insufficient to define the disaster response ministry. It has been suggested that it be described as a *ministry of care*. This ministry combines clergy, counseling professionals and local volunteers who are willing to give of their gifts and graces. This diverse volunteer group has been trained to offer victims of trauma empathy, flexibility, listening skills, ability to interpret severity of trauma, cross-cultural and conflict resolutions skills and the ability to be part of a team effort. West Hills United Methodist Church is fortunate to have just such a team. West Hills has many volunteers and the Stephen Ministers who are all willing to give of their gift and graces.

Three members of the Stephen Ministers and a volunteer attended the Disaster Response/Preparedness seminar. The training focused on three areas of disaster response: rescue, relief and recovery. The attendees helped to organize the Conference and District Disaster Response/Preparedness teams. The groundwork has now been done and volunteers are asked to answer the call. We have no choice but to set aside our personal agenda and embrace inconvenience in order to offer care to our fellow Christians. All laity and clergy alike are God's designated caregivers urged by Jesus to do likewise.

We all live in the shadow of peace but too often we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we are not a whole people without it. We ask God to teach us the way of mutual love for all people. The way is long, let us go together. The way is difficult, let us help each other. The way is joyful, let us share it. The way is Christ's; for Christ is the Way, let us follow. Let us help one another. We will be asking you for your help, consider all your gifts and graces and volunteer your time!

## YOUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2004

LAY LEADERS: George Friedell & Judy Knorr  
LAY MEMBER OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Harriett Matus  
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Missions and Outreach: Lorraine Winch & Harriet Matus  
Parsonage: George Friedell & Paul Valle  
Stewardship: Nadine Albert  
History & Archive: Harriet Matus & Todd Winch  
Worship: Judy Knorr  
Age Level Coordinators:  
Youth: Melissa Klein & Bette Ann Watson  
Nurture and Care: (Includes Welcome Committee): Betty Berbrick  
Nursery School Committee: Judy Knorr  
Children: Ann Spessard, Ashley Walker, (Cheryl Walker)  
AT LARGE MEMEBERS: Ed Burvenich, Claire Burvenich, Tara Vozzo,  
Robert Schreiber

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Kim Goehring	Paul Knorr	Marge Klein
Tom Illmensee	Lois Valle	Dorothy Wienecke

## CHURCH HISTORY MINUTE

*In this new segment, we will explore a different aspect of our church that too many is a mystery*

### WHAT ARE THE SYMBOLS ON THE CHURCH ALTAR?

According to Pastor Bruce:

The two “horse shoe” shaped objects are, on the far left the letter “alpha,” the first letter of the Greek alphabet and the one on the far right is “omega,” the last letter of the Greek alphabet.



Jesus is spoken of as the “Alpha and the Omega...the beginning and the end of God’s plan of salvation (it’s like saying Jesus is the A and Z of what God is doing).

The letters “ihs” on the altar, the cross and the altar cloth is considered both an abbreviation for “Jesus Christ” in Greek (remember Greek is the original language of the New Testament) and later an abbreviation for the Latin for Jesus Savior Of Humankind: iesus hominum saluator (the letter “i” replaces “j” in Latin).

*Church Leaders continued)*

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**MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**  
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Trustee Rep, UMW Rep, Staff-Parish Relations Rep: Paul Valle, Eugene Walker & Julie Schreiber

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE: CHAIRPERSONS:** Bette Ann Watson & Harriett Matus  
Members: David Knorr, George Friedell, Richard Columbia,

## WHO'S TRAVELING?

**HARRIETT MATUS**  
A retired school librarian of South Huntington, 75, who wanted to see the U.S.A. and had three months to do it.

**Where did you go and who did you go with?**  
My sister, Judith Lott, and I traveled 12,000 miles across the United States and back in my van. We first headed south to Lancaster, Pa.; then through two mountain ranges to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for a quilting show; to Mobile, Ala.; then west to Hot Springs, Ark.; Tulsa, Okla.; Fort Worth, Texas; north to Albuquerque, Santa Fe and the Navajo Mission in Farmington, N.M., where my [United Methodist] church sponsors an Indian child; then on to Denver, Colo.; Park City, Utah, where the Winter Olympics were held; then to Portland, Ore. and up the Pacific coast to Seattle, Wash., where a friend took us to Victoria, B.C. We headed home from Seattle with stops in Helena, Mont., Yellowstone National Park, the Black Hills of South Dakota, Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Monument and through the Amish country of Iowa.



**Lott, left, and Matus**

**How did you prepare?**  
We talked about the trip a year and planned our itinerary. There were a few places we had to be at certain times for events. We planned visits along the way: to my sister's daughter-in-law's mother at Fort Worth; to my college roommate outside Denver; my daughter's mother-in-law's condo in Park City. We planned for car maintenance, having the van checked out every 3,000 miles. We stopped at libraries to e-mail our families.

**Where did you sleep and eat; what did the trip cost?**  
We hit it right, going south in March when the snowbirds are heading home and west to Colorado when

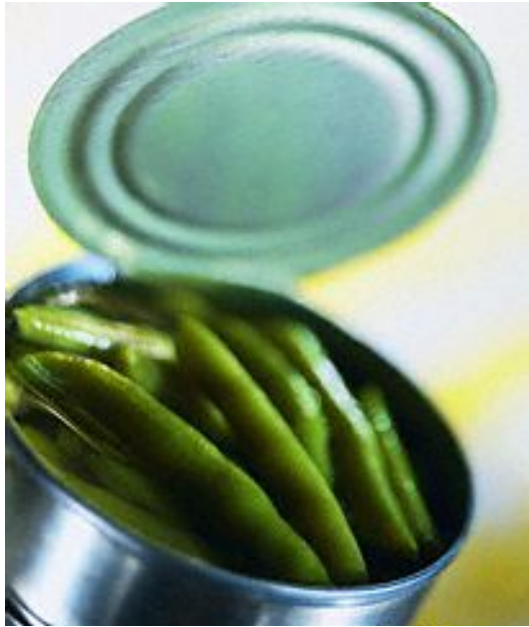
the skiers are going home, so we could get inexpensive motel rooms with laundry facilities. At state border tourist areas we picked up pamphlets with hotel discount coupons. Our best rate was \$19.95 with breakfast; the most we paid was \$80 a night. We took along Jane and Michael Stern's "Eat Your Way Across the USA" and found good, inexpensive restaurants. We carried a cooler.

**Your worst experience?**  
I got pneumonia and had to see a doctor in Yellowstone who sent me to a hospital in Cody, Wyo.

**Any advice for others?**  
Talk to local people in stores, restaurants, auto dealers. They gave us tips on fantastic places to see and good restaurants where local people eat. Take a tape recorder so you'll have reminder of your experiences. And my best advice is to do it. This is a marvelous, inspiring, wonderfully diverse country. — RHODA AMON

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# Bring Your Can To Church!



Help the  
Missions Committee  
collect  
1000 CANS  
of food this year  
  
SO FAR: 23 CANS

CHECK FOR THE AD IN THE HUNTINGTON STATION,  
MELVILLE AND DIX HILLS PENNSAVERS ON  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 7TH FOR WEST HILLS!

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## Bible Quote to Ponder: 1 Corinthians 12

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup> If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup> But as it is, God arranged the organs in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup> If all were a single organ, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup> The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup> On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup> and those parts of the body which we think less honorable we invest with the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup> which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, <sup>25</sup> that there may be no discord in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

*What's the point?-we are all members of Christ's church!*

**WE ARE ALL NEEDED!**

Volunteer to be an usher, counter, liturgist,  
or host for coffee hour—even once!