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Men at Work

The men's breakfast on Saturday, April 12, began at the church building. Each man brought items for a continental breakfast to be enjoyed by all. Joe Rekowski shared a Bible devotional and the men split into two groups to pray. Then all made their way to the church property. A rented wood chipper was used to help further clear the land. When the work day ended at 5:00 pm, it was a blessing to see how much was accomplished.

Moms 'N Mentors

Mrs. Gayle Tuttle was the featured speaker at the April 14 Moms 'N' Mentors' session. She concluded the semester long series, "Pathway of Parenting," with a seminar entitled, "Letting Them Go." All in attendance greatly appreciated her sharing Biblical insights and personal experiences.

All Church Roller Skating

On Saturday, April 19, the church rented the Frenchtown Roller Rink from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm for a church activity. Around fifty people, including guests, were in attendance. Nearly all laced up skates to roll around the rink, taking part in a few games and helping the children learn to skate. Apart from some bumps, bruises and sore muscles, it was a safe and enjoyable time for all.

Groundbreaking Service

Sunday, April 20, was a special day in the life of the church. A groundbreaking service was held at the church property to launch the construction phase of the building project. Before the 2:00 service, the congregation enjoyed a simple pot luck lunch. (With nearly every table filled and with some people eating upstairs, it is evident that we need a new building!) Thank the Lord for the smooth transition from lunch at the church to the service at the property. The congregation gathered

on that chilly and windy afternoon in an area where the new parking lot will be. The service consisted of Scripture reading, a brief description of the church's history, a word of appreciation to the congregation, a time of recognition of the building committee and the identification of the whole "construction team." Then, Dave Leinbach (Kaiser Construction Co.), Ruth Green (SunBank), Pastor Troutman, Jack Adams (Building Committee Chairman), and Vince States (Construction Advisor) put their shovels in the ground and "broke ground." The congregation cheered this blessed occasion! After a word of prayer, Pastor Counterman led the entire group in singing, "To God Be the Glory." What a truly blessed day this was!

Third Quarter Meeting

During the evening service of April 20, the church held its third quarter meeting. During the meeting the congregation approved two proposals by the deacons. Also, the financial report was given and a building program update was presented. After the meeting was closed, the congregation took time to pray together for the church ministry. After this prayer time, the service closed with several men praying for God's continued guidance and direction for His work here.

Community Clean Up

On Saturday, April 26, several people in the congregation helped at the Flemington Borough Beautification Day. This consisted of picking up trash along Main Street, some parking lots and a stretch of railroad tracks. Pastor Counterman, Bonnie Counterman, Sam Maldonado and Robert Willey led small groups in this effort. It was a good opportunity for the church to give back to the community. Praise the Lord for the testimony of our church ministry and the chance we had to tell others what the Lord is doing in and through our congregation.

Praise God!

Nearly a year ago, Age Stephens was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. She soon began an intense chemotherapy regimen followed by an aggressive radiation treatment. Thank the Lord for the report that her cancer is in remission. Also, Miriam Maldonado had been diagnosed with early cancer and had surgery to remove it. Praise God the follow up visit revealed no cancer at all. Much prayer has been made for these dear ladies and praise God for His healing work in their lives.

Visitors

Praise be to God for the first time visitors who attended this past month! Jan invited Virginia and Elaine to attend the services with her. Elaine has returned and has expressed a real interest in the ministry. Pat recently took a job locally and has been attending regularly. His son was able to attend with him one Sunday as well. Gisele (owner of We Kids store at the head of the driveway) and her family attended April 20 and enjoyed the Groundbreaking service with us.

Building Program

Thank the Lord the final documents, forms, applications, etc. are being finalized in order to start the construction phase of our building program. Regarding finances, thanks be unto God for another \$2,552.89 being added to the stockpile through the "Bricks, Blocks and Beams" building fund. A sacrificial Sunday has been set for June 1 to add an additional \$30,000.00 to the building fund to help purchase the needed furnishings for the new building.

Please Pray

- 1) Continued outreach ministry, evangelism efforts and discipleship;
- 2) Building Committee / church building project; and
- 3) Vacation Bible School (July 14-18).