

Bountiful Blessings News

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Please note: We are always collecting **NEW** children's books at all reading and grade levels. Call our office to arrange your delivery of books.

New Sites!

The newest Bountiful Blessings site will be in Fayetteville, PA (near Scotland and Chambersburg). The site is located inside Mount Union United Methodist Church at 8082 Lincoln Way East in Fayetteville. The site is scheduled to open in April 2012.

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stages with several other locations. Look for them to be announced in the next newsletter.



Warehouse News

The BB warehouse always has volunteer tasks available for students, scouts and adults who need community service hours.

For more info, please call the BB office.



New Bibles Needed

URGENT! Many of our sites are in need of new Bibles.

Bountiful Blessings offers each new family a brand new Bible in their language. As fast as we get Bibles in, we are distributing them out. So, we are always in need of donations for our Bible Fund.

We prefer purchasing the Bibles ourselves so we can obtain bulk discounted pricing. Additionally, the families can receive a Bible that is accurate, written at a reading level they can understand, and offers a large enough print for elderly folks to be able to read without having to use a magnifying glass.

If you, your Bible study group or your church would like to contribute to this fund, please send your check to the Bountiful Blessings P.O. Box. Be sure to mark "Bible Fund" in the memo line.

Leave a legacy

When drawing up your will, please remember to name BB in your giving. Your generosity can leave a legacy that will last a lifetime. For more info call the BB office at 717-802-1222.

BB 12th Anniversary Banquet

Mark your calendar. The Bountiful Blessings 12th Anniversary Banquet will be on Friday September 14th, 2012 in the Capital Area Christian Church auditorium.

Lock Haven

The Bountiful Blessings Lock Haven site is now open. Sessions are held inside United Lutheran Church at the corner of First and Church Streets.

Session days of operation and times are the first Wednesday of the month from 9am to 11am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 7pm.



Quotes

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." --- Gandhi

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Lions and Tigers and Bears – Oh my!

Many BB sites offer a brand new or gently used stuffed animal and a brand new book for each child under 18 years of age at the holidays. Because of the magnitude of this collection, BB conducts the drive for these items throughout the year.

We are grateful for the dozens of people who have donated brand new books and gently used stuffed animals.

Contributions

Monetary contributions can be made payable to Bountiful Blessings Inc. Because BB is a 501c3 charity, your contributions are tax deductible.

Speaking of Bountiful Blessings

To schedule someone from BB to speak to your church group, scout troop, civic organization or school – simply call our office at 717-802-1222. Our staff will be happy to schedule a speaker for your next event.

Upcoming Events

Bountiful Blessings is scheduled to participate in the following events:

★ Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community – Sat. May 19th, 2012 at HACC.

★ 3rd Annual Western PA Golf Outing – Saturday May 5th, 2012 at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA

★ Central PA Golf Outing – Saturday July 14th, 2012 – location TBA

★ Bountiful Blessings 11th Anniversary Banquet – Friday September 14th, 2012 at Capital Area Christian Church in Mechanicsburg



Like!

Facebook friends, if you have not already done so, click on “like” for the BB Facebook page. When you like us, you will be able to keep informed of all of the exciting things happening with Bountiful Blessings. We also encourage you to share the BB page with all of your Facebook friends.

Quotes

Everyone wants to be appreciated. So if you appreciate someone, don't keep it a secret. --- Mary Kay Ash



Wish List

As we prepare for future sessions at our full service sites, and for the growth of the BB program, we are currently collecting the following:

- Brand new books for children and adults
- New or gently used stuffed animals
- Gasoline cards
- Lumbar support belts in size S, M, L & XL for our warehouse and delivery staff
- Brand new Bibles – NIV version
- Monthly supporters who will commit to donating financially or donating a case of products .

Next Bountiful Blessings Newsletter

The next BB Newsletter will appear on the BB web site **January 1, 2012.**

Deadline for submissions will be **December 15th.** Please e-mail all info and submissions for the Newsletter to:

ron@ronorendi.com

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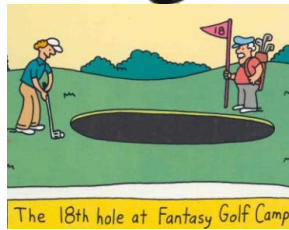
Bountiful Blessings wants to thank the following groups organizations and businesses for their generosity and support:

Sharon Pellman
Old Dominion Trucking
Bread of Life Outreach
Wal-Mart
Diakon Kathryn's Kloset
Bethesda Mission
Royce Hoffman
Mission Central
Susan Pletcher & family
Katherine Negley
Wegman's
L.B. Smith Ford
Karns Food Stores
The Altmeyer family
Marv Casterline & Matt
Ethan Auker



The following BB sites will be opening in the coming year::

- Mount Union UMC – 8082 Lincoln Hwy E. Fayetteville, PA – opening in April 2012
- Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church - 931 Love Point Rd. Stevensville, MD – opening in 2012



Mark your calendar

The 3rd Annual Western PA Golf Outing will be held Saturday May 5th, 2012. The event will be at Butler's Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA.



Bountiful Blessings is always looking for volunteer help in the office, in the warehouse and in the field. No matter what a volunteer's talents and gifts – we can match them up with a task.

Help is needed to do light duty administrative chores, to picking up items from suppliers, assisting in making deliveries to BB sites, as well as light maintenance jobs.

Contact us at 717-802-1222 and we will coordinate times and tasks so you can be on the BB volunteer support team.



Tote Bags!

Bountiful Blessings is selling Tote Bags. These reusable bags are suitable for taking to the grocery store, farmer's market, carrying knitting or school books, or just carrying your stuff around.

The bags are tangerine colored with the BB logo and web site in black ink. Contact the BB office if you would like to order some.

The Bountiful Blessings orange tote bags are washable – so there is no worry about them getting dirty or having food bacteria from your prior use.

Psssst. The BB Tote Bags make ideal gift bags.



When doing a search on the internet, go to the Good Search web site powered by Yahoo. If you name Bountiful Blessings as your charity, BB will receive money for each internet search done.

www.goodsearch.com

Be sure to bookmark Good Search as your search engine of choice.

And, please remember to share the Good Search web site with friends and family.

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Looking for New Sites

Bountiful Blessings is in the discussion stage with several new sites.

We are continuing to expand, adding new sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

If you know of a church with a heart for outreach, we will be happy to meet with them and share what we do as well as the impact Bountiful Blessings has on the community and the church. Feel free to e-mail us with the name and phone number of the church clergy, and the person in charge of outreach.



Conducting a Drive

Are you:

✦ interested in conducting a goods drive at your church, place of employment or in your neighborhood?

✦ wanting to teach your scout group, school group or Sunday School class about servant hood?

It's easy, fun and rewarding. AND, **you** are making a difference in the lives of families who have fallen on hard times.

Contact our office, and a staff member will offer their expertise on how to conduct a Bountiful Blessings drive. We offer flyers and advice on how to mark the drive a huge success.

Current BB Sites

Pennsylvania

Harrisburg	Lemoyne
Middletown	Calvin
Shade Gap	Gettysburg
Lock Haven	Shamokin
Bethel Park	Pittsburgh
Mechanicsburg	Munhall
Millersburg	Wiconisco
Fayetteville	

Maryland

Stevensville	Riverdale
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BB in the news

The following article appeared in the Harrisburg Patriot News



Bountiful Blessings volunteers are, from left, Andi Skelly, Dennis Stark, Emily White and Maura White at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lemoyne. The Lemoyne and Wormleysburg Ministerium church provides a local home to Bountiful Blessings, which offers nonedible goods and other services to those unable to afford them.

Neighboring Churches Work With One Another

The churches of the Lemoyne and Wormleysburg Ministerium, a group of five neighboring churches often working together, are a kaleidoscope of Christian denominations, according to the Rev. Arthur Grahe, who is interim pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lemoyne.

But as different as the churches are in some ways,

Grahe said, they share a love of Christ and a mission to serve their communities.

Individually, the churches have their own ministries. Among those are The Calvary United Methodist Church Clothes Closet, which offers free clothes and a free lunch to those in need at the Lemoyne church.

Grace United Methodist Church in Lemoyne and Cornerstone Fellowship Assembly of God in Wormleysburg have food banks.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church provides a Lemoyne home to Bountiful Blessings, which offers nonedible goods and other services to those unable to afford them.

The ministerium doesn't have a website or a formal charter. But "when the body of Christ works together it builds faith," said the Rev. Rich Cline, pastor of Cornerstone Fellowship Assembly of God.

Together, the ministerium churches hold blood drives and share Lenten lunches. Grace United Methodist Church and First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, both in Lemoyne, on July 16 will host a community picnic.

The churches recently participated in a pulpit exchange, and later this summer four of the ministerium churches will hold a vacation Bible school in Lemoyne's Memorial Park.

According to the Rev. Linda Leiser, interim pastor of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, all of the churches don't participate in all of the ministerium events all the time, but she believes the group provides her church with a wider community of belonging.

"I want to do things with them," Leiser said of the ministerium organization.

Working together, the churches coordinate services — something as small, but important, as ensuring that food banks aren't open at two churches at the same time. And the churches contribute to larger projects, such as this year's National Night Out in Lemoyne.

Their combined resources give the churches the opportunity to accomplish things that might not be possible on their own, said the Rev. Curtis Dotson, pastor of Lemoyne's Calvary United Methodist Church.

As the Rev. Eugene A. Liddick, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Lemoyne, said, "As we clergy gather, we try to see the larger picture and dream dreams and see the possibilities."

Quotes

God never wastes a hurt. Your greatest ministry will probably come from your greatest painful experience.

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Message from the President

Love, do not judge

As human beings we have opinions and thoughts about everything, good or bad. We enjoy sharing those thought and opinions with others. We often look around to see who is in “ear shot” to absorb our opinion, beyond the person we are speaking with.

When we share our opinion about another person, it is gossip. It is judging someone by our own standards. We do this consciously and subconsciously. We must become better stewards of our thoughts and words. We must ask God to help us in this area. For in Matthew 7:1, Jesus tells us, “... do not judge, or you too will be judged.”

God calls us to “love your neighbor as yourself” Matthew 19:19. So, as we prepare each day, each session check your hearts and thoughts. Are you welcoming people who

come humbly to the church for help with judgment or love.

Remember to extend your hand in friendship, wrap your arms around a scared young mother or senior and listen, to hear the cry in their voice. Individually, each of us represents the church. The opinion that struggling family leaves the session with, becomes their opinion of the church. So love them, do not judge them.

Terry Orendi

Time Change

The Bountiful Blessings Harrisburg site has changed their hours of operation. The new hours are the 1st Wednesday of the month from 5pm to 7pm and the 3rd Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm.

Quotes

Go out every day and dedicate your actions to others.



Metro Bank Park where the Harrisburg Senators play ball was under water

BB helps flood victims of central PA

In September central PA was hit with record breaking rainfall amounts. The rising water from the Susquehanna River flooded streets, yards, homes and businesses.

Bountiful Blessings set up a series of collections sites to help families affected by the flooding. 4 collections drives were set up outside of Karns Food Stores in Middletown, Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg and Lemoyne.

Additionally, a collection was done at the Giant Center in Hershey during the Oct. 15th Hershey Bears hockey game.

Distribution of items was done at the following BB sites: Millersburg; Lemoyne; Harrisburg; Mechanicsburg; Middletown and Wiconisco.

Bountiful Blessings would like to give a big thank you to the local businesses and community leaders who participated in this effort.

