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Penn Mid-Atlantic Ladies' Uplift Circle

Letter from the President

Treasure Hunting

Dear Sisters and Friends,

Recently, I heard a brother speak on "treasure hunters". This term kept going through my mind and I thought I'd share some of my ideas on the subject. Although, the term "treasure-hunter" may conger up images of people during the Gold Rush to California or Alaska, we continue to see signs everyday of people on modern day treasure hunts. The state run lottery ticket lines are always busy, new game shows appear every day with people trying to make their easy million. We also have seen a number of "reality" shows where the way to win the big bucks is to see how well you can outwit, outmaneuver, and lie more convincingly than the other players. It seems that everyone is looking for that long lost treasure and will do almost anything to find it.

How happy I am that I have found it!!! Though my treasure isn't defined in any monetary sense, I feel wealthy beyond measure. I have found the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ! Surely, that in itself is the greatest treasure that one could ever hope to find, yet our Lord gives even more. In addition to the answered prayers, healings, miracles, gifts, and experiences, I realized that He had also given me another kind of treasure.

A few weeks ago, we had some visitors in our branch. I knew the Brother and Sister from attending many campouts and my heart was filled with abundant joy and love when I saw them enter. I hadn't seen them for a while and it was if I was being reunited with family members. Now, I couldn't tell you too much about their personal life. I really do not know what they do for a

living, I do not know their testimonies, I do not know any of their siblings, BUT, the love I feel for them is great. It reminded me of a holiday celebration! They were like precious jewels,

TREASURE! Then a few days ago, I was listening to a CD of the saints, from Tijuana, singing. The singing reminded me of the people I met while at the GMBA campout in Arizona. I had especially enjoyed meeting and getting to know the



Luna family from the Bell Branch. Although Sister Josephina speaks limited English and usually her daughter has to translate for us, we have called one another a few times since that campout. While listening to the singing, I recalled how the Lord had made it possible for me to attend one day of the Pacific Coasts Ladies Circle Fellowship weekend being held near Anaheim. I was there for work and miraculously, found myself with the sisters on Saturday afternoon. Sister Josephina was there and we cried when we saw one another and embraced for a long time. TREASURE!

When I think of Sister Josephina and her family, the sisters from Anaheim that went out of their way to make it possible for me to fellowship with them, **ALL of the sisters** I have met, embraced, and shared testimonies with since I first met the Gospel, I think of the brilliant dazzling gems in a priceless tiara. So many smiling faces come to mind from all over the Church, it is impossible to write all their names! I was already rich when I found the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rendered obedience and was baptized, but then the Lord saw fit to bless me with more. I have found a treasure beyond belief and am thankful

for the opportunities I have had to meet with so many of the saints. I encourage you to try to fellowship with the sisters as often as possible and to visit as many places as possible. Be active "treasure hunters"! I can promise that you will find TREASURE!

Love in Christ,
Sister Jacqui King

Matthew 13:44-46 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. And again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

Dream of Sis. Margaret Roscart

Some years back I traveled to Canada to visit our church on the Muncey Reserve. While there I had a dream. I was looking around the church and opened a door to what seemed to be a utility room. There was a big container and on it the word "Discard." I opened it and found the most beautiful jewels. I began to dig down and the deeper I dug, the more beautiful the jewels. We know that the Native American people are the Seed of Joseph. They have been driven out of their lands and put on reservations and discarded by some. But they are God's covenant people, a chosen people; jewels. "God has a people, a forgotten people, they have a country and they have a name. And He will remember and send hunters for them, clothe them with blessings and cover their shame. Oh, send hunters to hunt them and fishers to fish them. Gather my people wherever they be. Yes, send hunters to hunt them and fishers to fish them. Hunt every mountain and fish every sea. -The Songs of Zion #3 "Send Hunters and Fishers."

The Treasure

Jesus is the treasure, That no jewel on earth can measure,
A treasure that the poorest man can hold.
This treasure if you seek it,
You can surely hold and keep it,
More precious far than any earthly gold.

Wise men tried to teach it, and the dreamers tried to reach it,
And poor men said this treasure we must find.
The dawn, Christ is adorning, like a thousand suns at morning
And nations come to see what we have found.

Christ, arrayed in glory, it's an old but brand new story,
He said unto His kingdom He would come.
There's starlight on the fountain, He is lighting up His mountain,
And calling all the nations for to come.

Chorus:

Some say there were diamonds where the dew lay on the ground,
Some say there were rubies in the roses that were found,
And sapphires on the branches where the weeping willows grow,
But those that find the treasure are the only ones that know.
But those that find the treasure are the only ones that know.
#157 The Songs of Zion

Visiting Sisters

Mother's Day Visit Brings Joy to All

By Sis. Karen L. Progar

Many of us have women in our lives who have been spiritual mothers to us. On Saturday, May 12, 2007, the Visiting Sisters of the Penn Mid-Atlantic Area Ladies' Uplift Circle had the opportunity to spend the afternoon with some of



those

women. It was an event intended to hear the testimony of Sis. Dorothy Schaefer who is a resident of the New Dawn Nursing Home in Charleroi, Pennsylvania. As God would have it and as is the way with the sisters, several other pillars made the effort to attend the event. Each of the 11 visiting sisters was encouraged to share her testimony, beginning with our most senior Sister, Sarah Vancik, who told us a little of her 73 years in The Church of Jesus Christ and shared her early memories of General Circle being held in her parents' home.

We were pleased to hear about the calling of all the other Sisters in attendance. Sis. Jenny Sarver shared her life changing experience of coming to the Church as a grown woman, being baptized at a campout with her late husband, Bro. Basil. Sis. Ann Ciccati, visiting from the Treasurer Coast in Florida told us about how she found The Church of Jesus Christ as a young woman, while Sis. Ella Pettijohn shared how the love of the Sisters led her to know that she had found the Church of love.

These sisters are all women who have set an example for us in our lives. Sis. Lucetta Scaglione came to The Church of Jesus Christ when she married Bro. Rich and embraced the Gospel because of what she found in the Church. We all know that if a meeting called, Sis. Lou will be there. Sis. Madeline Robinson rehearsed how she tried to return to the church of her youth, but was unable to do so, only feeling the spirit of God in The Church of Jesus Christ. I would love to share every testimony; however, this article already is much longer than intended. Many of the sisters shared dreams they had regarding their calling and miraculously years of service totaled over 450.

Sis. Becky Tarbuk prepared a brief program on Mother's Day, which we all participated in and enjoyed, after which we had the privilege of hearing Sis. Dorothy's testimony. God blessed us with a wonderful time of fellowship. We all enjoyed the snacks the sisters

brought and spent a good time in fellowship. This visit was a marvelous tribute to Mothers' Day.

Fellowship Weekend

By Sis. Angela Yoder

The Sisters of the Penn Mid-Atlantic Area were "Showered with Blessings" as we attended our annual Ladies Circle Fellowship Weekend held April 27-29. Nearly 40 Sisters attended a lovely weekend at the rustic Laurelville Mennonite Conference Center in Laurelville, PA.

As we entered the building on Friday evening, warmly greeted by Sister Amy D'Orazio (weekend coordinator), we learned that we would be experiencing an "evening of pampering". A 'pampering' room was set up just off the lobby where many grateful Sisters were able to relax in a warm footbath; receive a fabulous hand massage; or indulge in a soothing neck massage. Much of the evening was spent enjoying lattes and visiting with our Sisters. Many tears of joy and laughter fell that evening.

The light rain showers that greeted us on Saturday morning seemed appropriate given the theme of the weekend. After breakfast, Sisters Jean Moore and Sherri Wasik shared their testimonies of how the Lord spared their lives. As they finished, we quickly tended to the business of the Area. As Sister Marty Jumper was closing our business meeting in prayer, Sister Jill Kovacic was given the following: ***"Thus saith the Lord, At thy door stands my blessings. Each Sister must step up and take part. Sisters, go forth and show my love."*** Is there a better way to end a business meeting?!

Sisters Jill Kovacic, Sue Kattan and Joyce Ricci presented seminars. We learned all about the water cycle (from a scientific and spiritual standpoint) and heard much about the many showers of blessings we receive every day.

During the day on Saturday, Lindsay Wasik became afflicted with a severe migraine. As we reached for a telephone to call an Elder, the Sisters united in prayer. Just minutes after that prayer, Lindsay was healed! A beautiful testimony for this young girl.

Following a unique craft where the Sisters were able to decorate their own personal umbrellas, Sister Tonia Monaghan divided the group into two teams as she facilitated a rousing variation of "Win, Lose or Draw". My, how competitive the Sisters are!

Sunday morning dawned warm and bright as Brothers Tom and John D'Orazio presided over our morning service. Following a brief Sunday School lesson where we reviewed several case studies in "Showers", the Sisters had the opportunity to participate in a blessings filled Testimony meeting.

It was obvious that no one wanted the weekend to end as the Sisters lingered over their lunches. Thank God. "Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the blessings we plead."



Sewing Circle

We continue to meet on a monthly basis. Our winter got off to a slow start but we've started the spring back in full form with the return of our instructor Sis. Nina DiCenzo. One of the newest projects our class took on are crocheting lace on to handkerchiefs, which we donated, to the GMBA to be used towards their fundraiser at campout. Currently we are learning how to crochet ready-made lace onto a sacrament cloth. We are very blessed as our class size continues to grow. It is truly a blessing when you hear your cloths have gone to serve our brothers and sisters in missions such as Venezuela, Africa to name a few. We thank God for the desires of our sisters as this work continues to grow and is

now in its 3rd year. Praise God!
God bless, Love Sis. Sherri

Treasure Chest Cake

This Cake is a fun twist on the gingerbread house that many of us make with the kids at church Christmas parties. This recipe would be a blast to make at VBS or for a Sunday School picnic. Can you imagine the excitement of the kids in assembling the cake and filling it with all sorts of candies, coins and goodies? Your little treasure hunters will leave the party with quite a haul!

1 baked 13x9x2 inch cake
6 cups chocolate frosting
Edible treasures, such as chocolate coins, Rolo candies, chocolate almond kisses or Necco Wafers
Red Fruit by the Foot and gummy fish
Mini Jawbreakers
Candy Jewels, such as candy necklaces and rock candy

Step 1

Cut a section approximately 2-inches wide in the center of the cake. The two remaining 5 1/2- x 9- x 2-inch rectangular pieces will form the bottom and top of the chest.



Step 2

Slice the 2-inch section on an angle to form two long

triangular wedges. Place the wedges on the bottom half of the chest, about an inch apart. Both wedges should face the same direction (tall end toward the front of the cake) as they will support the top of the treasure chest and keep it propped open. Then frost the bottom half of cake, including the wedges.

Step 3

To add further support for the top of the chest, stand a few large gold coins under the lid.

Step 4

With the "hinged" end (left side of photo) at the back, place the top of the chest on the bottom and frost.

Step 5

Wrap the fruit leather straps around the chest and press mini jawbreaker "nails" into the frosting alongside the straps. Fill the chest and the surrounding area with edible treasures and jewels.

Trivia Question:

In which Volume II Song of Zion will you find these words?

"Pray the angel hastens with a little piece of cake."

A note of thanks

To Maggie Frankenbery who in the last six months lovingly communicated with 26 individuals through the Shut-In Program. She has asked to step down because of health reasons. God bless you Sis. Maggie!

Also to our sisters who keep The Songs of Zion updated at the World Conference Center in Greensburg. A big thanks to you for going above and beyond the call of duty!

A Tribute



These few words are a tribute to Peg Johnson, a dear, dear Sister who was active in the church and the Circle. One cannot think of Sis. Peg without remembering the rest of the Cowen sisters as well, Martha Seighman, Ruth Kirschner, Mary Gavaghan, Harriet Byers and Dorothy Schaeffer. They were such a joy! They always seemed to carry a smile, a kind word, attended the meetings (often together), and praised God at every given opportunity. These types of saints we call pillars in The Church of Jesus Christ. (Let's not forget Peg's husband, Bro. George.) How precious they are in our memories.

I wanted to include some sweet note concerning Sis. Peg's life and I think I found it in speaking with her nephew, Bro. Karl Kirschner. It was 1968 and Bro. Karl states that there was a melody running through his head over and over

with the words, "He'll hold my hand, he'll hold my hand..." He mentioned it to Sis. Peg saying, "If we had some words, we could have a pretty nice tune." Sis. Peg went to bed that evening and was wakened in the middle of the night and penned these words. The amazing thing is that the words and the melody fit together perfectly. The song is #85 in the Saints Favorites.

He'll Hold My Hand

If I but heed the word of God, And tread the path that Christ has trod; Trust in His grace and do His will, He'll hold my hand, shield me from ill.

He came to save, and for us died, Atoned for sin, was crucified; Such love, such love there is no end; Laid down His life for you, my friend.

His promises of eternal joy, Where naught can harm, molest, destroy; When from the grave, the victory, He'll hold my hand and set me free.

Chorus:

He'll hold my hand along life's way, He'll hold my hand, I'll watch and pray; He'll hold my hand, if firm I stand; He'll hold my hand, He'll hold my hand.

Note: Of the Cowen sisters, Sis. Dorothy Schaeffer is the only one that remains. We thank God that recently the Visiting Sisters took the opportunity to meet with her. In keeping with her beautiful heritage, we can say that she is still praising God and just looks lovely...adorned with grace.

Upcoming Events

September 8, 2007 @ 9 a.m.

Business Meeting McKees Rocks

Note: Earlier start time!

Imperial and Roscoe to bring Joy Boxes Sisters bring \$5.00 Wal-Mart gift cards. Lunch provided - R.S.V.P. Contact Sis. Diane Giannetti Goal: Special Project - To raise \$1000 for building/land for the Philippines.

October 13, 2007 @ 10 a.m.

General Ladies' Uplift Circle Conference - Greensburg Branch



*Check out the new Penn Mid-Atlantic Ladies' Uplift Circle

Website. This is a great place to get updated information, Area forms or post a Local announcement.

www.pmaladiescircle.org

Don't forget Camp Fallujah!

Toiletry items and towels can be sent to: CDR Stella Hayes

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Matthew 6:19-21 "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Join Circle ~

Invite a friend!

Jesus is THE treasure!



