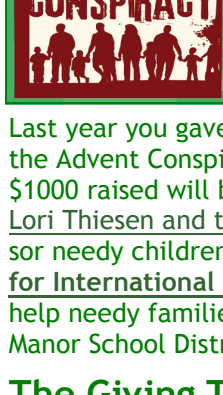


Millersville Memo

A Periodic Email Memo of the Millersville BIC Church

December 2009 First Edition

Loving Our Community, Locally & Globally...



Advent Conspiracy = One Less Gift...

What does one less gift mean? If each of us can commit to giving just one less gift this Christmas season -- and maybe give our *presence* instead of *presents* -- our money can be used in **more meaningful ways**, like ministering to people in Honduras, or sponsoring a quality education for a child in India, or helping a needy family in our local community.

Last year you gave over \$5,000 to help drill wells in India. This year, money given for the Advent Conspiracy project will be distributed to three specific areas. The first \$1000 raised will be used to serve our **global community** by helping to support [Henry & Lori Thiesen](#) and their work in Honduras. Half of the remaining money raised will sponsor needy children in India & Nepal through the [SPICE program \(Scholarship Program for International Children's Education\)](#). The rest of the money raised will be used to help needy families in our **local community** as we continue to work with the Penn Manor School District to identify specific areas of need.

The Giving Tree Project...

Our first opportunity to serve locally is through the **Giving Tree** by assisting needy families in our local community in very practical ways. Penn Manor social workers have provided us with "tags" that list specific gift requests for PM high school students in need. The requests listed are very basic, practical items such as pants, shirts, and socks.



You can pick up a gift tag at the Information kiosk in the Café area on Sunday morning. After picking up your tag, all you need to do is purchase the gift item and bring the gift (along with the tag) to the church before Wednesday, December 16!

Will you take the "one less gift" challenge?

Donations designated for "Advent Conspiracy" may be placed in the offering or in the collection box at the Info kiosk in the Café area.

Giving kidSPACE Style



The kids are learning to give too!

kidSPACE clubs kids have begun a food drive in the lower level and are gathering nonperishable food items to be donated to a local food bank. Feel free to **drop off a can or two** at their collection site (in the lower level lobby area) now through December 16.

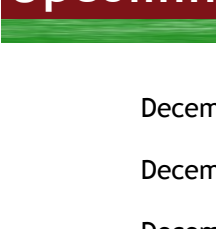
'twas the night before Christmas...

...and time for our annual **Christmas Eve Service** here at Millersville Church. The "family friendly" service will begin at **7:00 p.m.** and conclude by 7:45 p.m.

Childcare will **not** be provided as the service is designed to include all ages.



Planning Ahead for 2010

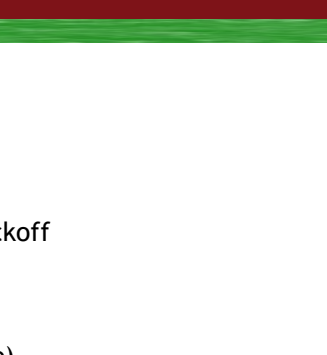


Hopefully you have your 2010 calendar handy so you can mark the date of our annual congregational meeting! The beginning-of-the-year meeting will be held on **January 31, 6:00 p.m.** This is your chance to approve the 2010 budget, affirm those who have been nominated for leadership positions, as well as discuss opportunities we have as a church. Plan to participate in this meeting. Refreshments & childcare will be provided.

Winter Weather Watch

There may not be snow or ice in the forecast yet, but it's bound to hit sometime this winter. For our winter weather cancellation information, you can check any of the following:

- 1) Our website at www.millersvillebic.org
- 2) WGAL TV or website at wgal.com
- 3) Your email inbox
- 4) Our church phone message (717-872-6882)



Upcoming Events...

December 4-6	Jr. High Youth Retreat
December 6	6-8 p.m. faithRIOT youth
December 11	8:30 - 11 p.m. Friday nite RIOT kickoff
December 13	6-8 p.m. faithRIOT youth
December 16	kidSPACE clubs edition (Food Drive)
December 18	8:30 - 11 p.m. Friday nite RIOT - Christmas RIOT
December 20	6-8 p.m. faithRIOT youth
December 24	7-7:45 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
January 31	6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

[Click here for calendar of events.](#)

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