

**M**erry Christmas and **Happy New Year** from LUMINA's Executive Director, staff and volunteers. We wish to express our heart-felt gratitude and appreciation for the financial support, encouragement and prayers of all our supporters over this year. May your Holiday Season be filled with Hope, Peace and Joy.

As we begin a New Year, Rejoice with us in over twenty years of Christian service through LUMINA, and...



**T**hough we're unable to look into a crystal ball and see all that the New Year will hold, we do know who holds the future. As always we deeply appreciate our ongoing Christian Partnership. We've come this far by faith!

## IT IS NOT OVER

*It is not over,  
this birthing.  
there are always newer skies  
into which  
God can throw stars.  
When we begin to think  
that we can predict the Advent  
of God,  
that we can box the Christ  
in a stable in Bethlehem,  
that's just the time  
that God will be born  
in a place we can't imagine and  
won't believe.  
Those who wait for God  
watch with their hearts and not  
their eyes,  
listening  
always listening  
for angel words.*

—Ann Weems  
(Kneeling in Bethlehem)

## Snapshot of LUMINA's Ministries — 2011

**Kids' Night**—25 to 30 kids attended weekly

**Youth Ministry**—10 to 12 youth attended weekly

**Gretna Glen Camp**—30 children and youth were provided this opportunity

**New Holland VBS**—22 kids attended

**Country Outing**—19 kids attended

**Barnstormers Game**—20 children, youth and parents attended

**Boehm's Hayride**—14 children and youth attended



**Professional Clothing Bank**—Over 500 served, including end of season sales.

**School Uniform Clothing Bank**—Over 1200 children were clothed

**SuperCupboard**—4 students graduated from Mt Zion UMC in Peach Bottom and 12 students from El Redentor & St. Paul's UMC

**Hope for the Holidays**— 16 SuperCupboard graduates eligible for program.

## KIDS' Night ministry transitions in 2011 and challenges for 2012

by Nick Munyat, *Coordinator*

2011 has been a year of transitions and growth for Kids' Night. At the beginning of the year, we began preparing for Sally's retirement and introducing her successor to the Kids' Night ministry. As we know, this did not happen, and for Sally's continued involvement we're eternally grateful. As Sally passed the reins of leadership to me, we both saw the 2011-2012 year as an opportunity for growth and continued success in ministry, and we're very pleased to report that both of these opportunities are being realized.

One of our primary goals for the 2011-2012 Kids' Night year is to better prepare our supporting churches and volunteers before they arrive for their first of five weeks of providing the program. Since August, Sally and I have had the opportunity to meet with most of the lightbearers from each supporting church to discuss programming ideas, equipment requirements, and especially the culture of the kids to whom we minister. We will continue to do this. The feedback on the meetings has been overwhelmingly positive, as ministry groups are coming in better prepared to address the specific needs of the community we serve.

As we move into 2012, opportunities will continue to abound for LUMINA and for Kids' Night, and we're excited for them! 2011 has not been without challenges: **ONE OF OUR GREATEST NEEDS IS FOR TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS. KIDS' NIGHT AND THE YOUTH MINISTRY ARE IN NEED**

OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO **DRIVE OR RIDE ALONG IN THE VANS, AND FOR AN ADDITIONAL VAN FOR MONDAY NIGHT TRANSPORTATION** (PERHAPS YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP!). If you feel that this ministry opportunity is calling you, please contact the LUMINA office.

Your support of LUMINA and Kids' Night is a tremendous blessing to the kids who are reached by this program. As the ministry continues to grow,

your support is even more important. We are so thankful for our supporters and their prayers, and we look forward to another year of successful ministry through Kids' Night and our wonderful volunteers!



**Mark your Calendar for LUMINA's 13th Souper Bowl Fundraiser**



Souper Bowl Sunday will be **February 5th, 2012**. Start planning in January for this **fundraising event**. How about a SUB sale? Everyone loves baked goods. Collect canned soup and donate it to your local food bank. We hope you enjoy the game and experience success with your fundraiser plans. Please **post** the enclosed flyer on your **church's bulletin board**, and talk it up.

## ***SuperCupboard teacher Donna Sullivan responds in her own words:***

### **Why are you passionate about nutrition?**

I became interested in nutrition over ten years ago when I was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I ended up with a great doctor who incorporated nutrition into his work. I learned a lot throughout my treatment and developed a passion for nutrition as well. I spent the next ten years studying everything I could and realizing how a healthy diet could cure many problems.

### **What would you like to share with our supporters about your experience with SuperCupboard?**

I have been blessed to teach nutrition education with the Penn State Nutrition Links program. In partnership with LUMINA, SuperCupboard classes give students education in nutrition as well as the opportunity to prepare an entire meal in the kitchen. They are also able to take home a bag of groceries and kitchen utensils to prepare the meal that week at home for their family. I really think they get a lot more than nutrition education out of the Super Cupboard program.



*Donna Sullivan*

They learn responsibility, teamwork and confidence. Something that is very important in building strong families and communities. I really appreciate all that LUMINA provides for the SuperCupboard program. It has been amazing to see how generous people of this county can be.

### ***LUMINA's Annual Celebration held in October at Ranck's UMC in New Holland***

An inspirational evening was enjoyed by all at New Holland: Ranck's UMC on Sunday, October 23rd. Our host church provided a delicious ham loaf dinner.

This was followed by a time of taking stock of our ministry outcomes, appreciating our volunteers and learning from our speaker Dyane Carrere, who spoke of "Seeds, Seasons and Following the Son."

### **What are your dreams for the SuperCupboard ministry in 2012?**

I am hoping that in the coming year we will be able to offer many more Super Cupboards. I would love to see some that have the children involved as well. I really feel strongly that kids need to develop good eating habits at an early age. By working with both the children and adults I feel they could build their own teamwork to apply at home. Making dinner together should be a family affair and this program could help them develop that.

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## **School Uniform Clothing Bank at Pearl Street UMC Church requests Volunteers and Donations**

by **Deb Yunginger**, *Coordinator*

Thank you to all the Congregations, Sunday School classes, UMW groups, and individuals who have supported the School Uniform Bank at Pearl Street with your generous donations this year.

As we move into the winter months we continue to receive requests for uniforms, especially warmer items. Critical Needs at this time include:

- All Sizes—long sleeve polo shirts, sweaters, turtlenecks & mock turtlenecks, button down shirts/blouses in Navy, Light Blue, and White.
- 4T and 5T (toddler size) uniforms—difficult to find
- Jr. girl's sizes
- **Volunteers are still needed to fill the orders—** if interested call Deb Yunginger at the church office: 393-8892.

*Beginning January 1, 2012, we are asking all social service workers to have the parent/guardian contact the student's school directly to request the uniforms.* We will no longer be filling orders for uniforms from social agencies. This change will enable us to better manage our resources and volunteer help.

Pearl Street U.M. Church remains committed to serving as many school children with uniforms as we possibly can and of course this is only possible through generous and compassionate people who partner with us in this important outreach ministry.



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## Review of Board Retreat

On Saturday, November 12th, our Board of Directors welcomed five new members at our Annual Retreat. Under the dynamic leadership of Rev. Kent Kroehler, we spent a full morning celebrating the ministry outcomes of 2011 and looking ahead with vision and positive energy. Listed below is our current board. We have several positions open, so if you are interested in serving, please contact our office – 394-8412. We welcome your feedback and suggestions for growing God's mission through LUMINA.



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