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June

Friends:

It's been a very busy Summer! We have a lot of things planned for you to attend and join us in the fun. Just have a look at some of the things that we've done and see if you might remember us the next time a Friday night or Sunday evening rolls around. We would love to see you!

Several members of the Harrisburg MCC joined Princeton, Lancaster, Philadelphia, and Atlantic MCC members in attending Troy Perry's visit to Philadelphia on June 14. Our founder's sermon was very inspiring for all. We look forward to seeing him again soon.

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, we held a "Sundae Night on Friday" and whipped up a smashing success! There was great variety in toppings such as strawberries, bananas, butterscotch, blueberries, bittersweet chocolate, nuts, mixed fruit, hot fudge, whipped cream, caramel, maple syrup, cherries, M&M's, wet walnuts, etc..... \*What good are the toppings without the ice cream? Yes, we had vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, French vanilla, butter almond, and maple walnut. A super sundae time was had by all! We would love to see you at our next one in August.

Two picnics were planned for June and both were blessed with good weather, good friends, and good food. On Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, we shared a picnic with Dignity and on the following Friday night we had a pleasant picnic at Negley Park, Lemoyne. We have another Negley Park picnic scheduled for August. Bring your favorite dish and have a ball!

"Inclusive Language" was the topic for Leslie Phillips' discussion meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Most of us had a very vague idea of what it means. First of all, it is important to realize that we, the people of MCC, must consider everyone and their feelings so that we can communicate. A common language is an essential starting point for building love and trust in a relationship, organization, or community. This common language must not be prejudice towards sex, color, age, sexual preference, religion, class, or any other factor that could separate us. For the past several years, the National MCC Board has made it mandatory for all MCC's to incorporate Inclusive Language in every aspect of the ministry.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, Dignity invited us to their 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Harrisburg. Father Sawdy led the Mass with a very informative sermon concerning the success of the gay ministry in our community as well as other areas. After the Mass, the members and guests of Dignity participated in a very well planned Champagne Social- complete with beautiful background music, candelabras, and a wide array of table delicacies. It was a pleasure to have been invited to share in their celebration.

Friends- please note that we still have M&M's for sale. Come to any function or call and we can provide you with as many M&M's as your fancy allows.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME

- Friday July 31 7:30 PM Table Games Night Bring your favorite game and bring a friend! We will have Monopoly, Scrabble, cards, and many more-- at 2224 Walnut St., Harrisburg.
- Sunday August 2 7:00 PM Church Service at Friend's Mtghs., 6<sup>th</sup> and Herr Sts., Hbg.
- Friday August 7 6:00 PM Picnic at Negley Park, Lemoyne. Bring your set of utensils and a covered dish. Call our number if you need directions.
- Sunday August 9 7:00 PM Church Service at Friend's Mtghs., 6<sup>th</sup> and Herr Sts., Hbg.
- Friday August 14 7:30 PM Sundae Night on Friday Bring a topping and dig in! Call Carl at 533-6340 for directions.
- Sunday August 16 7:00 PM Church Service at Friend's Mtghs., 6<sup>th</sup> and Herr Sts., Hbg.
- Friday August 21 7:30 PM Why We Do The Things We Do In MCC Discussion meeting on the reasons behind our regular practices in meetings. <sup>1622 1/2 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Hbg.</sup>
- Sunday August 23 7:00 PM Church Service at Friend's Mtghs., 6<sup>th</sup> and Herr Sts., Hbg.
- Friday August 28 7:30 PM Business Meeting to make plans for the next newsletter and financial report as well as other business. 1622 1/2 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- Sunday August 30 7:00 PM Church Service at Friend's Mtghs., 6<sup>th</sup> and Herr Sts., Hbg.
- Friday September 4 FREE NIGHT because of the Holiday weekend. Please have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

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Our August Church Services will have some special guest speakers. We are looking forward to their coming.

Please remember our friends in Williamsport in our prayers-for there has been some trouble in the Williamsport area recently.

As a reminder: the money we've been trying to raise is to help pay for our Minister's visits, tithings to state and national MCC's, the newsletter expenses, room rental, and worship service expenses. Our goals include getting a full-time Minister, a permanent home for our Harrisburg MCC, setting up activities, events, and projects that will unite the gay community in the greater South Central Pennsylvania area. What service can we be of, to you? We want to know! We are waiting with open arms and lots of love. Please call or write.