



## One Reason Zwingli UCC Celebrates



The church buildings of Zwingli UCC in Souderton suffered devastating damage by fire June 19-20, 2008. The building is unusable and Zwingli's congregation worships in a gymnasium at The Indian Valley Boys and Girls Club. So why is Zwingli's congregation celebrating? *Because they are one step closer to rebuilding!*

On Sunday, September 13, Zwingli members, family and neighbors gathered to worship, began the Church School year with Rally Day and celebrated the exciting kick-off to the Capital Fund Campaign. Everyone gathered on the church grounds under the shadows of the burned building for a spiritually and emotionally uplifting celebration. Worship service and Sunday School were followed by a message from Pastor Butch Kuykendall, beautiful music, a delicious lunch, a youth cookie baking contest, and a silent auction.

A series of events began on Kick-off Sunday—a two-week series of informational meetings at members' homes, a prayer service on the church grounds, and a 24-hour prayer vigil also on church grounds. On September 27, Commitment Sunday, members will pledge their financial commitments to rebuild. For more information, please call Zwingli's office at 215-723-1186.

*"In that day, I will restore the fallen House of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory." Amos 9:11*

## CELEBRATING MISSION IN OUR LOCAL CHURCHES

Mark your calendars now and contact the churches for more details or cancellation information.



How many teenagers can say that they rode a bicycle down the streets of a city in Germany and lived in the home of a friend there? Well this is exactly what 8 youth and 2 adults from **St. Paul's UCC, Fleetwood** experienced this summer as

part of a Youth Cultural Exchange with their partner church, St. Matthauskirche in Mannheim, Germany from July 29 - August 9.

The combined group shared many cultural and educational activities during the ten day exchange. The youth went on day trips to Frankfurt and Heidelberg. Highlights included taking the Inter City Express train to Hamburg, a harbor city in Northern Germany; taking the harbor tour; ascending the tower of St. Michael's Cathedral to view the city at night and visiting a WW II air raid bunker and a wax museum. They were also treated to a musical show, "The Lion King". In addition to the scheduled events, the youth and adults spent time with their host families sharing meals, conversation and recreational activities. Five members of the American group traveled to Mannheim before the exchange to spend time with a German friend they had met during a previous exchange.

These two churches have shared a Cultural Youth Exchange since January of 1999, when a group from St. Paul's UCC went to Mannheim. That summer the St. Matthauskirche youth visited with the Fleetwood youth. The tradition has continued ever since with this summer's trip being the twelfth exchange between the two churches.

### Happening this Week:

**Spirit on Tap** at Reading Crown Plaza - Tues., 7 pm

**Covenant Renewal Dinners** at 5:45 pm

Tues., Glenside UCC, Glenside

Wed., Christ UCC, Temple

Thurs., Huff's Church, Alburts



**PRAYER PARTNERS** - Your prayers are welcomed for Gulf UCC, Gulph Mills and Rev. Mary Beth Lake Dillensnyder.