

HIGHLIGHTS

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church

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**Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands
Jordan, Israel/Palestine
January 25th – February 3rd
And on to Egypt for many of those
traveling, returning February 11th**

On January 25th, 28 people (21 active members and others associated with our church) are preparing to see and absorb the spiritual energy of these very sacred lands! Rev. Myers is leading a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the lands of Jordan, Israel/Palestine, and Egypt through the auspices of Educational Opportunities. Please remember them in your prayers as they journey far from home.

All 28 people will spend 10 days of Biblical discovery beginning in Jordan as the group will visit the famous Rock City of Petra, and climb Mount Nebo (where Moses saw the promised land). After crossing the River Jordan and entering Israel/Palestine, they will visit Jericho and Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. In the Galilee area, they will visit Nazareth, Capernaum, and Mt. Beatitudes Chapel and see where Jesus fed the 5,000. They will also sail the Sea of Galilee. On the way to Jerusalem they will see Caesarea-by-the-Sea, one of King Herod's greatest cities, and they will visit Megiddo (the site of Armageddon; where there are at least 20 layers of ruins of ancient cities from 35 centuries). While in Jerusalem and Bethlehem they will visit the sites of Jesus' death and burial, the Upper Room, King David's Tomb, the Pool of Bethesda, and walk the Via Dolorosa. And they will have a chance to pray at the Western Wall.

Nineteen people will continue on to Egypt for a week seeing some of the oldest buildings in the world! A 4-day Nile cruise includes seeing the quarry where obelisks were quarried, including the great unfinished obelisk. They will sail in a felucca; visit the Temples of Horus, Karnak, and Luxor; go to the Valleys of the Kings and Queens; walk into the tombs; and also visit the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. While there they will visit the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. They will learn the mummifying process, learn the various theories on how the great temples, monuments, and pyramids were built! And perhaps even ride a camel!

**January Worship at Chevy Chase
United Methodist Church**

January 2: Epiphany Sunday: The Sacrament of Communion.
Sermon: "Herod's Fear," based on Matthew 2:1-12. The Season of Epiphany marks the spreading of the Message of the Good News of Christ. It begins with Herod receiving news that "the new King of the Jews was born." His reaction, fear, and a vicious proclamation to slaughter all newborn boys under the age of two.

January 9: **Jesus' Baptism. Sermon: "Baptized – What is it All About?"** based on Isaiah 42:1-9 and Matthew 3:13-17. This week it becomes clear that Jesus is indeed God's chosen and is here to usher in a new realm! The prophet Isaiah foretells it and John the Baptist proclaims it as a fulfillment of the ancient prophecies. And then a voice from heaven proclaims, "This is My Son, the Beloved, with Whom I am well pleased." And we are too!

January 16: **Sermon: "God Chooses Us,"** based on John 1:29-42. So often when we think about our faith we think about our trust and faith in God through Jesus the Christ. But I think it is more remarkable that when choosing the disciples, Jesus chose very ordinary, unspectacular people. There has to be a reason for that, and I think the reason is that in so doing, God is showing remarkable faith and trust in us!

January 23: **Sermon: "From Darkness to Light,"** based on Matthew 4:12-23. In fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah we are told we "who sat in darkness have seen a great light." All through our history moving to a great light has been recorded. It is not always easy. The light can be blinding; and the change hard to adapt. But Jesus is with us and summons us to follow Him.

January 30: Megan Crumm Preaching Lectionary Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; I Corinthians 1:18-31 and Matthew 5:1-12 (the Beatitudes).

SNOW AND ICE POLICY AT CCUMC

If snow or ice conditions concern you, please use your own best judgment about whether to participate in worship or meetings. Your personal safety is important!

Worship Services: We will have worship services as scheduled at all times.

Meetings (day or night): Meetings and other activities will be held at the discretion of the committee chair or group leader. Please contact that person with questions.

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Our Mission:

Vision: *Journey Outside Yourself*
Mission: *We are a Christian community on a journey outside ourselves. We serve and are served, heal and are healed, through God's transforming love.*

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Pastor

Rev. David C. Myers

**Director of Congregational
Ministries and Programs**

Rev. Carol Armstrong-Moore

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Megan Crumm

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Office Assistant

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Sunday Worship Services

9:30 a.m. Creative Worship

9:45 a.m. Children's Program

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

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Wednesday Prayer & Praise

7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

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Office Hours

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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REPORT ON DECEMBER 1ST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The 2011 Budget

The meeting focused on the 2011 CCUMC Operating Budget. Grey Emmons, Finance Committee Chair, presented the Committee's recommendations, having solicited budget requests from CCUMC's committees, staff, and working groups. In aggregate, anticipated revenues total \$764,806 and proposed expenses \$844,881, leaving a budget gap of \$80,075. The Finance Committee proposed drawing on available bequest funds to close this budget gap and eliminate the deficit. In accordance with a major recommendation of the 2010 Budget Realignment Task Force (BATF)—namely, to reduce reliance on bequests as a source of operating funds—the 2011 draw on bequests is substantially less than in previous years.

Grey then led a review and discussion of line items on the revenue and expense sides of the proposed budget. The budgeted amount for pledged and unpledged giving—\$596,000—is greater than the projected year-end actual for 2010 (\$447,000), underscoring the importance of and greater reliance placed on stewardship giving. With the exception of Interest from Endowment investments, other revenue categories (Facility Use, Miscellaneous, and Interest Income) are comparable to 2010. In 2011, Endowment interest to come to the operating budget doubles to \$60,000, again in line with a BATF recommendation.

On the expense side, discussion centered on the 4% across-the-board increase to staff salaries recommended by the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. In aggregate, this increase totals \$11,711, plus some \$3,000 in additional pension, health insurance, and Social Security payments. Driving this recommendation—despite the current economy—is the deeply held and widespread appreciation for the hard work, commitment, and talent of the CCUMC staff, and the recognition that they are central to the continuing growth of our congregation, its missions, and its ministries.

Conference Apportionment, Mission, and Social Concern expenditures comparable to the 2010 budget are included in the 2011 budget, and money to contract for tenor soloist services (\$5,000) was added. The allocation for Building Maintenance and Repairs is reduced approximately \$10,000 to \$134,118, reflecting the significant improvements and repairs made in 2010. Utility costs are anticipated to total \$82,701, an amount closely akin to this calendar year.

Following Grey's presentation and the extensive and intensive discussion that ensued, the Finance Committee-recommended 2011 budget was moved and adopted unanimously.

Regarding budget implementation and oversight, the Finance Committee was asked to draft a procedure for dealing with potential budget overruns. The procedure is to define the conditions and steps that committees, staff, and working groups are to take before exceeding a budget line item for which they are responsible.

COPIES OF THE ADOPTED 2011 BUDGET ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES TO THE SANCTUARY AND CHAPEL.

Bob Gray, Council Chair

MYERS' MUSINGS



January, 2011

“An Unexpected Voice”

As I sat down to write my monthly column for the January Highlights, I kept hearing sounds that distracted me. After some investigation, I discovered the source – it was the Chevy Chase UMC church mouse!

Not a mouse when it came to calling me out, he started the conversation, “I see you are about to write some abstract comments loosely tied (if you’re lucky) to theology and faith about starting the new year.”

Somewhat taken aback, defensive (and ready to call the Orkin Man) I said, “Of course, it’s the January Highlights – what else is there to write about?”

The mouse said, “Nit wit, it may be the January Highlights, but people will get this before the Christmastide season ends (January 5th). Your congregation has given many gifts to the church throughout the year. Why don’t you write something nice for a change and thank them?”

I had met my match – and was getting worn out with the mouse’s sarcasm; but my memory needed some jogging. So I asked the mouse if he could help. Lo and behold, he produced a long list:

- * To the Budget Alignment Task Force under the leadership of Bob Gray and Ralph Mitchell that helped us to realign our spending to match our vision and mission **and** to reduce our dependence on bequest funds.
- * To worship committees that keep us focused on providing high quality, inspirational worship that deepens our faith.
- * To the choirs (Sanctuary, Joy and Praise, Faith Chords, Faith Chords Extreme, Cherubim) that sing heavenly tunes and let us live the adage, “those who sing pray twice”!
- * To the “Coffee Teams” who awaken us on Sunday morning with that necessary cup of Joe (or hot chocolate – and don’t forget the mini marshmallows!)
- * To the Green Team that keeps us focused on the one world that we have and ways to keep it available for generations to come.
- * To the Missions and Social Concerns Committee who help us transform our love and caring into mission and ministry locally and globally.
- * To the United Methodist Women who keep mission before us and provide so many wonderful fellowship events for each other and the church.
- * To our Christian Education program that teaches grace and love to all our youngsters from birth into the 90s.
- * To the youth who aren’t only the church of tomorrow, but show us with contributions to worship and Church Council that they are very much the church of today!

- * To the Trustees and Property Care Committees that keep our facilities in top condition (now if they can just get rid of this darn church mouse!)
- * To our Cleaning people that make the church shine and always make sure we put our best foot forward.
- * To the Hospitality and Membership Committee that is teaching us that the love that exists within the church can welcome so many more.
- * To the Christian Caregivers that keep our home-bound members in touch with us.
- * To the Tuesday Morning Bible Study that keeps the church and its people in prayer.
- * To the Caring Casseroles who provide food for people hungry and facing unexpected emergencies.
- * To the Altar and Flower Guilds for bringing beauty to the seasons of the church year.
- * To those who work the audio and visual systems that enhance our worship.
- * To the entire Staff that works so well together to be in ministry with our congregation.
- * To the Church Office Volunteers who provide friendly faces and provide great help to keep our office running smoothly.
- * To the Highlights crew that keeps us all informed.
- * To our denomination which provides both insight to help us grow and extends the hands of Christ throughout the world through mission, education, and ministry.
- * To those who work tirelessly (and mostly on a volunteer basis) to manage a large budget and keep track of our finances.
- * To the Communications Team (including our Webmaster, Bill Sinclair) who makes sure that our "light is not hid under a bushel."
- * To the Preschool and all the children's cheerful voices and songs.
- * To the Centennial Committee that works to help us both remember our past, but also helps us to focus on our next 100 years.
- * To Wesley PMM Students, Megan and Katie, that provide us with fresh ideas and ministry.
- * To the Gallery Coordinator (Warren Allin) and all the exhibitors who brighten our hallways.
- * To the Fellowship Groups (Men's, UMW, Young Adults, Youth, PALS) and Study Groups (Library, Disciple Bible, Tuesday Morning, and Friendship Class) that keep us connected and provide support and fun for one another.
- * To the saints who went before us paving the way of walking in a path of faith.
- * To our Mission Partners that heal us and serve us as we are in mission with them both locally, regionally, and throughout the globe.
- * And to so many more for so much more that makes this church the Body of Christ!

Thank you! Thank you! Muchas gracias!

Now, what was that phone number for the Orkin Man?

Happy New Year!

Dave Myers



Youth Council Meeting

Thursday, January 6th

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (300)

Important planning meeting for ROCK

ROCK Retreat in Ocean City, Maryland

Friday-Sunday, January 21st - 23rd

Youth will be with 6,000 others for a fun weekend of spiritual growth and celebration. Thanks to Lori and Tony Shore for offering to have us in their Bethany Beach home and to all the chaperones for their willingness to go.

Snow Tubing - Save the Date!!!

Saturday, February 26th

Snow Tubing at Liberty Mountain, PA.

Open to all youth in grades 6-12.

Heads Up -

Annual Report Booklet

All Reports due in the Office by

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

Year-End Financial Reports due by

Monday, January 31, 2011

All church officers and leaders, committee and work area chairs, are reminded that the Annual Report Booklet will be printed at the end of January. All program, mission, and ministry reports are due by Tuesday, January 18th. All Financial Reports are due by Monday, January 31, 2011. Reports will cover the entire 2010 calendar year.

New Worship Schedule to be Proposed

The Traditional Worship Revitalization Team has been hard at work. We have shared compelling visions for worship in the future and are taking steps toward making the visions a reality. One of the proposals that we are preparing to present to the Church Council for approval is a change in the time of the traditional service. Our primary goal in making this change is to allow parents of children and youth to attend traditional worship while their children are in Sunday School. The tentative schedule looks like this:

9:30 a.m. -

Contemporary worship begins in the Chapel.

9:45 a.m. -

Sunday School for children and youth begins.

10:00 a.m. -

Traditional worship begins in the Sanctuary.

10:45 a.m. -

Children whose parents are in traditional worship return to the Sanctuary.

10:30-11:30 a.m. -

Fellowship Hour in Wesley Room.

11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. -

Friendship Class (adult Sunday School) meets.

We realize that we will be creating new challenges (such as parking and a preacher that has to move from one service to the other). We are working to find creative ways to address these issues and expect to continue to do so.

The proposal is that this schedule begin on Sunday, March 6th.

CCUMC Youth Group

Everyone is welcome! Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to come together every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. for study and sharing. On the first Sunday of each month the youth are helpers in the younger grades. For more information about any of our youth programs, contact Carol Armstrong-Moore at carmstrong-moore@chevy Chaseumc.org.

Pursuing a Doctor of Ministry Degree

A Note from Carol Armstrong-Moore

During the weeks of January 3rd and 10th I will be in classes at Wesley Theological Seminary. I am very excited to be in the Doctor of Ministry program – a degree that is designed for clergy in active ministry to deepen their theological knowledge and practice in a particular discipline. Wesley offers a number of “tracks” for focused studies. These include: Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue, Theology and the Arts, Urban Ministry, and numerous others. The track I am in is called “Church Leadership Excellence.” In this track clergy “receive the enhanced knowledge, skills, and motivation to increase congregational and denominational service, vitality, and growth. A serious engagement with contemporary secular leadership studies is held in tension with theology. Participants will examine the biblical, theological, and ethical foundations of ministry through the lens of leadership to enhance their own fruitful practice of leadership.”

If all goes according to plan, I will complete my coursework one year from now. Then I will begin work on a doctoral project – exact topic to be determined! I am very grateful for this opportunity. I thank Pastor Dave Myers for his enthusiastic support of my decision to pursue the studies, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their endorsement, and the CCUMC Endowment Committee for providing me with scholarship funds. Please be assured that my studies will not reduce my time or commitment to our church. I am hopeful that as a result of this experience I will grow in my capacity to serve as your Director of Congregational Ministries and Programs. How blessed I am to have such a joyful calling!



From Bennie Madigan



The office received a holiday note from Bennie Madigan sending her best wishes for the holidays. Bennie said that she can hardly believe it's going on 4 years that she's been in Massachusetts. She said she feels very lucky to be with her family and new friends. But, of course, she misses her friends far away, but enjoys keeping in touch by phone. She wrote that “Everyone who has blessed me with their presence at my Birthday party is, and excuse the pun, the ‘Icing on the cake’.” In 2010, Bennie celebrated her 111th birthday! Bennie went on to report that she can boast being the oldest resident in Massachusetts, 13th in the United States, and 44th in the world. She wrote, “Who knows, I might make the Guinness Book of World Records!” She hopes that there can be another party in 2011 to celebrate her 112th birthday. Bennie sends her wishes to everyone for a very Happy Holiday and a very Healthy New Year.

Brad Kormann Memorial

Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless

On Saturday, November 20th, 23 CCUMC walkers participated in the annual Brad Kormann Walk for the Homeless, which is a 3.5 mile walk on the National Mall. The photo to the right shows 19 of the 23 walkers that day. Money raised by CCUMC has been donated to St. Luke's Shelter in DC. It was a beautiful day and a fitting tribute to Brad, who cared deeply for the less fortunate.



REMINDER - TALKING TRASH

Submitted by Donna Schwichtenberg

Calling all friends of planet earth! Have you ever wondered where all your recyclables go? Here's an opportunity to find out. You are invited to join us for an informative tour of the award winning Montgomery County Recycling Center located in Derwood, just north of Rockville.

WHEN: Wednesday, January 12th, at 10:00 a.m.

WHAT: 1 hour guided tour of the Montgomery County Recycling Center

WHERE: 16101 Frederick Road
Derwood, MD 20855

TIME: 9:15 a.m. - Meet at CCUMC parking lot if you would like to carpool.

If you wish to participate, please e-mail Donna Schwichtenberg, cadream@comcast.net, to put your name on the list. Or, call her with any questions you may have about the tour -- (301) 312-6730.

We will also take rags to the Recycling Center, so if you have any old clothes or shoes that are not good enough for the Rummage Sale and that you don't need for cleaning, please bring them with you on January 12th. If you cannot join the group on the tour, bring your rags to Phillips Hall clearly labeled **Rags for Recycling**, and we will take them with us.

COULD YOU HELP?

The church is compiling a list of church members that are certified in First Aid and/or CPR and who would be willing to help in an emergency. If you are one of these people, please contact Ashley Lee at ashleykernlee@gmail.com. Thank you!



NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE

Did you know that we have childcare in the nursery every Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.? Come early to rehearse with the Praise Team, join in the Fellowship Hour, attend the worship service of your choice -- while your little ones have a safe and fun place to be. The nursery is located across the hall from the church office.

SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE

Copies of the current week's sermon are available outside the Chapel and Sanctuary. You may also hear recordings of selected sermons on our website at www.chevychaseumc.org. Under "Recent Sermons" on the homepage, click on the "Sermon Podcast" icon. Copies may also be printed from the website.



CCUMC PRESCHOOL PRIORITY REGISTRATION AND OPEN HOUSE

CCUMC Preschool is excited to announce that priority registration for CCUMC members for Fall 2011 will take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2011. Please contact the Preschool office at (301) 652-7660 for further information.

Also, CCUMC Preschool is pleased to offer an Open House on Wednesday, January 12th, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. The Open House is an opportunity to tour the classrooms, meet the teachers and some of the current Preschool parents, and to hear a brief presentation from the Director and Administrator. Anyone who is interested in attending should contact the Preschool office at (301) 652-7660 or Lee Walsh at lwalsh@chevychaseumc.org.



Talent Auction

Funds to benefit the Nicaraguan Dental Program

Saturday, January, 22, 2011

7:00 p.m. - Dessert and Coffee
(desserts priced individually)

7:30 p.m. - Auctioning begins

The Mission and Social Concerns Committee is holding a Talent Auction on Saturday, January 22nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with dessert and coffee and at 7:30 p.m. the auctioning begins. The proceeds will go to the Nicaraguan Dental Program. The process of bidding promises to be engaging and fun.

To make it a big success your help is needed - in three ways:

- To donate a talent, service, gift certificate, or product that you will provide to be auctioned off;
- To attend the Auction, and
- To be ready to bid and buy some great items and learn more about your church family.

Ideas to get you started: There are a wide variety of talents that can be offered by people of all ages: babysitting, gourmet dinners, dinners to go, desserts, pies, baked goods, jams, taxi service to and from the airport(s), car washes and/or waxes, carpentry, painting, boat or sailboat rides, weekends or weeks at summer homes, catering, yard work, dressmaking, computer help, gift certificates, tickets to events, tutoring, etc. There will also be some surprise gifts to bid on. The “talents” offered will be limited only by your creativity!

As we begin to see talents offered, you will see what is being offered in the January weekly bulletins.

Prior to the Auction detailed bidding instructions will be provided.

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I will offer the following for the Talent Auction:

1. Talent, Service, or Item: _____ (suggested minimum bid) \$ _____

Limit (number of persons or items offered) _____

2. Talent, Service, or Item: _____ (suggested minimum bid) \$ _____

Limit (number of persons or items offered) _____

Name _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____

United Methodist Women in Mission

From Alison Gee, UMW President 2007-June 2011

Recently I have had many people ask me how our chapter of the United Methodist Women chooses the missions we support each year, what is our mission statement, and where do our own Church missions fit into the big picture.

As an organization, the United Methodist Women is an integral part of the United Methodist Church. "In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women." (The Book of Discipline, 2004.) Women actively choose to become involved in this inclusive mission organization. "Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the Church through United Methodist Women." Members are involved through prayer, giving, attending meetings, study, action, and service. The total program reflects the historical thrust of mission through: spiritual growth, mission education; Christian social involvement (social action); and support for women, children, and youth.

When UMW began, it had 6 members; now it has close to 1,000,000 members worldwide. We seek wholeness for ourselves and for others, especially women, children, and youth. Women are still among those who lack health care; are oppressed by cultural/religious customs and traditions; and are the illiterate, the abused, and the malnourished.

If you ever wondered what your donated goods, time, or purchases did last year, here's a glimpse:

- * Our UMW last year raised around \$20,000 with the efforts of our Rummage Sale and Holiday Bazaar. Our Unit gave \$4,000 to our pledge to mission to the Greater Washington District UMW, which is our Conference. We gave to the 5 areas of undesignated giving: 1) Pledge to Mission, 2) Special Mission Recognition, 3) Gift to Mission, 4) Gift in Memory, and 5) World Thank Offering. This resulted in us receiving *The Mission Today Unit Award* in 2010. We also pledge to 11 UMW Conference projects. Which totaled \$4,400.
- * Our UMW gave UMCOR \$1,000 each for Haiti and Pakistan disaster relief.
- * Our UMW gave \$1,000 towards the dental van to be used by the dentistry mission in Nicaragua.
- * After having two inspiring speakers for programs last year, our Unit voted to give money to the Nepal Teacher Training Initiative, to Courtney's House (a residential home for girls who have been rescued from the sex trafficking industry in DC), and to UMCOR for Girls Education in Aweil in Sudan (which grew out of this summer's School of Christian Mission attendees). Other Churches have raised money for the School and added to our funds will make an impact. Along with some other mission projects, CCUMC UMW gave roughly a total of \$14,000.
- * Our local Unit also supports local missions like Martha's Table (purchasing the monthly sandwich supplies), Bethesda Cares, Board of Childcare, and Wesley Seminary.
- * \$200.00 was given to our own Youth Group.

In summary we support missions that help meet the needs of women, children, and youth. Mission projects may be brought to any of the executive officers of UMW and will be considered at our February meeting where we will approve our 2011 budget. If anyone has any further questions regarding our Unit of the UMW, I am happy to speak with you. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Judy Smith at smarmayor@aol.com.

God is good all the time. All the time God is good. Our UMW has been blessed with many dedicated women that have raised money for missions that will impact many lives near and far. Won't you join us in 2011?

A FAITH MOMENT

Submitted by Lisa Moreau

On the first day of fall I received the horrible news that my eldest cousin was killed on his way home from late night farm work in rural Kansas. I was in shock and was having a difficult time trying to accept the reality of the situation. Why him, why now, what about his wife and two teenage kids??? Andy was more like an older brother to me than a cousin, and I just wasn't sure I was going to be able to get through his funeral. I just wasn't ready to let him go.

When we got to his home, I managed to keep myself together. It was so good to see my extended family and reminisce about Andy's fun times with all of us. He always seemed to live life to the fullest. His wife was struggling, but was on top of everything as usual. I think we were all taking everything one moment at a time.

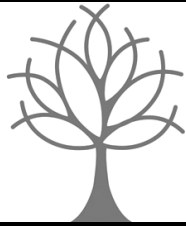
On the day of the funeral, the family had been at the church for the flower service. We were having a little refreshment in the fellowship hall when they said the service would begin in the main sanctuary, so we walked back together toward the main entrance of the building. As we were entering, we couldn't help but trip over a little minibike (very small motorcycle) in the middle of the sidewalk with a hooded sweatshirt lying right next to it. At the time I thought it was funny that someone had left it right at the entrance to the sanctuary, literally right in the middle of the sidewalk. My first thought was that one of Andy's fraternity brothers may be paying his final respects with a bit of flair -- inside I knew Andy would have loved it! I kind of put it aside in my head to figure out later and went in to try to say goodbye.

The day was hard. As I was checking in with Andy's wife as we prepared to leave the church, I asked if she knew anything about the minibike. She smiled and said that the minibike belonged to one of the boys that played football with Andy's son. He has a single mother and used the minibike to get places independently, since she worked two jobs and couldn't get him to practices and such. Andy and his son had befriended him and given him the nickname Frenchie. Frenchie had told his mother that he wanted to make sure and go to all of the events surrounding the death of my cousin, to be there for his friend.

Frenchie came to the house and sat with Andy's son and the rest of the family the morning and day after the accident. He came to the viewing, once again on his minibike, although he had tucked it a little further from the entrance that night so we didn't all see it. The next morning he set his alarm to make sure he got to the church in time. His mother later said she heard him get up and make himself breakfast and get going. He arrived in his football jersey to honor Andy, and had worn a hooded sweatshirt on top to keep the jersey clean of bugs. Out of respect, he took off the sweatshirt when he entered the church and just threw it down next to the bike. Andy's wife said he even beat the motorcade to the cemetery. She couldn't believe he had the wherewithal to do all of this by himself, noting that Frenchie is only 12 years old.

Now Frenchie is a tall 12-year-old, and his knees almost touch his ears when he rides his minibike. That weekend, Andy's wife and brothers-in-law decided to do something that Andy would have loved; something to be happy about in the middle of all the sadness. Andy's brothers-in-law drove to the nearest store and purchased Frenchie a new scooter, big enough for a tall 12-year-old to ride around town. They presented it to him, with a personalized Frenchie nameplate on the back, as the 12-year-old and his mother returned from church on Sunday morning. They told him that Andy would have wanted him to have it and thanked Frenchie for taking the time he took to give Andy's family support.

I know that Andy made a difference in my life, but it was so nice to hear and see that this young man felt touched by him as well. This was a light for me and my family in the midst of a lot of darkness. I know that good will still continue to come to the world even as I have to say goodbye to those I love. Luckily, their love keeps on giving, even after they are gone.



CCUMC GREEN TEAM

Why Buy Chlorine Free Process Paper?

You may have heard the term **PCF** or **TCF** in reference to paper products, and been urged by environmentalists to buy them. And you may have found that copy paper and paper towel, toilet paper, and napkins cost more if they are **PCF** or **TCF**. So why should we spend more in order to purchase them? First of all, when chlorine is used to whiten paper it produces dioxin, a highly toxic by-product which pollutes our air, soil, and water. Dioxins are highly fat-soluble, they accumulate in foods that contain fat; foods such as meat, dairy products, and mother's milk. Dioxins have just been designated as known human carcinogens by the government's National Toxicology Program. The Women's Division of the UMC has been lobbying for years to get Office Depot and Staples to stock **PCF** copy paper and finally succeeded several years ago. **PCF** refers to recycled paper that has been bleached with hydrogen peroxide or oxygen. The recycled content can be either 30% or 100%. The 30% is an affordable environmentally friendly alternative to virgin, chlorine-bleached paper.

Do not buy **ECF** paper (elementally chlorine-free), which uses a different form of chlorine, but still produces dioxins.

TCF means totally chlorine free and refers to virgin paper, not recycled. **TCF** is fine, but more expensive. Also, by using recycled rather than virgin paper you save energy. It takes 60 percent less energy to manufacture paper from recycled stock than from virgin materials.

Using 100% post-consumer chlorine-free paper saves: a million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions, a million Kilowatt hours of energy, a million gallons of water, and thousands of full grown trees. By using as many unbleached or **PCF** paper products as we can find in our stores and asking store owners to carry more of these products, we can take a step toward reducing this serious health risk to us all. By buying only recycled paper products, such as **Seventh Generation** or **Marcal**, we can save millions of trees. **CVS** now has napkins that are **PCF**. Also, ask your local stores to carry unbleached or **PCF** recycled content paper products and use them in your homes, church, offices, and shops.

If everyone in the U.S. said "no thanks" to ATM receipts, it would save a roll of paper so long it could circle the equator 15 times.

If every household in the U.S. replaced just one roll of virgin fiber paper towels (70 sheets) with 100% recycled ones, we could save 544,000 trees.

JOIN US AT THE NEXT
GREEN TEAM MEETING
JANUARY 8TH, 10:00 A.M.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



ELVES' WORKSHOP A HUGE SUCCESS!!

Submitted by Betty Bullock

On Sunday, December 5th, 14 adults and 18 youth came together to prepare gently used toys for needy children served by Greentree Shelter, and by 10:30 a.m. they had processed a truckload of lovable goodies.



Adults set the stage ...

Greentree Shelter, in Bethesda, MD, serves as a transitional home for homeless families, primarily children with single mothers, and provides the basic support systems necessary for families to rebuild their lives. They operate two daycare centers and will make good use of the toys so generously donated by members of this congregation.



Youth get their marching orders ...



Careful sorting ...

On Wednesday, December 7th, our chief custodian, Fernando Mendez, loaded the toys into his truck and delivered them to the Shelter; and we sincerely thank him and all of you who helped make our Elves' Workshop a big success.

The finished product!



OUR CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Happy Birthday!

01 Alan Ward	11 Grace Stohr	22 Denny Mitchell
01 Bob Levering	12 Carol Blair	23 Randy Denchfield
01 Kate Schwichtenberg	12 Matthew Adler	24 Grey Emmons
01 Matthew Schwichtenberg	12 Diana Sinclair	25 Gary Timberlake
02 Mary Adkinson	13 Emmanuel Kraft	26 Sam Norris
02 Brent Kynoch	17 Lynn Connell	27 Danielle Anthony
03 Russ Phillips	17 Kim Konopka Snape	28 Carol Hutchinson
03 Alec Mostofi/Bailey	17 Laura Cinnamon	29 Kimberly Green
05 Vicki Taylor	18 Arlene Walsh	30 John Murgolo
06 Deb Myers	21 Virginia Artis	30 Michelle Fraioli
07 Pat Hilmoe	21 Spencer Leitzel	30 Georgia Beebe
07 Van Powers	21 Regan Denchfield	31 Greg Trageser
10 Fred Ullman	21 Griffin Dobbin	31 Elie Plaster
10 Samuel Hovda	22 Linda Worthington	

Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

02	Kate Morrison-Danzis & Scott Danzis
04	Lois & Warren Allin
15	Laura & Rick Narvaiz
29	Marti & Steven Tarkington

Note: The church database may not have your updated information. If your birthday and/or wedding anniversary have been erroneously omitted, we apologize. Please contact the church office, and remember to give us missing and/or updated data.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Chapel) Friendship Class(106) Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.) Fellowship Time (WR) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Off Site)</p>	<p>29 9:30 AM Wesley Student/ Mentor Mtg.(109) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) No Wednesday Chapel Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day Happy New Year!</p>
<p>2 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Chapel) Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.) Friendship Class(106) Fellowship Time (WR) Faith Chords (Chapel) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>3 6:30 PM Library Study Group (300) 7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study (WR)</p>	<p>4 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Off Site) 7:30 PM Trustees Mtg. (ER)</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel) 8:00 Missions & Social Concerns (WR)</p>	<p>6 Epiphany 6:30 PM Youth Council Meeting (300) 7:30 PM Joy & Praise Team (Chapel)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Green Team</p>
<p>9 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Chapel) Friendship Class(106) Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.) Fellowship Time (WR) Faith Chords (Chapel) 11:AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) Intro. To Holy Land Trip (WR)</p>	<p>10 HIGHLIGHTS DEADLINE 6:30 PM Library Study Group (300) 7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study(WR)</p>	<p>11 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Off Site) 7:00 PM Potpourri (Off Site)</p>	<p>12 9:15 PM Green Team (Off Site) 9:30 AM Wesley Student/ Mentor Mtg.(109) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel)</p>	<p>13 7:30 PM Joy & Praise Team (Chapel) 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (100)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Chapel) Friendship Class(106) Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.) Fellowship Time (WR) Faith Chords (Chapel) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship(Sanctuary)</p>	<p>17 Martin Luther King , Jr. Day Church Office Closed 6:30 PM Library Study Group (300) 7:00 PM Disciple Bible Study(WR)</p>	<p>18 Annual Reports Due 9:30 AM Tues. A.M. Bible Study (Off Site) 7:30 PM Finance Committee (WR)</p>	<p>19 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel)</p>	<p>20 10:00 AM Sandwich Brigade (PHK) 7:30 PM Joy & Praise Team (Chapel) 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (100) 8:00 PM Staff Parish Relations Comm.(WR)</p>	<p>21 Rock 2011 Ocean City</p>	<p>22 Rock 2011 Ocean City 7:00 PM Talent Auction for Nicaragua</p>
<p>23 Rock 2011 Ocean City 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Chapel) Friendship Class(106) Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.) Fellowship Time (WR) Faith Chords (Chapel) Disciple Bible Study (Off Site)</p>	<p>24 6:30 PM Library Study Group (300)</p>	<p>25 HOLY LAND TRIP 9:30 AM Tues. A.M. Bible Study (Off Site)</p>	<p>26 HOLY LAND TRIP 9:30 AM Wesley Student/ Mentor Mtg.(109) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel) Church Council (ER)</p>	<p>27 HOLY LAND TRIP 7:30 PM Joy and Praise Team (Chapel) 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (100)</p>	<p>28 HOLY LAND TRIP</p>	<p>29 HOLY LAND TRIP</p>
<p>30 HOLY LAND TRIP Megan Crumm Preaching 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship (Chapel) Friendship Class(106) Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.) Fellowship Time (WR) Faith Chords (Chapel) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>31 HOLY LAND TRIP Year End Financials Reports Due 6:30 PM Library Study Group (300)</p>	<p>1 HOLY LAND TRIP 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Off Site) 7:30 PM Trustees Mtg. (ER)</p>	<p>2 HOLY LAND TRIP 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel) 8:00 Missions & Social Concerns (WR)</p>	<p>3 HOLY LAND TRIP 7:30 PM Joy & Praise Team (Chapel) 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (100)</p>	<p>4 EGYPT TRIP</p>	<p>5 EGYPT TRIP</p>

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Office hours **9:30 a.m.** to **4:00 p.m.**

Church Services on Sundays


- 9:30 a.m.** Contemporary Worship – Chapel
- 9:30 a.m.** Friendship Class – Room 107
- 9:45 a.m.** Children’s Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m.** Fellowship Time – Wesley Room
- 11:00 a.m.** Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Church Service on Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Prayer & Praise Service – Chapel

Church Staff

- Reverend Dave Myers**, Pastor
- Rev. Carol Armstrong-Moore**,
Director of Congregational Ministries and Programs
- Jesse Parker**, Director of Music Ministries
- Henry Rowe**, Contemporary Worship Leader
- Megan Crumm**, Seminary Intern
- Katie Schechter**, Seminary Intern
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- Maura Kenerson**, Church Administrator/
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- Cindy Hinchman**, Office Manager
- Mary Kay Harper**, Office Assistant
- Lee Welsh**, Preschool Director
- Lauren Bailey**, Preschool Program Administrator
- Nan McCurdy and Belinda Forbes**, Missionaries to Nicaragua

Journey  Outside Yourself

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