

# HIGHLIGHTS

*Chevy Chase United Methodist Church*

7001 Connecticut Avenue ✕ Chevy Chase, MD 20815 ✕ 301-652-8700

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



All children and youth (age 3 through Grade 12) are invited to participate in the Summer Sunday School Program. It will be held from June 19<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45 a.m., in the Epworth Room (directly below the Wesley Room).

Each week the children will learn about a different mission our church supports. We are inviting different speakers to share, and we are planning “hands-on” activities. Examples of missions to be studied include: Martha’s Table, Green Team, Nicaragua, Sudan, Interfaith Works’ backpack drive, and Washington Youth Chorus.

We will collect an offering each Sunday during Summer Sunday School. At the end of the summer we will count it together and decide which mission(s) of the church to give it to the end of August.

Adult helpers are welcome. If you would like to be a part of this exciting summer program for a Sunday or two when you are in town, please contact Carolyn Greis ([cagreis@msn.com](mailto:cagreis@msn.com)). Thank you!

## MUSIC & ARTS

### July Sampler Series Recital



On the program: Beethoven's "Ghost" Trio for violin, cello, and piano, Op. 70 No. 1, and Messiaen's monumental Quartet for the End of Time.

Brief Notes: Beethoven's delightful trio gets its nickname the "Ghost" from the eerie sounding slow movement. Messiaen's Quartet for the End of Time was composed when Messiaen was interred in a German prison camp in the early part of World War II. Because the only other professional musicians in the camp were a violinist, cellist, and clarinetist, the piece is written for those instruments, and the piano part was played by the composer. The work is inspired by the text from the Book of Revelation:

*And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire ... and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth .... And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever ... that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished ....*

**Sunday Sampler – July 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., CCUMC Sanctuary**

**Beethoven & Messiaen**

**performed by Chamber Music at Chevy Chase**

Donations will be accepted at the door for the many missions of the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church.

### JOY Singers

Join the JOY Singers this summer! All ages, all experience levels, all skill levels are welcome! Finding a date when most people are in town is the tricky part. So, please e-mail\* me if you are interested in singing. The JOY Singers will continue beyond the summer months, so e-mail me if you want to be included in details and discussions beyond just the summer months, too. Our first song will be "Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ" sung to a spirited Jamaican folk melody. Come join us and raise your voice in worship. **Praise be to God!** (\*Jesse Parker - JParker@chevychaseumc.org)

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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

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Rev. Carol Armstrong-Moore

#### Director of Music Ministries

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#### Sunday Worship Services

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Program  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

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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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## **July-August Worship at Chevy Chase UMC**

- July 3: **Communion Sunday; The Rev. Rody Rowe preaching.** Rev. Rowe (Henry's brother) retired officially on July 1, 2011, from the Pacific Northwest Conference. He returns to our pulpits, having preached here during a pulpit exchange with the Rev. Bill Wyatt.
- July 10: **Henry Rowe preaching.** The Rowe brothers complete their preaching this Sunday.
- July 17: **Sermon: "The Relief of Being Average."** Scripture Lesson: Romans 7:13-25. For some this will, no doubt, be a heretical sermon, for we live in a society where the holy word seems to be "superior." The cathedral is "improvement." The hymn is "anything worth doing is worth doing well." The motto is "second to none." Unfortunately, the ultimate product is despair.
- July 24: **Sermon: "Praying as We Ought."** Scripture Lesson: Romans 8:26-39. Prayer is something we all do (I think). But how do we pray? Paul says in Romans, "We do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." Perhaps we might consider that prayer is the way we open ourselves to God's presence, seeking to be at one with God's thoughts.
- July 31: **Sermon: "The Three R's of Summer."** Scripture: Genesis 32:22-32 and Matthew 11:25-30. It may come as a surprise to you, but to be a disciple of Jesus, not only do you have a right to rest, but you are called to "rest." Of course, Jesus is talking about a Sabbath rest that provides relief, release, and reconciliation.
- August 7: **Dane Smith preaching.** (Rev. Myers in Nicaragua)
- August 14: **Sermon: "The Dog Days of Pentecost."** Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-7, 11-14. I will have just returned from Nicaragua, where the steamy summer of Washington is even exceeded in both heat and humidity in Nicaragua! These are the dog days, when our energy is sapped. The author of Hebrews has some words for us. Actually one word: "perseverance."
- August 21: **Sermon: "Adam and Eve's Other Son."** Scripture: Genesis 4:25-26 and Romans 16:3-15. Ernest Campbell from Riverside Church first preached a sermon by this name, and I am deeply indebted to his thoughts. I wonder how many will search their Bibles to see the person I am referring to. Hint: he's pretty obscure. So, Reverend, why preach on obscurity? Let us not forget that Jesus called 12 obscure people to be disciples. Jesus has also called each and everyone of us. The important thing to remember is that God chooses us!
- August 28: **Dr. Jesse Parker will be preaching.**
- Sept. 4: Preacher to be announced.

# MYERS' MUSINGS



*July/August, 2011*

## *“Connect as One Through Radical Hospitality”*

The above title was the theme of the 227<sup>th</sup> Session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference.

In case you didn't know, the predecessors of United Methodism began in Baltimore at the so-called “Christmas Conference” of 1784. Currently the Baltimore-Washington Conference, while among the smallest geographically, has the largest membership and finances in the Northeast Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church and the fifth largest in the United States.

It continues to lead all of United Methodism in so many ways.

The highlight for many this year was an impromptu speech given by Bishop Schol. On Thursday Bishop Schol gave his “State of the Conference” address and spoke about the Bishops’ Call to Action – a plan set forth by our Bishops that will help the church reverse 40 years of decline. He distinguished between technical changes and substantive changes. Changing the hour of worship, putting attendance registers in the pews, changing coffee hour – those are examples of technical changes – then the Bishop said, ultimately technical changes won't reverse our decline. It would be like rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Substantive changes are changes in attitudes that enable us to be more welcoming – particularly of non-religious and nominally religious persons.

The next day Bishop Schol reported that many people had asked him what a “nominally religious person” was. And he said he would give an example – his daughter. Bishop Schol said they gave their daughter the best religious upbringing they could, but now as a young adult she doesn't go to church much anymore. He went on to say that if you were to ask her “Why?” she would give you several good reasons: she doesn't feel accepted; people in churches want to change her and have her conform to their exercise of worship; they want to know where she has been between the occasions when she has come. She sees the church being exclusionary and prejudiced and wonders why she should seek God there when she is able to find God elsewhere.

She goes on to say she finds a spiritual home in yoga classes with a group of young women who are non-judgmental and accepting. They talk about all the problems of their lives – talking freely without fear of being judged. The Bishop says it breaks his heart that she can't find a home in the church. But when he reflects on the reasons she gives, he says maybe it isn't she that needs to change, but that we are the ones who need to change. His last words were powerful. “We talk about growth and getting new members and reaching out to young adults,” but he concluded “until we change, it just doesn't matter.”

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Being hospitable and welcoming means being non-judgmental. It means being open to the gifts that the stranger brings us. Perhaps it means changing what we do so that the non-religious and the nominally religious can experience the God of grace and welcoming.

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That is an example of the substantive change the church needs to make in order to reverse the decline. That is an example of Christ going before us, leading the way into a new future. It is an example of being witnesses of a welcoming God and a welcoming church moving forward when it has received the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gracefully,

*Dave Myers*

P.S. I will be in Maine on vacation from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> and from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **A NOTE RECEIVED FROM MEGAN CRUMM ON MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**

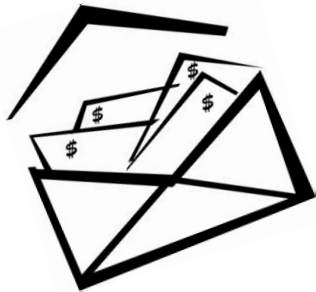
Hey all -

I hope things are going well at Chevy Chase! My appointment was officially announced Sunday morning at Conference, and I promised I'd send you an update once I was allowed to share these things. As of July 1st, I'll be the pastor at Erie United Methodist Church (in southeast Michigan, near the Ohio border), and my fiancé Joel will be at LaSalle:Zion and Petersburg UMCs, less than 8 miles away. We met with the PPRCs last week, and they seem like good people (one woman asked me my favorite flavor of pie, which bodes well!). I've created a new "pastoral" e-mail ([rev.megan.walther@gmail.com](mailto:rev.megan.walther@gmail.com)), but you can continue to e-mail me at this address ([megan.crumm@gmail.com](mailto:megan.crumm@gmail.com)) if you ever want to reach me.

We'll be living at the LaSalle:Zion parsonage, in a little white house next to the church.

This past Sunday, I was commissioned as a provisional elder during the Detroit Annual Conference. I'm officially a "Rev" now, even though it'll be another couple years before I get fully ordained. Thank you all for all the guidance and support you've given me through the last two years. I really appreciated our time together.

That's the current update for now! Hope you all are doing well. Megan



### **Summer Giving**

It is the summer season. A time when we tend to go to the beach, go on vacation, or in general when our church enters a period of rest and renewal. Unfortunately, for many that rest and renewal means absence – the absence of presence and presents. Our church is not alone in this reality. However, we still have bills and salaries that need to be paid. We encourage you to make every effort to keep current with your pledged and regular giving to the church.

### **CHILDCARE PROVIDER NEEDED**

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church is seeking an experienced childcare provider to work in the church Nursery as a regular substitute. Summer hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Carolyn Greis at [cagreis@msn.com](mailto:cagreis@msn.com).

## Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference, May 26-28, 2011

### Lay Member Report – Judy Smith

The theme of the Conference was “Connect as One.” But the message that came through to me most forcefully was “Change or Continue to Die.” In Bishop Schol’s episcopal address he quoted figures that showed the gradual decrease in Methodist church attendance and membership over the past 25 years. He highlighted four reasons for this, found by a Call to Action study done recently:

There is deep division and mistrust at all levels of the church.

The UMC is averse to metrics and goal setting.

There are not enough turn-around leaders who inspire people toward greater goals.

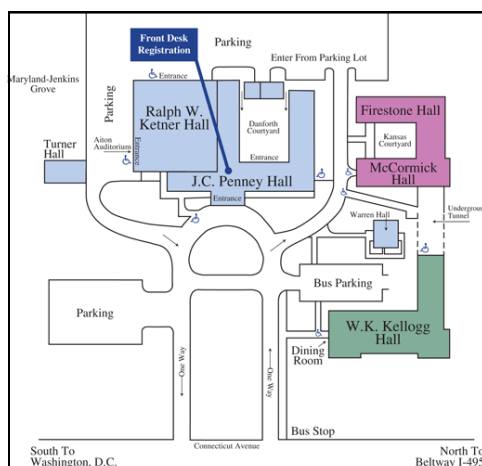
The church is not connecting with the nominally and non-religious people in our communities. Bishop Schol said that God’s call to us today for action is just as urgent as it was to Abraham and to Jesus’ call to his disciples and to John Wesley’s call to his society. We must act to change our churches if they are to survive. He asked us to ask ourselves and each other “How do we love those non- and nominally religious people where they are? Where can we meet them and how can we open our churches to them?”

On the positive side, the Bishop commended two districts, one being our own Greater Washington District, for growing in the five key areas of ministry: number of professions of faith, worship attendance, number of people engaged in mission, apportionment giving, and membership. We at Chevy Chase contributed to this accomplishment for our district, as we also grew in each of these 5 areas.

The Conference narrowly approved a same-sex marriage resolution which would amend the Book of Discipline to allow pastors to perform same-sex marriages in churches in jurisdictions where gay marriage is legal, such as Washington, DC. However, this only means that it will be put forth for a vote at the General Conference next year.

An important bit of business was electing the delegates, both lay and clergy, to represent the Baltimore-Washington churches at the 2012 General Conference and another group for the Jurisdictional Conference. These quadrennial conferences set the policies of the church and elect our bishops.

Conference business included the approval of the 2012 budget, \$18,484,406, which shows a 3% increase in salary and benefits and a 4.9% increase in mission and ministry. The benevolence factor was reduced from 19.5% to 18%.



## P A R K I N G

Parking is available at the National 4-H Center directly across the street from the church. Limited parking is available in front of the 4-H building, with additional parking available behind the main building. Proceed to the circle and to the right to find the parking behind the main building. Crossing guards are available 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to help persons crossing Connecticut Avenue. If you are able to park at the 4-H or farther away in the neighborhood and walk, please do so and leave the church parking lot and close-in parking for those persons that have difficulty with mobility or with managing small children.

# Youth Ministry



## **SAVE** **THE** **DATES!!**



### **JULY**

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** - Sandwich Brigade  
10:00 a.m. - Come to the church kitchen to help make sandwiches for Martha's Table.

**Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 a.m.**  
Planning Retreat and Pool Party  
4204 Rosemary Lane, Chevy Chase, MD

The Youth Council is sponsoring this retreat for planning the 2011-2012 program year. All youth are welcome! If you would like to come, please contact Youth Council President Michael Oosterhout at [michaeloosterhout@gmail.com](mailto:michaeloosterhout@gmail.com).

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Friday - Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**  
Fall Retreat at West River ([www.bwccampsandretreats.com/WestRiver.html](http://www.bwccampsandretreats.com/WestRiver.html)).

### **JANUARY 2012**

*youth retreat*  
**ROCK**

**Friday - Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**ROCK 2012** in Ocean City, MD

Join some 6,000 other youths for a fun weekend of spiritual growth and celebration.

## **BACK TO SCHOOL**



This summer the Youth Group is having a backpack drive to benefit Interfaith Works. Interfaith Works, a non-profit organization, focuses on helping our neighbors: people who live in poverty in one of the most affluent communities in the country. We are asking everyone to help by donating any of the items listed below. Collection boxes will be located throughout the church during the month of July. If you don't have time to shop for these supplies, monetary donations are also more than welcome to help us purchase these supplies. Checks should be made payable to CCUMC with the notation "backpacks" and turned in to the church office. We would like to have checks no later than July 22nd so we can shop for the supplies. Thanks for your generosity!

backpacks	highlighters
calculators	glue sticks
pencils & pens	scissors
colored pencils	rulers
pencil boxes	pocket folders
erasers	composition books
crayons	notebooks
markers	spiral books
tissue packets	wide ruled loose leaf paper

## Getting to Know Our Acolytes

*Submitted by Judy Smith*

We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated young people who add to our worship experience by carrying the cross and lighting the altar candles before our 10 o'clock services. In a series of interviews, we will introduce them to you so that you will get to know a little bit more than just their faces. Our first profiles will be of our oldest and most experienced acolytes, Cole, Kendall, and Mackenzie Kynoch.



Cole, at age 16, has been acolyting for 6 years. He is now going in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Georgetown Prep where his favorite subject is science. He is also an active Boy Scout and is on his school swimming team. He hopes to combine his swimming and science skills to pursue scuba diving in the future. Rounding out his multi-faceted talents, he plays bass guitar for his own pleasure and the pleasure of others. The teen years are when we lose many of our acolytes to their busy high school schedules, but Cole hopes to continue until he leaves home for college. He says, "It's kinda cool to be involved in church services and to play an important part in the traditional worship."

Both Kendall and Mackenzie echo their brother's desire to continue as acolytes as long as possible. In the fall the twins will be 9<sup>th</sup> graders at St. Andrews, where their mother, Dale, teaches. They have been acolyting for 4 years and, like their brother, are active in the CCUMC Youth Group and in Faith Chords, the youth music group we often hear in the contemporary service. Kendall likes to sing and dance and to design clothes, a field she hopes to enter after college. Mackenzie, on the other hand, is a runner, especially cross country. She plays drums in both the youth and adult music groups at CCUMC, as well as in the school band. Her favorite subject is history, while Kendall prefers math. Both girls say they enjoy participating in the two different styles of worship. Kendall says that walking down the aisle and lighting the candles on the altar makes her feel like she is an important part of traditional worship. Mackenzie agrees. "When I carry the cross down the aisle I feel like I'm a bigger part of the church, and I feel a deeper connection with God."

We at CCUMC thank all three of the Kynochs for your 14 years of combined service and for making our worship experience richer and more meaningful.

## CCUMC YOUTH TITHING LABOR

Do you believe in keeping money in the church and within the families of the CCUMC congregation? If so, read on.

Recently, a senior citizen CCUMC member was charged \$85.00 by a licensed professional electrician -- for replacing a light bulb on her porch! This could have been done by one of our own youth for a much lower price and the youth giving 10% as a tithe to CCUMC.

Most middle and high school students don't have the opportunity to take classes in "Home Maintenance and Minor Repairs" such as electrical, plumbing, painting, grass cutting, and snow shoveling. So they could really benefit from applying the skills they have and developing them further. This would be a source of income for our youth and also provide much needed services to members of our church at a lower cost.

If this idea interests you, as a senior citizen with some home maintenance needs or as a youth with an interest in working, contact Sam Bryson (202-362-5005) or Carol Armstrong-Moore (301-652-8700).

## **PARENTING BOOK GROUP**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room**

Dr. Ann Jacob Smith will lead us in a discussion of *Childhood Unbound* by Ron Taffel, Ph.D. She saw the author speak at a conference and “was completely blown away”!

“Childrearing needs a new approach to match a powerful generational shift and daunting 21st century challenges,” writes Ron Taffel. Adults find themselves faced with children and teens who simultaneously “stun and delight.” Kids of all ages can be “coarse, crude, jarring and wild”—yet they are also “far more open with their parents and each other than kids in prior times, they are strikingly generous and empathetic, care deeply about ethical issues, and with their high-speed multi-tasking prepare for twenty-first-century life.” As parents struggle to understand kids’ confusing behavior, they are besieged by conflicting schools of advice. But challenge creates possibility. Dr. Ron Taffel—one of the country’s most sought-after child-rearing experts—tells a compelling story of discovery garnered from seeing a decades-long shift in kids and parents nationwide. Taffel argues that the dynamics of today’s parent-child relationship are fundamentally different and surprisingly more hopeful than in the past and in **CHILDHOOD UNBOUND: *Saving Our Kids’ Best Selves—Confident Parenting in a World of Change*** he presents a groundbreaking approach to bringing out both 21st century kids *and* parents “best selves.” ([www.childhoodunbound.com](http://www.childhoodunbound.com))

Books have been ordered through Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Avenue, NW (southeast corner of Connecticut and Nebraska), 202-364-1919. When the books arrive, there will be something in the Sunday bulletin letting you know they are available to go and purchase. They will be in the Book Club section on the shelf marked “Chevy Chase UM Church.” The bookstore offers Book Club members 20% off on the purchase of books.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Parenting Book Group. We have moms, dads, grandparents,

educators, and friends – please invite your neighbors! For more information, you should contact Carol Armstrong-Moore at [carmstrong-moore@chevychaseumc.org](mailto:carmstrong-moore@chevychaseumc.org) or Ann Jacob Smith at [annjacobsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:annjacobsmith@yahoo.com).

## **PARENT ENCOURAGEMENT PROGRAM (PEP)**

There are some excellent workshops this summer being offered by the Parent Encouragement Program (PEP): Parenting Education in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Their website states their mission as:

*Our goal is the development of stronger, more encouraging families, through systematic education, skill training, and support.*

*Such families are characterized by positive energy and a sense of purpose.*

*These families inspire their members with courage, spirit, and hope, empowering them to contribute to others, to their community, and to the larger society.*

Examples of some of the workshops being offered are:

- ◆ Allowances: Early Lessons in Money Management
- ◆ Setting Limits with Extra-Challenging Children
- ◆ Positive Parenting After Separation or Divorce
- ◆ Power Tools for Power Struggles
- ◆ Managing Stress and Pressure: Survival Guide for Tweens, Teens, and Parents

For details, see [www.PEPparent.org](http://www.PEPparent.org)

## **Service Learning Opportunities this Summer**

Youth interested in spending some of their summer vacation volunteering in the community with the Youth Group should speak to Carol about the possibilities! For more information about any of our Youth Group activities, please contact Carol Armstrong-Moore at [carmstrong-moore@chevychaseumc.org](mailto:carmstrong-moore@chevychaseumc.org).



## Nicaragua Trip August 2 – 12, 2011

On Tuesday morning, August 2, 2011, some of the members of Chevy Chase UMC will depart to visit Nicaragua for 10 days, and in particular our Mission Partners there. While there the group will be fulfilling our Vision and Mission statement that states: “We serve and are served, we heal and are healed through God’s transforming love.”

Our trip will have several components including:

- ◆ Spend time living with families of our **Sister Church in Barrio Nuevo** and working with their Pre-School. We will also worship with them on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Working with **Drs. Lizzett and Deborah Cortez in their dental program**. This will take us to two of the schools and communities they work with.
- ◆ Working with **Accion Medica Cristiana**, the indigenous preventive medical agency where Dr. Belinda Forbes and her husband, Gerardo, work. This will hopefully send us back to New Jerusalem in the mountainous area of Central Nicaragua to help further establish the community there. (Previously we planted pine trees along the road to prevent erosion, and last year we planted over 200 cocoa trees along the stream bank.)
- ◆ If possible, visit some of the **programs of Nan McCurdy and Miguel**, missionaries we support in Nicaragua. They develop and guide programs primarily benefitting children and women. (When we are in Nicaragua, Nan and Miguel will be in the U.S. on their required itineration as missionaries.)
- ◆ **Visiting Martin Luther King, Jr. University** to see the work of this private (but cheaper than public) university that graduates about 60-65% women!
- ◆ Wonderful sights and experience: an active volcano, swim in a volcanic lake, have an opportunity to do a zip line, perhaps visit an organic coffee plantation, visit a Nicaraguan musical event, and much more. And you will have time for shopping and to buy gifts and souvenirs.

**How you can be a part of the trip even if you can’t go!** As always we will be taking toothbrushes and medical supplies with us, as well as pre-school supplies. You can help by contributing the following:

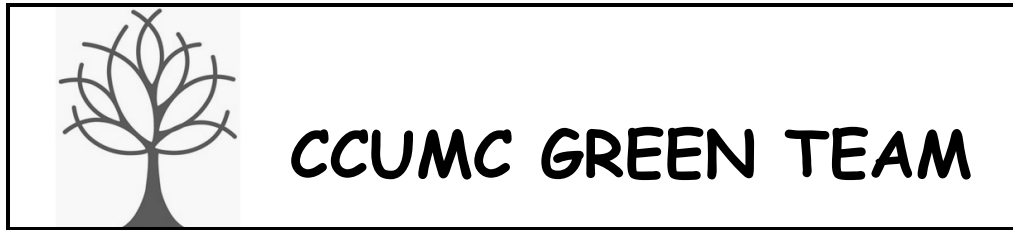
Individually wrapped toothbrushes

School supplies (not paper) – markers, Spanish children’s books, picture books

Hand puppets

Over-the-counter medical supplies for children and adults. (Especially important are triple antibiotics, pain relievers, cold and asthma supplies, medical tape and bandages, hemorrhoid treatments, antacid, etc.)

**If you would like to go, there is still time to sign up** and travel with us; please speak to Rev. Myers!



## **God Calls His (Green) Faithful to Enthusiastic Gardening**

*Submitted by Dane Smith*

For Christians seeking to educate themselves about the environmental challenge, April's *Sojourners* is a bracing read. My eye was caught particularly by "For God So Loved the Dirt..." Norman Wirzba, professor of theology, ecology, and rural life at Duke Divinity School (an intriguing combination of disciplines!), takes us back to the Creation story to evoke God as gardener. "And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden ... and there put the human [God] had formed ... to till it and keep it." (Genesis 2: 8, 15) In that story our essential human task is laid out: cultivate and maintain the earth.



For the past couple of decades since Judy and I had our epiphany about Christian faith and care of the earth, I have been working with another metaphor: stewardship. We are called to be good stewards of the earth, using its riches – water, land, natural resources – wisely, prudently, economically, and not wastefully. Stewardship recalls several of Jesus' parables about good and bad managers, who are rewarded or punished for the quality of their stewardship. But the metaphor of stewardship? That's so fiduciary! It's so "white collar"!

Wirzba thinks the stewardship metaphor is helpful but argues it lacks "a sense of the painstaking and joyful intimacy that exists between a gardener and his or her garden." He explores the image of "planet Earth as an immense and diverse garden, the focal point of God's abiding attention, devotion and love." Certainly the gardeners among us can warm to that message. Luxuriating in the image, Wirzba says, "God loves dirt." He's no "managerial deity who relates to the world by mining or purchasing it." God "takes the soil and holds it close, taking in its fresh aroma, and then breathes into it life's vitality, resilience and beauty."

The same *Sojourners* issue features the work of the Benedictine sisters of Holy Wisdom Monastery in Madison, Wisconsin – a great example of the gardening metaphor in practice. After Vatican II, the sisters closed their girls' high school and converted it into an ecumenical retreat and conference center, welcoming women of any Christian denomination. Care of the earth was affirmed as a core part of the monastic calling. In 2010 their new building was honored as one of the top 5 percent of green buildings in the country by the U.S. Green Building Council. Holy Wisdom has restored 95 acres of native prairie and glacial lakes on their property. Their work is true to the Benedictine spirit which Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister has described as requiring "all of us to go through life, taking back one inch of the planet at a time until the Garden of Eden grows green again."

City dwellers like most of us may feel some hesitation about embracing fully the image of faithful Christians as gardeners. It smacks a bit of a naïve "back to the soil" theology that may not be fully attuned to the reality of an urbanized planet. But now in the glorious garden of Washington in spring, we can stretch our environmental consciousness by affirming that our God loves dirt!

## **A FAITH MOMENT**

### **Chasing the Spirit**

*Submitted by Henry Rowe*

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verses for the king... Psalm 45*

Most of us, at sometime in our lives, have encountered God through music. Whether it's a great hymn, praise song, or symphony, there comes that moment when time seems to stand still and we glimpse heaven in all its glory. Such is the power of song.

Being a musician, my life has always been filled with music. My earliest memories are of singing in church, and to this day, great hymns still stir me in a way nothing else can. Of course, I encounter God through music every Sunday morning as I lead the Praise and Worship Team here at Chevy Chase UMC.

But I also encounter God through music in the most unexpected ways – like at 3:00 a.m. when I wake up singing an old hymn that I haven't thought of in 20 years, that might be just perfect (if tweaked slightly) for Sunday morning worship. Experience tells me the Holy Spirit keeps its own schedule that doesn't necessarily match mine.

Many weeks, when I just can't seem to find the right song for an anthem and time is short, the Spirit lays the spark of an idea on my plate - nagging at the corners of my mind until I stop and pay attention. Many songs I've written for Sunday morning are still getting their finishing touches on Saturday night!

When writing music, I'm often inspired by God's work and blessings in my life and by how Jesus has changed my heart. As a songwriter, my antenna is always up for great ideas. I once heard a minister on TV say, "We've got to live our lives like Jesus, walking slowly through the crowd." The minute I heard that line, I knew it was a song I had to write. Here's the first verse of "Walkin' Slowly Through a Crowd":

We serve a risen Savior who taught us how to live,  
But He was always on the lookout for whoever needed him.  
Go ask Zacheus and he'll tell you, I was sittin' way up in a tree,  
I was high above the crowd, quiet as a mouse, but still He noticed me.  
You've really got to slow down, take the time to find out,  
Walkin' like Jesus, slowly through the crowd.

Music is an expression of my own faith journey – a way of giving voice to my growing relationship with God and the great joy and gratitude I feel for the Holy Spirit's work in my life. Hopefully, my music helps to inspire the faith journey of others along the way. Of course, the most perfect song we can offer is the song of our lives given in love and service as a response to God's great love for us.

## **NEW OFFICERS OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The United Methodist Women recently elected the following officers for a term of 3 years:

President	Mary Kay Harper
Vice President	Judy Smith
Treasurer	Patricia Hammar
Secretary	Vacant
Membership	Jeannie Fryer
Spiritual Growth	Lorie Shore
Social Action	Janice Walden
Mission/Education	Elsa Kormann
Caring Casseroles	Carolyn Greis

Women of all ages are invited to join this group at anytime throughout the year. For more information, please contact Mary Kay Harper at [mharper@chevychaseumc.org](mailto:mharper@chevychaseumc.org).

## **IS YOUR SOUL THIRSTY?**

*Blessed are they which do  
hunger and thirst  
after righteousness:  
for they shall be filled.*

*Matthew 5:6*

August is typically hot, dry, and miserable. The grass is brown, the flowers are dried up, and people can be lethargic for lots of reasons. Sometimes, so is our spiritual walk.

Come and drink in the refreshing truths God has to renew and rejuvenate your soul! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 13th, at 9:00 a.m.** to attend the United Methodist Women program of Spiritual Nurture.

Come be fed, body and soul!

## **The Holiday Bazaar is Coming!**



**Saturday, November 12, 2011, is the date!**

It is not too early to be thinking about that new recipe you want to try, a craft project for summer, or gathering together your wonderful attic treasures, gently used holiday clothing, books, toys, etc. for the Holiday Bazaar!

If you are interested in a vendor table, please contact Mary Kay Harper ([mkh1234@aol.com](mailto:mkh1234@aol.com)). If you have fabulous new ideas for the Bazaar, share them with Mary Kay or Lisa Mitchell ([lmitchell@kamarelldesign.com](mailto:lmitchell@kamarelldesign.com)).

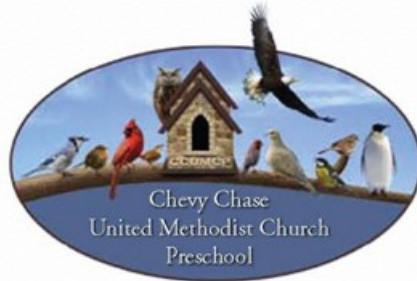


Jackie Phillips is very thankful for the thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, and food that she received from church friends while her fractured leg has been healing. She is deeply grateful to God for the wonderful people at CCUMC.

*Many, many, thanks!!*

## **NURSERY NEWS**

Our Church Nursery has moved to a new location -- now in Room 212. This is the classroom in the Art Gallery hallway; at the top of the stairs as you enter from the parking lot. The move has been made to provide the children with a more age-appropriate environment. The classroom previously used was for 3-year-olds during the week. The new classroom is used only for 2-year-olds and has toys and equipment for that age.



## **NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL**

**OPENING IN PRE-K CLASS** - Please be aware that we have an opening in our pre-K class for the 2011-2012 school year. The pre-K classes meet Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Afternoon enrichment programs are offered daily.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Lee Walsh or Lauren Bailey in the preschool office via e-mail ([ccumcpreschool@verizon.net](mailto:ccumcpreschool@verizon.net)) or phone (301) 652.7660. In addition, we are accepting waitlist applications for other classes.

**PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER SCHEDULED** - We are excited to be offering community members the opportunity to have professional photographs taken of them or their children on **Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, and **Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact the preschool office if you would like to sign up for a time to have your picture taken. A portion of the proceeds goes to the preschool.

# JOURNEY



# UTSIDE

# YOURSELF

## **VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED**



The Centennial Committee is working on recording the oral histories of some of our long-term members to document in their own words their memories of CCUMC and its rich history. If there are members who have a good video camera and tripod and would be willing to videotape these interviews, we'd love to have your help! The loan of a camera and tripod would be welcome if you can't be there to tape the interviews yourself.

Please contact Carol Powell at [CarolPwell@aol.com](mailto:CarolPwell@aol.com) or (301) 493-6933 if you can help with this important project.



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

02	Nancy Zeidman	11	Richard Amano	21	Madison Shaffer
02	Jake Rose	12	Charles Serpan	21	Dale Hovda
03	Carolee Brothers	12	Elijah Nott	21	Jocelyn Fryer
03	Heather Barnstead	13	Charlie Gray	21	Matthew Compton
08	Julie Rogers	14	Lance Crist	22	Marjorie Mills
08	Donna Arling	14	Mildred Miller	24	Bennie Madigan
08	Elinor Nott	14	David Cook	24	Chip Rogers
08	Claire Wallace	14	Margaret Spire	24	Taylor Mayo
08	Janet Griffith	15	Kendall Kynoch	25	Linda Trageser
08	Jesse Parker	15	Mackenzie Kynoch	25	Olivia Webster
10	Kiersten Butterfield	16	Anna Campbell	26	Betty Mack
10	Stacy French	17	Melissa Webster	26	Hayden Byrnes
10	Kelly Shoemaker	17	Lilly Agnvall	27	Chelsea Laubach
10	Paul Armstrong	19	Bob Gray	30	Lois Allin
10	Warren Armstrong	19	Cole Cutler	30	Lynn Cotton
10	Mike Griffin	20	Claire Kormann	30	John Kormann
10	George Zaphiriou	20	Valerie Harding		



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01	Rich Barry	09	Katia Alvarez	16	Cole Norris
01	Maxwell Harding	10	Jim Bugg	16	Hunter Norris
01	Christian Garcia	10	Mary Elise Phillips	16	Christopher Marshall
02	Kirsten Williams	11	Bill Snape	17	Danielle Stanley
03	Steve Mister	11	Ellen Garrison	18	Steven Lofton
03	Wayne Armstrong-Moore	11	Jesse Crawford	19	Matt King
04	Elsa Kormann	11	Andrew Churchey	20	Christine Wallace
04	Jean Lokerson	11	Jackie Norris	20	Henry Plaster
05	Emily Tompkins	12	Henry Benner	21	Dave Compton
06	Jayce Fryer	12	Megan Mah	21	John Brothers
06	Marge Foxvog	15	Liz Timberlake	22	Eddie Mecklenburg
06	Anne Tumlinson	15	David Mostofi	27	Spike Shore
07	Jennifer Byrnes	15	Lindsey Dobbin	28	Steve Tarkington
07	Ashley Lee	16	Matty Matzen	29	Joe Rose
08	Lynn Collins	16	Vivian Otto	29	James Wallace
08	Carol Armstrong-Moore	16	Malcom Allen		



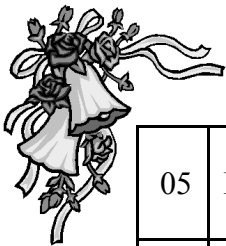
## OUR CHURCH FAMILY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



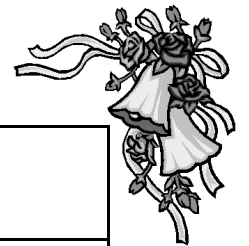
### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

01	Bob and Sally Brown	14	Rich and Rebecca Barry
05	John and Kirsten Williams	16	Ken and Nina Gardia
07	Jason Gray and Krista Moody	20	Steve Anthony and Michele Sweetser

***"Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy. It does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude. It is not self-seeking. It is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrong doing. It does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres." ~ 1 Corinthians 13***



### AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



05	Robert and Heather Barnstead	31	David Shaffer and Kelly Briscoe
09	Brian and Karin Churchey	26	Alec and Stacy French
26	Bob and Mary Alice Gray	27	Phil and Patricia Hammar

*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.*

**CCUMC Calendar - July and August 2011**

JULY 2011						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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AUGUST 2011						
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28	29	30	31			

**HAPPY SUMMER**

**WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (100)
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Chapel)
- 9:45 a.m. "Mission Possible" Sunday School, age 3 through 12th grade (Epworth Rm.)
- 10:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Wesley Rm.)

**Wednesday**

- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship (Chapel)

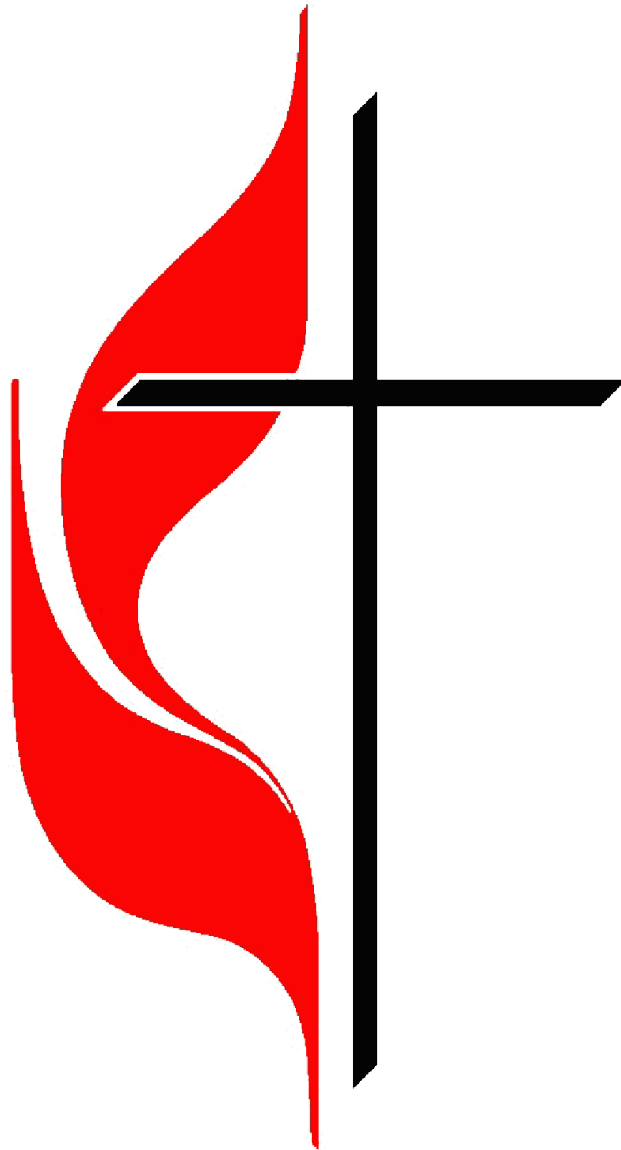
**ACTIVITIES DURING JULY / AUGUST**

**July**

- July 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Epworth Rm.)
- July 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. Missions & Social Concerns (Wesley Rm.)
- July 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m. Centennial Committee (Wesley Rm.)
- July 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations (Wesley Rm.)
- July 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 a.m. Sandwich Brigade - Youth Group helps (Phillips Hall Kitchen)
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00 p.m. Youth Group Visioning Retreat/Pool Party
- July 27<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. Church Council (Epworth Rm.)

**August**

- August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Trip to Nicaragua
- August 10<sup>th</sup> **Highlights Deadline**
- August 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. UMW Program of Spiritual Nurture
- August 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Sandwich Brigade (Phillips Hall Kitchen)



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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 in Chapel
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for children & youth
- 10:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. - Fellowship Time - Wesley Room
- 11:15 a.m.-Noon - Friendship Class - Room 107
- 11:15 a.m.-Noon - Library Study Group - Library

**Church Service on Wednesdays**

7:00 p.m. - Prayer & Praise Service in 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
- Linda Ellinwood**, Organist
- Maura Kenerson**, Church Administrator/  
Bookkeeper and Building Supervisor
- Cindy Hinchman**, Office Manager
- Mary Kay Harper**, Office Assistant
- Lee Walsh**, Preschool Director
- Lauren Bailey**, Preschool Program Administrator
- Nan McCurdy and Belinda Forbes**, Missionaries to Nicaragua

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