

# HIGHLIGHTS

*Chevy Chase United Methodist Church*

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

## Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 12th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Silent Auction, Clothing Boutique,  
Books, Jewelry, Baked Goods,  
"Attic Treasures," Decorations,  
Gift Vendors, Lunch Café,  
Children's Secret Shop,  
Photo with Santa,  
Handmade Gifts

Especially for Children

11:00 a.m.

Mistress Beatrice Pickles

in

"Pirates, Mermaids, and Princesses"

Tickets \$5.00 at the door



*Bring your friends and neighbors!*

To volunteer to set-up the week before or to help sell on November 12th,  
please contact Lisa Mitchell (301) 652-4081 or Mary Kay Harper (301) 881-6526.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women  
Proceeds go to mission projects and outreach to those in need.

*November 20, 2011*  
***One Worship Service***  
***In the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m.***  
***Followed by a free lunch in Phillips Hall***

***November Worship at Chevy Chase UMC***  
***Sermon Theme: "Faithful Stewardship!"***

- November 6: **All Saints' Sunday. Sermon: "The Stewardship of the Saints." Music by the Rockville Dixie Rascals.** Scripture Lessons: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; and Matthew 25:1-13. Today we unveil the new projection system in the Sanctuary with the pictures of the saints of our church who have died during the past 12 months. They cast a vision for us, and made it clear that they served the Lord. They did it with a faithful response of their whole being. Joshua makes the assertion, "Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve."
- November 13: **Sermon: "The Power of Punctuation."** Scripture Lessons: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 and Matthew 25:14-30. Today we encounter the Parable of the Talents. We all know how it goes – or so we think. I have discovered there is a twist we often overlook, and it is all because of a question mark (hint, it is at the end of Verse 26).
- November 20: **ONE SERVICE TODAY AT 10:00 a.m. followed by a free meal in Phillips Hall as we celebrate Thanksgiving with our response of Giving Thanks. Sermon: "A Cheerful Giver."** Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and II Corinthians 9:6-15. Somehow I suspect that many of you do not associate "Cheerfulness" with the Sunday we focus on our pledge response. The Stewardship Committee has taken some bold steps to change that. And we are reminded in II Corinthians, that "God loves a cheerful giver." (Verse 7) On this Sunday come and be cheerful – you even get a free lunch!
- November 27: **First Sunday of Advent. The Annual "Greening of the Church." Sermon: "Preparing."** Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 64:1-9; I Corinthians 1:3-9; and Matthew 13:24-37. We begin a new church year! Welcome to Advent. A time of anticipation, that also means it is a time for waiting and getting ready. It all has to do with the birth of the Christ child that is coming to a heart very near to you!

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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*

**Director of Music Ministries**

*Jesse Parker*

**Contemporary Worship Leader**

*Henry Rowe*

**Organist**

*Linda Ellinwood*

**Church Administrator/Bookkeeper and Building Supervisor**

*Maura Kenerson*

**Office Manager**

*Cindy Hinchman*

**Office Assistant**

*Mina Wood*

**Missionaries to Nicaragua**

*Nan McCurdy & Belinda Forbes*

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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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# MYERS' MUSINGS



*November, 2011*

## *“Money and Faith”*

*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough for everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” . . . II Corinthians 9:8*

The Stewardship Committee, under the leadership of Jay Fryer has really been “at it” this year. First came the slogan “Our Centennial: It’s Not About Us.” And now they want us to practice faith both in our 2012 budgeting and as importantly in our pledging.

Practice faith, you say, don’t we always practice faith in the church? Well, let’s examine a couple of examples.

**First example:** Suppose you are a small business owner with about 12 employees. The past year has been good, you are continuing to grow; especially heartening. You begin to look ahead trying to determine whether or not you should expand your workforce, or cut it. You have some basic renewals of regular business you can count on, but you will need some more – and past experience says you will get it. You project the economic “engine” of the country, measure that against two major clients you hope to get, but they want evidence that you will be able to service them fully. After a long analysis, you decide that the only way your company will be able to service those new clients will be by adding two more employees. Question: Did you use a degree of faith in making the decision?

**Second example:** You are the head of the Finance Committee for a church, of say about 200 worshippers each Sunday at two services. Over the past 4 years, despite many losses through the sad deaths of many long-time faithful members, the church is now experiencing a growing Sunday School and Youth Group. It is developing exciting new mission programs. But, it is your job to come up with a budget for next fiscal year. You need to know if the pledges will support the budget or not. You wait for the numbers to come in after the annual “Stewardship Campaign” to forecast your budget. Question: Where is the faith?

Well, that’s the challenge the Stewardship Committee is posing us. In our budgeting, where is our faith in a God of abundance? In our pledging and giving, where is our faith in the leadership of the church, and as importantly, in one another and our God?

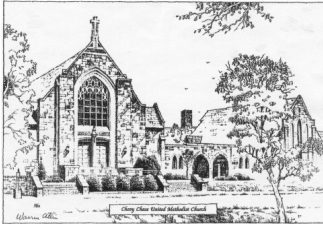
This year the Stewardship Committee is asking us to be faithful in both our pledging and in our budgeting.

Wow! What a concept – using faith in our financial deliberations – in a church of all places!

Faithfully,

*Dave Myers*

## 100 YEARS



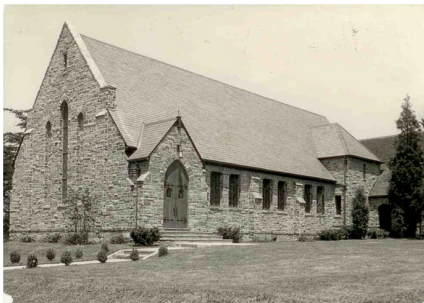
1912 - 2012

CCUMC is fast approaching a special milestone in its history: 100 years of service and worship in the Chevy Chase community! To mark this anniversary and the church's growth and change, the following is the second in a series of articles being published in HIGHLIGHTS on the dedicated families who founded this church and the proud heritage they brought about in a century of Christian service. Interviews chronicling CCUMC's centennial journey will also be included, and as we look to our second century, thoughts about the future will be shared.

*First 50 Years***STONE SANCTUARIES REPLACE LITTLE BROWN CHURCH**

Piece by piece, distinctive stone buildings began replacing the "little brown church" at the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Shepherd Street. During its first 20 years, CCUMC's early shingled wooden church was expanded three times. A parsonage was built next door. An education building was constructed behind.

The first of the "stone sanctuaries," today's chapel, was built as the fifth expansion, in 1934, by long-time member, Edward Simpson, and was dedicated on April 14, 1935. Sunday School classes then met in the adjoining little brown church, and its enlarged basement was used as both a fellowship hall and meeting space.



First of the stone sanctuaries built was the present-day chapel, shown here still connected to the little brown church in the background.

Working families continued to flock to the growing Chevy Chase suburb, aided by improved roads and Senator Newlands' trolley line on Connecticut Avenue. Attendance also continued to grow at the handsome new stone sanctuary, officially renamed "The Chevy Chase Methodist Church, Inc." beginning in 1939.

World War II brought two Sunday worship services, and when many of the 88 Methodist members who served in the war returned to Chevy Chase, something had to be expanded again. "Let us build now the complete church," directed Bill Orem, Chairman of the Building Fund Committee. "That will properly serve our people, that will invite others to come worship with us, and will become a landmark in the northwestern suburban area of Washington..."

In July 1948, construction began on a major new stone sanctuary on the north lot, purchased 27 years earlier in anticipation of church growth. However, available funds would only allow building the first phase of the project, the "Parish Hall." Within 6 days of its consecration, on April 10, 1949, long-time member Mrs. Mary Anna Phillips passed away. She had willed her property at 200 Jones Bridge Road to the church. With this, serious planning could continue on a new larger stone main sanctuary. In June 1954, the basement Parish Hall was renamed "Phillips Hall" in her honor.

On November 8, 1953, the cornerstone was laid for the second stone sanctuary, which would meet and exceed Bill Orem's dream of an "architectural deign." It would be built on top of the \$216,220.82 basement parish hall and would incorporate traditional gothic design. It was dedicated and consecrated on November 7, 1954.

Two handsome and modern stone sanctuaries now stood at Connecticut Avenue and Shepherd Street. But around the corner were three antiquated wooden buildings and a growing need for a spacious education building with church offices. The cornerstone was laid for this third "stone sanctuary," the current Education Building, on May 7, 1961, and it was completed in time for the church's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on October 7, 1962.

The little brown church and its adjoining parsonage and classroom building then passed into the memories of a hard-working and dedicated congregation who made it all possible.



For nearly 5 years, the basement Parish Hall, now Phillips Hall, was all that was completed of today's main sanctuary. (Note cornerstone).

## Into Our Second Century – Missions

*Submitted by Maribeth Gowen*

As we look ahead to the missions of CCUMC and our future, we must each individually look at what it means to “**Journey Outside Yourself.**” The journey must be based on the faith and belief that we have in God.

One picture of this faith is seen in the Harvest Festival that our sister church Barrio Nuevo has each February. In Nicaragua at this time each year they are 2 months into the dry season. At this time they bring available fruits of the season as an offering of their faith that God will always provide for them, even through the hard times during their dry season. This is very similar to our first Thanksgiving when the pilgrims celebrated making it through a harsh winter. It is this kind of faith that can help each of us to have the courage to journey outside ourselves to find meaningful missions.

A current CCUMC mission that helps fulfill our Vision and Mission Statement (to serve and be served, to heal and be healed) takes place at St. Luke’s Homeless Shelter at the edge of Georgetown. Every night of the year there are six homeless men taking shelter in the church. Every night of the year a local restaurant, family, or church group prepares them a dinner meal. On the nights that a family or church prepares the meal, the group stays and shares the meal with the homeless men and enjoys fellowship with them, hears their stories, and listens to their struggles – some of them battling with addictions and mental illness. On the nights that a restaurant prepares the meal, the men do not receive this personal interaction with another person. Feeding is one thing, whereas talking, listening, and sharing is quite another – it gives dignity to the residents and helps those serving the meal better understand the struggles of the homeless to stay afloat in today’s society. It also blesses those serving the meal by expanding their horizons to see the challenges that other people have to face and puts their own problems and challenges into perspective.

Tom Berlin of the Flores United Methodist Church shares some steps that he feels are critical to successfully growing missions:

- Prepare spiritually by studying scripture, praying, and connecting and learning the mission history of our church.
- Assess where the needs are in our community using tools such as census data, community profiles, government studies, as well as the “word on the street.” There may be a need within a few miles of our church! It could be as simple as driving around the Metropolitan Area and asking, “What does God want us to notice?”
- Plan carefully, taking into consideration many factors, such as volunteer enrollment, space and materials, ongoing management, training of volunteers, recruitment and replacement of volunteers, and what the life-span of the ministry will be.
- Keep a compelling vision by the lay and clergy leaders articulating a shared, scripturally informed understanding of the missions, led by the Holy Spirit.
- Continue to work with established non-profit organizations that have structures already in place to which we can add human and financial resources.
- Communicate the vision of these missions in a way that the majority of church members will want to participate. It must be said over and over, as a mantra, through multiple communication channels, and as part of worship services. This frequent communication reminds the church of its mission DNA.
- The issue of mission funding must also be addressed with a belief that by giving of ourselves in “JOY,” we as church members will be participating in a transformative ministry that blesses not only many, many others but ourselves as well.

If we build a vibrant future in missions, like the current mission at St. Luke’s Homeless Shelter, it will be easy to want to share and invite friends to join us in supporting the work we are doing in our community. A fruit of the mission ministries of CCUMC in the future will be an overflowing congregation of individuals who are excited by mission work and who are willing to “**Journey Outside Yourself.**”



## CCUMC Youth Group Calendar 2011-2012 Program Year



### November

#### Sunday School -

Middle - *Creation Care*, Room 300  
High - *The Story of Moses*, Room 107,  
Jason Gray

Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> -

Walk for the Homeless

### December

#### Sunday School -

Middle - *Haiti*, Room 107, Judy Smith  
High - *All About God*, Room 300,  
Carol Armstrong-Moore

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - Elves' Workshop

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Pageant

### January

#### Sunday School -

Middle - *Lost and Found*, Room 300  
Susan Hirsch  
High - *Influential Women of Faith*, Room 107,  
Alaina Harris

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> - ROCK, Ocean City, MD



### February

#### Sunday School -

Middle - *Influential Women of the Bible*,  
Room 107, Alaina Harris  
High - *Haiti*, Room 300, Judy Smith

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> -

Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> -

Snow Tubing at Liberty Mountain

### March

#### Sunday School -

Middle and High - *Lent*, Room 300  
Carol Armstrong-Moore

Lenten Food Drive for Greentree Shelter

Lock-In - Exact date to be determined

### April

#### Sunday School -

Middle - *The Story of Moses*, Room 300,  
Jason Gray  
High - *All About God*, Room 107,  
Carol Armstrong-Moore

April 8<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday

### May

#### Sunday School -

Middle - *Book Month*, Room 107,  
Carol Armstrong-Moore  
High - *Book Month*, Room 300

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Confirmation & Youth Sunday  
- Pentecost

## All Church-Conference

(All members of CCUMC may vote.)

Sunday, November 13, 2011

12:30 p.m. in Phillips Hall

Preceded by a light lunch

**The Reverend Evan Young, Greater Washington District Superintendent Presiding**

The agenda for this All-Church Conference is determined by the Annual Conference. The purpose is to make the necessary reports and take the necessary votes required by our denomination.

Specifically:

- Vote on continuation of Katie Schechter as candidate for ordained ministry,
- Vote on Dane Smith for continuance as a local preacher,
- Vote on Jackie Phillips for continuance as a Certified Lay Minister,
- Vote on the pastor's salary, and
- Receive other reports as required.

## Acolyte of the Month

**Marianna Elise Moreau**



Marianna, a petite almost-9-year-old, couldn't wait until she was old enough and tall enough to light the candles on the altar. That is still her favorite part of being an acolyte. "It makes me sort of proud," she says with a steady gaze of her huge brown eyes, framed by some of the longest lashes you have ever seen. Marianna is in third grade at Oakland Terrace Primary School in Silver Spring. Art is her favorite subject, especially drawing, which she does both at school and in her free time. She also likes math and building Legos with her 7-year-old brother, Lance. Her other two pastimes are piano lessons and soccer. Although she doesn't yet know what she wants to be when grown, you can be sure that she will pursue it with the same seriousness of purpose that she has shown in almost 1 year of acolyting. Thank you, Marianna.



**It's the end of Daylight Savings Time!! Be sure to turn your clock back 1 hour before going to sleep on Saturday night, November 5th, or you'll be early for church on Sunday morning!**

## SILENT AUCTION PHOTOS

Have any of the photos on display in the Art Gallery outside of the Sanctuary caught your fancy? Here's your chance to get them for your own special place at home. Let the church office know which one or ones(!) you would like, and Chuck Serpan will put them in the Silent Auction at the Holiday Bazaar so you can bid on them. Is that a deal or what?

**Holiday Bazaar**  
**Saturday, November 12th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Join us at**  
**Praline Bakery & Bistro**

4611-0 Sangamore Road  
 Bethesda, MD 20816

**On Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**For lunch or dinner**



You can contribute to CCUMC missions by simply enjoying a wonderful meal or a luscious praline.

Praline Bakery & Bistro has once again promised 10% of all proceeds on **Tuesday, November 8th** to be donated as their contribution to CCUMC for missions. Praline's is a charming, intimate, and friendly contemporary French restaurant that serves good meals and quality pastries located in the Shops of Sumner Place in Bethesda. They serve both lunch and dinner, as well as sell pastries over-the-counter.

To get to the restaurant from DC, take Massachusetts Avenue north, turn left on Sangamore Road, and continue straight to the Shops of Sumner Place on the left.

**Reservations may be made  
 by calling (301) 229-8180.**



**Bazaar Fun**  
*(and how to help!)*  
**Saturday, November 12**  
 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.

\*Laugh away with Alison Gee as **Mistress Beatrice Pickles** in "Pirates, Mermaids and Princesses" at 11:00 a.m. Tickets \$5.00 - on sale at the door.

\*Use your imagination and bid for something special at the **Silent Auction** (a weekend at a beach house, dinner out, a work of art, etc.).

\*Enjoy the aroma as you bake a goodie for the **Bake Sale**. Then enjoy tasting something new that someone else has made. (*Bring all food items on the day of the Bazaar and please list your ingredients.*)

\*Become a fashionista with "**Holiday Wear**" and **jewelry**.

\*Watch for stocking stuffers, one-of-a-kinds, and household bargains at "**Attic Treasures**" (*white elephants and collectibles*).

\*Brighten your home with **books from the "Book Nook"** in the 2nd floor art gallery.

\*Drop the children off at the **Secret Shop** so they can Christmas shop, take a **photo with Santa**, or get a Thumbprint picture.

\*Gather the entire family for a lunch of Pastor Dave Myers' chili, Maine Clam Chowda, hot dogs, and cornbread in the **Café**.

\*Shop at over **15 vendors** selling a variety of gifts including soap, tea, jewelry, and hand knit items.

**For information or to volunteer, contact**  
**Lisa Mitchell at (301) 652-4081,**  
**[lmitchell@kamarelldesign.com](mailto:lmitchell@kamarelldesign.com) or**  
**Mary Kay Harper at (301) 881-6526,**  
**[mkh1234@aol.com](mailto:mkh1234@aol.com).**

*(Please leave all non-edible donations on the stage in Phillips Hall by November 8<sup>th</sup>.)*

## FAMILY CHOIR!

Calling all Family Choir members ... and anyone interested in joining us this year. The FAMILY CHOIR will sing this month on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, during the Stewardship Sunday Unified Service. We will meet that morning at 9:30 a.m. to learn a Thanksgiving song. Please contact me by e-mail or by telephone so that I might keep you in the loop as plans for that morning develop. What a great way to give thanks for our many blessings – raising our voices in songs of praise. To God be the Glory!

Jesse Parker  
[Jparker@chevyCHASEUMC.org](mailto:Jparker@chevyCHASEUMC.org)  
 (301) 652-8700

## MANY THANKS TO ESTHER SAITO!

*Submitted by Maribeth Gowen*

For many, many years Esther Saito has been the CCUMC coordinator for the **Bethesda Cares: Our Lady of Lourdes** mission. Our church, along with other churches, periodically provides Sunday evening meals for the homeless.

On the third Sunday of the month, we provide part of the menu that feeds about 60 homeless people at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bethesda. Various groups within our church, as well as individuals, have been assisting Esther with making casseroles, providing frozen vegetables, fruit, desserts, and beverages. This needs to be done eight times in a year. Six of those times are covered by groups within our church already.

I have memories of fixing the casserole with my children or buying some frozen vegetables, and we would deliver the items to the church (located beside Bethesda Chevy Chase High School). You can simply drop off the meal (around 4:30 p.m.) or stay and help serve if you want. My children have vivid memories of talking to some of the people seeking food, and being greatly blessed by the experience. It is a wonderful way to **Journey Outside Yourself**.

Now we need someone to take over the coordinating of these meals as Esther is stepping down. Won't you prayerfully consider becoming the new coordinator? Or we could have two coordinators to share the job.

If you feel a calling to this mission, please call the church office at (301) 652-8700.



**Please be sure to note that the following members have moved:**

Effective September 28th, Mrs. Patti Carson moved to Riderwood:  
 3118 Gracefield Road, Apt. 506  
 Silver Spring, MD 20904  
 (301) 890-0253

Effective October 26th, Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Hazel Hughes moved to Asbury:  
 415 Russell Avenue, Apt. 1013  
 Gaithersburg, MD 20877  
 (301) 216-5026

## **CHRISTIAN CAREGIVERS**

The CCUMC Christian Caregivers is a group of men and women who strive to keep in touch with church members who are unable to come to our building for a variety of reasons. We send cards, make phone calls, visit, and try to bring the Church to them through these small acts of compassion and care. You do not need any special training to be a Caregiver – just a willingness to reach out in whatever way is most comfortable to you. You may want to send an occasional birthday card or call a homebound member every week or so. If this is a ministry that interests you, please contact Ruth Powers (301/654-4172, [tpowrpow@aol.com](mailto:tpowrpow@aol.com)) or Carol Armstrong-Moore (301/652-8700, [carmstrong-moore@chevyCHASEUMC.org](mailto:carmstrong-moore@chevyCHASEUMC.org)).

One of the exciting projects we are taking on this year is to explore the possibility of bringing an exercise class to CCUMC. We see part of our mission to support the wellness of our congregation. If you would be interested in coming to an exercise or yoga class, please talk with Ruth or Carol.

We meet every other month in Room 300, but our next meeting is special for the Advent/Christmas season:

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m.

At the home of Ruth Powers

(7101 W. Greenvale Pkwy – very near the church)

All interested parties are welcome!

Please come!!

## **START YOUR MIXERS!!!**

The UMW is putting together a Centennial Celebration Cookbook and would like members of the congregation AND friends to submit their favorite recipes to make this edition a treasure for all ages!

Please drop a hard copy in the mail to:

Centennial Cookbook Submission

1609 Myrtle Road

Silver Spring, MD 20902

or send an electronic version to:

[UMWcook@gmail.com](mailto:UMWcook@gmail.com)

or hand a copy to: Lisa Moreau at church on Sunday morning! Thanks!



## **Coming in February 2012 -- the CCUMC Lenten Devotional!**

Calling all writers -- or anyone who would like to write! We will be publishing a daily devotional for use during Lent comprised of reflections written by CCUMC members. Each of the 40 days will have a scripture assigned to it (from the Daily Common Lectionary). If you would like to sign up to write one or more reflections, please see Carol Armstrong-Moore, Susan Hirsch, or call the church office at (301) 652-8700. There will be a sign-up table at the Coffee Hour during the month of November. Our hope is that this devotional might serve to deepen our spiritual life as a community as we share perspectives with one another and join together in daily prayer.

## **UMW OUTREACH**



Cans of peas and corn (65 cans in all!!) were collected at the UMW Potpourri gathering on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The vegetables will be delivered to the Board of Child Care in Baltimore for Thanksgiving Baskets. The Board of Child Care Auxiliary of the United Methodist Church will be making 225 baskets to be delivered to the needy in the area. Chevy Chase UMC is a member of this Auxiliary from the Greater Washington District. Our continued support to them comes from our Box Tops for Education collections (please begin to clip these from food items you purchase if you do not already), as well as our \$2 membership dues.

For more information on the Board of Child Care contact Mary Alice Gray (key person).

## **A FAITH MOMENT**

### **What is your faith moment?**

Share with your church family a faith moment which has been memorable in your life. It can be truly just a moment when your faith came alive, or an experience over a period of time – whatever you like. But all of us have something to share, so please offer to write a faith moment for Highlights. Call Judy Smith (202) 882-3021.

### **Here's One of Mine**

Mary Oliver is a wonderful Christian poet who loves nature and writes so that everyone can understand her poems. When I read her poems, I often feel as God is present.

#### **Messenger**

My work is loving the world.  
 Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird --  
     equal seekers of sweetness.  
 Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.  
 Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.

Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?  
 Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect? Let me  
     keep my mind on what matters,  
 which is my work,

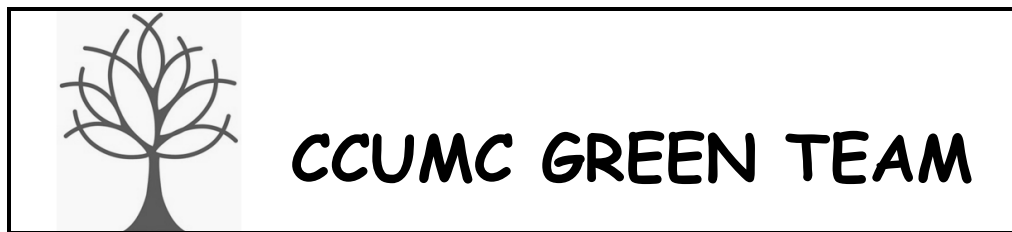
which is mostly standing still and learning to be  
     astonished.  
 The phoebe, the delphinium.  
 The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture  
 Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here,

which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart  
     and these body-clothes,  
 a mouth with which to give shouts of joy  
     to the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,  
 telling them all, over and over, how it is  
     that we live forever.

## **Green Friday Gift Exchange**

### **Chop! Don't Shop!**

The day after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday, when people spend time and money buying stuff, often for Christmas presents, to ostensibly celebrate the birth of Christ. Join us for a better way. Bring new or almost new items someone might like to give or receive as a gift and exchange it for something you would like to give. Relax, drink green tea, and let's talk to each other. **Join in the fun on Friday, November 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., in the Epworth Room.**



## **ASK GERTIE**

(Send your environmental questions to Green Gertie at the CCUMC office.)

*Dear Gertie, I have more rags than I can use at home and wonder if there is something "greener" to do with them than put them into the garbage. Signed, "Racey Rags"*

*Dear Racey, Yes, clean rags can be recycled at Montgomery Ct Recycling Center. In fact, CCUMC will be collecting them during the month of November. Watch the Sunday bulletin to find out where to deposit them. And remember, it's much better for the trees and the earth to use rags instead of paper towels to clean up messes and to dust with rather than disposable dust cloths. Just throw them in the laundry when they're dirty and use them again or take them to be recycled. Signed, Gertie*

## **GREEN CLEANING!**

**Natural cleaners and green cleaning products** are a smart way to clean your house the safe, non-toxic way.

### **1. Start With Green Cleaning Basics**

Just about every natural cleaning product uses the same cleaners your grandma used. These ingredients aren't all completely safe -- keep them away from kids and pets -- but they're less toxic than many commercial cleaners, and a lot less costly. A good natural cleaning kit includes the following items: Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) -- gritty scrubber, also reacts with acids like lemon and vinegar; Borax -- disinfects, whitens and deodorizes; White vinegar -- disinfects and loosens dirt; Lemon juice -- disinfects, cuts through grease; Olive oil -- picks up dirt, polishes wood; Castile soap -- all-purpose foaming cleaner; Washing soda (sodium carbonate) -- a caustic cleaner, stain remover and laundry supplement.

### **2. Try Commercial Green Cleaning Products**

There's absolutely nothing wrong with buying a commercial green cleaning product. These are, in fact, my personal preference because there's no mixing or measuring, and they do a good job with less "elbow grease." Truth be told, homemade or DIY cleaners like those listed above do a good job, but it usually takes more scrubbing and scouring to get surfaces as clean as a good-quality, green commercial preparation. Consider the many window, oven, floor, bathroom, kitchen and all-purpose cleaners made by Method, Seventh Generation, Simple Green, GreenWorks, Mrs. Meyer's, Ecover, Biokleen, OptionsForLife, Shaklee or other manufacturers.

### **3. Troubles Go Down the Drain**

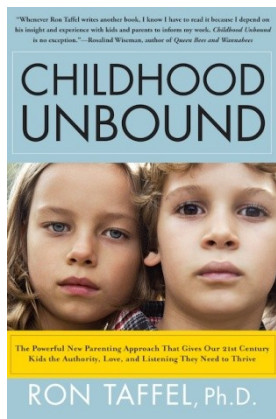
Prevent clogged drains with a strainer to keep hair, food, and other stuff from building up in the drain. If you cook with a lot of oils, pour a pot of boiling water down the drain once a week to flush fats and oils away. When it's time to unclog, first use a plunger -- this often works better and faster than the most powerful chemicals. If that doesn't work, try mixing 1/2 cup of baking soda, followed by 1/2 cup of white vinegar -- cover the drain if you can, and let the foaming pressure do its stuff. Other recipes call for 1/2 cup of salt and an equal amount of baking soda, followed by 6 cups of boiling water -- wait a few hours, then flush with cold water. As a last resort, get a plumber's snake and "snake it out."

### **4. Green Cleaning and Wood Surfaces**

There are a lot of different recipes out there that call for some combination of olive oil and vinegar. (Yes, you're cleaning with salad dressing -- for a floor you could eat off.) The ratio of vinegar, oil, and water will vary depending on the type of wood and the finish you have on top of it. For wood floors, try 1/4 cup of vinegar in 1 gallon of hot water. For wood furniture, start with 1 cup vinegar with 1 teaspoon oil. For both recipes, "adjust to taste."

### **5. Windows of Opportunity**

Clean your windows by adding 1/4 cup of vinegar to 2 or 3 cups of water. Some recipes call for a few drops of liquid detergent, and still others suggest you use only lemon juice added to water. You can use a newspaper to wipe, if the newspaper inks don't bother you, or use a clean old cotton rag.



## PARENTING BOOK GROUP

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room**

Come join in another discussion of the excellent book *Childhood Unbound* by Ron Taffel, Ph.D. Leading the discussion will be Dr. Ann Jacob Smith. She saw the author speak at a conference and “was completely blown away”! Much can be gained from the discussion even if you have not read the book.

“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 are available at Politics and Prose, 5015 Connecticut Avenue, NW (southeast corner of Connecticut and Nebraska), 202-364-1919. They may be found 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).



Voices 21 will open its 12<sup>th</sup> Season with our annual holiday program featuring motets by TOMAS LUIS DE VICTORIA (1548-1611) marking the composer’s 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary; music for the season by Anton Bruckner, William Bolcom, and Peter Mathews; and arrangements of carols for chorus and piano 4-hands by Howard Helvey.

**Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3:00 p.m.**

**CHEVY CHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, CHEVY CHASE**

For more information call us or visit us at our website: 240-643-6563; [www.voicesxxi.org](http://www.voicesxxi.org)



## **Brad Kormann Memorial Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**With donations to St. Luke's Shelter in DC**

Each year members of our congregation from the very young to the not so young gather together to walk with thousands of other people in a 3.5 mile walk for the homeless on the National Mall. You can sign up online. Then tell your various friends and family that you are walking for the homeless, and ask them to make a donation. Through the small donations of many we can make a large impact for those in need.

We do this each year to honor the memory of our beloved church member, Brad Kormann. Brad once shared a story with many of us of a time when he invited a homeless person that he met to join him in a meal at a McDonald's. Brad believed each person could and should make a difference in another person's life. Many CCUMC preschool families know Brad's wife, Kitty Kormann. She is the preschool teacher for the Chickadee and Sparrow classes.



Over the years, dozens of people from CCUMC and friends have participated in the Brad Kormann Memorial Walk to benefit St. Luke's Shelter.

If you are going to walk, please register under the Brad Kormann Memorial Team. You must register by 5 p.m. on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost of registration is \$35 for an adult, \$35 for a virtual walker, \$20 for youth (age 25 and younger). We will meet on the steps of the Museum of Natural History at 8:00 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Our church will donate the money collected from the registration fees to St. Luke's Shelter; an organization that assists homeless men who are on the road to reentering their own homes. If you can't do the actual walk on the National Mall, or if you are and want to make a further donation, please write your check to CCUMC and designate it for the Brad Kormann Memorial Walk/St. Luke's Shelter.

Please walk with us! If you have any questions, please contact Maribeth Gowen at [gowenmbgowen@aol.com](mailto:gowenmbgowen@aol.com) or go to [www.helpthehomelessdc.org](http://www.helpthehomelessdc.org).

**American Piano Music From the Last 100 Years:  
An Evening of Music With Our Very Own Bradford Gowen!**

Make plans now to attend this wonderful concert featuring the extraordinarily talented Bradford Gowen. Drawing from the beauty, originality, excitement, and innovation of the last century's music, this recital offers works by composers long considered major figures, such as Aaron Copland and Henry Cowell, and mixes them with music of more recent masters such as Samuel Adler, John La Montaine, Joseph Schwantner, and Richard Danielpour. Finally, works by "discovery" composers round out the program with brilliant and poetic expressions of our time and place.

**When:** Saturday, December 3, 2011, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Where:** Montebaro Recital Hall  
Horowitz Center at Howard Community College  
Columbia, Maryland

**General Admission:** \$26.00    **Seniors:** \$22.00    **Students:** \$12.00

For more information or if you are interested in carpooling, please see Jesse Parker ([jparker@chevy Chaseumc.org](mailto:jparker@chevy Chaseumc.org)) or Carol Armstrong-Moore ([carmstrong-moore@chevy Chaseumc.org](mailto:carmstrong-moore@chevy Chaseumc.org))

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Poinsettias used for decorating the church at Christmas may be purchased in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Donors may pick up their flowers following the Christmas services. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.

Red or marble poinsettias are \$12.50 for a 7" pot with 8-12 blooms.

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Please make your check payable to "CCUMC," enclose it with this order form, and drop it off at the church office or mail it to:

**Chevy Chase UMC Poinsettias  
7001 Connecticut Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815**



## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL

*Submitted by Lee Walsh,  
Director, CCUMC Preschool*



### PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

CCUMC Preschool is pleased to announce an opening in its Pre-K program for 4 and 5 year olds to interested families. Anyone with a child who turned 4 years old by September 1, 2011, is eligible. Please call the Preschool Office at (301) 652-7660.



CCUMC Preschool will be holding its Open House on Wednesday, November 2nd, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Wesley Room. Anyone interested in taking a tour of the Preschool while school is in session should attend. Please call the preschool office at (301) 652-7660 if you would like to attend.



The CCUMC Preschool is thrilled to introduce a new fundraising event this year with Honey Baked Ham. The Preschool will earn 15% of all Honey Baked Ham items ordered through the Preschool's fundraiser.

We have coordinated the fundraiser to coincide with the Thanksgiving Holiday. All items **ordered by November 10<sup>th</sup>** will be delivered to the Preschool on Wednesday morning, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>** (day before Thanksgiving), for pickup. Another wonderful option is buying a Honey Baked Ham gift certificate to be used for the other upcoming holidays or to be given as a wonderful gift.

To tempt your taste buds, look over the Honey Baked Ham order form that is available in the preschool office and in the church office. Payment is collected with your order form, and you may pay by cash or check. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to CCUMC Preschool. Sorry, no credit cards.

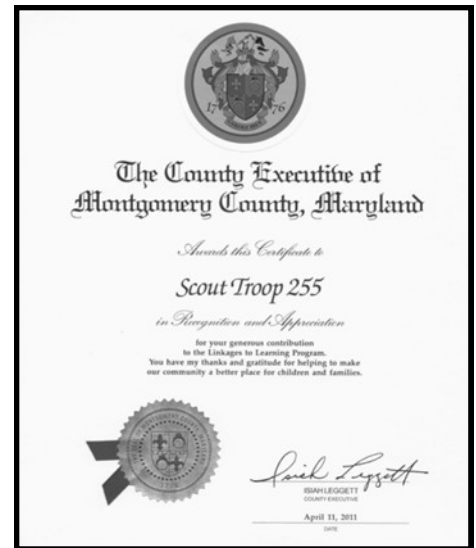
We appreciate all of your support with our school's various fundraisers. Feel free to contact either Lauren or Lee in the preschool office with questions - (301) 652-7660.

Thank you!

## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 255 AT CCUMC**

*Submitted by Dave Evans*

Troop 255's work last Christmas season did not go unnoticed by Montgomery County's chief executive, Isiah Leggett. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to the Troop in recognition of its work with the County's Linkages for Learning Program. Through Linkages for Learning, three County families were identified and then "adopted" by the Scouts for the holiday season. With the help of each families' personalized wish list, the Troop assembled gifts for each member of the family. The Scouts wrapped presents, decorated boxes, and baked cookies. In the end, each family had a beautiful box full of goodies of all sorts. Although no special recognition was expected, the Certificate from the County Executive arrives as a timely reminder of the kinds of help that are so appreciated just as the new holiday season begins.



But scouting is not just service, it's fun too. In October, the Scouts spent a beautiful Fall day outdoors learning top-rope climbing on the 40 ft. rock formations in nearby Carderock, Maryland. Nine scouts earned merit badges by scaling rock face in three places and rappelling down twice and by demonstrating knowledge of special knots and safe climbing practices.



On the last weekend of October, the Troop biked over 70 miles of trails in the Great Allegheny Passage and the C&O Canal towpath.

Troop 255 has monthly trips, and in November the Scouts will be backpacking in the beautiful Shenandoah Mountains. If you know of boys who are interested in getting dirty and having fun, scouting is open for boys who are at least 11 years old and in 6th grade. Contact Ruth Robbins at [ruth@dral.us](mailto:ruth@dral.us) for more information.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!



01 Matthew Fraioli	10 David Evans	21 Patricia Hammar
03 Michael Oosterhout	10 Maribeth Gowen	22 Beth Thornton
03 Christopher Anthony	11 Bradford Paul Gowen	23 Roger Kormann
05 Sally Brown	11 Katheryn Wellington	23 Evan Asuncion
05 Susan Edmondson	13 Ken Gradia	26 Elizabeth Vrenios
05 Nicole Ullman	13 Donna Baker	26 Jan Walden
06 Claudia Lukes	13 Lauren Rule	28 Frank Hughes
06 Ed Watson	14 Paul Green	29 Nancy Walker
07 Eva Lauter	17 Zack Compton	29 Melinda O'Toole
07 Addison Mostofi	18 Arianne Hadley Lowell	29 Jordan Lyle
07 Henry Schirm	20 Judy Smith	29 Hannah Hovda
08 Sebastian Kraft	20 Mike Stanley	

### Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

05 Tom & Ruth Powers	19 Esther & Sachio Saito
07 Mark & Kiersten Butterfield	20 Jeff & Alison Gee
10 Fred & Kirsten Ullman	20 Gary & Elizabeth Timberlake
14 Brent & Dale Kynoch	22 Randy & Susan Denchfield
15 Louis & Barbara Kohlmeier	

*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.*

# CHEVY CHASE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Reception of new members <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship(Chapel) 9:30 AM Youth Group Bake Sale 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.&107) 10:00 AM Traditional Worship(Sanctuary) 10:30 AM Fellowship Time(WR) 10:40 AM Faith Chords 11:15 AM Adult Classes(Library, 106, other)	<b>31</b>  Halloween 4:00 PM Section 3	<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300) 7:00 PM Trustees Mtg.(ER)	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Preschool Open House(WR) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel)	<b>3</b> 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Chapel) 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> All Saints' Day Daylight-Saving Time Ends 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship(Chapel) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.&107) 10:00 AM Traditional Worship(Sanctuary) 10:30 AM Fellowship Time(WR) 10:40 AM Faith Chords 11:15 AM Adult Classes(Library, 106, other) 7:00 PM Parenting Book Group (WR)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300) 7:30 PM Trustees Mtg.(Wesley Room)	<b>9</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel)	<b>10</b> Highlights Deadline 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal(Chapel) 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b> 9:00AM-3:00 PM HOLIDAY BAZAAR
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<b>20</b> 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.&107) 10:00 AM ALL-CHURCH SERVICE(Sanctuary) 11:00 AM All-Church Brunch(PH)	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Preschool Thanksgiving (Sanc.)	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 10:00 AM Preschool Thanksgiving (Sanc.) 11:30 AM Preschool Staff Mtg.(WR) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300) 7:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg.(Wesley)	<b>23</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM NO Wednesday Worship	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving Day	<b>25</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 10:00 AM Green Friday Gift Exchange (Epworth)	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Advent Greening of the Church United Methodist Student Day Offering 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship(Chapel) 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.&107) 10:00 AM Traditional Worship(Sanctuary) 10:30 AM Fellowship Time(WR) 10:40 AM Faith Chords 11:15 AM Adult Classes(Library, 106, other)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site)	<b>30</b> 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel) 8:00 PM Church Council (Epworth)	<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Preschool Speech Screening(WR) 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal(Chapel) 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)	<b>2</b> 8:00 AM Pre-school Conf. (106,109,Library)	<b>3</b> 2:00 PM UMW Christmas Mtg. (Wesley)

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**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
- Linda Ellinwood**, Organist
- Maura Kenerson**, Church Administrator/  
Bookkeeper and Building Supervisor
- 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

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