

HIGHLIGHTS

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church

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MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ... OR MISSION POSSIBLE ???

COME AND FIND THE ANSWER AT THE MISSIONS FAIR

Submitted by Maribeth Gowen



Mission Impossible? Only if we allow ourselves NOT to think of giving beyond our own needs. How easy is it to draw the perimeters of our individual and family's world based on the business of our own necessities? After all, we all have so much to do; we're lucky we get to church a lot or even some of the time. We feel that we understand what Jesus did and admire him for it, but come on – we can't really do much more!

Well the Missions and Social Concerns Committee urges you to join in and continue the theme of the children's summer program, *Mission Possible!*

On Sunday morning, October 23rd, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., you will have an opportunity to learn about the mission projects of CCUMC. You will be able to meet and talk with members of our congregation who give of themselves quietly and steadfastly like – Esther Saito who has cooked and found others to cook for the Sunday evening meals for the homeless at Our Lady of Lourdes

Church in Bethesda; or members of the congregation and our pastor who have steadfastly supported a spirit-filled group of people in Nicaragua to help their own and have traveled with members of other congregations to experience the remarkable faith of a people who have very little physical comforts, but much in faith! Or talk to Fred and Betty Bullock who for years have taken the time during the busy Christmas season to gather together a group of people from our congregation and held an "Elves Workshop" to repair and make old toys new again for children who wouldn't have a Christmas without their love and generosity. And on the third Thursday of every month for the past 23 years, women and men of the church have made and delivered 300 sandwiches to Martha's Table to feed the homeless. These are just some of the amazing people in our church who look beyond themselves. There are many many more! Please come and meet them and let them tell you about the good work CCUMC is doing and how you can help!

What's interesting is that all of these people will tell you that to Journey Outside Yourself is awesome and that the Missions are VERY possible! So come join us for coffee hour and fellowship and browse the various mission tables. Take the challenge to sign up and help with a mission or missions, and take the refreshing plunge into Journeying Outside Yourself by being involved in CCUMC's missions.

Journey  *Outside Yourself*

We are a Christian community on a journey outside ourselves. We serve and are served, heal and are healed, through God's transforming love.

October Worship at Chevy Chase UMC

Sermon Theme: "Welcome to the Family!"

- October 2: **World Communion Sunday. Sermon: "A Family Intervention."** Scripture Lesson: Matthew 21:33-46. Sometimes things go very wrong in a family; a member of the family falls into disgrace, perhaps misbehaves, or becomes addicted and a family intervention is needed. Family Systems' approach to family therapy says that it is not just the one person with a problem, but the whole family. How does our faith address this?
- October 9: **Sermon: "A Family Celebrates."** Scripture Lessons: Exodus 32:1-14 and Matthew 22:1-14. Two stories: one about how the family celebrated when the leader (Moses) went away (not good, they behaved like rebellious teenagers); the other about the King who gave a wedding banquet for his son (not good, the invited guest list didn't show up). In both stories, somehow things went very wrong. But God finds a way for redemption.
- October 16: **Sermon: Jesse Parker Preaching.** (Barring another hurricane), Dr. Jesse Parker will preach at both services.
- October 23: **Sermon: "Keeping the Vision."** Scripture Lessons: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Matthew 22:34-46. As we move into Stewardship Season and as our Centennial celebration draws closer, we discover Moses overlooking the promised land he had led the Israelites to. But Moses will never get there. Our founders had a vision for us; but they never saw its fruition either. So how do we build on their vision? The Stewardship Committee came up with a theme for this year's Stewardship Program: "Our Centennial: It's Not About Us" - what do you think?
- October 30: **Reformation Sunday. Sermon: "The Greatest Among You will be Your Servant."** Scripture Lesson: Matthew 23:1-12. Ahhhh, the fine print, we always seem to gloss over it. Jesus teaches the crowds and the disciples about the differences between the Jewish faith as it was currently practiced and the true faith that God wants. When Jesus is finished, the fine print becomes most important! As the announcer says before professional wrestling matches, "Are you ready to hummmmmble?!"

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Our Mission:

Vision: *Journey Outside Yourself*
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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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Monday through Friday

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MYERS' MUSINGS



October, 2011

“The Religious Adventure”

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father Who is in Heaven.” . . . Luke 7:21

As I was thinking about this column for this month, my thoughts drifted to a favorite topic of the many churches: the 40-50 year decline in membership and worship attendance. We have felt this, and wonder what to do about it. We want to see a sanctuary and chapel that is full each Sunday, but apparently our efforts have not borne good fruit. We do everything we know how to do. We try to worship the same way we used to worship when the numbers were strong. What happened?

Keith Anderson, a Lutheran pastor in Massachusetts, wrote in *Leading Ideas*¹ that often we tend to blame external forces. Kids have baseball games and soccer matches on Sunday; there are no more Sunday Blue Laws; the church of our childhood is gone. But Anderson goes on to say that it isn't the culture that is killing us, it is our grief. The culture that brought big numbers to church in the post World War II era is gone. Like all cultures, it changes and evolves. The church over 2,000 years has interacted with many different cultures. Now we have a new culture to engage. And if we don't find a way to engage our new culture, we will find more empty pews and closed churches.

So how do we do this? Here are some hints:

- ◆ When the Stewardship Committee met in August, they came up with a most fascinating slogan: “Our Centennial: It's Not About Us.”
- ◆ Our Membership and Hospitality Committee has launched a Diversity Subcommittee to help our church come to terms with our changing and evolving culture.
- ◆ The Traditional Worship Committee voted unanimously to install a video projection system in the Sanctuary.

And here is perhaps a more theological or “religious” way. One of my favorite authors is Frederick Buechner. He has a way with words and can turn a phrase in a manner that will expand your horizon. Buechner makes a distinction between magic and worship. Let's read his words:

Magic is saying Abracadabra and pulling the rabbit out of the hat, is stepping on a crack to break your mother's back, is the dashboard Jesus to prevent smash-ups. Magic is also going to church so you will get to heaven [...] Magic is the technique of controlling unseen powers and will always work if you do it by the book. Magic is manipulation and says, “My will be done.” Religion is propitiation and says, “Thy will be done.”

Religion is praying, and maybe the prayer will be answered and maybe it won't, at least not the way you want or when you want and maybe not at all. Even if you do it by the book, religion doesn't always work, as Jesus pointed out in one of His more somber utterances when He said, “Not everyone who says, ‘Lord, Lord’ shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 7:21). Jesus did soften the blow somewhat by then adding that the way to enter the Kingdom of Heaven is to do the Will of God; but when religion claims that it's always sure what that will is, it's only bluffing. Magic is always sure.

If security's what you're after, try magic. If adventure is what you're after, try religion. The line between the two is notoriously fuzzy.

It seems to me that for us to engage the culture of today's world we better be ready to offer an adventure – sometimes called a Journey Outside Yourself!

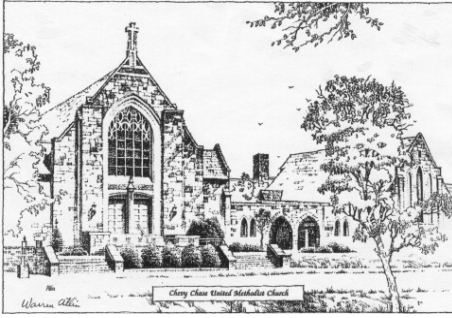
Gracefully,

Dave Myers

¹*Leading Ideas*, a publication of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership for Wesley Seminary; August 17, 2011.

²Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking*, Harper Collins, 1993, p.67.

100 YEARS



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.

CCUMC STARTS OUT IN HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The Little Brown Church

Submitted by Paul Weller

In the years during and after World War I, the corner of Connecticut Avenue and Shepherd Street became a beehive of family activities. A handful of local residents purchased the little brown, shingled Baptist church around the corner in 1912 for the area's first Methodist congregation.



The original little brown church sits alone facing an unfinished Shepherd Street in 1912. The church would serve CCUMC for nearly 50 years.

Chevy Chase Land Company had given the Baptists a prestigious corner lot in 1906 to build their small chapel for group worship. By 1912, a group of devout Methodists, led by the Simpson, Troth, and Orem families, had left their barn meeting place on Williams Lane to meet in the chapel's basement. Rev. William Orem, pastor of Woodside Methodist Episcopal Church in Silver Spring, came along to lead the services.

Some of the Baptist fathers weren't convinced that the sparsely settled area north of Chevy Chase Circle showed promise for a successful congregation, and faced with a cash offer of \$3,966.00 from the prosperous Methodists, agreed to sell their property

and move closer in to the District. Their imposing brick church now sits on Western Avenue, west of Chevy Chase Circle.

The little church sat along Shepherd Street. Next door was the large, imposing stucco Thomas W. Perry house, now CCUMC's parsonage. Most of the area was open fields, ripe with tall grass that church members burned each spring to facilitate new summer growth. The area was growing with middle-class government workers and other families who were moving into the secluded Chevy Chase suburbs. The Methodists had found their permanent home. It would be officially called the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Chevy Chase, chartered on October 31, 1912.

As the congregation grew, so did the need for more space for worship and fellowship. First came a wing on the east side of the church. Then, in 1921, church fathers voted to spend \$5,000.00 to cut the wooden church in half, adding a 15-foot center section. A year later, to accommodate a new pastor, a matching parsonage was built between the church and the Perry house. And within 6 months, an education building was built behind where the current lot exists.

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Membership continued to grow, as did the aspirations of the church fathers. By 1934, a total of \$12,000.00 had been accumulated in a building fund, and Edward Simpson, a church member and father of Betty Bryson, built the current stone chapel for \$20,240.00. The original little brown church would be used for a church school and social hall. It was connected to the rear of the stone chapel.



Bonnie Snape (far left) and Pat Hilmoe oversee their church school charges, including the Hilmoe twins, on an Easter Sunday in the 1950's outside the little brown church.

Within 10 years, membership had outgrown the Shepherd Street complex, and during the summer of 1948, construction began on a new larger sanctuary facing Connecticut Avenue. Only the basement parish hall was built initially. Construction began on the current main sanctuary during the summer of 1953. It was dedicated on November 7, 1954.

A year later, the brick house at 7009 Connecticut Avenue was purchased as a parsonage. In 1957, another parsonage was purchased at 38 10 Taylor Street, and the Perry house and its adjoining lots were purchased in October, 1958. Since then, the houses on Connecticut Avenue and Taylor Street have been sold.

Demand for more church school space and church offices increased, so that by 1958 it was decided to build a new education building on the site of the original wooden structures. The current education building was dedicated in September, 1961, and the little brown church and its adjoining parsonage and education building passed into history.

The Future Begins Today

Submitted by Sara Edward Asuncion

As we approach our 100th Anniversary as a church community and celebrate the wonderful history of CCUMC's past 100 years, let us also look ahead and celebrate the possibilities that lie ahead for our church. What will our CCUMC community be celebrating at our 200th anniversary?

Certainly, we will be celebrating the wonderful stories of our church's beginnings and historic milestones achieved over the years; but also impactful mission and outreach activities, a vibrant music program, exuberant Sunday School classes, and meaningful worship. What will those programs look like in 2112?

Today, we affirm ourselves as a Christian community on a journey outside ourselves. We serve and are served, heal and are healed, through God's transforming love. Will we describe our community the same way 100 years from now? I hope so! But how will we be serving and healing others through God's transforming love?

As part of our 100th Anniversary celebration, we hope everyone in our church community takes a moment to consider how we journey outside ourselves today - and where will our journey take us over the next 100 years. As we celebrate the visionary leaders of the past 100 years, what is the vision that serves God's spirit for our future?

Over the next few months, many of the groups and committees of our church will be sharing the vision that drives their focus of leadership and ministry. We look forward to hearing from each committee about their hopes and dreams for the future. If you would like to share your own hopes and dreams for CCUMC, please send us an e-mail at ccumc2012@gmail.com.



CCUMC Youth Group Calendar 2011-2012 Program Year

September

Sunday School -

Middle - *All About God*, Room 300
Carol Armstrong-Moore
High - *Creation Care*, Room 107

16th, 17th, 18th – Fall Retreat at West River

September 20th - ROCK REGISTRATION DEADLINE!!!

October

Sunday School -

Middle - *Consumerism and Christianity*,
Room 107, Carol Armstrong-Moore
High - *Lost and Found*, Room 300, Susan Hirsch

Sunday, October 23rd - CCUMC Missions Fair

Sunday, October 30th - Halloween Bake Sale

November

Sunday School -

Middle - *Influential Women of Faith*, Room 300,
Alaina Harris
High - *The Story of Moses*, Room 107, Jason Gray

Saturday, November 12th - Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 19th—Walk for the Homeless

December

Sunday School -

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

Sunday, December 4th - Elves' Workshop

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Pageant



January

Sunday School -

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

20th, 21st, 22nd - ROCK, Ocean City, MD

February

Sunday School -

Middle - *Creation Care*, Room 107
High - *Haiti*, Room 300, Judy Smith

Sunday, February 12th - Valentine's Day Bake Sale

Saturday, February 25th - 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 8th - Easter Sunday

May

Sunday School -

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

Sunday, May 27th - Confirmation and Youth Sunday
– Pentecost



**DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS
OR OTHER MEMORABILIA
FROM THE PAST 100 YEARS?**

The Centennial Committee is collecting materials to use for the Centennial celebration next year and would like to see anything you may have tucked away that represents CCUMC's past history. If you have photographs, written communications, or other memorabilia that represent the Church's past 100 years, the Committee would appreciate the opportunity to see them and perhaps borrow or copy items for display and/or publication. Please contact Betty Bullock at fabullock@erols.com or Mary Kay Harper at mkh1234@aol.com if you think you may have a treasure from the past!

Electronic Giving

Submitted by George Monk

Chevy Chase United Methodist Church members will soon be able to make one-time or recurring payments from their checking, savings, or credit card accounts.

In the near future, church members will be able to go to CCUMC's website where there will be a link to Electronic Giving. Each member will have complete control over their contributions and frequency, as well as the ability to make changes online. Electronic Giving will allow you to ensure that your gifts are received by the church on a regular basis, even if you are out of town or unable to attend for a week or more.

The Stewardship Committee and Finance Committee are working to finalize this long awaited giving option, and additional notices will be published in Highlights and in the weekly Sunday bulletins.

**OCTOBER 2ND IS
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**



World Communion Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, October 2nd**, with a special offering. When we share in Communion that Sunday, we will be especially aware that Christians all over the world are also eating of the holy feast.

Half of the money received goes to the General Board of Global Ministries, and half of that provides scholarships for ministries beyond the United States. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry uses 35% of the money received for the Ethnic Scholarship Program, which goes to Native Americans, Asian, African American, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander applicants pursuing undergraduate degrees. The remaining 15 percent goes to the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

The blessings you give in your contribution will help a struggling student through school to become a blessing to others. Please be generous.

NICARAGUA TRIP ON YOUTUBE!

One of the participants in the most recent pilgrimage to Nicaragua put together a wonderful musical presentation of photographs from the August mission trip. Simply Google "Nicaragua CCUMC 2011" and link to the YouTube site.



**UMW HOLIDAY BAZAAR
COFFEE KICK-OFF**

Plan to attend the UMW Meeting and Holiday Bazaar Coffee Kick-Off on **Saturday, October 1st, 4 p.m.**, at Lisa Mitchell's home, 3812 Club Drive, Chevy Chase. **Please RSVP** to Lisa at (301) 652-4081 or lmitchell@kamarelldesign.com.

It would be wonderful to see some new faces at this meeting, so please come!

Acolyte of the Month – Angeline Daniels



Although we have said that 8 years old is when we think children are ready to start acolyting, our newest acolyte started at just 7. By the time you read this, Angeline will have had her 8th birthday (September 13th), but she has been lighting the candles for us since May with a dignity and grace well beyond her years. She and her mom, Karen, are new to the church this year, but Angeline says she likes it at CCUMC because “everyone talks to you and makes you feel at home.” She is also a regular in Sunday School, so if you see her disappear after lighting the candles and reappear at the recessional to extinguish them, it’s because her mom has whisked her away to Sunday School and back again so that she won’t miss anything.

Perhaps that is how best we can characterize Angeline at this point – she doesn’t want to miss anything. She says she loves football -- “but not tackle, only touch” -- and wants to organize other people to play on a football team when she is older. She loves all kinds of sports and is teaching her mom to play basketball up at Lafayette, where she goes to school. Now in the third grade, Angeline’s favorite subject is math. Outside of school she takes violin and piano and voice lessons and likes to dance. She was a bon bon and a reindeer last year in a production of “The Nutcracker.” She loves all animals and is presently negotiating with her mom for a puppy.

When asked why she likes acolyting, this poised little girl with the smooth, round face and steady, dark eyes doesn’t hesitate. “Because it’s interesting. I like how people trust you and believe in you. And it makes me feel really good when people tell me I’ve done a good job.” You do, Angeline, and it does all of us good to see you, so young, but yet so able to help us glorify God.

Calling All Aspiring Acolytes

Parents, we will do a new training for acolytes on **October 2nd, Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m.** If your son or daughter thinks he/she might be interested and is at least 8 years old, please contact **Judy Smith at (202) 882-3021**. The responsibility is only once a month or less and can be arranged to fit your family schedule. The training will be followed by a **pizza party for all acolytes - past, present, and future. Please let Judy know if your child will attend.**

Bullock Plays Bach!



On **Monday, October 24th, at 11 a.m.**, PALS will have a visit from our own Robin Bullock, who will take us on a journey through the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Although Bach never composed for mandolin or steel-string guitar (neither as we know it existed in his lifetime), transcription of music was a common practice during the Baroque era; and Bach himself was one of music history’s great transcribers, leading to Glenn Gould’s reference to the master’s “sublime instrumental indifference.” Use of those two instruments (both related to the lute for which he did compose) therefore seems logical, well within the spirit of Bach.

Robin's program will include solo cello suites interpreted on mandolin, works for solo lute and solo violin interpreted on guitar, and a guitar adaptation of the beloved chorale “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring.”

Plan to join PALS on Monday, October 24th, at 11 a.m., in Room 106 for this all-Bach program; and stay for socializing and a tasty and economical lunch afterward.



The Holiday Bazaar is Coming!

Saturday, November 12th

Save 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). If you have fabulous new ideas for the Bazaar, share them with Mary Kay or Lisa Mitchell (lmitchell@kamarelldesign.com).

PLAN TO HELP:

Help Setting Up - Help setting things up during the week before the Bazaar. There are boxes to unpack, clothes to sort, hidden treasures to discover.

Silent Auction - Contribute new goods and services.

Attic Treasures – Bring in your nice “white elephants”. (Please save obviously used things for the Spring Rummage Sale.) Items can be left on the stage in Phillips Hall after October 1st.

Books, Music and Paintings – Brighten someone else’s home with items in good condition.

Holiday Wear – Bring seasonal clothing items which are new or gently used.

Bake Sale – Bake cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, etc. Make jams and condiments. This is a booth that always sells out.

Decorate – Contribute your artistic talent to create a festive atmosphere and add to the craft table.

Sell – Help at a booth for 2 hours at the Bazaar on November 12th.

Share Your Smile – Greet shoppers with information and good cheer.

Clean Up – Join the clean-up effort at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12th, and if needed, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13th. We never have enough helpers.

Come and Enjoy – Bring friends and family to buy gifts, eat lunch, have photos taken with Santa, and more!

Items being donated may be left on the stage in Phillips Hall beginning October 1st.

For information or to volunteer, please contact:

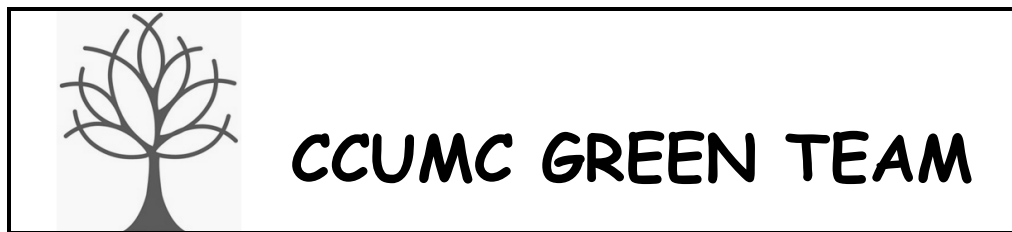
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Green Advice for Earth Lovers

We would like to start an advice column where we welcome your green tips and also your questions about living green. But first of all, we need a catchy name for our column. **Contest** - submit your suggestions and there will be an **exciting prize** for the best one! For now, **Green Gertie** will have to do, but we're sure you can come up with something better.

Gertie was asked:

How can I clean my cutting boards without strong disinfectant?

She answers:

I use a solution of half vinegar, half water with some essential oil to mask the vinegar smell. Works wonders and cuts the grease on my stove and counters too.

I've also stopped using Comet. I kept the plastic container with the holes, however, and have put baking soda into it. It works just as well to clean my sink.

Do you have a tip that Green Gertie can share with our readers, or do you have a question for her? Just send it in to the church office – along with your contest entry for a name for our green advice giver!

Join us on the Green Team. Call Judy Smith (202) 882-3021 or Mary Alice Gray (301) 215-7657 for information.

“EARTH: THE OPERATORS’ MANUAL”

On Sunday, October 2nd, at 7 p.m., “Earth: The Operators’ Manual,” a PBS program recently featured at the Annual Meeting of the National Academy of Science, will be shown free and open to the public at CCUMC in the Epworth Room.

This is what the PBS website reveals about the program (www.pbs.org/programs/earth-the-operators-manual):

“Things that are important to us, like cars and computers, come with manuals. So why not a manual for the most complex operating system of all—the Earth. Is the planet due for an oil change? What do we need to do to keep Earth operating at peak performance? These are some of the questions addressed in “Earth: The Operators’ Manual,” a one-hour special on climate change and sustainable energy.

Host Richard Alley takes viewers to locations around our planet to see the evidence for themselves. He once worked for an oil company, is a contributor to the UN panel on climate change (the IPCC), has testified to Congress about climate change, and been a “tour guide” for Senators visiting the glaciers of Greenland.”

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

Several years before my father's death in 2008, I talked to him and my mom about a method for equitably dispersing their belongings among us children, knowing that my older brother and I would both want the antiques from my grandparents' house and my mother's paintings and the family photographs. Daddy said with a mischievous grin, "No, I want you kids to just fight it out." I was furious – and frightened. My brother and I had fought over a good many things in the past and were not on the best of terms, although we were both devoted to our parents. And I had heard stories of how dividing the "inheritance" had caused irreparable breaks between siblings. I didn't want that to happen. My sister died 7 years ago, and when my parents were gone, Kimbie and I would be all that was left of the family we grew up in. It was not the "estate" which they left – the money and the house. It was all the things of sentimental value which we would fight over.

When my mom died in February; the process of deciding who would get what began. My suggestion of letting each of us choose one thing in turn until all was dispersed was dismissed by my older brother, who insisted that when there was a disagreement on anything, he was to make the decision because he was the executor of the estate. Anyone who knows me, knows I would not take that without a fight. I later realized though, that I did not want this process to destroy my relationship with my brother, sister-in-law, niece, and nephew. What comfort would I have in old age, rocking in that antique rocker I had wanted, with no contact with my brother and family? But I also realized that with my strong feelings about how my brother had always tried to dominate me (we were brought up in a macho Latin household) and because of my temper and tendency to lash out when I felt wronged, there was a real danger of a lasting break. I knew that I couldn't control my tongue many times, even when I knew it would be hurtful. So I prayed. I asked God to please give me the self-control I knew I would need when the inevitable disagreements came. And I talked to my Sunday School class support group. We have been together in the Library Study Group for years and they know me. They know my weaknesses and they still love me. I asked them to pray for me. Sure enough, those disagreements came during the three additional trips Kimbie and I made to Jacksonville to sort out the household treasures. Several times I felt the explosion building inside and I opened my mouth to react with the righteous anger I felt, but then thought of the gentle spirit I was praying for – and closed my mouth and calmed down. I could actually feel God working inside of me.

Several times during the past 6 months I have run into scriptures which discussed forgiveness; once when Dave preached and the scripture said "If you have anything against your BROTHER, go and be reconciled and then return and make your offering." I was struck; this was directed at **me**. Later at the School of Christian Mission, the plenary study was on forgiveness, using a book by Hixon and Porter entitled "The Journey," citing the example of Jacob journeying towards his BROTHER to ask for forgiveness. Forgiveness, especially in families, is not a one time thing. There is a lot of baggage over the years, and I found I had to forgive again and again and again. And I will probably be doing this for years to come.

We have almost reached the end of the sorting process now; October is our deadline for clearing the house ready for sale. We have negotiated on the family belongings and reached agreements we are both, more or less, satisfied with. Perhaps this was a process, a journey, that my father had hoped for when he refused to decide who would get those precious possessions. Perhaps it was part of God's wisdom -- not a Faith Moment, but a Faith Journey. The last few times my brother and I were together I noticed a softening in his attitude and a willingness to reach out to me in fairness. I felt a tenderness towards him that I had not experienced since we were teenagers. Perhaps we are both on that journey.

LYNCHBURG COLLEGE ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Ellinwood

The congregation and friends of CCUMC are cordially invited to attend a concert given by the Lynchburg (VA) College Alumni Choir, conducted by Linda Ellinwood, CCUMC organist and former music director at the church. Mrs. Ellinwood taught at the College from 1965 to 1975 and was Director of the College Choir from 1970 until 1975.

Bradford Gowen, active church member and one of CCUMC's "resident pianists" (along with wife Maribeth), will be the featured guest artist. In addition to his performing a group of solo compositions he will accompany the choir, which normally sings a cappella, in the stirring Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing." Mr. Gowen taught piano at Lynchburg College from 1972 to 1974 and has not seen any of these singers except for two or three in over 38 years! Talk about a reunion!! From Lynchburg Mr. Gowen moved on to the University of Alabama, and then to the University of Maryland at College Park where he is currently Chair of the Piano Division. He has won many awards along the way. The concert will include choral music for every taste - from the pure, linear beauty of the 16th century to the unusual half-sung, half-spoken declamations of the 20th century; some jazzed-up Bach and a few Norman Luboff gems; a couple of African-American Spirituals, and American folk song arrangements.

This is our second try at this so we hope it will be fairly good! Our first concert was given as a part of the Lynchburg College Homecoming Weekend in October, 2009. We had so much fun we decided to do it again. Please bring some folks with you to hear "my kids" sing. They are still my kids, pushing 60 now! As many of you know, the piano-playing will be fabulous! So – come for that!

There will be a reception in the Wesley Room following the concert. The College Director of Admissions plans to be in attendance to speak with any interested youth.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and is free. Donations will be accepted at the door for local food banks, missions, and worldwide disaster relief.

Third Annual

Youth Halloween Bake Sale!!

Sunday, October 30th



All morning in the Wesley Room. Don't miss this opportunity to help support our fabulous youth! We welcome all donations of baked goods. If you would like to contribute something, please bring it to the Wesley Room before 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. (The earlier the better, but no goodie will be turned away!)

All proceeds will be used for scholarships to attend retreats and mission trips.

POTPOURRI CIRCLE **SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011**

Potpourri, a women's circle of the United Methodist Women, meets monthly for fellowship. Each month there is a project selected to support. We will meet on the following dates this year:

Tuesday, September 13th
 Tuesday, October 11th
 Tuesday, November 8th (help w/ Bazaar set-up)
 December (Holiday Party TBD)
 Tuesday, January 10th
 Tuesday, February 14th
 Wednesday, March 15th (Martha's Table)
 Tuesday, April 11th
 May (Date TBD)
 June (End of Year Party TBD)

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact the church office.

SCOUTING AT CCUMC

Submitted by Carol Armstrong-Moore

We are blessed to have a long history of a strong relationship between scouting and our church. We have sponsored Boy Scout Troop 255 since January 1940. Last spring, eight boys from Troop 255 achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. This is a sign of the strength and vitality of our Troop. We also have Pack 255, a Cub Scout Pack for younger boys. In addition, Girl Scout Troop 1175 meets in our church. Below is more information about each. We celebrate their presence in our church and wish them a wonderful year ahead as they begin their fall activities.

Boy Scout Troop 255 has had an exceptionally busy summer! No less than three “High Adventure” trips have taken boys and their troop leaders to the mountains of the West Cascades in the State of Washington, to the famed Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, and closer to home, in Virginia, to the ever-popular scouting outpost, Lenhok’sen.

The September campout was on St. Clements Island in the Potomac River off the shore of St. Mary’s County. Early Maryland settlers occupied this island.



Boat ride to St. Clements Island.

Troop 255’s October campout will be combined with rock climbing at Caderock. Each month there is an organized outdoor activity that is fun and builds skills.



Learning rock climbing skills at Caderock, MD

Encourage your son to explore the challenges and rewards of scouting. The minimum age for Boy Scouts is 11 years old or in the 6th grade. Troop 255 invites you to attend any Tuesday Troop Meeting in CCUMC’s Phillips Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Troop is relaxed yet supportive of young men and will engage your son in the scouting program right from the get-go.

Scouting has been an American tradition for more than 100 years. It is rewarding for the entire family. Please contact the Troop’s membership coordinator, Ruth Robbins, at ruth@dral.us for joining requirements and questions, and give scouting a try!

Girl Scout Troop 1175 meets at CCUMC every first and third Thursday evening. The Troop consists of roughly 14 girls in the 5th grade. They participate in many special activities throughout the year, which include Thinking Day, camping, and contributing to charities. And, yes, they also sell cookies! The goal is for the girls to have high self esteem and to be intelligent participating members in the world in which they live. Troop 1175 thanks CCUMC for helping them achieve their goal! If you would like more information about the Girl Scout Troop, please contact Ann Brozek-Jablon at Ann.Brozek-Jablon@mail.house.gov.

Cub Scout Pack 255 is based at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church and is open for registration of new Scouts for this fall. If your son is interested in Cub Scouts, Pack 255 has a 50 year history in Scouting. All boys entering 1st grade through 5th grade are the perfect age. And at Pack 255, his classmates and friends are probably already in the Pack – coming from Rosemary Hills, Chevy Chase, North Chevy Chase, and East Bethesda (plus a number of area private schools). Meetings are held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the church.

The focus is on encouraging responsibility and building leaders while getting out and having a lot of fun. Last year the Cub Scouts made and raced cars, climbed the highest peaks in the DC area, and visited the Chesapeake Bay National Wildlife Rescue to learn and practice taking care of our environment. They also camped out twice, did a number of community service projects, and much more!



Pack 255 on a hike.

Pack 255 learning about rock climbing.



To learn more, please visit our website at www.cubpack255.info, or contact Paul Barringer or Carol Politi at cubpack255@gmail.com.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

01 Karin Churchey	11 Mike Lyle	21 Philip Hammar
01 Matt Kaczor	11 Harper Price	23 Katie Connell
02 Katie Callicott	12 Lurie Emmons	24 Olivia Ullman
03 Sandy Elder	13 Barton Post	25 Tony Asuncion
03 Bradley Post	14 Thomas Maynard	26 Stephen Shoemaker
05 Ashley Allen	15 Jim Hinchman	26 Matthew Steven
05 Kristin Heery	17 Betty Bullock	27 Timmy Gray
05 Lucas Garrison	17 Tyler Lyle	28 Millicent Murgolo
06 Fernando Mendez	17 Rowan Barry	28 Nicholas Fowler
06 Jackie Phillips	18 Lois Fisher	29 Sylvia Cotten
06 Tracy Wellington	18 Austin Langley	29 Shannon Snape
06 Justin Laubach	18 Colette Langley	30 Mary Lynn Cutter
08 Mary Shearer	19 Marilyn Richmond	30 Jenny Rose
08 Kitty Kormann	19 Benjamin Fowler	31 Tabitha Bailey
09 Lew Sims	20 Katherine Swiatek	
09 John Lockwood	20 Andrea Stanley	
10 Tom Hirsch	21 Dottie McCutcheon	


Happy Wedding Anniversary!!!

02 Tammy & Hardy Spire	11 Mike & Susan Lyle
07 Mike & Lisa Moreau	16 Dick & Kay Efron
07 James & Christine Dunsmore	16 Bob & Mary Levering
09 Bronson & Ashley Lee	22 Carol and Wayne Armstrong-Moore



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 - October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25 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) 5:00 PM Green Team Mtg.(WR) 7:00 PM Parenting Book Group (WR)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 11:30 AM Preschool Staff Mtg.(WR) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300) 7:30 PM Staff Parish Comm. Mtg.(WR)</p>	<p>28 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel) 8:00 PM Church Council (Epworth)</p>	<p>29 8:00 AM Preschool Pictures (107) 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)</p>	<p>30 8:00 AM Preschool Pictures(107)</p>	<p>1 4:00 PM Bazaar Coffee/ Planning Mtg. (Off Site)</p>
<p>2 World Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Joy Singers Rehearsal(Sanctuary) 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) 5:00 PM Acolyte Training/Pizza Party(Sanctuary/Epworth) 7:00 PM Green Team Video in the Epworth Room</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300)</p>	<p>5 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel) 8:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting in the Wesley Room</p>	<p>6 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)</p>	<p>7 9:00 AM Lynchburg College Choir Rehearsal (100/Sanctuary) 9:00 AM Preschool Flu Clinic(107)</p>	<p>8 9:00 AM Lynchburg College Choir Rehearsal (100/Sanctuary) 7:30 PM Lynchburg Alumnae Choir Concert (Sanc.) 8:45 PM Concert Reception (Sanctuary/WR)</p>
<p>9 BAPTISM AT 9:30 AM 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 11:00 AM Lynchburg College Choir Lunch (PH) 11:15 AM Adult Classes(Library, 106, other)</p>	<p>10 HIGHLIGHTS DEADLINE OFFICE CLOSED DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY!</p>	<p>11 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300)</p>	<p>12 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel)</p>	<p>13 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 2:00 PM UMW General Mtg.(ER)</p>
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<p>30 RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS 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)</p>	<p>31  Halloween 4:00 PM Section 3 Halloween Party(PH)</p>	<p>1 All Saints Day 9:30 AM Tues.AM Bible Study(Off Site) 7:00 PM Study of book of Esther(300)</p>	<p>2 8:00 AM Preschool Open House (WR) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting (WR) 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship (Chapel)</p>	<p>3 7:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal(100)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

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

Church Services on Sundays

- 9:30 a.m.** - Contemporary Worship 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
- Lee Walsh**, Preschool Director
- Lauren Bailey**, Preschool Program Administrator
- Nan McCurdy and Belinda Forbes**, Missionaries to Nicaragua

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