



NEWSLETTER

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ATTENTION!



There is one **Worship Service** this Sunday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. The service is a special "Church Family Fall Service" and will be held in the Vail Education Building upstairs in Kerr Fellowship Hall. The service will emphasize the importance of Christian Education in the life of the church, as well as the role of children in the mission of the church. We will sing several children's songs, introduce the Sunday school program for 2010-2011, recognize the teachers, and dedicate the newly painted and carpeted education building --- all to the glory of God! Come! Register your children for Sunday school. Sing! Celebrate! Let us kick-off the fall fellowship with a great church family jubilation!

We will return to **two worship services** on September 12: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with fellowship in between.



The Board of Deacons will host a **church picnic** on Sunday, September 12 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at the home of Doug, Lisa, Sarah, Austin and Julia Fiedler, who have graciously offered their yard and swimming pool. The church will provide the paper goods, hot dogs,

hamburgers, buns, condiments, dessert, water, and marshmallows by the outdoor fireplace. You may bring one of your favorite side dishes to share. The Fiedler's address is: 15404 Conrad Spring Road; Boyds, MD 20841. Please **RSVP** with the number of people and possible side dish by signing one of the sheets in the church vestibule or P-W Hall. Also, you may respond by email: bpcmail@aol.com.

Meditation

Lesson: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)*

The Mission of Hospitality

The Greek biblical word for "hospitality" literally translates: "love of a stranger." Christian hospitality is reaching out and welcoming people into fellowship without any ulterior motives. Like Jesus who traveled the countryside ... who observed the many needs of people with whom he came in contact ... who reached out and touched these strangers, healing their sicknesses, blessing their lives with his acceptance of them, welcoming them back into God's fold --- we, too, are to acknowledge the real human needs that cry out to us every day; we, too, are to share our blessings so that those who suffer may find relief and comfort; we, too, are to be "hospitable" in our Christ-like walk and to "love the stranger" as Jesus did. As an example, the following is a real

story that demonstrates this church's "hospitality" through our mission endeavors.

"On a hot July day, a woman stopped by the shelter to leave some canned goods her son had collected as part of a community service project. She said she was a regular donor, and wanted us to know that she was very committed to helping our program. Then, while we were talking about the needs of the residents and their children, she told us that many years ago, she and her three young sons had been residents of our shelter. "

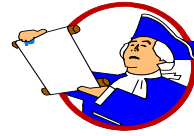
"Leaving an abusive marriage, Ms. K had moved into Stepping Stones, taking the first of many long and difficult steps toward self-sufficiency. She took classes and received her certification to work in the medical technology field. Her sons are now in college---the twins are finishing their undergraduate program at a local university, and her oldest son is about to finish law school."

It's been so hard, but I'm so grateful for all I have now," she said, "and I just want to give back by helping you."

This mother's story is a perfect example of how Stepping Stones Shelter impacts the people we serve. Her on-going desire to help other families in similar circumstances to her own is an expression of her gratitude, as she "gives back" to a program that made such a difference in her life. We are grateful to be in a position to help mothers like Ms. K."

Jesus went about the countryside changing one life at a time in hopes that, as his disciples, they, too, would do as he did. Our faith calls us to the mission of hospitality ... to do as Jesus did; that is why he said: "... Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Your participation in the life of this church and your support of this church's local mission program makes many differences in the lives of numerous strangers. Let us continue to ponder the nature of Christian hospitality, and put into practice the many ways we can serve the Lord. Keep in mind, as well, this old proverb: *Who entertains hospitality, entertains God himself.*



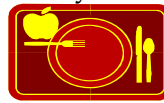
Announcements



Families, groups of families, individuals, or a group of individuals are needed to host the fellowship time on Sunday, September 12th. Sunday, the 26th is Pot Luck Fellowship. The sign up sheet for the fall is in Pollock-Williams Hall or you may call the church office. The sheet has been divided in half to encourage people to pair and assist with the preparation. Remember to keep the food simple and small in quantity! We thank the Board of Deacons for hosting all the wonderful summer fellowships!



The **Mission and Merriment** group will meet Tuesdays, September 7 and 21st at 11 a.m. in P-W Hall. Come chat, or help with various projects and games. During the month of October, they will sponsor a food drive for WUMCO HELP, who is in need of staples like macaroni and cheese, and jelly to go with all their peanut butter. There is a box in the church vestibule to receive food donations. For further information regarding activities, contact Marj Turbyfill or Ginger Gibson.

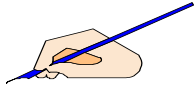


The **BPC Lunch Bunch** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. The next gathering is Tuesday, September 14. For the location, contact Betty Allnutt at 301-349-5304.



The **Men's Fellowship** usually meets on the fourth Saturday of each month. The next meeting is Saturday, September 25 at 8:00 a.m. at "Bob Evans" in the Milestone Shopping Plaza in Germantown. Last month, with the money left over from other breakfasts, a donation of \$250 was sent to *The Smile Train*, a mission that helps children with cleft palates receive the necessary medical treatment. Also, the men in the group would like to offer their talent and skills to anyone in the church, who has some *minor* household repairs, but are unable to do them for

medical reasons. For further information contact Rowland New by phone (301-972-3096), or email: rowlnlin@hotmail.com.



The **Writer's Group** meets on the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 pm in Pollock-Williams Hall. For further information, contact Peg Coleman by phone (301-972-3452) or email: PleasantSS@aol.com.



Prayer List

Pray for those who grieve: the family of Joel Davis, who died August 12; the family of Bernice Clipper, who died August 25.

Pray for those who need healing: Deana Hines, Mary Davison's sister; Marianne Glass; Becky Mathias; Jack Ernst; Betty Hawkins; Mable Ballenger (*Asbury Wilson Rehab Center, room 236*); Edna Reffit; Karen Unruh; Sally Conlon; Shirley Wildman; Elaine Dorman; Carroll Howell; Juanita Ward; Kelly Currey; Wendy Wood; Karen Dolly; Rich Long; Jimmy Maze; Sandy Hilmes; Renee Schneider.

Pray for those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq: Stephanie Higginson, Brian Moore, Barry Schaeffer, and Bob Villa-Lobos; Pray for those recovering from their wounds.

Pray for the people along the Gulf Coast; Tibet; Darfur, Somalia; Iraq; Haiti; Chile; China; Zimbabwe; Afghanistan; Pakistan; Russia.



A Special Need: Karen Unruh has a neighbor, 45, who is battling lupus, lymphoma, and fibromyalgia, and from time to time receives treatments at Walter Reed Hospital. Her husband has used up all his work leave. If you are available to drive her once a month, call Karen at

301-801-0163.

Hospice Caring of Gaithersburg: Have you ever thought of volunteering? Since 1989, Hospice Caring, Inc. has been providing practical and emotional support to adults and children facing life-limiting illness and grief at no charge. Hospice Caring, Inc. has opportunities for those who would like to facilitate adult or children's grief groups, or become a caregiver and share in someone's end of life journey. Our **next training** class will be held September 21, 22, and 23, and also November 16, 17, 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register please call Penny at 301-869-HOPE (4673). Make a difference in the lives of others, and become part of the Hospice Caring family!

Grief Family Program—Hospice Caring offers a free Family Program on Thursday afternoons, where parents and guardians, along with their children, engage in grief-related family activities and projects together.



The **Session's** next meeting is Monday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. The **Board of Deacons'** next meeting is Monday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. The **Board of Trustees'** next meeting is Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are in Pollock-Williams Hall.

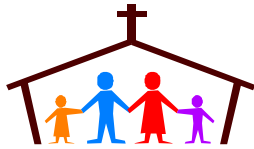


Stewardship is everything we do after we say we believe.



Appreciation and gratitude: to the Shupe family cleaning the church sanctuary during August; to those deacons who hosted the August fellowships --- Betty Allnutt, Peggy Reed, Susanne Johnson and Cornelia Burr and to all who contributed to the Pot Luck; to those who helped with the summer nursery: Missy Lankler, Heather

and Paul Buehler, Shannon Trentadue, Meghan and Kim Lockett, Jessica and Amanda Toone; to Larry Burke, Judy Briggs and Marj Turbyfill who spent three hours trimming the hedges in the front of the church and Pollock-Williams Hall; to Arthur Virts for spraying the bushes at the Earl L. Vail Education Building.



Christian Education



The **2010-2011 Sunday School** classes will begin Sunday, September 12 at 9:30 a.m. Information regarding the program and curriculum was mailed along with registration cards; copies may be found in P-W Hall and in the sanctuary. To date, teachers and staff are: 3's and 4's, Janna Shupe; Kindergarten and 1st Grade, Debbie Myers, Missy Lankler, Heather Buehler; 2nd and 3rd Grades, Cynthia Jennings, Sarah Ashley, Janice Edwing; 4th and 5th Grades, Kim Lockett, Melinda Tibbals, Sara Santini; 6th, 7th, and 8th Grades, Melane and Tom Hoffmann; 9th through 12th Grades, Mark Stunder, Cathy Jewell; Adult Class, Marj Turbyfill; Kim Lockett, children's worship and mission. If you are interested in helping with the church's Christian Education program, speak to Deanna Tucker in the church office or contact Rev. Ednie.



The **Adult Study Group** met during the summer on Thursday evenings in Pollock-Williams Hall; the final lesson on the Psalms is September 2, titled "Invitation To The Psalms." On Thursday, September 9, they will view a video presented by Brian Edwards titled "Why 66? The Canon of Scripture." Then from September 16 through October 28, using a seven week video study by Stephen Arterburn, they will study "Being Christian: Exploring Where You, God and Life Connect." For study guides, contact Dick Ernst at dickernst48@yahoo.com or by phone at 301-540-2143.



The **Adult Sunday School Class** will begin on September 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the library of the Vail Christian Education Building. During the fall, they will study the first half of the Book of Isaiah using a study guide titled "Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times." For a copy of the guide, see or call Marj Turbyfill at 301-972-0265.



The **Matthew G. Purdum Fund** was established by Laurie and Jack Purdum in memory of their son Matt, who died tragically in a motorcycle accident in August 2005. The purpose of the fund is to support and encourage the children of the church to take *advanced* driver's education. Here are four sites for parents to check out: www.drive2survive.org, www.decisivedriving.com, www.ldrivesmart.com, and www.bsr-inc.com. If you are interested in being a recipient of a grant, contact Rev. Ednie.



Adult New Members Class: This fall, Rev. Ednie would like to conduct two membership classes on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Pollock-Williams Hall. The classes are divided into two sessions. After completing the classes, those wanting to become "official" communicant members will meet with the Session on Mondays, October 4, and November 1; then be welcomed by the church on a designated Sunday. Let Rev. Ednie know if you are interested in attending and which sessions:

Session I, September 22; Session II, September 29
Session I, October 20; Session II, October 27



A Commission / Benediction

May you reach out your hand in service and be blessed with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, to go out and

do what others claim cannot be done.



Smile

Bible Questions?

- What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible? 1. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. 2. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Honda because the apostles were all in one Accord.
- Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson; he brought the house down.
- How long did Cain hate his brother? As long as he was Abel!
- Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

- Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter; she went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.



Worship Attendance

<u>Aug</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Teens</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
1 st	58	7	0	65	76
8 th	66	11	4	81	90
15 th	57	11	4	72	68
22 nd	64	5	3	72	64
29 th	65	7	5	77	85

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