



THE MESSENGER

The News of the Centreville United Methodist Church May 2007

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Barbara Erickson

On April 11th, six members of the UMW toured the remodeled Corsica Hill Nursing Center. At that time we presented Corsica with over 100 adult bibs, 43 lap robes, 40 wheel chair totes and 12 walker totes. These items are always appreciated by the recipient.

We follow the progress of our kitchen remodeling in hopes we will be able to serve a memorial luncheon in May. Much work remains before we can have it inspected and move back in. Lots of help will be needed when we move in! Watch bulletin for work sessions to make more bibs, lap robes and totes. We always need cotton fabric and spools of thread to complete these projects.. (bits and pieces and partial spools are welcome.

Coming Events

May 19 - Memorial Lunch

July - School of Christian Missions

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

Larisa Thomas

April 12-15, as you all probably know by now, was the Appalachia Service Project trip. 12 volunteers from our church went to Brenton, West Virginia to work on two projects. The first project involved fixing a trailer for three brothers. We replaced flooring, put up gutters, and repaired a floor. The second project was a trailer of an elderly lady and her daughter, who had just recently moved home to help care for her ailing mother. Living with them was a 9 year old boy who was of no relation, but was treated like family. The work entailed prepping and painting an inside ceiling, removing and building a back porch, and putting a new roof on a well pump-house. Unfortunately, the second day of the project it rained all day, so we were unable to put the new roof on the back porch. But the other projects were finished, even when it meant standing in the rain for hours. Luckily, there is always

another team coming after us to continue on with the projects until they are complete. It is amazing what Christians can accomplish when they work together!

The highlight of the trip for both teams was getting to know the host families whose trailers we worked on. Both families were so open, kind, and thankful it just warmed your heart. The 9 year old just wanted to help with everything. The middle brother would always try to hand you supplies before you really realized you needed them. It made for memorable moments.

I could go on talking about all the wonderful fellowship time we spent getting to know the other members of the church, the other 50 people volunteering out of the ASP center, the center staff, and of course our host families. I could talk about the new group games we played, frantic attempts to find sleeping bags and cell phone service (Verizon is Not everywhere), trips to Dairy Queen for the needed ice cream, and listening to a bluegrass quintet. But I think I will just suggest you come along next year and find out for yourself.

EVANGELISM

Ann Harlan

The Evangelism committee has been passing out more door hangers throughout the community to welcome people to our church. We are working on plans for some small get to know you dinners in June. I will be contacting lots of you to plan these small group dinners sometime this month. The committee is working on having more greeters to help direct worshipers to classrooms etc. after the early service. If you have a few minutes to help after the Praise service let me know at 410-758-4349.

May 2007

CUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| | | 1 6:30pm Lions Club | 2 7:00pm Praise 7:00pm VIM | 3 7:00am Rotary 7:30pm Adult Choir | 4 | 5 12:00pm Wedding |
| 6 8:45am Praise 9:45am SS 11:00am Trad. ** | 7 | 8 6:30pm UMM | 9 1:30pm UMW 7:00pm Praise | 10 7:00am Rotary 7:30pm Adult Choir | 11 | 12 8:00am Pancake Breakfast |
| 13 8:45am Praise 9:45am SS 11:00am Trad. MOTHER'S DAY ** | 14 11:00am Blood Bank | 15 | 16 7:00pm Praise | 17 7:00am Rotary 7:30pm Adult Choir | 18 | 19 12:00pm Memorial Lunch |
| 20 8:45am Praise 9:45am SS 11:00am Trad. ** | 21 | 22 6:30pm Committee Mtgs 7:30pm Church Council | 23 7:00pm Praise | 24 7:00am Rotary 10:00am Women's Morning 7:30pm Adult Choir | 25 | 26 |
| 27 8:45am Praise 9:45am SS 11:00am Trad. ** | 28 Memorial Day Office Closed | 29 | 30 7:00pm Praise | 31 7:00am Rotary 7:30pm Adult Choir | **EVERY SUNDAY 3:30 Instrumental Ensemble 4:00 Youth Band 5:30 Grace or "56" 6:30 MYF 6:45 Prayer Group | |

This calendar is not inclusive

WOMEN'S MORNING OUT

Ann Harlan

Our next meeting will be May 24th at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This month will feature Kathy Higgins who will speak to us about nutrition, exercise and women's health. We will meet in Fellowship Hall where we will share games, refreshments and prayer needs, while childcare is provided. Please bring a friend to enjoy our time together

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Larisa Thomas

Grab your sunglasses and beach towels and get ready for some splashing fun at our Take the Plunge VBS! Take the Plunge is a water park adventure, but it is also a Bible Adventure you're going to love. So mark your calendars. Take the Plunge will soak you from Sunday June 24th thru Thursday June 28th from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Grab your sun block and beach chair and prepare to Make a Splash for Jesus. It will be an adventure you will never forget!" Contact Larisa Thomas at 410-758-2144 for more information.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be May 27th at the 11 a.m. Traditional Service.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast

Saturday May 12th

8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Adults \$5, Seniors/Kids \$4

Treat Mom to Pancakes, sausages
and eggs

to thank her for all her hard work!

Sponsored by VIM

On The Lighter Side!

A **TEACHER** explained to her Sunday School Class how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially interested when she told the children how Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs. After in the week, Johnny's mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill. "What's the matter?" she asked. Johnny answered, "I have a pain in my side, I think I'm going to have a wife."

THREE BOYS are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper and calls it a poem, and they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing, My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper and calls it a song, and they give him \$100." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper and calls it a sermon. It takes eight people to collect all the money!"



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PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

This month please read the following, **Position Yourself for Growth**, submitted by Bill Easum, from Net Results.

I talk with a lot of pastors who yearn for their church to grow. But when I ask them, "When was the last time you asked God to double your church?" I get a blank stare.

If we want our churches to grow, growth should be at the heart of our prayer life. But alas, 99% of the prayers I hear coming from church leaders is for the return to health of one of the members of the church. Is health more important than fulfilling the Kingdom?

But not only should we pray for growth, we also need to position ourselves for growth. Here are a few examples of what I mean. Example One: Most pastors tell me they need more volunteers. But what if fifty new volunteers showed up Sunday and asked to serve? Would you have places for them to serve or would you have to say to them "Give me a day or two and I'll figure out where we can use you"?

Example Two: What if you prayed for growth and it happened. Next Sunday God doubled your church. Would you have enough parking spaces? How about enough room to seat all of the people? Would you have enough room in the nursery or the children's area? Do you get my point? You have to position yourself to receive God's blessing. God isn't going to double your church if by doing so you have to turn people away. So if you want to double your church you need to do two things: first, position yourself and your church to receive such growth.

That's right. Make room before you need it. Second, begin to pray that God will double the size of your church as soon as you have the room or the people ready to receive them.