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Pastor's Article

Are we at Ivey about a membership mentality or a missionary mentality? In re-reading for the fourth time, Bob Farr's text, *Renovate or Die*, I was again struck with this strategic question of life in Christ. In the next few weeks, Ivey will commence a study entitled, *Committed to Christ: Six Steps to a Generous Life*. Prayer, Bible reading, Worship, Wellness, Financial Giving, Service, these are the essential commodities of faith practice in Jesus Christ.

How will you participate/Is God calling you to live in poverty or abundance?

The culture of the call in Jesus Christ is a radical, abundant, grace filled quest.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. — **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

Pax Christi,
Pastor Jim
1 Peter 3:15

Mildred Alkire's 93rd Birthday!

On Friday, July 15th, the UMW Group met at Carini's Italian Restaurant to celebrate their Sunshine Lady's birthday! Mildred Alkire wore a lovely light pink sweater with a bright patterned Hawaiian silk skirt on the day she turned **93 years old!!** It was a momentous occasion, worthy of fellowship made even more special by her granddaughter, Amanda, being our waitress. Johnnie Dale Humphrey led us in a lovely prayer once the food arrived. The food was excellent and the drinks were always full. Truly a time where the cup runneth over! Once the food was eaten, the various conversations turned to the giving of cards and gifts. It was such a joy witnessing Mildred open her presents and her being so excited; she passed them around so that we could all take part in her happiness. Once all was opened, enjoyed, and put away for use later, we turned to the excitement of cake, despite many of us being so full from our meal. Rookie Hale had picked up a lovely vanilla sheet cake decorated in white icing with pink flowers and lettering. The cake was placed before Mildred as we all sang "Happy Birthday", then it was passed to Johnnie Dale who took charge of cutting the cake. The first slice, of course, went to our birthday gal, then the rest was passed around to those of us not in a food coma from our more than plentiful meal. It was a lovely celebration of a special woman who is a valued member of our UMW group, as well as Ivey Memorial church. Many of us are already looking forward to next year's celebration!!!

Fun & Faith Festival

The Fun and Faith Festival will be September 24 from 10 am to 2 pm. Please mark your calendar. This is a great time to share with each other and the community. Now is the time to start thinking about how you want to support this effort. We need volunteers for set up and take down, to run games for children and adults, to help prepare and serve food, and more. Please check your shed or garage for canopy tents to provide shade. We will have sign-up sheets in the narthex as the event gets closer, but if you have ideas you want to share in planning, please call April Morgan at 804-526-5088 or Debbie Reckart at 804-503-5078.

Love in Christ,
Debbie and April

Funday Sundays!

All children 2years - 5th grade

August 7 - Science! 2:00 - 4:30 pm

August 14 - Happy Campers! 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Contact Eva Booth with any questions:
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Start Your Shoebox Shopping Now! Be Ready for November!

I received my shoebox gift in Romania at age 2, the youngest you can be to receive a box. So, I don't remember all the details of what happened. But my older sister would always tell me about the day we each received our shoeboxes and how I came to have my toy car. I loved that toy car. I played with it all the time. I hadn't had a toy like that before. At the time, our idea of a Christmas gift was the orange my father received as a holiday present at his job. I was born in Romania in the mid-1990s. The fall of communism there a few years before also brought about the fall of the country's economy. My parents had good jobs, as an engineer and teacher, but the crashing economy made it hard for them to even make rent on our dilapidated apartment. Our dinner



each day was soup, and we were extremely grateful when we were able to add meat to that once a week. Basic survival was our greatest challenge. Amid such trying times, I received my Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The harshness of my life

was contrasted with the hope and joy I found in this manifestation of God's love. The shoebox I received really ended up being a seed for the Gospel in my life. My parents had just begun attending the church where my sister and I received our shoebox gifts. The shoebox distribution was a community-wide event. My parents saw how the church was reaching out to its community, believers and non-believers alike, to show them the love of Christ in a tangible way through these shoeboxes. It made a lasting impression on their own walks of faith with the Lord. A year later, we moved to the United States. I was raised in a Christian home and pretty much grew up in church. At age 10, I committed my life to the eternal God. Somewhere along the way, my toy car got lost in the shuffle. But I still remember it and what it represents. At first, I just loved the toy car because it was mine. Then, I became intrigued by how it worked. I never really thought about it before, but my interest in figuring out how things work, how things can be taken apart and put back together to work even better, probably started with that toy car. Even as a child, I



loved science and was always taking things apart to see how they were built. At first, it was toys. Then, I started taking apart broken computers and fixing them. Now, I'm studying biomedical engineering at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Essentially, it's about creating devices, such as prostheses and artificial organ implants, to help people. I've realized that God can use whatever career field people pursue to share the love and hope that can be found in Him. Your life—and how God is guiding it and working through it—can be a testimony for Him. That's my goal—to make things to help people in Jesus' Name. The toy car I received as a shoebox gift is a clear example of how God can use the simplest of things to influence people's lives. What the gift gave me as a young child was a sense of God's love, a seed of hope in my life during a time when my family was going through really hard times. Thank you so much for packing shoeboxes for boys and girls, especially in the age range of 2-4 years old, because the Lord can take your gift and plant a seed for the Gospel in their hearts, like He did in mine.

Committed to Christ

Dear Ivey Church,

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

What does the Lord expect of me?

What “holy habits” should I cultivate in my life?

For six Sundays beginning in September, our entire church family is invited to enter a season of decision and commitment toward the goal of becoming fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. The theme will be *Committed to Christ: Six Steps to a Generous Life*.

We are hoping that every household will be present every Sunday during this season so that we can each commit to climb one step closer toward this goal. We will dedicate ourselves to the Lord and obey what the Lord has commanded, in a spirit of gratitude for all that we have received.

On the introductory Sunday, August 28th, we will be asked to make or renew our personal commitment to Christ. Each of the six Sundays following will emphasize a different area of faithful Christian discipleship: prayer, Bible reading, worship, witness, financial giving, and service. While this will be the focus in worship we will also meet from 2 pm – 4:30 pm each of those Sunday afternoons, for study of that week’s topic led by one of our church leaders.

We have enclosed a Six-step Brochure that will describe the program and show the various levels of commitment, ranging from limited commitment to full and unlimited commitment. You will be invited to complete and turn in a commitment card for each topic during worship on each Sunday of the program. This means that no one will stop by your home.

We will provide each family that commits to participate, a devotion booklet and a readings booklet that provides the study material for each emphasis. To celebrate what God is doing here at Ivey Church, the program will culminate in our revival and homecoming.

May God bless each of us as we commit together to become fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ.

Grace,

Beth Honea

Steward of Committed to Christ Program

Children's Ministries

All Stars: All children 1st - 5th grade

All Stars will not meet through the summer. We will have some activities going on. Look for emails and in the bulletins for more information. We will resume weekly meetings September 11. Contact Eva Booth with any questions. 804-586-5044, emrbPOOH@yahoo.com

Youth - All youth 6th - 12th grade

The youth will not meet through the summer. We will have some activities going on. Look for emails and in the bulletins for more information. We will resume weekly meetings September 11. Contact Eva Booth with any questions. 804-586-5044, emrbPOOH@yahoo.com

Daycare Needs!

Ivey Daycare is collecting school supplies for the fall program. We are looking for the following items specifically:

- *Preschool Crayons (the large size)
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- *Glue Bottles
- Glue Sticks
- *Construction Paper
- Notebook Paper
- Flash Cards (preschool)
- Coloring Books

Items can be left in the church office or daycare office. Amanda can be contacted for a tax slip.



One Call Tell All Update

In order to update the automatic call numbers, we need to match phone numbers on current lists to individuals. Names are not furnished to One Call Tell All, only numbers; however, we need this information to keep the lists up-to-date. The following numbers cannot be matched to an individual or family.

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| 804-526-0961 | 804-586-6555 |
| 804-526-3018 | 804-715-9046 |
| 804-721-8800 | 804-782-8444 |
| 804-777-9208 | 804-926-9245 |
| 804-869-3622 | 804-732-6902 |
| 804-526-1186 | 804-894-5600 |
| 804-526-4066 | 804-520-9473 |
| 804-586-6277 | 804-526-2288 |
| 804-751-0696 | 804-898-1258 |
| 804-318-6086 | |

Save the Date!!!!

IVEY MEMORIAL UMC REVIVAL & HOMECOMING



OCTOBER 14, 15, & 16, 2016

Stop Hunger Now

We will hold a Stop Hunger Now event Saturday morning, October 29, 2016. Please mark your calendar to come help; bring a friend! Workers from 4 to 94 can be a part of this ministry. Our goal for preparation this year is \$6,300 to provide at least 15,000 meals and some water purification buckets. We currently need about \$1,100 to meet this goal. This is an easy goal to reach. If each person (adult and child) would donate \$1 for Stop Hunger Now each Sunday between now and October 29th, we would exceed this goal! Please search your heart and your pocket to see what you can do to help us meet this goal.

Love in Christ—April Morgan

Wacky Wednesday

The first Wacky Wednesday was a great success, and we are looking forward to the next one! The Revitalization Team sponsored the first Wacky Wednesday on July 13th. We enjoyed salads, soup, and cookies for dinner followed by fellowship and games. All attending had a good time. The Administrative Council will sponsor the August Wacky Wednesday on August 17th at 6:00 pm. Come prepared to eat sandwiches and play board games! Again, participants need bring only their appetites and be ready for fun.

KITS FOR CONFERENCE

The Ivey UMW has, for many years, assumed the responsibility of preparing the Church World Service Kits (better known to us as "Kits for Conference") each year for Ivey Memorial UMC. So, just a reminder that this is a good time to purchase items for the "School Kits" for Annual Conference. Even though our Annual Virginia UMW Conference is held in June each year, school supplies are not easily available or reasonably priced at that time of year. Wal-Mart has the required 8 1/2 "x 11" spiral notebooks for 17 cents each. Each kit requires 3 notebooks or 3 packages of 150 sheets each of loose leaf paper. If providing the loose leaf paper, make sure the packages are 150 sheets each. If they are larger or smaller than 50 sheets, they must be opened and re-packaged or bound with rubber bands. This is a very time consuming process. Also, a reminder that only blunt tip scissors and unsharpened pencils are acceptable. For the past few years, the UMW has purchased the 14"x16" cloth bag's needed for each school kit, but if there are some capable, energetic seamstresses in our congregation who would be willing to make the needed bags, we would be most appreciative. The material used would have to be fairly heavy and they require handles and a closure, which can be velcro, snap, or button.

School Kit Items Needed

1 pair blunt scissors	1 hand held pencil sharpener
1 ruler 30cm long	6 new, unsharpened pencils
1 box of 24 count crayons	3 pads of paper
<i>Put all in a 14 x 16 cloth bag with handles and a closure.</i>	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY, 8/28/2016

On this Sunday, some of our children and youth will be promoted to a new class effective Sunday September 4, 2016. We will recognize our faithful teachers with thanks and praise for their devotion to our Sunday School program.

We can always use the assistance of others to act as helpers in the classroom, to fill in as substitute teachers, or to take charge of a small group of children on a regular basis. See Stuart Short if you feel God calling you in this mission.

At 5 p.m. on August 28th we will have the church picnic. This has always been a time of wonderful fellowship and all are invited to attend and bring friends or family members. Hot dogs, hamburgers, trimmings, beverages and paper products will be provided. Just bring a side dish or dessert and a hearty appetite. Bring corn hole or other games or musical instruments if you like to "jam."

WANTED: GREETERS, READERS, & ACOLYTES

If you would like to welcome our wonderful members and visitors to Ivey on Sunday mornings, read the scriptures and some litanies during service, and/or be an awesome acolyte, please sign up on the sign up sheet posted by the church office door or contact Nicole and let her know if you are available to fill these slots. Thank you for your time and service to the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, here at Ivey.

Worship Leaders Schedule

Greeters

8:30 Beth Honea
11:00 Sarah Zammett

8:30 Clay & Carene Edwards
11:00 Kelle Neblett

8:30 Beth Honea
11:00 **Volunteer Needed**

8:30 Clay & Carene Edwards
11:00 Dabney & Stuart Short

Communion Servers: 8:30 Sarah Zammett

Counters: Donna & Bruce Brockwell, Janice Ganoe

Readers

August 7th

8:30 Craig Purcell
11:00 Janice Ganoe

August 14th

8:30 George Robertson
11:00 Houston Baker

August 21st

8:30 **Volunteer Needed**
11:00 Kelle Neblett

August 28th

8:30 **Volunteer Needed**
11:00 Brenda Harrup

Acolytes

8:30 Caden Purcell
11:00 Ean Smith

8:30 Cameren Farmer
11:00 Gabriel Sparks

8:30 Diamond Lachney
11:00 Ean Smith

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