



THE NUGGET

IVEY MEMORIAL UMC

FEBRUARY 2017

Epiphany is a time to collect ourselves for an adventurous journey with Christ. Just as the three men of the stars, Balthazar, Gaspar, and Melchior, contemplated and initiated a journey of discovery for the Savior and their own witness to his presence, 2017 is such a time for all of us.



FROM THE PASTOR

How are we seeing the signs and wonders of all that is holy in our midst?

How are we living our lives in a quest to discover the presence of God with us?

How are we bringing our best to the presence of God, resting in our encounter?

How are we living at Ivey the mandate to know Christ, to make him known, to develop disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world?

Lent will soon be upon us. I pray for all of us we will have a deep-seeded intention to be like the sages of old, who were willing to sacrifice much in order to share the story of Christ with us!

Phil 4.13
Pax Christi, *Jim*

WORSHIP LEADER'S CORNER

GREETERS

February 5

8:30 *Beth Honea*

11:00 *Kelle Neblett*

February 12

8:30 *Clay & Carene Edwards*

11:00 *Agnes B & Diane Z*

February 19

8:30 *Steve & Maria Earley*

11:00 *Bob & Carolyn Galusha*

February 26

8:30 *Debbie Reckart*

11:00 *Dabney & Stuart Short*

READERS

February 5

8:30 *Brenda Patterson*

11:00 *Kelle Neblett*

February 12

8:30 *Carene Edwards*

11:00 *Brenda Harrup*

February 19

8:30 *Debbie Reckart*

11:00 *Cassandra Ellis*

February 26

8:30 *Brenda Patterson*

11:00 *Dabney Short*

ACOLYTE

February 5

8:30 *Iris Hoye*

11:00 *Morgan Erner*

February 12

8:30 *Jimiya Harris*

11:00 *Gabriel Sparks*

February 19

8:30 *MacKenzie Geist*

11:00 *Ean Smith*

February 26

8:30 *Cameren Farmer*

11:00 *Morgan Erner*

Counters First Service: *Bruce & Donna Brockwell* Counters Second Service: *Dennis & Janice Ganoe*

Bazaar Happenings

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas . We will start workshops back up on February 8th. Remember we meet every second and 4th Tuesday of the month. Hopefully everyone will be rested and have lots of new ideas for us to make for our next Bazaar coming up on November 11, 2017 (It will be here before we know it). Hope to see all the old gang back and hopefully some new ones. Don't think to yourself "I can't do crafts". Believe me we will find something for you to do. We have great fellowship together as often a joke or two or a story of something that has happened to one of us is shared and we all get a good chuckle, And you know us Methodist....we can't function if food of some sort isn't provided. So we usually have lunch . Come on out and give the Bazaar a try. What do you have to lose.



Angie Steines -Chairperson

Nurture Team Activities

There is a new Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to put flowers in church on a Sunday that is special for you, please sign up on that date. It is your responsibility to order the flowers and have them delivered to the Sanctuary. If you would like for the occasion to be recognized in the bulletin, notify Amanda Denny no later than noon on Tuesday preceding the upcoming Sunday. For questions, call Stuart Short.

Education Committee

Sunday School classes for children consist of a group of 2nd-5th graders taught by Lisa Baker and Debbie Reckart and 6th grade-senior high taught by Houston Baker. These teachers are making learning about the Bible, our Methodist beliefs, and living the word a wonderful experience for our children and young people. Thanks to parents who bring their children to Sunday school and support the work done in these classes.

Adult classes are The Son Seekers, taught by Suzanne Johnson and Carene Edwards and the Glen Peck Fellowship class taught by Ed Elder and Marlene Wheelhouse.

2nd Service Children's Church: Donna and David DiRoma have been instrumental in getting a Children's Church program going on a regular basis. Donna has planned a program that takes the children on a journey from Genesis to Revelations with a coordinated slide show and crafts. Donna says it is all planned out, she just needs more volunteers to work with the children.

Pray about the needs of the children and God may lead you to volunteer!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met together on Wednesday, January 4 for their first meeting of 2017. The meeting was called to order by President, Rookie Hale, and the members recited the **UMW Purpose** in unison.

The following devotion was given by Carene Edwards from the Daily Devotional Book "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young.

"Come to **Me** with a teachable spirit, eager to be changed. A close walk with **Me** is a life of continual newness. Do not cling to old ways as you step into a new year. Instead, seek **My** Face with an open mind, knowing that your journey with **Me** involves being *transformed by the renewing of your mind*. As you focus your thoughts on **Me**, be aware that **I** am fully attentive to you. **I** see you with a steady eye, because **My** attention span is infinite. **I** know and understand you completely; **My** thoughts embrace you in everlasting Love.

Robin Edwards gave the Treasurer's report and after determining that all our Conference & District obligations were paid, the balance of our funds were disbursed, as is our end of year custom, to projects supported by Virginia United Methodist Women. They are as follows:

Wesley Community Center	\$ 100.00	Red Bird Mission	\$50.00
Jackson Feild Homes	25.00	Camp Rainbow	25.00
James House in Hopewell	50.00	Henry Fork Center	50.00
Ferrum College	25.00	Grace Inside PM	50.00
Pathways in Petersburg	100.00		

In addition to the above, we gave \$100.00 to the Our Daily Bread Food Pantry and \$100.00 to the Ivey Memorial 2017 Apportionments.

We also supported our Youth and All stars with donations during the year.

Our 2017 annual yard & bake sale is scheduled for April 1, 2017, so please be putting aside things to donate as you are doing your spring cleaning.

We would like to encourage all women to join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. for a time of fellowship as we focus on ministries for women, children & youth.



February 8th- 6:00p
Large Social Hall

FLOWER CALENDAR

A small flower calendar for 2017 has been posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you would like to put flowers in church, please select a Sunday and write your name on that week. Flowers for the altar should be "live." They can be purchased from a florist or can be a simple arrangement from your own flower garden. Some weeks are pre-planned such as Easter and Christmas, and in those instances you may place flowers in the Narthex. It is suggested you deliver your flowers on Friday when the church is open. If you would like to have a special notice in the Sunday bulletin, please provide that information to Amanda Denny on the preceding Monday. If you have questions or concerns call Stuart Short, 898-1883.

PRAYER SHAWLS

Thank you to all who continue to make these beautiful shawls and to those who pray for these shawls as we bless them. Please give names and addresses to Carol Eads if you know someone who could benefit from being wrapped in God's love through one of our beautifully blessed shawls. Carol can be reached at 804-768-0107 or eadscd@aol.com.

WANTED: GREETERS, READERS, & ACOLYTES

If you would like to welcome our wonderful members and visitors to Ivey on Sunday mornings, read the scriptures and litanies during service, and/or be an awesome acolyte everyone is welcome to sign up on the signup sheet posted across from the church office door or contact Amanda 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.

OUR DAILY BREAD FOOD PANTRY

As always, we extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued generosity and support of the food pantry! And, as is often the case, we are in need of some specific items to stock the shelves at the pantry. If you are able to make a donation, we need the following: canned soup, rice (1 lb. bag/box), pasta (1 lb. bag/box), spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper, jelly, cereal (low-sugar if possible), toothpaste, toothbrushes, and bar soap. Thank you!

MISSION LUNCH

We will be having our second Third Sunday Mission Lunch on February 19th. Debbie Reckart and Kelle Neblett have agreed to facilitate this lunch for us. Lunch is by donation and all proceeds will go to pay our missional apportionments. Please join us for lunch after second service on February 19th to continue support of this successful event.

FIFTH SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

We are honored to have Stephen Clark, President of the Virginia United Methodist Foundation, bring us the message and program for our first Fifth-Sunday Stewardship event. On January 29th Steph will bring us an encouraging message of a life of generosity and "Preparing for a Greater Future". Following the second service and in conjunction with the youth's baked potato fundraiser Steph will present practical ideas to a life of generosity in a short presentation and Q & A seminar. Please join us for these events.

Tadpoles and Jr. Fellowship

All Stars: All children 1st - 5th grade - A NEW Meeting Time! 1:30 -3:00pm on Sundays

February 5: Super Bowl Sunday - No meeting

February 12: Regular meeting

February 19: no meeting

February 26: Regular meeting

Contact Eva Booth with any questions. 804-586-5044, emrbPOOH@yahoo.com

Youth - All youth 6th - 12th grade - Meet 4:00 - 6:00 pm

February 5: Super Bowl Sunday - No meeting

February 12: Regular meeting

February 19: Regular meeting - Deb. M. - Snack; Ethan, Daniel, Natalie, & Ben - Lesson

February 26: Regular meeting - Susan - snack

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Revitalization Team

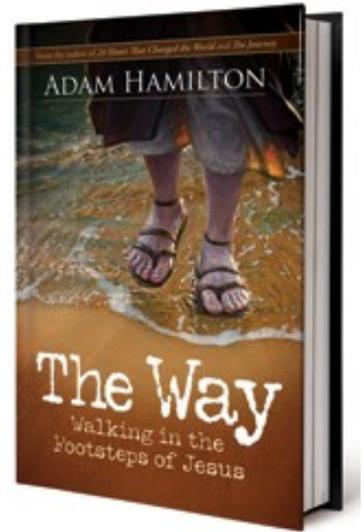
The Revitalization Team had a busy and successful year in 2016. Of course, our success is due to the support the Ivey congregation gave our initiatives. Wacky Wednesday has been great fun, with 30 to 40 people coming to visit, eat, play games, and just enjoy each other's company. Our next Wacky Wednesday will be February 8, and the Revitalization Team will be providing the food. Again, you need bring only your appetite and we welcome your friends. The Committed to Christ Bible study was so successful that we plan another study, this time during Lent. Check for details in the Beth's article. Our tent revival was a blessing, despite the train's reminder of the outside world.

Further initiatives that we want to pursue this year include revitalizing the visitation program, enhancing our greeter and welcome program, and developing small prayer groups (Wesleyan cells) among the congregation.

All of our successes at Ivey from Wacky Wednesday, to third Sunday mission luncheons, to fifth Sunday stewardship events and so much more depend on the Grace of God and, through His Grace, your support and participation. Thank you for supporting us in our efforts.

The Way

We are excited to announce our Lenten program. The Way by Adam Hamilton is a following of the Life of Christ in the amazing terrain His footsteps actually traveled. The six week program will begin with our Wacky Wednesday on March 8th and will conclude with our Wacky Wednesday on April 12th. Each Wednesday night for the 6 week period we will meet in the small social hall from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The study guides are \$10 and are available from Ed Elder, Beth Honea or the church office. Cassandra Dutry-Ellis will be our leader for this interactive program and we look forward to a good crowd. Please plan to join us as follow the footsteps of Jesus guiding us to Easter.



Spiers Card Shower

Birthday Celebration with a Card Shower celebrating John Spiers 93rd Birthday, February 3rd.

Cards may be sent to:

John H. Spiers

Dunlop House Room 122

235 Dunlop Farms Boulevard

Colonial Heights, VA 23834



Thank You For sharing in this celebration,

The Spiers Family

We will be serving dinner to CARITAS guest at Chester Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 9 and **we need your help!** We will serve a variety of soups, rolls, crackers, fruit, cookies and brownies. If you are able to provide some food and/or help serve please sign up in the Narthex, by calling the church office, or by contacting Eva Booth (emrbPOOH@yahoo.com, 804-586-5044). We will need to arrive at Chester Presbyterian at 5:30 pm.

