



THE NUGGET

Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church June 2017



FROM THE PASTOR

This has been my honor to compose a few insights on the viability of a parish known as Ivey. I have been humbled by your constant interactions that have compelled my family to more urgently and forcefully celebrate the goodness of Christ in the midst of all interactions. It is my hope and grace filled prayer that you continue to honor the Lord and the

Lord will honor you. In our course, we have found many who support the least, the last, and the lost, recognizing these are not threats, but daily gifts for us to express the peace of the Lord, which is love. Many on the staff are Spirit-filled Christians who serve you with God's wisdom and grace. I pray for their continued viability among you and all the assurance of the Spirit in their work.

Phil. 4:13 -I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Jere 29:11 -For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Psalms 23:1 -The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

Pax Christi, Jim 1 Peter 3.15

WORSHIP LEADER'S CORNER

GREETERS

June 4

Clay and Carene Edwards
Dabney and Stuart Short

June 11

Youth Sunday

June 18

Debbie Reckart
Jo R and Marlene W

June 25

Beth Honea
Bob and Carolyn Galusha

READERS

June 4

Carene Edwards
Cassandra Ellis

June 11

Youth Sunday

June 18

Mike Tyler
Chris Ganoe

June 25

George Robertson
Stuart Short

ACOLYTE

March 5

8:30 Iris Hoye
11:00 Gabriel Sparks

June 11

Youth Sunday

June 18

Cameren Farmer
Morgan Erner

June 25

Iris Hoye
Gabriel Sparks

Needed: Greeters, Readers, Acolytes

Please contact the office if you can help during Sunday services.

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

MEET OUR NEW PASTOR

REV. ANITA MAYS

Anita is no stranger to the James River District. She grew up on a farm in Stony Creek, a small town about 30 minutes south of Ivey Memorial UMC. She attended school in Dinwiddie County, where her father taught Biology until he retired. Her mother, who grew up in Petersburg, still lives in Stony Creek, and continues to be very active in Fort Grove UMC, the small church in which Anita grew up. You may be interested to know that Anita's parents met not far from Ivey Memorial, when they were both teachers at Colonial Heights High School over 50 years ago. Anita has two older brothers, both of whom live in Richmond and are Statistics professors and administrators at VCU.

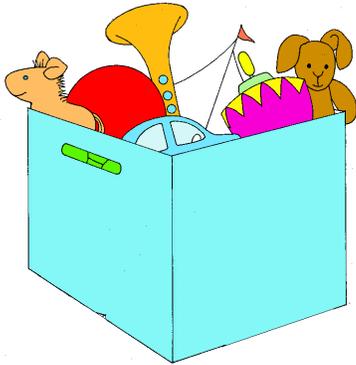
Anita sees her Christian journey as a life-long process. It began when she was a child, raised in a Christian family that attended church every Sunday and was very active in the life of the church. When she was in the 9th grade Anita attended a district youth retreat in Blackstone, and it was there that she had a spiritual experience that helped her to grow closer to Christ. At that retreat her Christian journey took on new meaning and direction, and through the years it has taken her down many different paths, including answering a call to ministry. Anita will be ordained as an Elder in Full Connection at Annual Conference in June.

Anita received a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies from Virginia Tech, where she was very active in the Wesley Foundation. She moved to Richmond in 1997, and since that time has accumulated a lot of diverse work experience and education. She has a Master of Arts in Christian Education, a Master of Divinity, and a Master of Theology, all from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. She has worked in a variety of ministry settings, including churches and non-profit organizations. Her experience includes eight years as part-time Chaplain at The Hermitage, five years as Director of Christian Education at Centenary UMC in downtown Richmond, and most recently four years as the Associate Pastor of Mt. Pisgah UMC in Midlothian.

Anita is excited about coming to Ivey Memorial and beginning a new phase in her ministry journey. While at Mt. Pisgah Anita focused on worship leadership, pastoral care and teaching, and worked closely with the Mission Committee and the Connecting with the Community Team. She also helped to begin a Creation Care Team, which included supporting the beginning stages of a community garden at the church. She hopes these experiences will prove beneficial in her new appointment. Anita particularly enjoys meeting new people and building relationships, which she believes will be an asset as she gets to know the church and community. She is passionate about social justice and mission. For many years Anita has worked with the Highland Support Project, an Advance Special of the UMC that works with Mayan women in the highlands of Guatemala, and she currently serves on their Board of Directors. In addition to her many trips to Guatemala, she has recently traveled to Cambodia as a part of the Virginia Conference UMVIM team. She has also participated in travel seminars to Costa Rica, El Salvador, Ghana, Korea, China, and England. In addition to international trips, Anita has participated in several regional and local mission trips and projects, including the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, Tangier Island, Stop Hunger Now, teaching ESL, as well as outreach to local schools, retirement homes, and the YMCA. Anita has served on the conference Board of Global Ministries, and is currently a member of the conference Board of Church and Society. She is also the new chair of the Caretakers of God's Creation team for the Virginia Conference.

When Anita isn't working, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, attending festivals, hiking, visiting wineries, going out to eat, watching TV and movies, salsa dancing, traveling, going to the beach, and catching the occasional VT football game (Go Hokies!)

This month the focus for our shoebox items is on toys. As you shop for goodies to fill your shoebox, remember the following from Samaritan Purse:



The story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them. After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise." For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "*For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake*" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

Mission Statement

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ. The organization serves the church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The slinky was fascinating to me. We loved to send it down the steps and we played a lot of games with it. It was a simple toy but it was my favorite in the box." –Devon, Grenada

"Our economic condition is very poor, so my parents cannot afford to buy toys for me. When I heard that I would get a gift box, I was so excited! Thank you to all of my foreign friends who sent me the toys and other amazing things." –Samia, East Asia

When shopping, keep the following in mind and note changes from previous years:

Do Not Include

- Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.
- **Candy specifications:** Starting in 2017, no type of candy can be included in shoebox gifts.



HELP! THE LITTLE LIBRARY IS ALMOST EMPTY

With summer approaching, it should be filled with reading material for our young friends and those who are young at heart! Please look through books you may have at home and select some that would be good to share. Bring them to the church office or leave them in the Chapel. The Nurture Team will see that they are added to the Library as space permits.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH SUMMER FOOD TRUCK

St. Ann Catholic Church Summer Food Truck Court!

Back by popular demand! Summer Wednesdays 5-8pm beginning May 31st.
All are welcome. Inside dining on rainy days. Support Central VA small business!

CATCH THAT TRAIN!

On the display board in the narthex you will see an ongoing update of our progress toward the missional apportionment plan we established for 2017, the first year of our three year plan to meeting all of our apportionments.

Let me recount a few of the aspects of our plan. While the total apportionments requested of us by the conference were \$49,638, our projected accomplishment was \$20,530. We had identified several programs and efforts that we would use to meet this goal:

	Projected	<u>Year to Date as of 4/30</u>
Additional designated giving to apportionments	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,498
3 rd Sunday Mission Lunches	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,455
Upper Room Donations	\$ 480	\$ 95
Brunswick Stew	\$ 1,650	\$ 910
Metal Drive	\$ 1,000	\$ 868
Supply Donations & Used Print cartridges	\$ 480	\$ 160

We have also had additional support that was not part of the projected plan

Chili Cook-off	\$ 454
Shrove Tuesday Donations	\$ 366
Pink Envelope Giving	\$ 547
Insurance Review	\$ 2058 reduction in insurance costs

At the end of April we have sent to the conference \$8000 toward apportionments, nearly 40% of our goal and we have also sent \$500 in second mile giving specified for UMCOR.

WE ARE ON TRACK TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOAL & I THANK YOU!! Additionally we have accomplished this without a reduction in tithing or giving to current expenses and again I THANK YOU.

Keep up the Good Work

Beth Honea



**OUR NEXT CHURCH PLANNING MEETING IS JULY 15TH 8A-11A,
SMALL FELLOWSHIP HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME, LEADERSHIP IS EXPECTED.**

All Stars: All children K - 5th grade - Meets 1:30 -3:00pm on Sundays

June 4 - Everyone is needed to attend to prepare for Children's Sabbath on June 11

June 11 - Children Sabbath - be at church BY 8 am!!!!

June 18 - Father's Day - No youth

June 21—24—PassportKids trip

June 25 - we will have a joint All Star/youth picnic

July 12 - Wacky Wednesday - we (youth and All Stars) are hosting, menu is: pizzas (Little Caesar's), salad, chips, & desserts. I will send out an email towards the end of June for everyone to sign up o bring something

July 15 - day trip to Pocahontas with the Youth - water park, etc., picnic lunch)



YOUTH: All youth 6th - 12th grade - Meets 4:00 - 6:00 pm

June 4 - First Sunday breakfast fundraiser

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June 11 - Youth Sunday - be at church BY 8 am!!!!

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June 25 - we will have a joint All Star/youth picnic

July 2 - First Sunday breakfast fundraiser

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July 14 - afternoon trip to Pocahontas for canoeing/kayaking and cook-out afterwards

July 15 - day trip to Pocahontas with the All Stars - water park, etc., picnic lunch)

August 6—First Sunday breakfast fundraiser

METAL DRIVE SUCCESS CONTINUES!!

Our metal drive success continues to grow and we have now collected \$883 as a result of our efforts. We have helped the environment and given folks room in their garage they haven't had for years.

Our efforts continue and our autumn collection date is planned for October 14th. Please continue to collect your metal cans and items for recycling. If you have large items like appliances that need to be picked up, please call the church office (526-1350) or Beth Honea (520-0520), as it is not necessary to wait until October.

**TWO SCOUTS NOW EAGLE RANK!
KYLE BAILEY AND BRUCE BARNES**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

MISSION LUNCHEON

We **will not** be having our Third Sunday Mission Lunch in June as that date is Father's Day. We will resume our Mission Lunches in July so stay tuned for news.

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Our Wacky Wednesday this month will be June 14th and we will enjoy a dinner and time of fellowship and fun. The Bazaar Committee will be our hosts for this month

EVERY ROAD—JUNE 4 AND TRUE SPIRIT JUNE 25

Remember our June Musical Guest we would like for you to join us during these services. Please remember to turn in your love offering for these fantastic visitors as well.