

# The Nugget

APRIL 2008

## Special points of interest:

- *Relay For Life Mega Fund-raiser— April 5 from 8:00 – 3:00 in the Large Hall*
- *Tadpoles— April 6 at 3:00*
- *UMW— April 10 at 7:00*
- *UMM— April 14 at 6:30*
- *Chunky Monkeys BBQ— April 19 beginning at 1:00 at the Brankley's.*
- *Day Care mtg.-April 21 at 7:00*
- *CiCi's Pizza Night— April 23 at 5:00*
- *SPRC— April 24 at 7:00*
- *Youth Spaghetti Dinner— April 26*
- *Credit Union Sunday— April 27*
- *Committee Mtg. April 28 at 6:30*
- *Administrative Council Mtg.— April 28 at 7:30*

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## IVEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### From the Pastor

#### Easter Puzzle

I watch TV. The ads confuse me. I often ask Ann “What are they selling?” The characters are talking in words and expressions that are completely foreign to me. Ann replies “They are not targeting you.” Then I realize that it is a different generation that is the object of the commercial. So it is with resurrection language. The outside world does not know what to do or say about Easter. They (the folks who are not church) are much more comfortable with Easter bunnies and hiding eggs. The empty tomb, the cross and a risen Saviour are not part of their vocabulary or thought processes. They are as lost as I am trying to figure out a cell phone or clothing commercial. We can help. Speak and translate the Good News into language that your friends and neighbors can understand. Everyone understands an

invitation to a party. Invite someone to worship. It is a party to celebrate the victory of life over death, hope over despair, love over hate, the power of God over the power of evil. Join us this Easter Season.

You are invited to the United Methodist Men’s dinner April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Omarh Rajah, the Matoaca District representative on the Chesterfield County School Board. He will speak on the “Vision for the Future” and will be available to answer questions. We extend an invitation to everyone. Please let Clay Edwards or Linwood Gettings know so that we can have an accurate count for dinner.

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> will be “Virginia United Methodist Credit Union Sunday” Members of the United

Methodist Church are eligible to join the Credit Union. The staff from our Credit Union will be here at Ivey to sign up anyone who wants to become a member of the Credit Union. You get the services of a member service Credit Union, with free checking, savings, CD’s, internet banking, auto loans, personal loans, Visa credit cards, and student loans. For every member who joins on the Credit Union Sunday the church receives a \$20 credit. Get all the information in the Social Hall on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Peace,  
Tom

**Vascular Screening will be offered here at Ivey Church again this year on July 18th & 19th. More details will follow later.**

## Lay Leader's Corner

ALL God's People in ALL times, are called to LOVE and to SERVE  
(Ministry of the Laity)

"As far as God is concerned there is a sweet, wholesome fragrance in our lives. It is the fragrance of Christ within us, an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved around us". 2nd Corinthians 2:15 - The Living Bible.

The story has been told of a missionary to China who was in language school. The very first day of class the teacher entered the room and, without saying a word, walked down every row of students. Finally, still without saying a word, she walked out of the room again. Then she came back and addressed the class.

"Did you notice anything special about me" she asked. Nobody could think of anything in particular. One student finally raised her hand. "I noticed that you had on a very lovely perfume," she said. The class chuckled. But the teacher said, "That was exactly the point. You see, it will be a long time before any of you will be able to speak Chinese well enough to share the Gospel with anyone in China. But even before you are able to do that, you can minister the sweet fragrance of Christ to these people by the quality of your lives. It is your lifestyle, lived out among the Chinese people that will minister Christ to them long before you are able to say one word to them about personal faith in Jesus."

We have just come through the most sacred time of the Church year. We have walked with Christ on the road to Calvary and we have witnessed his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave. As we witnessed these events, have we been inspired to be the "sweet aroma" of Christ" to someone?

### Spiritual Growth Opportunities:

Duke Divinity School is offering a Laity Weekend, April 25-26, 2008. Laity Weekend is an opportunity for laity of all communions to cultivate their faith through focused study of spiritual formation, theology, Christian tradition, history and Scripture. Led by experienced faculty, participants are invited to broaden their understanding of Christian living. The keynote speaker will be Dr. J. Warren Smith, Assistant Professor of Historical Theology.

Cost for the full event (Friday class, dinner & lecture and two Saturday classes and lunch will be \$130.00. Friday only is \$90.00 and Saturday only for two classes & lunch is \$80.00. You may register online at [www.divinity.duke.edu/laityweekend](http://www.divinity.duke.edu/laityweekend). Or you may complete the registration form that will be available in the Church Office and mail it with your tuition to: Center for Continuing Education-Laity Weekend, Duke Divinity School, Box 90996, Durham, NC 27708-0966.

April 14-16, 2008, the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church will be offering a Spring Retreat for all persons serving the local church in education, formation, and age-level ministries. That includes Christian Educators, Youth Workers, Children's Ministers, Sunday School Teachers, Pastors and anyone else interested in the youth program's of the UMC. The retreat will be held at Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. Registration deadline is April 4, 2008. Cost will be \$150.00. If you are interested, you may obtain a registration form from the Church Office.

Another opportunity is available on Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19 at

Discovery UMC, 13999 Gayton Rd., Richmond. "Learn to use digital technology in worship to tell the life-changing truth of the Gospel to a 21st century audience." Cost for one day is \$50 and both days will be \$109. You may register on-line at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) under "Events" or you may call the Virginia Communication Office at 1-800-768-6040, ext. 110.

Prayer Power- (from the District Leadership Log). In WWII, there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people, and peace. This had an amazing effect as bombing stopped.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. If you would like to participate: each evening at 9 p.m. Eastern time, 8 p.m. Central, 7 p.m. Mountain, 6 p.m. Pacific stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens and for peace in the world. If you know anyone who would like to participate, please pass this along. Someone said if people really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer, we might be speechless. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Why not take an extra minute to also pray for our Church, Church Leaders and our Pastor at the same time?

In Christ's Love  
Carene Edwards



## Jr. Fellowship News

Ivey's Children's Sabbath will be here before you know it. On Mother's Day, May 11, Jr. Fellowship will do both services. They will begin distributing parts and practicing on April 6. The children will have only 6 weeks to memorize their parts and prepare for the celebration. Each meeting through May 11 is extremely important, and we invite all children from 1st-5th grades to join us. If you have any questions, please call Eva Booth at 526-1588 or Robin Littell at 526-7225.



### CHUNKY MONKEYS MEGA SALE

Benefiting the American Cancer Society

through the Relay For Life - Courthouse Event

April 5, 2008 8am to 3pm Rain or Shine

Held in the Social Hall of Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church

17120 Jefferson Davis Highway, Colonial Heights VA, 23834

The Mega Home Party All Under One Roof!

At Home America, Avon, Books Are Fun, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Initials-Inc, K&M Designs, Longaberger, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Noah's Ark Animal Workshop, Pampered Chef, Partylite, Penny Bags, Premier Jewelry, Private Quarters, Shaklee, Silpada Jewelry, Southern Living at HOME, Stampin Up, Stitched By Stephanie, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Uppercase Living, Usborne Books, and Wine Design!

Don't miss the raffle for a 2008 VW Bug Convertible for \$5 each

While shopping, take time to eat with us also! Breakfast: Egg Sandwich, Donuts, Coffee, & Hot Chocolate Lunch: Hot Dogs, Chips, & Soda

For additional information, contact Diane Zimmerman at 837-5384 or [Chunky-Monkeys@verizon.net](mailto:Chunky-Monkeys@verizon.net)

## United Methodist Women

### PURPOSE OF UMW

The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God, and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Many thanks to all who made our Lenten Prayer Breakfast a success. (Even without electricity.)

April 10th 7:00 regular meeting

April 20th-3:00 pm- Zone II meeting at the home of Glenn Harrison. Plan NOW to attend. Let's have the most in attendance.

May 17th—18th Conference Spiritual Life Retreat— VU-MAC.

June 7th— UMW Day at Ferrum College.

It's time to start working on Kits for Conference. THIS IS A CHURCH WIDE EFFORT, NOT JUST UMW. Whenever you see a bargain on school supplies, health supplies or baby items on sale, also sewing kit, pick them up and bring them to church. Even if you can only pick up a few items, when everyone cooperates we can get a number of kits put together. The Kits go to Conference in June. Donna will publish what the kits contain.

A yard/bake sale are in the future, please be saving all your items for this event. Will let you know the date and time.

Shalom,

Louise



## United Methodist Men

Excerpts from the March, 2008 "Advocate" (the official magazine of the United Methodist Church)

United Methodist Men are marking 100 years of men's ministry with a year long celebration that also aims to grow the organization as it works to move more men into discipleship.

"What our challenge is that, in the church, we have nothing but volunteers," said the Rev. David Adams, top staff executive for the Commission on United Methodist Men. "But God calls us to go into the world and to make what? Disciples....We have got to step up and help men move from that volunteer stage into the discipleship stage." Adams pointed out that "when men are growing in Christ, they impact the whole church."

Men's ministry has been a part of the Methodist heritage since Charles and John Wesley established holy clubs in 1729 at Oxford University. The 1908 General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Baltimore, authorized the creation of Methodist Brotherhoods, making men's ministry a part of the denominational structure.

One hundred years later, the 2008 General Conference will recognize the anniversary when the denomination's top legislative body meets

beginning April 23 in Fort Worth, Texas. Neill Caldwell, editor of the Advocate says "recent statistics show that 48 million women attend church every week, while only 35 million men attend. That's quite a gender imbalance. And about 20 percent of married women who regularly attend church do so without their husbands. So what's the story?"

In his book Why Men Hate Going to Church, author David Murrow writes that "The Local church is perfectly designed to reach women and older folks. That's why our pews are filled with them. But this church system fails to stir men's hearts, so men stay away." "Many guys feel church is a 'women's thing'." Murrow continues. Most volunteer opportunities in church involve traditionally female roles. There's nothing for a guy to do - unless he has a passion for attending meetings or passing out bulletins."

Caldwell says "those are pretty bold statements, but fairly accurate. Today's Church culture favors participation in intimate, nurturing behavior such as singing, hand-holding and sharing feelings. Many men feel uncomfortable in such an environment and choose not to participate. What can we do to reverse these trends? We can remember the conference challenge and work to attract younger and ethnically diverse men. We can support groups that

work to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. We can help spread the word about this men's fellowship to local church members who are not currently participating. And we can recruit unchurched men to our churches and into discipleship."

The next dinner meeting of Ivey's United Methodist Men will be on April 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall of the church. I invite all men of Ivey Church to join us and I challenge each man to bring another man. You do not have to be a member of Ivey church to join our Fellowship. Working together we can become the hands and feet of Christ at Ivey Church.

Peace,  
Clay Edwards



### NEED SUMMER CARE? KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

New for summer 2008 – Ivey CDC

“Top Secret Summer”

Join us as we investigate and solve silly mysteries this summer.

Summer camp begins

June 16<sup>th</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>

We are open early at 6 a.m.

And accepting children 2 1/2 and

potty trained through age 12

No Registration Fee if you enroll in April

For more information call 526-6544

## IVEY YOUTH CORNER



*Saturday, April 26th Youth will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Menu: Spaghetti, Salad & Desert available for dining in or take out. Tickets are \$8.00 will be available for purchase beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> by the youth, in the office or youth parents.*

**MISSION TRIPS: CORRECTION**

*July 20<sup>TH</sup> –Five of our Youth Girls (Sarah Lyda, Lauren Littell, Emily Zammett, Jessica and Katherine Waguespack) and Paige will be participating in the Tri-City Workcamp to assist with repairing and rebuilding here in our Tri-City Area. Please be in prayer for these individuals as they will be representing our church in the community. These individuals have also committed two weeks in a row to being God's hands and feet in the world and they need our prayers being now through the two weeks in July when they are serving.*

*On July 14-18th, we will go to Lynchburg, VA as a part of the Student Life program. Campers who are planning on attending must pay by March 23<sup>rd</sup> or you will not be guaranteed a spot. If you have not paid for this camp because of a personal reason let me know.*

Fundraiser and Civic Projects participation will be required to attend the youth missions this year. Each youth who participates in a youth fundraiser will receive a portion of that fundraiser profit. Each youth must also participate in no less than four (4) civic projects prior to the Mission trips to receive credit to attend. Any questions, do not hesitate to contact Paige (804) 712-6806



EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAY BEGINNING IN APRIL THE YOUTH WILL HAVE BREAKFAST AVAILABLE FOR A FREE WILL OFFERING

WE STILL HAVE COFFEE MUGS FOR SALE GET YOURS SOON BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!!!



APRIL 1 – 16<sup>TH</sup> I WILL BE IN MOZAMBIQUE, AFRICA PLEASE CONTACT SARAH ZAMMETT OR GAIL SHELLEY CO-CHAIRS OF YOUTH MINISTRIES IF YOU NEED ANYTHING.

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR A CAR WASH AS THE WEATHER TURNS WARM!!!!

For information regarding our youth group, please feel free to contact Our Youth Pastor, Paige Williams at (804) 712-6806 or email [bsu@rcn.com](mailto:bsu@rcn.com) (be sure to reference Ivey Youth)

**IVEY MEMORIAL UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

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**OPEN HEARTS. OPEN  
MINDS. OPEN DOORS**

## Notes From the Heart

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for all the wonderful meals you prepared for our parents and for all your visits, love and prayers.

Love,

The family of Arnold and Chappie Barbour

**~ The Chunky Monkeys ~  
Annual BBQ Dinner Fundraiser  
Relay For Life of Courthouse  
A Benefit for the American Cancer Society  
Saturday, April 19th, 2008 1:00 P.M. until ...  
Rain or Shine!**

~ BBQ, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Roll ~

**Cost: \$7 for Adults and \$5 for Children (10 and under)**

~ Sodas & Baked Goods sold separately ~  
Cost: \$1.00 each

~ By the Pound ~  
Cost: \$7.00 per pound

~ Whole Boston Butts and Pork Loins ~  
Cost: \$20.00 each

**Order yours today by calling 804-526-0550**

**10511 Ramona Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23237  
Off of Jefferson Davis Highway just north past the intersection of Rt. 288.**



## Worship Leaders Schedule

Greeters			Readers		
	8:30	11:00		8:30	11:00
April 6	B. Honea & R. Crowthers	J. Maurer & P. Williams	April 6	Robin Littell	Ron Laux
April 13	Clay & Carene Edwards	Dennis & Brenda Harrup	April 13	Eva Booth	Robin Littell
April 20	Larry & Robin Littell	Clay & Carene Edwards	April 20	Janet Maurer	Craig Purcell
April 27	J. Maurer & P. Williams	L. Gravitte & R. Edwards	April 27	Rachel Mann	Brenda Harrup
May 4	Sarah & Emily Zammett	Robin & Larry Littell	May 4	Reggie Mann	David Ellis
May 11	B. Honea & R. Crowthers	John & Betty Edwards	May 11	R. J. Shelley	Sarah Zammett
May 18	Clay & Carene Edwards	George & Dean Baxter	May 18	Alyssa Shelley	Randy Crowthers
May 25	Larry & Robin Littell	E. Hilton & R. Crowthers	May 25	Carene Edwards	George Robertson
Counters			Acolytes		
				8:30	11:00
April 6	M. Wheelhouse/G. Robertson/D. Brockwell		April 6	G. W. Robertson	open
April 13	Sarah Zammett/ Betty & John Edwards		April 13	open	open
April 20	Eva Booth/ Clay & Carene Edwards		April 20	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
April 27	Robin Edwards /Gail Shelley/ Donna Brockwell		April 27	G. W. Robertson	open
May 4	Dot Fitzgerald/ Donna & Bruce Brockwell		May 4	open	open
May 11	Robin Edwards/ Janet Maurer/ Donna Brockwell		May 11	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
May 18	M. Wheelhouse/ G. Robertson/ D. Brockwell		May 18	G. W. Robertson	open
May 25	Sarah Zammett/ John & Betty Edwards		May 25	open	open