



THE NUGGET

How many groups/ministries can you name that meet here at Ivey during the year? (See page 5.)

Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church

February 2010

Special points of interest:

- Youth Potato & Soup lunch Sunday, Feb. 7 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- UM Men Valentine's Program at Golden Corral Monday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- UM Women Meeting – "Call to Worship and Self Denial"-Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m. Open to all church members.
- Pancake Supper Tuesday, Feb 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Ash Wednesday Service Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR

This past week I was able to attend the Pastor's Convocation at the Assembly Center in Blackstone, Va. Our speaker was Bishop Robert Schnase from the Missouri Conference. He is the author of the widely studied book "The Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation". He is currently working on a book on "Fruitful Living". The five practices for a congregation are restated for an individual's life. The first practice is Radical Hospitality. In the life of a congregation it means to do more than exhibit simple friendliness to a visitor or stranger, but rather to go beyond the expected to make them feel not only welcomed but a part of the church family. It means we look for ways

to reach out and welcome those in the community who may be searching for a relationship with Jesus.

On a personal level if we are to lead a fruitful life, we must practice Radical Hospitality to the Holy Spirit. It one thing to be religious. It is quite another to allow the Holy Spirit into our lives and give over complete control. Going to church no more makes us a disciple than sitting in a garage makes us a car. We must earnestly seek to do the will of God by practicing daily the disciplines of the faith. Radical hospitality in our spiritual life means to seek God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Our faith cannot be a Sunday only or

occasional experience. It must be the most important priority in our life. If we truly seek God first everything else will find its proper place.

Coming Events:

Sunday February 7th "Souper Bowl" Offering for the Food Pantry.

Tuesday February 16th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. served by the United Methodist Men.

Wednesday February 17th Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. (the beginning of Lent.)

Peace and grace,

Tom

ALL STARS

February 5: Sleepover and Valentine's Party at church. Meet at Ivey at 6:00pm pick-up at 8:00am. Questions? Call Eva 526-1588

February 14: No Meeting

February 21: Prayer Partner Luncheon 12:00

February 28: Regular Meeting 5:00pm - 7:00pm

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February 7 - 3:30 - 5:00 Valentine's Party.

CALLING ALL IVEY MEMBERS: Do you like to spend time with the younger members of Ivey? Would you like to prepare a meal for our children? Do you have a special message, lesson, or activity to share with Ivey's All Stars? If you answered yes to any of these questions, contact Eva for more information of how you can help with the young, enthusiastic children of Ivey! 526-1588.

Vision Statement: We envision a church unified in Christ that actively seeks to courageously share God's amazing love. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will foster spiritual growth and positive relationships while ministering to the diverse needs of our community and world.

LAY LEADERS' CORNER

ALL God's people in ALL places, and in ALL times,
are called to LOVE and to SERVE

Can you believe that January 2010 has already come and gone? Am I the only one who feels that time is rushing by faster than I can keep up? It seems I go to bed on Sunday night and wake up on Thursday morning! Where did Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday go? I know I'm not the only one who feels this rushing by of time. Everyone I talk to says the same thing.

February 17 is "Ash Wednesday", the beginning of Lent. I hope we will all "take the time" to slow down a bit and focus on this forty-day period before Easter. Because Sunday is the day of The Resurrection, we skip over Sundays when we calculate the length of Lent. Therefore, in the Western Church, Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Our next meeting will be on Monday night, February 8th at 6 p.m. We will have a Valentine's Dinner at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Colonial Heights. Wives, sweethearts, widows of deceased members and the ladies who so faithfully serve us at our monthly dinner meetings, are invited.

The Methodist Men will hold their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the large fellowship hall on February 16th from 5:30 pm until The menu will be pancakes, sausage, fruit and lots of coffee. The supper will be free of charge and the entire congregation is invited.

Let us take the time to draw closer to Christ during this season of Lent.

Upcoming 2010 Events:

February 4 - United Methodist Day at General Assembly. The Social principles of the UMV 2009-2012 state that: "*The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.*" For more information, contact Natalie May at (804) 320-8524 or nbmay@verizon.net

February 27 - A Creation Care Convocation for the Virginia Conference will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at River Road UMC, 8800 River Road, Richmond. This event is designed to equip and train local congregations on how to incorporate caring for God's creation into all areas of their church and personal life. The convocation will include a variety of speakers and workshops, information about the Green Church Initiative, panel discussion and tree planting. Visit www.vaumc.org for more information.

Lay Leader,

Carene Edwards

"Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day. In the old days the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday was the day when the priest "shrove" his parishioners, meaning that he heard their confessions, so that they could enter Lent with a clear conscience. Up until the 20th century the celebrations started on Sunday and continued for three days. People were not allowed to eat milk, eggs or fat during Lent, and to use up all these things they made pancakes. In the USA, the last day before Lent is known as Mardi Gras (French for "Fat Tuesday")

Clay Edwards

IN THE MAIL...

Dear Ivey Family:

I would like to encourage you to drop by The Shops at Ivey and visit your shop owners. The economy these days makes it very difficult to survive, and especially for small business's. We already have another shop folding their business after only four months and this was a beautiful little shop. This was the type of shop that is needed to attract the public in a positive way and a real sadness to see this shop go. I would dare to suggest to Ivey folk that it is important to support these shops and to become associated with their owners. They do pay our mortgage after all, and there is a real disconnect in relationship to our church that is felt out there amongst the owners. I am perhaps in an awkward position as I am a shop owner and a member of Ivey -I do not plead on my own behalf- but on the behalf of us all. Please, visit these shop owners! I truly write to you for the good of all, not only the shops, but also for our church and how the community perceives us.

The other shop owners often look to me for answers on the shops, the grounds, the needed repairs, and most recently, "THE SHOPS AT IVEY" sign.... because I go to Ivey --again this is a awkward position I find myself in. I belonging to Ivey, also know the difficulty our church faces in revenue and in the shortage of capable hands to volunteer hours. Still, all the same, the shop owners need to feel that we support their business efforts and that we care about our property. It is an important witness that we carry for them and to the community. These shops are owned by a CHURCH....and we (IVEY UMC) hold the mortgage!

Did you realize that the Historical society has been doing some research for an article and they have inquired to our church office about our shops? They wanted to know what the motel used to be called. I have learned that it was called "The Andrews Motel". Many times since I have been there I have been asked by customers if I knew any of the history on the buildings. The Historical society is observing the changes over the years to the real estate along Jeff Davis. This is an opportunity for us (IVEY UMC) to make the news!

Please visit your shops as often as possible! Drop in and let the shop owners know you are from Ivey; see what they have to offer and try to support them as you are able. The more serious minded business people we attract the more improved our property value becomes. If we have a continual flow of less than desirable business that come and go and we do not maintain the property commercially responsibly, we will have no hope of attracting legitimate business people to rent our buildings and we devalue our own property. We must maintain commercial property, to attract and keep serious minded business owners, in ways that support their businesses —mainly keeping the grounds and maintaining the buildings in an attractive manner.

There is much needed work to be done over there and the Ivey Trustee's have been striving and struggling to do the work. If you want to volunteer any help: the woodwork on the outside of the shops needs fresh white paint, flowers need to be planted, the sidewalk needs repaired, and a fund needs to be set to help maintain this property. There is a legitimate request for a new sign out front that is a real eye sore and a source of much disgruntlement among the shop owners. Please consider how you might help support our shops and this property.

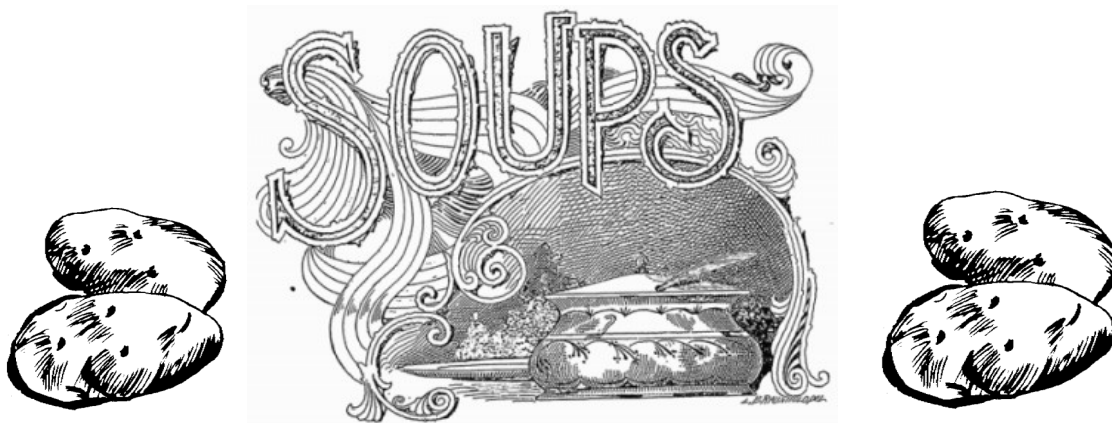
Thank you for your support in the coming days at The Shops at Ivey! Should you have any questions I will be happy to try to answer them. and, start by visiting the shops, most are Thurs-Sat., 10-ish to 5-ish.

Suzanne Johnson

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will have their next meeting on Thursday February 11 at 7:00 p.m. The program will be "The Call to Prayer and Self —Denial". This program is open to all church members, women and men.

This spring we are planning to have a yard sale so start collecting your gently used treasures. The date will be announced in the next newsletter.



Ivey Memorial Youth Fundraiser

You are invited to a **FUN** – fundraising soup and potato (sweet potatoes available as well!) lunch at Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church.

February 7th from 11-1pm

\$6 per person

(\$24 cap for families of 4 or more)

Ivey Youth Fund helps our youth attend retreats and mission trips as well as fund service projects at our church and in our community.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT IVEY?

At a meeting last year, Administrative Council Chair, Craig Purcell asked the council to name as many groups/ministries at Ivey as they could in five minutes. The list was impressive. See how many of these you could name:

A Night In Bethlehem
Administrative Council
Advent Devotional Booklets
Al-Anon
All God's Children Summer Camp
Ash Wednesday Service
Bazaar Committee
Boy Scouts
Child Development Center
Children's Choir
Choir
Choir Camp
Chrysalis
Collection Counters
Communion Outreach
Communion Servers
Community Thanksgiving Service
Companions in Christ
Confirmation Classes
Contemporary Service
Cub Scouts
Disciple Classes
Easter Egg Hunt/ Family Picnic
Elma Jocson (Missionary)
Emmaus

Endowment Committee
Epiphany
Emmaus Reunion Group
Family Dinners/ Receptions/Picnics
Finance Council
Greeters
Handbells
Helping Hands
Homecoming
Host to Bridgewater Choir & Covenant Players
Ivey Needy Fund
Jr. Fellowship All stars
Kairos
Kits for Conference
Lay Readers
Monroe Park-Homeless Mission
Missions Committee
NA- Narcotics Anonymous
Nursery
Operation "Inasmuch"
Our Daily Bread Food Pantry
Pancake Supper
Passport
Passport Kids
Pathways in Petersburg
Praise Team
Prayer Chain
Prism
Seder Meal
Shoe Box Ministry
Shops at Ivey

"Souper" Bowl
SPRC
Stewardship Committee
Sunday School Classes
Tadpoles
Think Thin
Traditional Service
Tri-Cities Work Camp
Trustees
United Methodist Men (UMM)
United Methodist Women (UMW)
Ushers
Vacation Bible School
Worship Committee
Youth

How many did you think of? We may have overlooked groups/ministries that should be on this list but it will give you some idea of what's going on here at Ivey. If you see anything on the list that you would like more information about please call the church office at 526-1350.

I hope you will agree that Ivey has a lot going on!

Ash Wednesday

February 17, 2010

A Service of Repentance & Preparation for Lent

7:00 p.m.

Child care provided

Ivey Memorial United Methodist
Church

17120 Jefferson Davis Highway
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
Phone # 526-1350
Fax# 526-4145

Ivey Child Development Center
Phone # 526-6544
E-mail –opendoors@iveymemorial.org

IVEY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The day care continues to offer FULL DAY and HALF DAY programs as well as PART TIME programs. Additionally we have added an "AS NEEDED" program for families who only need occasional child care. Ivey CDC continues to meet the needs of the families in our community with quality child care.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is currently studying the calling God places on our lives to go and serve. We are reaching out of our comfort zones and working with children and adults in our church and our community. As Christians, we are called to serve and share with others the love and the promise of salvation found in Christ Jesus. The youth would like to thank all those who serve both personally and financially with the youth group.

God Bless,

IVEY YOUTH

Sunday 2/7

12pm: Youth Fundraiser: Soup and Potato Luncheon After Church

5-7pm: Youth Group (Dinner provided by Sarah Zammett)

Friday - Sunday 2/12-2/14

Blackstone Retreat

Sunday 2/21

8:30a and 11a: Youth lead worship service

5-7pm: Youth Group (Dinner provided by Debbie Wilmouth)

Sunday 2/28

9:30a-2p Youth visit another church followed by lunch out

Sunday 3/7

5-7pm Youth and Parent cover dish dinner

Sunday 3/14

5-7pm Youth leading Jr. Fellowship (St. Patrick's day party)

WORSHIP LEADERS SCHEDULE

Greeters 8:30

Feb. 7 Randy Crowthers & Robin Edwards
Feb. 14 Robin & Larry Littell
Feb. 21 Clay & Carene Edwards
Feb. 28 Sarah Zammett & Robin Littell
Mar. 7 Emily Zammett & Beth Honea
Mar. 14 Randy Crothers & Larry Littell
Mar. 21 Robin Edwards & Beth Honea
Mar. 28 Clay & Carene Edwards

11:00

Erika Hilton & Robin Edwards
Ron & Mickey Laux
Clay & Carene Edwards
Lucille Gravitte & Jo Robinson
Erika Hilton & Robin Edwards
Dennis & Brenda Harrup
John & Betty Edwards
Bob & Carolyn Galusha

Readers 8:30

Feb. 7 Alyssa Shelley
Feb. 14 Eva Booth
Feb. 21 Carene Edwards
Feb. 28 George Robertson
Mar. 7 Sarah Zammett
Mar. 14 Ann Brown
Mar. 21 Robin Littell
Mar. 28 Chip Robertson

11:00

Diane Grover
Sarah Cooper
Carene Edwards
George Robertson
Chris Randolph
Brenda Harrup
Paul Grover
Craig Purcell

Counters

Feb. 7 Marlene Wheelhouse, George Robertson & Donna Brockwell
Feb. 14 Sarah Zammett, John & Betty Edwards
Feb. 21 Eva Booth, Carene & Clay Edwards
Feb. 28 Robin Edwards & Gail Shelley
Mar. 7 Bruce & Donna Brockwell
Mar. 14 Robin Edwards & Donna Brockwell
Mar. 21 Marlene Wheelhouse, George Robertson & Donna Brockwell
Mar. 28 Sarah Zammett, John & Betty Edwards

Acolytes 8:30

Feb. 7 Open
Feb. 14 Rickey Booth
Feb. 21 G. W. Robertson
Feb. 28 Open
Mar. 7 Rickey Booth
Mar. 14 G. W. Robertson
Mar. 21 Open
Mar. 28 Rickey Booth

11:00

Open
Summer Giehll
Taylor Turner
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