



The Nugget

March 2008

Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church

Welcome Spring

Special points of interest:

- Snow Ball– Sat. March 1 at 6:00
- UMW Lenten Breakfast– Sat. March 8 at 11:00
- Family Easter Egg Hunt–Sat. March 15 at 10:00
- (See back page of the newsletter for the Holy Week schedule.)
- Administrative Council Meeting Monday, March 31

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From Our Pastor

“What then is the mark? Who is a Methodist, according to your own account?” I answer: A Methodist is one who has “the love of God shed abroad in his heart by the Holy Ghost given unto him;” one who “loves the Lord his God with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul; which is constantly crying out, “Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee! My God and my all! Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever!” The Works of John Wesley Vol. 8 pg. 341

I have been reading a little book by Rueben Job called “Three Simple Rules – A Wesleyan Way of Living” In it he lifts up these simple rules of John Wesley. They are:

1. Do No Harm
2. Do Good
3. Stay in Love With God.

“Do No Harm by avoiding evil of every kind.” Book of Disciple 2004 par.103

It is an ideal to practice always not just during the season of Lent. But on our Lenten journey to Easter, we should especially work at being loving. A child can understand the concept of doing no harm. We hurt others by word and action and by indifference to their needs and feelings. The principal of “doing no harm” causes us to stop and think about our actions. I invite you to join us for worship during the Lenten season. Don’t just “give up some-

thing for Lent” but rather take on some new spiritual discipline during Lent.

Family Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic Saturday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m. will be held by the Jr. Fellowship (rain or shine)

Palm Sunday Processional Sunday, March 16th 10:15 a.m. (meet at the Colonial Hts. Parking lot across Jeff-Davis Hwy. And process with St. Ann’s Catholic Church for the Blessing of the Palms.)

Palm Sunday Choir Cantata March 16th at 11:00 a.m.

Maunder Thursday Holy Communion Thursday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the old Chapel.

Good Friday Service Friday March 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service Sunday March 23rd at 7:00 a.m. rear parking lot (Scout Chapel)

Easter Sunday Services March 23rd at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Join together as the Ivey family to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace,
Tom

Emmanuel...The Sacrifice

Join us on March 16, Palm Sunday, at 11:00am for an Inspiring Holy Week cantata. The chancel choir will present an opportunity to be part of the exultation on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. You can feel the betrayal of the silver coins, given by Judas. See the drops of blood sweat and shed by our Lord. You are invited to experience the Savior's last week here on earth as a mortal man. Come and See!

Lay Leaders Corner

We are well into the Lenten Season and Easter is just four Sundays away. We are fast approaching what is called Holy Week. Holy Week is the week preceding Easter and begins on Palm Sunday.

Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem to the cheers of the crowd waving palm branches. Later in that same week, many of the people in that cheering crowd would be among those shouting that Jesus should be executed. (How quickly we humans can turn on each other).

The next special day in Holy Week is Maundy Thursday. Christians remember it as the day of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist. It is also the night Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane. The word maundy (mandatum) comes from the command given by Christ at the Last Supper, that "we should love one another".

Good Friday commemorates the execution of Jesus by crucifixion. It is a day of mourning in the church. During special Good Friday services, Christians meditate on Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, and what this means for their faith.

Holy Saturday is the Saturday after Good Friday which is often, but wrongly, called Easter Saturday. Some churches hold what is called an Easter vigil service on the night of Holy Saturday. The idea behind the service is for faithful Christians to wait and watch, hopeful and confident that Christ will return at midnight. This of course brings us to Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday is the most important religious day in the Christian year. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in Him, eternal life in Jesus Christ. Paige Williams (our Youth Pastor) has accepted the Chairmanship of our Worship Committee. Some very

special worship services are being planned and prepared for each Sunday between now and Easter and especially during Holy Week.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES:

Discipleship Bible Study on Thursday nights at Ivey. Craig Purcell is the leader.

Christian Believer Study on Tuesday nights at Ivey. Rev. Tom Brown is leader.

The Conference Board of Laity Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held on April 12-13, 2008 at the Assembly Center in Blackstone. The Retreat Speaker will be Neil M. Alexander, President of the United Methodist Publishing House. This retreat is open to everyone. There will also be a retreat experience for children, ages 5-11. Cost is \$85.00 for adults and \$52.00 for children inclusive. Must register by March 22.

Duke Divinity School will be conducting a Laity Weekend on 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. Cost for the weekend is \$130.00. Friday Only will be \$90.00 and Saturday only will be \$80.00.

Nightly accommodations are available at (2) local hotels for a special rate. If interested in this class, you may register online at www.divinity.duke.edu/laityweekend.

Annual Conference will be here before we know it. It's not too early to start thinking about our "Kits for Conference". Our church secretary, Donna has a list of the items needed for each kit if you need one. Items may be brought to church at anytime. They will be stored until such time as the kits can be prepared.

Blessed Easter Season to All
Carene Edwards
Lay Leader

Jr. Fellowship

Jr. Fellowship needs your help to locate a box of new Children's Bibles. The Bibles were just purchased last fall and have hardly been used. Please be on the lookout and if you find them please contact Larry, Robin or Eva. Thanks!

United Methodist Women

During the Civil War, opponent of the president suggested that God was not on Lincoln's side. Lincoln answered "My concern is to be on God's side for God is always right."

Direct us, God, give us wisdom, courage and a vision to make the right decision in our lives. Amen.

We are happy to welcome new member Thelma Widdel to the UMW.

March 8th– Lenten Prayer Breakfast –11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend PLEASE SIGN-UP on the sheet on the UMW board.

March 28th– Young Women's Event at VUMAC

April 10th– Regular Meeting–7:00 p.m.

April 20th– Zone 2 meeting at Glenn Harrison's home– Chester. Plan now to attend. We can car pool.

May 16-18th Conference Spiritual Life Retreat– VUMAC.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend our meetings, especially members.

Shalom,
Louise

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men's February meeting was held at the Golden Corral in Colonial Heights for their annual "Valentine" Dinner Meeting with their wives and sweet-hearts (widows & faithful helpers). The Rev. Tom Brown gave the blessing before the meal and after eating, the group was treated to some very wise insights into the significance of Valentines day by Ed Elder. Pam Robertson, assisted by her husband Chip led the group in a mind teasing game and prizes were awarded to those folks who had the most correct answers.

On February 5, the men hosted a Pancake, sausage and fried apple night to commemorate Shrove Tuesday or "Fat Tuesday" as some call it.

The next dinner meeting of the Men will be on March 10th in the Small Fellowship Hall at Ivey Church at 6:30 p.m. All men of the Church are invited to attend. First time attendees are free, all others are requested to pay \$5.00 to help offset the cost of the meal.

On March 8 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Colonial Heights, there will be an IRON SHARPENS IRON National Men's Conference, hosted by Noble Warriors of Midlothian, VA. IRON SHARPENS IRON is a radio ministry broadcast daily on CSN International. It has almost 400 stations across the U.S., including Alaska & Hawaii, CSN features solid Bible teaching, modern Praise & Worship from

around the world, and the live call-in program "To Every Man an answer". The Seminar will begin at 7:30 a.m. with registration. The Sanctuary opens at 8:15 and the Conference begins at 8:30. Lunch is at 12 noon and Exhibits will be open. The Conference ends at 4:55 p.m. Cost will be \$39.00 per person. This seminar is designed specifically for any and all men 13 years and up. One of the Keynote speakers will be Bob Reccord, Co-Founder with his wife of TOTAL LIFE IMPACT and the ELEVATE Conference for rising young leaders. Bob served previously as a pastor and then as the President of the North American Mission Board. He presented the Friday night message at every Promise Keeper Conference in 2006. The other Keynote speaker will be Johnny Parker, one of the nation's leading relationship fitness coaches. He is the author of "Blueprints for Marriage-Building Love for a Lifetime". He has served on the staff of Promise Keepers and the Minirth-Meier Clinic. He and his wife are also part of the Family Life Weekend to Remember speaking team. We would like to encourage our men to participate. The United Methodist Men would be willing to help with the cost. Please contact me if you are interested. (526-2946)

Peace
Clay Edwards
President, UMM

SPRC Profile– Lynn Cross

Donna asked me to write an introduction of myself for the Nugget and since I always try to please Mrs. Donna... I am Lynn Cross and I direct you're Day Care Center.

I was born in Upstate New York (12 hours from Chester Virginia) in a little town called Black River. I am as Jasper would have said a YANKEE. Everyone should be as blessed as I was to grow up in a little town. I had the best childhood and memories that will serve me a lifetime. I am the youngest of 7 children. I have 4 brothers and 2 sisters and 17 years in between us. My mother and my siblings still reside in upstate New York, and I am fortunate enough to visit there 2 or 3 times a year. We lived right outside of Fort Drum, which is where I met my ex-husband. We got married in January 1997 and got transferred to Fort Lee by October, which is how I came to live in Virginia.

Since being in Virginia I have Directed Child Care at Chester Child Development Center, River's Bend Children's Center and The Goddard School of Ashland. I want to share the story of my journey to Ivey. In 2005 I was at a crossroads in my life. For personal reasons with my job I struggled within myself. I knew

that I did not share the same beliefs with the people I was working for and so after hours of soul searching I knew I had to quit my job. I left without the security of another job, and after the experience I had been through I had decided not to work in child care anymore. I checked the newspaper every Sunday for jobs, but I wasn't sure what I even wanted to do at that point. It was the usual Sunday. Up at 9:30, breakfast, cartoons, rushing to dress for church, etc... However once at church it was anything but usual. As if the preacher was speaking directly to me... he said if you were meant to teach... teach, if you were meant to administer... administer, and if you were meant to direct, then direct. I looked around to see if everyone else was looking at me too! I left and as usual went to the store to pick up the Sunday Paper. I must have thought I was being sneaky so I looked up Administrative in the newspaper and low and behold I found the listing for an administrator at Ivey Day Care using the same program I had always used. So I called first thing Monday morning, and by Tuesday I was hired. I thought I was so smart. I found a job working within my field (not directing). I was so excited. God

always gets the last laugh... Within 6 months or so Ivey made some management changes and I once again was directing child care. You can try to alter the Lord's plan if you want to. He told me if you were meant to administer... administer, if you were meant to direct... Direct. My experience with Ivey has been a GREAT one, and I thank the Lord for leading me here.

In preparation for writing this introduction I read Beth Honea's/ Paige Williams / and Donna Hayne Bio and they all told you about their hobbies. I thought about that for a few minutes and here is what I've come up with...I am the mother of two wonderful children. My son Keegan is 15 and a sophomore at Thomas Dale. He plays Football, Basketball, and Baseball. He also umpires for baseball in Colonial Heights. My daughter Jennah is 10 and in the forth grade at Marguerite Christian School. Jennah loves swimming, skating and art. They along with their extracurricular activities take up all my time so I will have to figure out what I like to do after they leave home. For now I LOVE being a MOM!

Family Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to our Easter Egg Hunt/Picnic on Saturday, March 15th. (rain or shine). We will begin our egg hunts at 10:00 a.m. Kids, big and small, will be divided into age groups. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share and an Easter basket for the egg hunt. For questions call Eve Booth at 526-1588 or Robin Littell at 526-7225. Hope to see you there.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to have an Easter lily purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one, please sign up on the flower sheets in the Sunday School classrooms or in the Narthex. The lilies are \$11.00 each which includes the foil wrap and a bow. If you would like to have the name of a loved one listed in the Easter bulletin please sign up on the same form as for flowers. A donation of \$2.00 is asked per name. March 17 is the deadline for flowers and names.

Don't Forget!
Daylight Savings
time starts on
March 9, 2008.

We were made for Worship!

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 talks about the design of the body as God has created us. Continuing into versus 27-31 we learned how as a Church we are The Body of Christ and how each part has a purpose and function and how each part is EQUALLY important.

I'm excited about working with the Body of Ivey Memorial Church in planning with Pastor Tom in our praise to God called "Worship". Worship comes in many forms and I welcome the opportunity to assist in working with all the forms available to us. In April, I will celebrate a year of attending worship with Ivey Memorial and I have enjoyed experiencing God's presence within the congregation at both services.

Continuing in the 13th Chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul says through love even in our differences we can be in unity.

In our outreach to the Community and in serving our Church family we offer two worship styles and two worship times, what a blessing!!! I hope you will offer your gifts to both services as needed!

I'm looking for actors, readers, planners, musicians, seamstresses, artists of every kind. Email, call, put a note in my box, whatever works for you and let me know how you could like to participate in Worship.

Join me in prayer for new opportunities and ways to serve GOD through Worship!!!

Paige Williams, bsu@rcn.com, 712-6806 cell, 452-1907 home

The Day Care is collecting pennies for Nothing But Net. A \$10 dollar mosquito net can save the life of a sleeping child in countries where malaria is a . The penny jar is located outside of the day care office door.

The Shepherd's Center News

The Shepherd's Center of Chesterfield will present a community concert entitled "Portraits in Harmony" highlighting the musical talent from our community on Sunday, March 30th, from 2-4:00 pm at the Chester Baptist Church.

The concert program will feature musicians and church choirs from our local community such as: The Grace Lutheran's Adult Choir under the direction of Sue Gamber; "His Voice" Gospel Quartet under the direction of Scott Perkins; Beulah Road Southern Gospel Quartet under the direction of Sherrie Lizarraga; Bermuda Hundred United Methodist's Adult Choir under the direction of Christopher Andrews; "Five for One" men's mu-

sical group under the direction of Joshua Wortham; Pianist Randy McConnell; Pianist Elvin Nicely; Organist Keith Wilmoth; "In Triplicate" an trio group and more.

There will fellowship and light refreshments following the concert. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased by calling **The Shepherd's Center's office at 706-6689**. For more information, check our website at www.shepctrchesterfield.org.

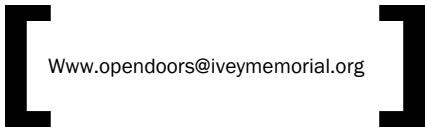


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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday- March 16, 2008

Palm Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Procession 10:15 a.m. beginning at the Colonial Heights Baptist Church parking lot and ending at the St. Ann's parking lot.

Emmanuel Passion Cantata- Palm Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday- March 20, 2008

Service of Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. at Ivey Memorial UMC in the Chapel.

Good Friday- March 21, 2008

Community Service 12:00 noon at the Swift Creek Baptist Church in Colonial Heights

Good Friday Service at Ivey Memorial UMC 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday- March 23, 2008

Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. at Ivey Memorial UMC
Breakfast afterward

Easter Sunday Services 8:30 a.m. and 11:00a.m

Please join us!

Worship Leaders Schedule

Greeters			Readers		
	8:30	11:00		8:30	11:00
March 2	B. Honea & R. Crowthers	J. Maurer & P. Williams	March 2	Randy Crowthers	Carene Edwards
March 9	Clay & Carene Edwards	Bob & Carolyn Galusha	March 9	George Robertson	Sarah Zammett
March 16	Larry & Robin Littell	L. Gravitte & R. Edwards	March 16	Chip Robertson	Brenda Harrup
March 23	J. Maurer & P. Williams	George & Dean Baxter	March 23	Robin Littell	Craig Purcell
March 30	Sarah & Emily Zammett	Betty & John Edwards	March 30	Paige Williams	David Ellis
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
Counters			Acolytes		
				8:30	11:00
March 2	Sarah Zammett/ Betty & John Edwards		March 2	open	open
March 9	Eva Booth/ Clay & Carene Edwards		March 9	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehl
March 16	Gail Shelley/ Donna Brockwell		March 16	G. W. Robertson	open
March 23	Dot Fitzgerald/ Donna & Bruce Brockwell		March 23	open	open
March 30	Robin Edwards/ Janet Maurer/Open		March 30	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehl
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 Giehl
April 27	Robin Edwards /Gail Shelley/ Donna Brockwell		April 27	G. W. Robertson	open

