

The Nugget

May 2008

Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church



Special points of interest:

- * Jr. Fellowship Hotdog Luncheon- May 4 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
- * Tadpoles -May 4th 4:00 p.m.
- * UMW Meeting- May 8 at 7:00 p.m.
- * UMM Program- May 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- * Day Care Comm. Mtg.- May 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- * Worship Comm. Mtg. May 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- * SPRC Mtg.- May 22 at 7:00
- * Comm. Mtgs. May 27 at 6:30
- * Admin. Council Mtg. May 27 at 7:30 p.m.

From The Pastor

Ever live your life on the basis of “after”? After Easter this schedule will kind of calm down. So I used to fool myself . But after some years I realized that “after” is just a state of mind. May is busier than April ask anyone who has children. There are dance recitals, and proms and graduations and weddings. But you get the point. There is always something “after” After Memorial Day there is Annual Conference and Vacation Bible School and Youth

Summer Mission Trips. As I ponder how great it is to have an active life in the program of the church. What if there was no ”after”? How boring. It is never boring around here. Come worship with the Ivey family and prepare yourself for what comes “after”.

Please pray for the delegates to our General Conference meeting April 23- May 7th in Fort Worth Texas. The General Conference meets every four years to

discuss issues and write the Discipline for the United Methodist Church.

Check out the Ivey Memorial web site at www.iveymemorial.org. Our web servant is Craig Purcell. He is doing a wonderful job keeping the web site up to date with the latest announcements and happenings at Ivey.

Peace,

Tom

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Day Care News

Ivey Child Development Center
Summer 2008
“Top Secret”

The Ivey CDC is currently enrolling for the Summer program. Spaces are going fast. We are now taking 2 1/2 year olds that are in “potty training”.

For more information call 526-6544

Do you know someone who is graduating this year? Please call the office and let us know who they are before June 1st. We would like to recognize them on June 8th during the worship services.

Lay Leaders Corner

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

(Ministry of the Laity)

Our God is an awesome God! And He showed us his mercy and grace once more when he put all the right people in all the right places on Sunday, April 6. As most of you are aware, Sarah Robertson Zammett went into cardiac arrest as she stood behind the Power Point Computer in the rear of the Sanctuary after the first service. There were still some folks lingering in the Sanctuary who immediately went into action. The Rescue Squad was called and Pastor Tom Brown was summoned from his office. He and Pat Waguespack performed CPR and kept her heart going until the Rescue Squad arrived. Other folks throughout the church immediately began sending up prayers on her behalf. The Rescue Squad arrived and shocked her heart three times before it started back on it's on. They took her to MCV where she was put into a chemically induced coma and her body was chilled to 13 degree's Celsius. This procedure protected her brain and other organs from damage and it just so happened (God is so Good) that one of the Doctor's who just recently pioneered this procedure was on duty at MCV that day. Sarah has now been released from the hospital with a pacemaker/defibrillator implant and is doing remarkably well. God gave us a miracle on April 6 and her name is Sarah.

Welcome Home Sweet Miracle!!!

Some of our members feel that out of this experience has arisen the need for Ivey Memorial to have a defibrillator in the Church, and training in the proper use of such equipment. The Jones family has already pledged some money from their Mother Sheila's Memorial Fund and the Bazaar Committee has also made a pledge from their Fund for this endeavor. Pastor Tom is looking into the type of equipment we would need and the cost, and the training possibilities. If any other's feel so led, you may make a donation earmarked "Defibrillator Fund".

Sunday School News

We would like to recognize the following members for exceptional Sunday school attendance for the 1st (fall) and 2nd (winter) quarter.

Fall Quarter (Sept, Oct, Nov): Daniel Johnson, Iris Hoyle (perfect), Chloe Purcell, Beth Robertson, G.W. Robertson (perfect), Jessica Waguespack and Emily Zammett.

Winter Quarter (Dec, Jan, Feb): Ethan Steines, Daniel Johnson (perfect), Iris Hoyle, MacKenzie Giest, Ivey Zammett, Beth Robertson, G.W. Robertson (perfect), Nathan Waguespack, Jessica Waguespack, Emily Zammett (perfect), Marley Johnson and Whitney Oliver.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth:

UMWomen's Spiritual Life Retreat will be held May 16-18 at VUMAC in Blackstone. The theme for this year's event is "Discernment: Listening to God". Retreat leader will be Susan Rauch from the General Board of Discipleship. Open to all United Methodist Women. Deadline to register is May 8. For more information or to register, visit www.vaumw.org.

'Companions in Christ' Training' will be held May 31 at Annandale UMC. This one-day training event, co-sponsored by the Virginia Conference Board of Discipleship Division of Spiritual Formation, Annandale UMC and Upper Room Ministries, helps leaders provide a pathway for small groups in their congregation to discover a deeper experience of and response to God. For more information or to register, visit the conference Web site at www.vaumc.org and link on the date or call 1-800-768-6040.

Curriculum Extravaganza: This overview of the UM curriculum resources that are available to use with children, youth and adults is sponsored by the Board of Discipleship Division of Education. May dates are: May 13 at Fairview UMC, 1013 Westover Drive, Danville and May 19, at Baylake UMC, 4300 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach. Cost is \$10/person. For more information or to register, visit the conference Web site at www.vaumc.org and under "Events" link on the date, or call the Office of Children's Ministries and Discipleship at 1-800-768-6040.

In His Love,

Garene Edwards, Lay Leader



Ukrop's will begin mailing their Golden Gift Certificates on April 28th. There is an envelope in the Narthex for you to put the certificates in. Please bring these in before June 13th so we can redeem them.

UM Women

True love doesn't consist of holding hands— It consists of holding hearts.

O. A. Battista

Next meeting— May 8th at 7:00 pm—Small fellowship hall
Our program led by Rookie Hale, will be: "Made in the Image of God"
All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

May 17th—18th— CONFERENCE SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT at VUMAC

Theme: Discernment: Listening to God

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-14a

Cost- \$82.05 Reservation Deadline—May 8th.

June 7th—United Methodist Women's Day at Ferrum College
Play-NUNSENSE II —They say it is really funny
Reservations need to be received by May 23rd. Cost \$10.00 (lunch)
More information is on the UMW bulletin board.

Many Thanks to:

Shirely Blaha for taking over our RADA knives and flavoring sales. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU NEED A WEDDING OR ANNIVERSARY GIFT,

that we have some lovely gift sets. We also have ALL FLAVORS of flavoring for your baking and a selection of cards available.

Whoever the person is that decorates the UMW & UMM bulletin board. Please let us know who you are so we can properly "thank you"

UMW still saves ALL cancelled stamps, just cut at least 1/4" around the stamp. Place them in the basket in the narthex.

We are having a Yard/Bake sale but at this printing, we do not have a definite date. So please hold on to your items a little while longer.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP ITEMS FOR OUR KITS FOR CONFERENCE. THIS IS CHURCH WIDE not just UMW. The annual conference is June 15- 18. Donna has listed the items for each kit in this issue. Thanks to all for your help.

Shalom,

Louise



Stewardship

By Cassandra Dutrey-Ellis

Stewardship Chairperson

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was a model of servant leadership and Christian stewardship. Forgoing a venerable position as a highly educated minister of the Anglican Church, he chose, instead, life as an itinerant preacher. He traveled about 250,000 miles by horseback and carriage during his lifetime, preaching, evangelizing, providing pastoral care, and overseeing the congregations he started. He also maintained a prolific correspondence with many individuals, both noteworthy and ordinary. He accumulated few material possessions, and his motto concerning money was, "make all you can; save all you can; give all you can." He slept little, and virtually all of his waking hours were spent in Christian service. He continued to preach until he succumbed to the illness that ended his life at age 87. His last letter was to William Wilberforce, a member of Parliament, encouraging him in his fight against the slave trade. On his deathbed, Wesley astonished his friends and family by belting out the hymn, "I'll Praise my Maker while I've Breath. He died as one with little treasure on earth, but with much treasure in heaven. Wesley's dedication to a life of service is evident in his covenant prayer. Make these words your own as you seek to serve God in all aspects of your daily life:

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Thou are mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen

Notes From the Heart

Dear Ivey Memorial UMC,

Thank you SO much for your donation for my trip to Brazil. My family and I appreciate it so much. We will be having a concert on July 25th, at 7:30 at River Road UMC, and everyone is welcome to come. Once again, thank you so much for helping me with this.

Thanks!

Andy Putnam

Vascular Screening will be offered again at Ivey this July 18 & 19. For more information call Patty Sue Elder at 526-1529.

SPRC PROFILE – GEORGE ROBERTSON (SPRC CHAIRMAN)

I have been asked to complete a short biographical sketch of my life here at Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church. Since I was born and raised here at Ivey, many of you have known me for years. I am the oldest child of Gladys and John Royall Robertson and the great, great, grandson of J. J. Ivey, baptized here at Ivey. My first Sunday School teacher that I remember was Mrs. Grace Beasley, who still attends church here.

After graduating from Thomas Dale High School in 1959 with some friends who are still attending here at Ivey, I went on to college for a year at the V.P.I. Extension in Richmond, Virginia. In August of 1960 I began my career as a drafter for the Virginia Department of Highways at the Richmond District Office.

I met my wife Joan Ann Doffmeyer of Baltimore, Md. and the mother of my children here at Ivey in the winter of 1959 where we sang in the choir with Mrs. Blake as the director at that time and went on "Destination Unknown" with the M.Y.F. We were married in the old sanctuary on August 12, 1961, by Rev. Henry Matthews, which I believe was the hottest day of the year.

We were blessed by our first child, Robin on November 13, 1962, she grew up and married Lawrence Littell of Redding, Calif. in 1983, they have one daughter Lauren born in 1994. She and her husband Co Chair the Children's Ministries Committee here at Ivey.

Our second child, George W. Robertson, Jr. (Chip) arrived on August 26, 1969, he grew up and married Pam Holt of Dinwiddie, Va. in 1994, and they have two children, George W. (G.W.) and Elizabeth (Beth) born in 1997 and 2001 respectively, Chip is the Sunday School Superintendent here at Ivey.

United Methodist Men

Over the years, men that really wanted to connect to God have undoubtedly wrestled with burning questions like: Where does a man like me go for spiritual guidance? How can I develop a strong prayer life? Is there a group of like-minded people with whom I could journey to become a mature Christian? Surprisingly, the answers to these questions are about three centuries old. In fact, Rev. Tom Albin, Dean of the Upper Room Chapel, who did doctoral research at Cambridge University on the small groups of early Methodism, tells us that the origin of the United Methodist Church itself, can be traced to a small men's spiritual formation group known as the Holy Club at Oxford University in 1729. John Wesley served as spiritual guide for his brother Charles and other Oxford undergrads who were sincere seekers of Christ. Amazingly, men were attracted to that small group experience for two main reasons: because they knew someone involved in the group or because they heard rumors that people in the Holy Club were living an active Christian discipleship.

Our third child, Eva Marie arrived on April 26, 1971, she grew up and married Rick Booth of Dinwiddie, Va. in 1990, and they have two children, Megan and Rickey born in 1992 and 1997 respectively, Eva Booth is Co Chair the Children's Ministries Committee here at Ivey.

In 1987 I was presented the opportunity to begin self employment with the firm of Downing Surveys Inc. where we do surveys for road, railroads, bridges, commercial and industrial site plans, and subdivisions for development and construction as well as property surveys for individual owners.

In 1991 my wife Joan was diagnosed as diabetic and insulin dependent, had to have a triple bypass performed due to clogged arteries and congestive heart failure. In 2001 she was suffering with kidney problems due to medications and other complications and went into renal failure having to have dialysis three times per week. She died of congestive heart failure on December 27, 2004.

Upon the urging of my children I started devoting more of my time to serving God by attending church. I joined the choir and the praise team because I enjoy singing and praising the Lord. At Pastor Tom Brown's invitation I consented to go on the walk to Emmaus in September 2005 "Richmond 80". Since that time I have teamed on walks "Richmond 85 and 88".

This is my 1st year as Chairman of SPRC Committee and look forward to continued service to the lord.

At our joint April dinner meeting with the United Methodist Women, our guest speaker was Omarh Rajah. Omarh was elected in 2007 to the Chesterfield County School Board to represent the Matoaca District. He is the first teacher from the Matoaca District and the first African-American to be elected to the School Board. He has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Randolph Macon College and a Master's degree from Virginia State University. He gave a very interesting talk about his work with the School Board and his vision for the future of the Matoaca District Schools. Omarh is a Christian man and will strive to have Christian principles once again rule in the schools in Chesterfield County. He and his family are members of Spring Creek Baptist Church.

We invite ALL men to join us at our next United Methodist Men's dinner meeting on May 12 at 6:30pm in the Small Fellowship Hall of Ivey Church. We strive to have interesting and informative programs.

Peace,
Clay Edwards

Tadpoles & Jr. Fellowship

TADPOLES -

The Tadpoles will meet on Sunday, May 4 and June 1 from 4-5pm. Ivey's Tadpole program is for all children from 2 years-Kindergarten. They meet on the first Sunday of each month for Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and other exciting activities that teach them about the special love of Jesus!

JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP -

Upcoming meetings - May 4, 18 and June 4, 8, 22 5:00-7:00 After June 22, the group will not meet on Sunday evenings until September 7. Ivey's Junior Fellowship program is for all children from 1st-5th grades. This year Junior Fellowship will celebrate Children's Sabbath on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15. If you'd like to be part of this celebration, please call Eva Booth at 526-1588.

This summer Junior Fellowship has many exciting scheduled events...

May 30 - June 1 - Annual Pocahontas Camping Trip

June 22 - Vacation Bible School KICK-OFF

June 23-27 - Vacation Bible School

June 30-July 3 - "PassportKids"

July 25-26 - "Helping Hands"

July/August - Pool Party

August 22-23 - Back-to-School Sleepover



These kids truly appreciate all of the love, prayers and support that they receive from their church family. We ask you to support our exciting summer events with your prayers, notes and financial gifts.

"PassportKids" - This year we have 6 kids attending the PassportKids Mission trip. In June, we will have a list of names and the address to the camp...they'd love to hear from you! Also, each year Junior Fellowship collects spare change in their "Pennies for Passport" bank. Beginning on May 4, their "Pennies..." bank will be in the Narthex. These donations will be used for the PassportKids offering that is used to help a designated mission project.

As always...God bless you and thanks for all of your support!!!

Robin Littell

Ivey Youth Corner

The Youth sends out a special thanks to Bruce and Donna Brockwell for donating and preparing the Spaghetti for the Spaghetti. This gift of love is beyond words but THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to all the Church for supporting this event!

MISSION TRIPS:

Please continue praying for our Missions trips planned in July. July 20TH –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.

On July 14-18th, we will go to Lynchburg, VA as a part of the Student Life program

ATTN YOUTH: You should have received by now a report as to your current standing with Fundraiser and Civic Projects participation. Please let me know if you have not or if you have questions.

MAY 10TH WE WILL BE AT KINGS DOMINION FOR VA CONFERENCE FAMILY DAY!!

EVERY SECOND AND FOURTH SUNDAY BEGINNING IN APRIL THE YOUTH WILL HAVE BREAK-FAST AVAILABLE TO SELL FOR A FREE WILL OFFERING

ATTN: YOUTH PARENTS SIGN UP WITH ANGIE STEINS FOR FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS

JUNE 8TH INSTEAD OF OUR REGULAR MEETING WE WILL SPEND THE EVENING AT SWADERS!! (COST WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER)

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

JUNE 27TH WE WILL SPONSOR BINGO AT THE COLONIAL HEIGHTS ADULT CARE FACILITY

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 (be sure to reference Ivey Youth)

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I saw this saying the other day and I thought it was worth sharing:
"Stop asking God to bless what you're doing, and get involved in what God is doing- It's already blessed."

If you would like to have the name of a special woman in your life listed in our Mother's Day bulletin, please call the office at 526-1350 before Monday, May 5th. The suggested donation is \$2.00 per name. All of the money raised will go towards the Youth's mission trip this summer.

Did you know that you can read this newsletter on line at our website? Just go to: www.iveymemorial.org. College students can now keep up with what's going on here at Ivey while they are away at school.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter by mail, please call the office at 526-1350.
Thanks!

Open hearts.

Open minds.

Open doors



Worship Leaders Schedule

Greeters

| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| May 4 | Sarah & Emily Zammett | Robin & Larry Littell |
| May 11 | B. Honea & R. Crowthers | John & Betty Edwards |
| May 18 | Clay & Carene Edwards | George & Dean Baxter |
| May 25 | Larry & Robin Littell | E. Hilton & R. Crowthers |
| June 1 | C. Edwards & P Williams | Bob & Carolyn Galusha |
| June 8 | Sarah & Emily Zammett | Dennis & Brenda Harrup |
| June 15 | B. Honea & R Crowthers | Clay & Carene Edwards |
| June 22 | Clay & Carene Edwards | L. Gravitte & R. Edwards |
| June 29 | L. Littell & P. Williams | John & Betty Edwards |

Counters

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| May 4 | Dot Fitzgerald/ Donna & Bruce Brockwell |
| May 11 | Robin Edwards/ Donna Brockwell |
| May 18 | M. Wheelhouse/ G. Robertson/ D. Brockwell |
| May 25 | Sarah Zammett/ John & Betty Edwards |
| June 1 | Eva Booth/ Carene & Clay Edwards |
| June 8 | Robin Edwards/ Gail Shelley/ Donna Brockwell |
| June 15 | Dot Fitzgerald/ Donna & Bruce Brockwell |
| June 22 | Robin Edwards/ Donna Brockwell |
| June 29 | M. Wheelhouse/ G. Robertson/ D. Brockwell |

Readers

| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
|---------|------------------|------------------------|
| May 4 | Reggie Mann | David Ellis |
| May 11 | R. J. Shelley | Sarah Zammett |
| May 18 | Alyssa Shelley | Randy Crowthers |
| May 25 | Carene Edwards | George Robertson |
| June 1 | Randy Crowthers | Dean Baxter |
| June 8 | George Robertson | Carene Edwards |
| June 15 | Chip Robertson | Diane Grover |
| June 22 | Paige Williams | Paul Grover |
| June 29 | Rachel Mann | Cassandra Dutrey Ellis |

Acolytes

| | 8:30 | 11:00 |
|---------|-----------------|--------------|
| May 4 | Open | Open |
| May 11 | Rickey Booth | Summer Giehl |
| May 18 | G. W. Robertson | Open |
| May 25 | Open | Open |
| June 1 | Rickey Booth | Summer Giehl |
| June 8 | G. W. Robertson | Open |
| June 15 | Open | Open |
| June 22 | Rickey Booth | Summer Giehl |
| June 29 | G. W. Robertson | Open |