

# THE NUGGET



**Happy Mother's Day**

**May 2010**

**IVEY MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## **From The Pastor**

I have previously covered Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship and Intentional Faith Development. This time I would like for us to consider Risk-taking Mission. Mission is not an add-on to the Christian faith. It is the heart and soul of what it means to be a faith community. We exist to be in mission. It is what separates us from a social or civic organization. We do many mission projects at Ivey. We support Elma Jocson a missionary doctor with the Board of Global Ministries. We have been in ministry to the homeless of Richmond and Petersburg. We have a number of volunteers with "Our Daily Bread" food pantry. We help families through the Ivey Needy Fund. We have individuals who serve in prison ministries. But I am not sure that any of this is real "risk taking" mission. For mission to be

risk taking it must cost us time and energy and resources that go beyond the ordinary. I hope you will be in prayer to discern where we as Ivey Church can step out in risk taking mission.

### **Events in May:**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion

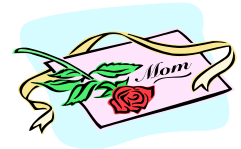
May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day (Jr. Fellowship will lead the service)

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Pentecost Sunday

May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sing

Peace,

Tom



## ♥ **Notes From The Heart** ♥

The family of Shelby Slayton would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, phone calls, and visits. We appreciate the support and love of our Ivey Family at this difficult time.

Kermit, Susan, Janet, Fred, Scott, Taylor & Andrew

Tom is retiring from the ministry with 40 years of service. His last Sunday in the pulpit is June 27. A reception is being planned for June 26 at 3:00 p.m. Please make plans to come out to wish him the best for this new chapter in his life.

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### **Special points of interest:**

- May 8 UMW Friendship Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.
- May 9 JRF All-Stars Mother's Day Program at both services.
- May 10 UM Men's Program at 6:30 p.m.
- May 13 UM Women's Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- May 24 Committee Mtgs. & Admin. Council Mtg.

## Lay Leader's Corner

**ALL God's people in ALL places, and in ALL times, LOVE and SERVE.**

When I read in the April Advocate (the Virginia United Methodist Newsmagazine), that the 2010 Virginia Annual Conference theme, "Leading by Following Jesus—Disciples: Nurtured and Transformed," is based on the portion of the Virginia Conference Vision Statement that focuses on God's people being "nurtured and transformed" by Virginia Conference faith communities (Ivey Memorial is one), it occurred to me that I didn't know the Virginia Conference VISION STATEMENT. Actually, I have read it dozens of times, but again, being a slow learner, it didn't sink in that this was a VISION statement. What is a vision statement and what purpose does it serve.?

A VISION STATEMENT is a vivid idealized description of a desired outcome that inspires, energizes and helps you create a mental picture of your target. Vision statements are often confused with mission statements, but they serve complementary purposes.

Did you know that Ivey Memorial also has a vision statement and that it is printed on the front of the Sunday Bulletin every week? This vision statement was adopted last year after 18 members of Ivey participated in a "Visioning for Ministry" Event lead by the Rev. Dr. R. Franklin Gillis Jr. Rev. Gillis is a retired ordained UM minister pastor, former Richmond District Superintendent and founder of "Four Seasons Ministry".

Virginia Conference Vision Statement: "We envision faith communities (churches) where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world."

Ivey Memorial 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.

Vision statements are good. They help us keep our focus on what we are as a people and a church.

I would like to challenge each of you to memorize these two mission statements and make them a part of your daily meditation.

Don't forget about our "Kits for Conference" This is a church wide project conducted every year to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. It is not a United Methodist Women's project! The UMW and the Ivey Vines Emmaus Reunion group have been the groups who have put the kits together in the past few years from donations received from the congregation. We try to encourage individuals to complete individual kits themselves, but understand that sometimes that is impossible, so we do lovingly accept individual items for each kit and we will put the kits together here at church. The United Methodist Women has set aside their next meeting on May 20 to accomplish this task. Also, monetary donations include \$1 per kit for processing and shipping and \$1 per health kit for UMCOR to purchase toothpaste for each kit, so do not include toothpaste in your health kits. All types of kits are welcomed, but with the situation in Haiti there is more of a demand for Health Kits and Baby Kits. All kits will be transported to the Annual Conference by Craig Purcell (our Lay Leader to the Annual Conference for 2010) or myself (District Lay member to the Annual Conference). The list's for the contents of each kit are on the table in the Narthex.

### Upcoming Events:

Autumn Adventures 2010. An event for Older Adults and all Wesley Enthusiasts. "Living with the Wesleys: Then and Now". This event will be held at Epworth By The Sea in St. Simons Island, Georgia from September 27-30, 2010. There will be Dialogue, Music, Conversations and Off Site Local History Visits. If you have never been to Epworth By The Sea, you will be in for a big treat. It is a lovely place to visit. For more information, call Epworth at 912-638-8688 or visit their web site at [www.epworthbythesea.org](http://www.epworthbythesea.org).

Carene Edwards  
Ivey Memorial Lay Leader



### **Home Communion Visitation**

Last year, we started a program to take the sacraments of Holy Communion to our home-bound folks. We were averaging eight visits per month. Unfortunately, due to death and/or relocation, we find that, to our knowledge, we no longer have any truly home bound folks.

If you are someone who cannot come to church to receive the sacraments of Holy Communion, but

would desire to have them brought to you, please call the church office at 526-2946 or the Lay Leader, Carene Edwards at 526-2946. Or if you would like to come to church on the first Sunday of the Month in order to take Communion, or any Sunday, and you cannot drive, please contact the church office to arrange for someone to pick you up.



### **United Methodist Men**

The May meeting of the United Methodist Men will be May 10 at 6:30 p.m. We will have dinner followed by a speaker, then our business meeting. Our April meeting was cancelled due to the passing of our Treasurer's wife Shelby Taylor Slayton. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Kermit and daughters Janet and Susan, Janet's husband Fred and grandchildren Taylor, Scott and Andrew.

We are constantly trying to find ways to encourage more men to join our unit. The United Methodist Church and the District have so many opportunities

to help men find their spiritual place in this world. Please reach out and encourage other men to join us for our monthly meetings. There is so much we can accomplish as a church.

Charles Owen has succeeded Gene Mims as our District UMM President. Gene has now assumed the duties of District Lay Leader.

Clay Edwards  
UMM President

### **United Methodist Women**

The Ivey UMW met on April 8, 2010. Our guest speaker was Carol Elmore, President of the Petersburg District United Methodist Women. Carol spoke with enthusiasm and passion in her role as a United Methodist Woman.

Our district and the Farmville District UMW will be hosting the two women from Mozambique. We will meet for a covered dish meal at Crenshaw UMC in Blackstone on Friday evening, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. Come join the fellowship as we hear about our sisters, Lidia and Victoria and their ministry in Mozambique.

Ivey UMW will have a salad and dessert "Friendship Luncheon" on May 8 at 11:30. All ladies are cordially

invited. Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board next to the office.

Ivey UMW will put Kits for Conference together on May 13 at 5:00 p.m. If a church member cannot assemble an entire kit– the Layette Kit is very expensive– contributions will be accepted. We will do the shopping for you.

The UMW are still selling garden flags for \$5.00 each. See any member to place your order.

Rookie Hale and Carene Edwards  
Co-Chairs UMW



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**Do you know of some-  
one who will be gradu-  
ating this spring?**

**Please let us know at  
the church office at  
526-1350 or email us  
at: opendoors  
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**THE PERFECT PASTOR**

The Perfect Pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He condemns sin roundly, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor.

The Perfect Pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$30 a week to the church. He is 29 years old and has 40 years' worth of experience. Above all, he is handsome.

The Perfect Pastor has a burning desire to work with teen-agers, and he spends most of his time with the senior citizens. He smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his church. He makes 15 home visits a day and is always in his office to be handy when needed.

The Perfect Pastor always has time for church council and all of its committees. He never misses the meeting of any church organization, and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.

If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of your list. If everyone cooperates, in one week, you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its' old pastor back in less than three months.

-Submitted by Carene Edwards

**Worship Leaders Schedule**

**Greeters 8:30**

May 2 Randy Crowthers & Larry Littell  
May 9 Sarah Zammett & Beth Honea  
May 16 Robin Littell & Randy Crowthers  
May 23 Beth Honea & Emily Zammett  
May 30 Robin Edwards & Sarah Zammett

**11:00**

Robin Edwards & Erika Hilton  
Ron & Mickey Laux  
John & Betty Edwards  
Brenda & Dennis Harrup  
Bob & Carolyn Galusha

**Readers 8:30**

May 2 Ann Brown  
May 9 Robin Littell  
May 16 Eva Booth  
May 23 Randy Crowthers  
May 30 Chip Robertson

**11:00**

Diane Grover  
Sarah Cooper  
David Ellis  
Brenda Harrup  
Chris Randolph

**Counters**

May 2 Marlene Wheelhouse, George Robertson, Donna Brockwell  
May 9 Sarah Zammett & Donna Brockwell  
May 16 Eva Booth, Clay & Carene Edwards  
May 23 Robin Edwards & Gail Shelley  
May 30 Donna & Bruce Brockwell

**Acolytes 8:30**

May 2 Open  
May 9 Rickey Booth  
May 16 G. W. Robertson  
May 23 Open  
May 30 Rickey Booth

**11:00**

Open  
Summer Giehl  
Taylor Turner  
Open  
Summer Giehl

Please call or e-mail the church office if you have any schedule requests for July, August or September.