

The Nugget

Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church

From The Pastor

Are you a Kyle Busch? The other night I was listening to a sports show on TV. The speaker caught my attention with an observation. He noted that Sunday in the Dover race, Kyle Busch had blown an engine and had to come to the garage for repairs. In NASCAR the mechanics and crews are so good that they can replace an entire engine in 20 to 30 minutes and have a car ready to finish the race. But this time as his crew worked feverishly to ready the car, Kyle changed from his racing outfit to street clothes. He didn't have to say anything. He had given up on this particular race. This from a driver who is talented and who has won eight races this year. St. Paul bids us run

with perseverance the race set before you. I want to lift up two opportunities for growth and study. Craig Purcell is leading a Disciple 2 Bible study on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. this is a study of the Books of Genesis and Exodus in the Old Testament and Luke and Acts in the New Testament. Disciple Bible Study has been transforming lives through study for almost twenty years. Another class is "Companions in Christ" that meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Our goal is not to learn about Christ but know Christ through the spiritual disciplines in the Christian faith. We will not only study but put into practice the spiritual practices that

make faith come alive. This will be a new experience for me also as I have not ever lead a group in "Companions in Christ". You are invited to come and join either of these groups for growth and study. Don't be a "Kyle Busch" in your walk with Christ.

We are pleased to have Chad Herndon and his wife Sara and new daughter Sophie with us for Homecoming on Sunday October 12th. We will have one service at 11:00 a.m. with a covered dish dinner to follow. Everyone is invited to come for this special service and dinner.

Yours in Christ,
Tom

Children's Choir

We will soon be starting a children's choir at Ivey the 1st Sunday in November for 3 year olds-4th graders at 9:45a.m. All children are welcome. Following choir practice, they will go to their Sunday School classes as normal. They will meet at 9:45 in the choir room off of the Large Social Hall. They will sing during the 11:00 a.m. service every 4 weeks.

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Special points of interest:

- Charge Conference Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at Highland UMC.
- Homecoming Oct. 12 at 11:00 a.m. One service only. Lunch to follow the service.
- UMW Meeting Oct. 9 at 7:00p.m.
- UMM Program Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Committee Mtgs. Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Administrative Council Mtg. Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Lay Leaders Corner

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

There is a book titled Called to Be a Layman by Gus Gustafson. The book is filled with marvelous Bible teachings and stories of lay people who have come to understand the biblical meaning of Christian ministry. These are people who have committed to be in ministry twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

When one looks at these stories about lay persons who have committed to be Christian ministers, one sees common characteristics among them.

...Each one had accepted Christ as Lord and Savior.
...Each one had determined to order their lives after the Bible.

...Each one was an avid prayer. They made their prayers constant and specific. They set aside time for quiet prayer and devotion, they prayed "bullet prayers" all day long, they kept prayer lists and journals, they had prayer partners and they prayed with their spouses.

...Each one had surrendered everything to Christ completely. Each one was totally available to Him.

...Each one was alert to the bidding of Christ.

...Each one was willing to give up fortune, fame, self....and some had to.

...Each one faced trouble and each one had times of fear.

...Each one saw no difference between their sacred life and their secular life. The two had become one.

...Each one saw Christian ministry as a way of life, becoming witnesses for Christ in every part of their lives.

...Each one faced many crucial moments.

One comes to understand that as important and valuable as our called pastors are to the life of the Church, God's greatest need is truly not for more preachers. God's greatest need is for more committed lay people who will witness for Christ in their everyday lives. Those who are called to the full time pastorate are

vital as spiritual leaders; however, pastors will tell you that people are mostly won to Christ not from the pulpit or from evangelists or from books... as important as all these are. Pastors will tell you that most people are won to Christ through some person's caring about them, through some person's sharing the love of Christ with them, through the witness of some Christian person. Souls are most often won for Christ individual to individual. (excerpted from "Lay Leaders-Catchers of People")

Our Fun & Faith Festival on September 13th was a great testimony to the Lay people of Ivey Church. We all worked together to provide a fun filled day of faith for our church and our community. We made our church members and our community a little more aware of what we are about. Each of our small groups were well represented. Each and every day, Ivey Memorial is a living, breathing entity where individuals come together to make Christ better known to each other and to the world. Each small group brings its own unique flavor to how Christ is presented. A wonderful booklet was prepared describing our small groups and distributed to the folks from the community who visited our Festival. It is already in revision and will be available to our church members very soon.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities at Ivey:

Disciple II on Thursday evenings, room 205, taught by Craig Purcell.

Companions in Christ on Tuesday evenings, room 205, taught by Pastor Tom Brown.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities on the District:

October 11-18, 2008, the Petersburg District is sending a mission team to Camp Hope in Van Cleave, MS. They need people of all skill levels to help in many ways. The cost is \$115 for room, board, insurance and T-shirt. Registration will be handled by Arlene Dunkum. You may contact her at (804)370-2444 or e-mail her at adunkum@comcast.net.

Lay Leaders Corner continued ...

October 20, 2008, The 2008 Seminar for Science, Theology and Ethics will be held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone, Va. This seminar will focus on our scientific ability to describe what makes us biologically human. This knowledge is growing at a rapid pace. At the same time, biotechnological advances are increasing our ability to modify and manipulate human beings; not just for therapy, but for enhancement as well. This seminar will take a theological and ethical look at four emerging biotechnologies within the context of what it means to be human. To register or learn more about this endowed program at VUMAC, please visit: <http://www.TheSeminarVA.org>.

April 24, 2009 - May 4, 2009, The Board of Global Ministries and In Mission Together offers "A Quick Tour of Hungary." Learn how the United Methodist Churches in Hungary are helping themselves and their communities. Anyone interested in building a shared relationship with a UM Church in Hungary is encouraged to take this Quick Tour. Team size will be eight. The tour will be eleven days long for those only going to Hungary and thirteen days long for those going on the excursion to Prague, CZ. Cost will be \$2500 and includes airfare, from RIC, housing, all meals, local transportation and supplemental accident insurance. If interested, contact Dick Arnold: dick.arnold@comcast.net or Linda

Carty: lcarty2003@yahoo.com.

Oberammergau Passion Play 2010. In last month's Nugget, I told you about a trip to Oberammergau being led by Cynthia Corley, Pastor of Trinity Church in Chesterfield. Our Bishop, Charlene Kammerer will also lead a tour under the auspices of Educational Opportunities Tours. Her trip is planned for June 22, 2010 for a cost of \$2998, plus tax, tips, etc. If interested, contact Rev. Dr. Jack Martin Jr. or call the Petersburg District Office for an application, brochures and other details.

In Christ,

Carene Edwards

Ivey Memorial Lay Leader

United Methodist Women

The difference between "involvement" and "commitment" is like an eggs and ham breakfast; the chicken was "involved" but the pig was "committed".

Our guest speaker, Marian Berry, brought us a very interesting program on "Globalization" for our September meeting. I was sorry we had so few in attendance but I am thankful for our faithful members.

October 9th 7:00 p.m.- "Pledge to Missions" meeting Robin Edwards

October 25-26 36th Annual Meeting of Virginia Conference of UMW- VAMAC Program "Called By Name" with Charlene Krammerer (our Bishop). Cost for Saturday & Sunday is \$68.00. Registration

Deadline is October 10th.

Nov. 2nd 3:00 p.m. Fall Day Apart- Prospect UMC, Ebony, VA

Members, please make every effort to attend the UMW meetings.

Many thanks to Angie Steines for decorating the UMW & UMM bulletin board in beautiful fall colors.

"A loving atmosphere in your home is the foundation for your life".

Shalom,

Louise

From the Finance Committee Chair

First allow me to introduce myself, I am Ron Laux and my wife is Mickey. As church membership goes, we might be considered “the new kids on the block” compared to the multi-generational families at Ivey (as we have been members for three years). I have accepted the request to serve as the finance committee chair.

The Ivey finance committee includes: Ron Laux (chair), Art Beasley (member), George Robertson (SPRC chair), Donna Brockwell (counter chair), Beth Honea (treasurer), Abe Richards (trustee chair), Cassandra Dutrey-Ellis (stewardship), Craig Purcell (chair admin council), and Carene Edwards (lay leader).

Now that you know who is on the finance committee, let me share some information that I believe our membership should know. We (the finance committee) will also seek to include regular Nugget articles on church financial matters.

- Did you know that utilities average approximately \$2,000 per month?
- Did you know that although we have enhanced the value and property of the church by acquiring the cottages - it costs approxi-

mately \$2,000 per month more than the cottage rent brings in? It is still a good investment for the long-term value and benefit of Ivey.

- Did you know that Ivey day-care is not a cash drain on the church but covers all of their costs, to include prorated utilities, van and bus expenses, and generates a small profit for the church as well as providing a valuable community service?

Ivey is a strong family - but like all families, it has some financial ups and downs. At present, the church has challenges in meeting its recurring expenses and Methodist service obligations (approximately \$30,000 down in donations than this time last year). It is always very rewarding to know that one's offering and donations support the greater good of spreading God's word through missionary work, youth services, community projects, etc. However, the church must meet its financial obligations of heat, light, maintenance & repairs, salaries, and those things that sustain the people and facilities where we worship. We recognize that “keeping your head above water” is not only a challenge for the church but a challenge for Ivey families in these times of rising utility, gas, food, and other costs.

However, as the new chair of the finance committee and on behalf of the finance committee we ask you to consider the following:

1. If you know someone that has not been attending Ivey lately, encourage them to come-back and rejoin our family and/or bring a friend to Ivey and help us grow the church.
2. Please abide by your stewardship pledge if possible. (Let me assure you that your giving is confidential, will always remain confidential and no one other than the secretary, who prepares your quarterly giving statements, knows that status).

Lastly, we ask that you trust your finance committee to make the right decisions for Ivey.

Serving Christ, Ivey and our Church Family

Ron

Notice from the Trustees-

Any ball playing in the Large Fellowship Hall must have adult supervision!

Stewardship Corner

When the days grow shorter and the air becomes cooler, I find my thoughts turning to pumpkin pie, cheery fires in the family room, Christmas shopping, and, of course, Ivey's annual stewardship drive. Our theme this year is "SOAR." How, you may ask, can we aspire to "soar" in our stewardship, when we are so weighted down with financial worries this year about our nation's economy, our church's floundering financial accounts, and our own personal struggles with rising energy and food costs? The answer is that we must simply trust in God's

promises in the Bible to provide for us and "work all things for our good." We must believe the words of Jesus that "with God, all things are possible." This does not necessarily mean that God will increase the prosperity of our nation, which is already the most prosperous society in history, or that God will raise our families' standard of living, already the envy of the world, or even that God will meet goals for our church contributions, which we have set for ourselves. It does mean that when we are faithful in trusting God with our wealth, God is faithful to provide us

with the things he knows we need, and that God can turn our anxiety and sense of deprivation into joy and thankfulness. As we prepare for our stewardship campaign, please pray for Ivey, for our country, and for families struggling during these hard economic times. Let's remember to thank God for what we have instead of brooding over what we lack. Most importantly, let's pray for God to use these same days of challenge to strengthen our faith and to draw all people unto Him.

Cassandra Dutrey Ellis

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men of Ivey Memorial Church meet monthly on the second Monday for dinner and an inspirational program, except for the months of July and August. We also have a "get together" breakfast at the Golden Corral in Colonial Heights on the first and third Tuesdays of each month for Christian fellowship.

We raise funds for mission projects, for the needy and for our church from our annual Brunswick Stew Sales and Pancake Supper. We gave a total of \$3,985 to the following projects between October 1, 2007 and the present time: \$1700 to the Youth of Ivey for their mission trips; \$200 for the YMCA; \$400 to Christmas

families; \$1000 to Ivey Parking lot re-paving project; \$100 to Good News Jail Ministry; \$320 to purchase four new tables and a used freezer for our church; \$173 for food for our Fun & Faith Festival. We also paid \$65.00 in annual dues to GCUMN.

Along with the United Methodist Women, we sponsored a church wide picnic at White Bank Park in June.

The men of Ivey continue to be a vital part of our church and participate in every area. As needed, we donate our time and talents around the church, the Community and our Child Development Center for different maintenance projects. When called upon, we assist other groups within the

church with their various projects. We serve as delegates, ushers, choir members, cooks, electricians, plumbers, committee members and Sunday School Teachers. We visit the shut-ins, provide transportation to those in need, and work the Community Food Pantry.

All men are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of our monthly meetings and events. For first time visitors, there is no charge for dinner. For regular members, a donation of \$5.00 is requested to help offset the cost of the meal. Annual dues are \$5.00. For more information, you may contact any member or Clay Edwards at 526-2946.

District Leadership News

The One Hundred Thirty-Ninth District Conference of The Petersburg District of The United Methodist Church Virginia Annual Conference was held at Chester United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 21, 2008. The Rev. Dr. Jack Martin, District Superintendent presided.

After an inspiring program of worship where the Word of God was proclaimed by the Rev. Marc D. Brown, Virginia Conference Director of Connectional Ministries and music was presented by "The Brethren", an ensemble of Christian, male vocalists who join together for one purpose - to glorify God through music, our business meeting was convened.

District leadership positions and committees for 2009 were voted upon and accepted as presented by the Nominations Committee.

Various reports were presented from each of the District's Committees and goals for 2009 as set

by the Petersburg Common Table (formerly known as the District Council on Ministries) were established. Those goals are as follows:

The District Common Table will continue to find ways to enhance and improve communications on the District through printed materials, the District web site, The Leadership Log and all informational opportunities available.

The District Common Table will develop lists, locate and organize resources and resource information (printed, media & personnel) and make these easily accessible to local churches and the leaders on the district.

The District Common Table will work with the District Ministers and local church leaders to demonstrate and practice:

- A. Radical Hospitality
- B. Passionate Worship

C. Intentional Faith Development

D. Risk-Taking Mission and Service

E. Extravagant Generosity

The 2008 Petersburg District Financial Statement from January 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 was presented and the 2009 Petersburg District Budget was presented. The 2009 budget has increased by a total of \$7,701.00.

I was re-elected as a member-at-large to the Virginia Annual Conference.

A copy of the District Conference program, all reports, leadership positions, goals and budget information will be available for you to look at in the Church Office.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carene Edwards

District Representative from Ivey Memorial.

Tadpoles and Jr. Fellowship

Tadpoles: All children 2 years - Kindergarten

October 5 is our next Tadpole meeting. 4:00-5:00pm.

October 25 is our Fall Party. 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Jr. Fellowship: All Children 1st grade - 6th grade

October 5 we will have a parent meeting at 5:00pm in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Children and parents are asked to attend.

October 5, 12, and 19 are regular meetings. We will begin to work on our Christmas program either the 5th or the 12th.

October 26 will be our Fall Party. All meetings are from 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Ivey Youth Corner

ANNOUNCING A YOUTH COUNCIL:

For the purpose of planning and leadership the youth elected their own youth council.

President: Jessica Waguespack
Vice President: Hannah Steins
Treasurer: Katherine Waguespack
Secretary: Reese Oliver
Historian/Photographer: Emily Zammett
DYC Representative: Lauren Littell
Senior Administrative Board Rep.: Whitney Oliver
Junior Administrative Board Rep.: David Shelley

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS IVEY
YOUTH GROUP:

*SUMMER GIEHLL
COREY WILMOUTH
G. W. ROBERTSON*

Congratulations to all who have been elected and accepted these responsibilities.

DUE TO VACATIONS WE HAVE NOT BEEN OFFERING OUR BREAKFAST FOR A DONATION THIS SUMMER BUT FEAR NOT!!! WE WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN OCTOBER WITH THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS. IT'S GREAT TIME OF GETTING TOGETHER BETWEEN THE SERVICES TO GREET EACH OTHER AND THE OFFERINGS YOU PROVIDE THE YOUTH FUND IS TO PAY FOR THEIR MISSIONS TRIPS THIS SUMMER.

TENTATIVE UPCOMING PLANS FOR THE YOUTH:

OCTOBER – PIZZA SALES

DESTINATION UNKNOWN – 19TH

TRIP TO VICTORY TABERNACLE – 7TH “LIFE SAVING AWARD”

NOVEMBER – EAGLE EYRIE MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT – 14TH – 16TH

POTATO, SOUP & SALAD FUNDRAISER – 30TH

DECEMBER – WREATH SELLING FUNDRAISER

SERVING AT SOUP KITCHEN

ADOPTING FAMILY WITH DELIVERY

CHRISTMAS PLAY DURING SERVICE

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLING – 20TH *Paige's House*

NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCK-IN – 30TH

JANUARY – SNOW SKIING/TUBING – 16TH – 19TH

FEBRUARY – DYC YOUTH RETREAT AT BLACKSTONE – 13TH – 15TH

MARCH – DINNER DANCE (FORMERLY SNOWBALL)

JUNE – AWAKENING 2006 – 26TH – 28TH

JULY – TRI-CITY WORKCAMP

???? – PATHWAYS

WE STILL HAVE COFFEE MUGS FOR SALE BUT ONLY A HAND FULL REMAIN. GET YOURS SOON BEFORE THEY SELL OUT!!!

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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Open hearts. Open minds.
Open doors



Creator's Crafters

The Creator's Crafters, formerly the Bazaar Committee, is once again preparing for a craft show. We are meeting every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.–1 :00 p.m. in order to prepare.

Don't use the excuse that you aren't crafty or creative. We can use whatever talent you have. It is also a way to have fun and fellowship with others and get your self out of the house for a while. Give us a try. You might actually enjoy yourself. We will be needing volunteers to work during the craft show. Think about your time to donate.

All are welcome!

Angie Steines

If you would like to have your name taken off of our mailing list please call the church office at 526-1350 or send us an e-mail at opendoors@iveymemorial.org.

Worship Leaders Schedule

Greeters

	8:30
Oct. 5	Paige W. & Randy C.
Oct. 12	Clay & Carene Edwards
Oct. 19	Robin & Larry Littell
Oct. 26	Randy C. & Paige Williams
Nov. 2	Beth Honea & Emily Zammett
Nov. 9	Clay & Carene Edwards
Nov. 16	R. Crowthers & P. Williams
Nov. 23	Sarah & Emily Zammett
Nov. 30	Robin & Larry Littell

	11:00
	Kermit & Shelby Slayton
	John & Betty Edwards
	George & Dean Baxter
	Bob & Carolyn Galusha
	Lucille Gravitte & Robin Edwards
	Clay & Carnene Edwards
	Kermit & Shelby Slayton
	Brenda & Dennis Harrup
	Erika Hilton & Robin Edwards

Readers

	8:30	11:00
Oct. 5	Ann Brown	Shelby Slayton
Oct. 12	Robin Littell	Ron Laux
Oct. 19	George Robertson	Sarah Cooper
Oct. 26	Randy Crowthers	Ann Brown
Nov. 2	Alyssa Shelley	David Ellis
Nov. 9	Chip Robertson	Carene Edwards
Nov. 16	Paige Williams	Craig Purcell
Nov. 23	Ann Brown	Brenda Harrup
Nov. 30	Robin Littell	Sarah Zammett

Counters

Oct. 5	Eva Booth, Clay & Carene Edwards
Oct. 12	Robin Edwards & Gail Shelley
Oct. 19	Dot Fitzgerald, Bruce & Donna Brockwell
Oct. 26	Robin Edwards & Donna Brockwell
Nov. 2	Marlene Wheelhouse, George Robertson & Donna Brockwell
Nov. 9	Sarah Zammett, Betty & John Edwards
Nov. 16	Eva Booth, Clay & Carene Edwards
Nov. 23	Robin Edwards & Gail Shelley
Nov. 30	Dot Fitzgerald, Bruce & Donna Brockwell

Acolytes

	8:30	11:00
Oct. 5	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
Oct. 12	G. W. Robertson	Taylor Turner
Oct. 19	Open	Open
Oct. 26	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
Nov. 2	G. W. Robertson	Taylor Turner
Nov. 9	Open	Open
Nov. 16	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
Nov. 23	G. W. Robertson	Taylor Turner
Nov. 30	Open	Open

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