



The Nugget

Ivey Memorial
United Methodist
Church

Back-to-School Edition

September 2008

From the Pastor

As Summer ends and we begin to think about Fall activities and "back to school" things. My thoughts are filled with Olympic images. I have spent the last two weeks watching sports on TV. We can admire the dedication of the athletes. No one becomes a world class swimmer or track and field athlete without years of practice and countless hours in the pool or on the track. St. Paul calls us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us". This is our challenge as committed Christians.

This year we will be studying and calling ourselves to be a "Fruitful Congregation". Bishop Robert Schnaze has identified five practices of an effective church. They are :

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Intentional Faith Development
- Risk - Taking Mission and Service
- Extravagant Generosity

Ivey is doing some of these already but we are committed to do more for the kingdom of God.

As I watched those Olympics from China, I remembered that four years ago I was fighting breast cancer and going through 16 weeks of chemotherapy. This summer I spent recovering from prostate cancer surgery. There are not many people who have had breast and prostate surgery. I am profoundly grateful to have had the prayer support of so many people. You, the Ivey Church family have been wonderful in your love and support. I received many cards and letters, and meals. It makes the fight easier to know that you are surrounded by caring people. I do not know what the future holds, but I do know Who holds the future. I invite you to join us as we practice "radical hospitality" on Sunday mornings; making our worship more passionate; developing our faith through Sunday School , Confirmation and Bible study opportunities; reaching out in mission and service and learning to give generously.

Yours in Christ,
Tom

Special points of interest:

- ☉ Ivey Church Clean up Day
Sept. 6 from 9:00-noon
- ☉ Promotion Sunday & Picnic
Sept. 7- Picnic at 5:30 p.m.
- ☉ UMM Program Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- ☉ UMW Meeting Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m.
- ☉ Faith & Fun Festival Sept. 13 from 1:00—5:00
- ☉ Day Care Committee Mtg. Sept. 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- ☉ Committee Mtgs. Sept. 22 from 6:30—7:30 p.m.
- ☉ Admin. Council Mtg. Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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Lay Leaders Corner

September, 2008

In Mark 1:16, Jesus challenged two humble fishermen, Peter and Andrew to "Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men." In the same way, some 2,000 years later, we are all called to participate in the outreaching ministry of Jesus Christ... all humble servants of God... seeking, welcoming and gathering people of faith into the body of Jesus Christ.

If you have not already heard, a Fun & Faith Festival is being planned for the community at Ivey church on September 13, 2008 from 1-5 p.m. There will be music, free food, games for children and adults and other activities as well. Please mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this special day.

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

Several workshops will be offered at Wesley United Methodist Church in Colonial Heights on September 27, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. For a fee of \$35.00, you may pick any two of the following workshops being offered. 1)*Nuts and Bolts for Small Groups*, 2)*Recruiting and Training Leaders*, 3)*5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, 4)*How Leaders and Teachers Use Blessings*, 5) *Ministry of Hospi-*

tality, and 6) Deepening your Effectiveness. Registration deadline is September 22. You may register online at www.vaumc.org. Or you can send a completed registration form (available in the Church office) and your check payable to "Virginia UM Conference," earmarked "Small Groups," to: Virginia Conference Office of Discipleship, PO Box 1718, Glen Allen, Va. 23060.

Cynthia Corley, Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Chesterfield will be leading a trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany on July 16, 2010. This play has been performed every ten years since 1634. The trip includes RT airfare, deluxe motor coach transportation, full daily breakfast and dinner, plus lunch on the day of the drama, guided sightseeing & entrance fees. For a brochure, contact Cynthia Corley at 804-748-2439.

October 12-18, 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 at adunkum@comcast.net.

Plans are also in place for a 2009 outreach to Torbeck, Haiti, January 30-February 8. The team will work in partnership with Haitian builders to complete construction of the Torbeck Methodist School. They will stay in a comfortable Methodist guesthouse in Jeremie. They will see life in the village up close and will experience extraordinary hospitality from people who are deeply grateful to have a school for their children close at hand. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,350. This includes: round trip airfare to Haiti from Richmond and one RT in-country flight; room and board, coordination fee and \$25,000 insurance with a Medivac provision. Registration deadline is September 15, 2008. For further information, please call Dr. Jack Martin: 804-732-2538.

Carene Edwards
Ivey Memorial Lay Leader

WANTED: CAKES

We need cakes for Fun and Faith Festival cake walk. Everyone knows Ivey Church has some wonderful ladies (and men) who can bake. This is a great way to show off what you can do. Thanks!

United Methodist Women

*Attitudes are contagious.
Are yours worth catching?*

I hope you all have had a good summer and are now ready to get to work for the fall. We have lots to accomplish before the end of the year.

We will meet September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the small Social Hall. Our guest speaker will be Marion Berry, Vice President of the District.

Please put this date on your cal-

endar now and let's have a good turn out. All ladies of the church are invited.

September 21st- 3:00 p.m. District UMW Annual Meeting at Monumental UMC.

Oak Grove UMC is having their "Annual Helping Hands Carnival" on October 4th. You can rent a space for a \$25.00 donation. Deadline to register is September 28th. Contact person is Diane Seeberger at 804-526-3547. Form is on the UMW board.

October 9th is our next meeting. Info will be in the October Nugget.

Many thanks to Angie Steines for the nice job she has been doing on both the UMW & UMM bulletin board.

Hope to see you September 11th at 7:00p.m.

"A wise person learns to enjoy things without owning them."
Anonymous

Shalom,
Louise

Sunday School News

We would like to recognize the following members for exceptional Sunday school attendance for the 3rd (spring) quarter:

Iris Hoye (perfect), Daniel Johnson (perfect), Chloe Purcell, Ethan Steines, Beth Robertson (perfect), G.W. Robertson (perfect), David Shelley, and Marley Johnson.

Sunday School Picnic/ Promotion Sunday

The Sunday School Picnic will be at the church picnic area on September 7th. The picnic will begin at 5:30 pm. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, all the "fixin's", and beverages will be provided. We're asking that each family bring a covered dish/dessert to share.

Promotion Sunday is also on September 7th. The ceremonies will be held on Sunday morning (approx. 10 am) in the sanctuary.

Sunday School Teacher Needed

We are in need of a teacher for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Sunday School class. We would love to find someone full time but we would also take someone who is willing to team-teach. If you are interested please contact Heather Purcell at 520-8879.

Stewardship Report

The Treasurer reported to the August Administrative Council that Ivey has had problems with our giving through the first 7 months of 2008. We are about \$20,000 behind in giving compared to last year. We have not been able to pay our Virginia Conference Apportionments since the first quarter of this year. Our electric bill during the summer runs about \$2000 a month and heating this winter will run about the same amount. If you have gotten behind on your giving for 2008 please try to catch up.

Tadpoles and Jr. Fellowship

Tadpoles

Ivey's Tadpoles, children from 2 years-Kindergarten, will meet on Sunday, September 7 from 4:00 -5:00 in the Small Fellowship Hall. The hour will include a lesson, crafts, snack and lots of fun to encourage the spiritual growth of these special children.

Junior Fellowship

All children in 1st-5th grades are invited to join Ivey's Junior Fel-

lowship program. This program is designed to encourage their spiritual growth. Beginning Sept. 7, this group of children will meet every Sunday evening from 5:00-7:00pm. Meetings include lessons, devotions, prayer, crafts, games and dinner.

If you have any questions regarding any of Ivey's program for children, please call Eva Booth at 526-1588 or Robin Littell at 526-7225.

Clean up Day

Ivey Church will have a clean up day to get the church ready for the "Fun and Faith Festival". We will begin on Saturday, September 6th from 9:00 a.m.—12 noon. Please help us get the church and grounds ready for our guests even if you can even give only an hour or two. We need everyone's help to make our church shine.

PRISM® Group

PRISM® is unlike any other weight loss program. PRISM® is not a diet. The fact is, it's a lot more. Tens of thousands of men and women across the country have discovered PRISM® can transform their lives. This one-of-a-kind program calls you to make a complete lifestyle change. It fosters confidence that you have the potential to create a new you - with God's help. The PRISM® Weight Loss Program is built on biblical principles and addresses the whole person - body, mind, spirit. These principles and guidelines are designed to provide you with the best possible opportunity to complete your weight loss and become the person you were created to be.

We will be having an introductory program to tell you more about PRISM® on September 17 at 7:45 pm. We will be starting a new program beginning with Phase I on October 1. We meet at Ivey Church each Wednesday night at 5:45 pm in room 206.

A Big Thank You!

Several people have asked if we have received our check from the Ukrop's Golden Gift program. This is to let you know we got it in the mail this past Tuesday! The check was for \$442.00. A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this event! This was one of those wonderful fund raisers where you didn't have to do anything but shop as you normally would.

There are still other programs that we have ongoing here at Ivey that you may have forgot about. One is the Food Lion- Lion Share Program. Food Lion send us a check each quarter with a percent of what our card users purchase. If you are not currently enrolled but would like to be, please call the church office 526-1350 with you customer care card and we can sign you up.

Another way to help Ivey is by bringing your newspapers with you to church. We have a green and red bin behind the large fellowship hall . Just put your old newspapers in the bin and that's it! Thank you for all of your support in so many ways!

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will resume their monthly dinner meetings on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall of Ivey Memorial. We are looking forward to a new church year and invite all men of the church to meet with us.

For first time visitors, there is no charge for dinner. For all others, a \$5.00 donation is requested to help offset the cost of the meal.

Our group of men try to model what is known as "Servant Evangelism". Servant Evangelism is intentionally sharing the love of Christ by modeling biblical servanthood. Servant Evangelism is a combination of simple acts of kindness and intentional personal evangelism. It is about sharing the love and message of Jesus through practical acts. It can be done individually or as a group. Servant Evangelism is biblical, fun and requires very little

training. It is a wonderful expression of the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. These are simple acts of kindness that opens others up to the greatest act of kindness, the Gospel.

Looking forward to meeting with all of you on the 8th of September!

Clay Edwards
President

Keep Your Eyes Open

Due to increased energy prices, we are asking for your help. If you are here in the evening, please check a few things before you leave. Make sure the lights are off and the doors are

locked behind you. Also, check the restrooms to be sure the water isn't left running. If you happen to notice that rooms seem too cool or too warm please leave word at the church office

so we will know. Simple things can help keep our expenses down. Thank you for being vigilant and good stewards of Ivey Church.

Notes From The Heart

To the Congregation of Ivey Memorial UMC,

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, notes, phone calls, flowers and memorial fund donations that were received when my mother, Ruth Gettings, passed away.

I would, also, like to thank everyone who helped with the wonderful lunch that was provided after the funeral.

I, especially, would like to thank Tom Brown for delivering such a wonderful service. I know you were still convalescing from your recent surgery, but I never once heard you complain. Thank you again for providing your services and sharing with all of my family during this difficult time.

Linwood Gettings

A big thank-you to the Ivey church family. Your love, kindness and generosity sustained all of us during the grief-filled days surrounding Raymond's death and funeral. The extraordinary fellowship and caring kept Mom safe and buoyed our spirits as we secured long-term caregivers who will enable Mom to remain in the farm house she loves. Our thanks to all of you. Feel free to stop in for a visit whenever you can. Mom loves to share your news.

Gratefully,

George, Becky, Royall, Beth, Sarah, and the many grandchildren and great-grandchildren

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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors



Fun and Faith Festival

Ivey Memorial United Methodist Church in
Colonial Heights invites you to join them
for an afternoon of family fun
Saturday, September 13, from 1 to 5 p.m.—
rain or shine at the corner of
Jefferson Davis Hwy and Harrowgate Rd.
Activities will include:
games for children of all ages, music presented by
local groups, food, door prizes and much more.

Entrance and all activities are free.

Newsletters are available online at our website.

If you would like to be taken off of our mailing list for the Nugget, please call the church office at 526-1350.

Worship Leaders Schedule

Greeters

	8:30	11:00
Sept. 7	Randy C. & Paige W.	George & Dean Baxter
Sept. 14	Robin & Larry Littell	Lucille Gravitte & Erika Hilton
Sept. 21	Sarah & Emily Zammett	John & Betty Edwards
Sept. 28	Clay & Carene Edwards	Dennis & Brenda Harrup
Oct. 5	Paige W. & Randy C.	Kermit & Shelby Slayton
Oct. 12	Clay & Carene Edwards	John & Betty Edwards
Oct. 19	Robin & Larry Littell	George & Dean Baxter
Oct. 26	Randy C. & Paige Williams	Bob & Carolyn Galusha

Counters

Sept. 7	Dot Fitzgerald, Bruce & Donna Brockwell
Sept. 14	Robin Edwards & Donna Brockwell
Sept. 21	Marlene Wheelhouse, George Robertson & Donna Brockwell
Sept. 28	Sarah Zammett, Betty & John Edwards
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

Readers

	8:30	11:00
Sept. 7	Eva Booth	George Robertson
Sept. 14	Rachel Mann	Dean Baxter
Sept. 21	Reggie Mann	Diane Grover
Sept. 28	R. J. Shelley	Paul Grover
Oct. 5	Ann Brown	Shelby Slayton
Oct. 12	Robin Littell	Ron Laux
Oct. 19	George Robertson	Sarah Cooper
Oct. 26	Randy Crowthers	Ann Brown

Acolytes

	8:30	11:00
Sept. 7	Open	Open
Sept. 14	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
Sept. 21	G. W. Robertson	Open
Sept. 28	Open	Open
Oct. 5	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll
Oct. 12	G. W. Robertson	Open
Oct. 19	Open	Open
Oct. 26	Rickey Booth	Summer Giehll

You are the only person on this earth who can use your ability. - Anonymous