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Farewell Kathleene Welcome Pastor Larkin



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Dear Chesterbrook United Methodist Church Friends,

By Rev. Kathleene Card

For the past two years our ministry together has been exciting and productive. We have worshiped God and have, with God's abundant blessings, experienced increased attendance and participation, generous contributions and a deepening of spirituality. We have welcomed new members, celebrated with old members, confirmed seven youth and participated in the Arlington District's 5 Talent Academy that is focused on both membership growth and creating a deeply spiritual community, just to mention some highlights.

Yes, I was hoping to be here a while, God willing. But an opportunity for Andy is moving us to College Station, Texas where he will become the Acting Dean for the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M. We will both miss the wonderful people at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church who have become a community of faith we love.

I want to thank friends and staff—I will not mention names because the list is way too long—at Chesterbrook UMC and the Preschool and Child Care Center who have walked with me in this effort to bring God's Word into the world.

Bishop Kammerer has sent the Reverend Gene Larkin to CUMC. He and his lovely wife Sophie are energized and looking forward to being in ministry with you. Rev. Larkin is a good friend and a wonderful pastor, so I know you are in good hands.

As I journey with Andy to Texas I want to leave you with this thought, and it comes from Ecclesiastes 3.11: "God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end."

May you keep the Word of God in your hearts and on your lips and preach it with all of your actions.

Blessings, *Kathleene*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

By Rev. Gene Larkin

I am Gene Larkin, pastor appointed to serve as your pastor by Bishop Kammerer at the 219 Virginia Annual Conference. I retired after 43 years of ministry and am delighted to serve in whatever capacity I can to further the Good News of God in Christ Jesus. I am accompanied by my wife of 18 years, Sophia, who is the joy of my life. Sophia and I have been working tutoring with students. She is a consultant assisting student with college preparation and selection. I have two brothers, Jim and Mack, my twin brother who is also a retired pastor in North Alabama Conference, and who also has just been invited to serve a local parish. My brother, Mack, and his wife Jane, provide wonderful care for my mother who will celebrate her 100th birthday in March!



I feel like I am coming off a sabbatical having enriched myself through prayer, study and reflection and I am eager to share with you as well as learn from you the new things God has to teach us about our unique adventure as disciples.

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Sophia and I have a grandson, Samuel who is one year old. My son, Russ, and his wife, Christina, reside in Chesapeake, Virginia. Katy our daughter, also by my first marriage, is a graphics designer for the American Red Cross.

Throughout my ministry I have pursued my passion for biblical theology and my fascination with psychology and how they "speak" to each other. During the last few years, my thinking and understanding of family systems, as developed by Murray Bowen at the Georgetown Family Center, has added much to my understanding in providing pastoral care and counseling.

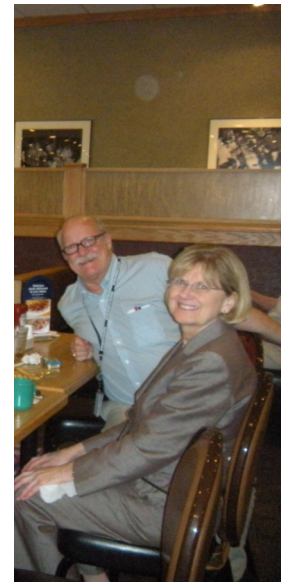
A colleague once wrote: "Our good parts un-lived, is just as bad as worst parts unhealed." I think of our work together as disciples of Christ as being a Church which helps people live out their good parts and find help and healing for their bad parts, even as we do the same, all to the glory of God.

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Larkin*

"Remembering Your Story" Field Trip

By Arlin Honaker

Members of the "Remembering Your Story" class enjoy lunch at the Old Country Buffet in Fairfax on May 18, 2011. Present were Marji Ball, Sam Stalcup, Lee and Len Holmberg, Jiyeon Kim, Arlin Honaker and Pastor Kathleene Card. Following lunch the group shopped for supplies for the memory books which they are creating of their life stories. They will be no regular Wednesday classes through the summer. However, we will meet for a "special session" on Wednesday, July 13, in the Social Hall from 10:30am until 3:00pm. Bring your memory books, photos, supplies and a sandwich for lunch. Drinks will be provided. All are welcome!



...from the Lay Leader

By Elaine Cherry

I do not think there is anyone at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church who has worshipped here over a longer period of time than I have – except Peggy Byers. This congregation has been in existence for 105 years and Peggy and I have been part of it since we were tiny little children, not quite 105 years, but for a long long time. We have seen many pastors come and go, many of them true servants of God who spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through their preaching, teaching, and nurture.

I must say however, that I consider the most outstanding pastor ever to serve this Church is Kathleene Card. There is not enough space in one newsletter to list all the contributions she has made to this entire church as well as to individuals who comprise it. It is no wonder that CUMC has been considered by many to be a "Resurrected" Church. The most significant change she brought is the way she has led us to be fully open to God and to always seek His plans rather than our own, thereby creating a more spiritually vibrant church. The Administrative Council has been guided over these past 2 years to prayerfully seek God's will and way in our work by being open to Him. This attitude was begun by inviting God to be present at each meeting and as a symbol of His presence, placing a lighted candle in the center of the table at every meeting.

Kathleene's sermons and her teaching have continued to show us the way to be open to God in all areas of life. Understandably, we are all sad to say goodbye but so thankful to have had her as our pastor for the past 2 years. The greatest tribute we now can give is a commitment to collectively and individually support the new pastor and work hard as a united congregation to maintain the momentum and trajectory of her vision of Chesterbrook being a truly Blessed Church. And may God richly bless you Kathleene and Andy as you travel to the new assignment in Texas.



Lifting Up Local, National & International Issues:

- Victims of Natural Disasters across the Midwest and the South.
- People of all countries, especially: Japan, Libya, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, Haiti, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Korea.
- People serving in harms' way.
- Our President, and all National, Commonwealth and local leaders.
- The Christian Church.

Lifting Up Our Church Family in Prayer:

Our Church:

- Chesterbrook UMC
- Arlington Temple UMC, our 5 Talent partner.
- Bishop Charlene Kammerer and family
- District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Young Jin Cho and his family

Weddings:

- Michelle Mendelsohn and Sam Neer (6/18)
- Heather Weger and Eric Song (6/25)

Lifting Up Special Missions:

- Bethany Frazier
- Shade and Fresh Water
- Zion Project, Sarita Hendricksen in Uganda
- Salt and Light, Dominican Republic
- Art for Humanity, Rev. Evans, Honduras
- Andy & Jodi Oliver

Health and Healing:

- Bill (throat cancer)
- Bill Robinson
- Bishop Charlene Kammerer (intestinal issues)
- David
- David Martin (radiation)
- Debbie
- Diane
- Donald Grey
- Ed King (cardiac)
- Gail Varley (kidney transplant Fall '11)
- Gary Martin (stroke)
- Jan Harrod (shoulder surgery)
- Janet
- Jessica Russel (radiation)
- Judy (brain cancer)
- Kristen Holdsworth (stroke)
- Manny de Pinho

- Marguerite Gibson
- Marion Green (triple bypass)
- Robert
- Sam Waters
- Stephen
- Talia (leukemia)

Comfort and Support:

- Arthur
- Azalie Rose Crain
- Boots Thompson
- Connie Murray
- Donna Chuz
- Jessica
- Joe
- Judy
- Kathy
- Michael
- Mike
- Rex
- Sam
- Stacey
- Stephanie
- The Family of Dorothy Postelle

If you wish to add or delete a prayer request, call or email the church office



We will have handbell and choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 6-8:30. **Handbells will rehearse Wednesdays 6-7 p.m., and choir from 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

The handbell choir will perform once a month and choir will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings to rehearse and fine tune before Sunday School and the service. Whether you have played an instrument your whole life, or have never been able to read music, you are welcome to come join us at Chesterbrook UMC. Come check us out, and if you have questions or concerns, please contact me at virginia.harrod@gmail.com

or 571-276-9519

*To Kathleene
By Peggy Byers*

*I don't like to say "good bye"
I usually end up all teary eyed
So I'll think about the prayers you give for the ill
And we congregants digested them like a happy pill*

*Your sermons we felt came from the heart
What a wonderful way for the new way for
the week to start.*

*You went with me to visit the blind
Mrs. Shields loved you dearly – she thought
you so kind*

*So much to recall but I'll store it away
And thank God for the gift of memory each day*

*This is sent with a prayer,
Kathleene as you would say –
God bless, and stay well as you get on your way*

Seminarian Pastor's Column

By Jiyeon Kim

SUMMER, the Season to Appreciate the World of God

Summer is the best season. I can enjoy the beautiful world designed by God. For an international student living in America, it is definitely true. Looking back the last school year, I spent time to complete and submit school assignments. I do not remember the sceneries that the first snow came down and decorated the world, as well as various styles of flowers blossom and the fragrant smell fills the streets. I also do not remember green leaves changing red and yellow. I was in the world God made, but I did not enjoy and even appreciate the world in my daily life. I had the time God gave me, but I did not spend the time to realize the presence of God every day. Some might think it is an excuse, but I was totally busy and distracted by unending school work.

To tell the truth, I did not have thankful mind about the world in which God shows the fantastic changes because I did not notice it at all. I missed the amazing works of God due to the excuse caused by the less important daily task. I can definitely say that my life will be meaningless and worthless if I cannot sense the God's working in my daily life. I will be in Korea in July in order to see my family and friends. I plan to enjoy the world God created to the fully all seasons. I sincerely hope I can share my experiences with you next time. Have a wonderful summer! And don't forget enjoying the world decorated by God every moment! God is creating a new change for you in this time as well.

Could You Help?

The Share furniture program needs volunteers to schedule pick-ups and deliveries. Schedulers work at home. Schedulers retrieve messages offering or requesting furniture, making calls to arrange pick-ups and deliveries, and preparing the schedule for our two trucks. Experience with E-Mail and Word is essential. Anyone interested in doing this vital work should e-mail iauerbach@cox.net.



By Sam Askew

First, I would like to personally 'Thank' everyone for their support and participation in CUMC beautification day ... we had an excellent turn out and

made great strides in improving our Church grounds.

We are still working toward the following prioritized projects:

- Memorial Garden
- Resolve Water Drainage issues
- Crack in the rear exterior wall of Church
- Exterior painting

If you are interested in contributing to these longer term beautification projects for our Church please include your donation with any Sunday service offering or feel free to mail your donation to the CUMC Administrative Office at 1711 Kirby Road, VA 22101. Please be sure that your donation is made out to "Chesterbrook United Methodist Church" with 'CUMC Beautification Fund' on the memo line. These donations will be used only for the enhancement of the Church building itself.

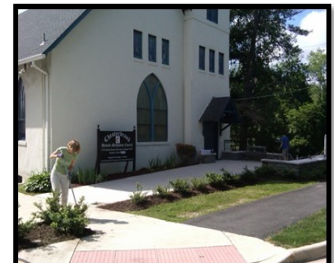
We are extremely fortunate to add Ed King as our latest member on the Board of Trustees. He has already made significant contributions to the CUMC Trustees with his

clean-up efforts this past winter. His experience and new perspectives will bring additional energy and ideas to the team of Trustees.

John Sadler is making tremendous progress on working off the final projects to gain VDOT and county approval for CUMC's bond release. You may have noticed some of the work being accomplished on the Church grounds in order to meet these requirements. Our goal is to be clear of VDOT requirements by mid-July and county requirements by the end of September.

If you have any questions, comments, and/or requests ... please continue to send them to me at samuel_askew@yahoo.com.

We always look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas as together we continue to 'create sacred spaces' at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church.



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...from the Preschool Director

Christina Maxwell

What a wonderful year at Chesterbrook UMC Preschool & After Care! On June 21st we had a lovely graduation ceremony for our students continuing on to Kindergarten next year followed by an end of the year party. Each of our preschool classes preformed three songs for the parents led by our music teacher Ms. Brooksie Wells. All of our preschool families attended and it was a fantastic way to end the year.

Summer camp begins on July 5th and will run through August 12th. Many exciting activities are planned for the children. If you would like to enroll, spaces are still available. Please refer to our website www.chesterbrookpreschool.org for more information. If you have any questions or would like to enroll please contact Christina Maxwell at chesterbrookumcpreschool@gmail.com.

In completing my first year as the director at Chesterbrook, I want to thank all of the wonderful families and my staff that have made this year such a success. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again soon either at summer camp or in the fall! Have a happy and safe summer vacation!

Mother's Day 2011



Julia Chryst and Andy Card



Karen and Angelica Sherman

From the Fants

Why we chose Chesterbrook UMC?
From John,

I grew up on a farm. I also grew up in a community church. Lebanon United Methodist Church is located in Elk Creek, VA. It was and is the center of that community: geographically and spiritually. The elementary school was across the road; the volunteer fire department beside it. You knew everyone, young and old; it is where you went. Despite moving away from that mountain hamlet nearly 30 years ago, I am grounded by the values I learned in that small church. Therefore, more than just politics it is local.

In our life's journey, we have attended churches of various sizes and denominations; some small but many large. With one exception, we attended the church closest to where we lived. For it is the community church that offers something I desire: a sense of belonging. Pastor Card mentioned the idea of "Think Globally, Act Locally;" I subscribe to that. By going local, we sustain our community and ourselves.

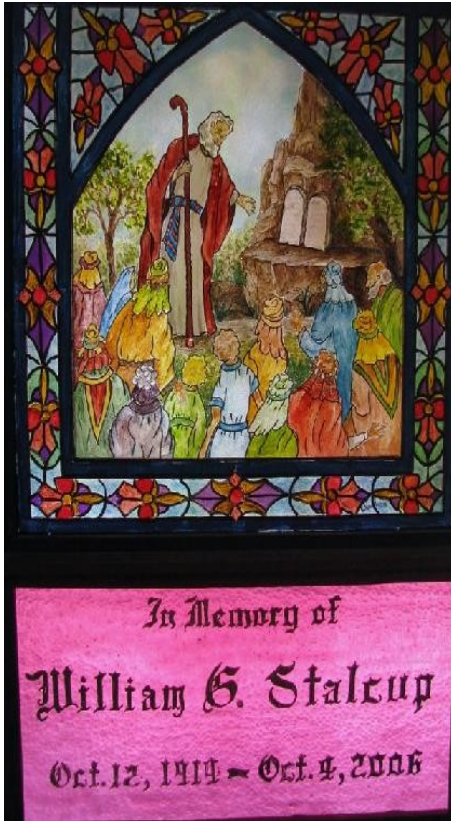
Who said, "You can never go home"? In many ways, I feel like I am back in Elk Creek. Everyone has been so welcoming. Thanks for opening your door.

From Brenda,
How we came to CUMC

We moved last July from Lawton, Oklahoma where we lived for two years while John served as a Brigade commander at Fort Sill. John is a career Army officer and has just completed 25 years of service. I retired from the Army Reserves in 2008 with 12 years on active duty and 10 years in the reserves. We have moved every summer but two since Peter started kindergarten (six times in the

William G. Stalcup Window Dedication

By Sam Stalcup



My father, William (Billy) Stalcup was a member of Chesterbrook for almost 92 years, from the moment he was born until he died on October 6, 2006. On Sunday June 12th we dedicated the last stained glass window at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church to him. Kathryn Karlson painted a beautiful window that depicts Moses teaching the Ten Commandments before the Israelites, just as my father, who we called “Big Daddy” lived and taught the ways of the Lord to his eight kids.

My father’s sister, my aunt Peggy (Byers) is still a member of Chesterbrook and can be seen most Sunday’s greeting visitors. Their mother, my grandmother, Inez Stalcup, was the first school teacher in Chesterbrook and was the co-founder of a Sunday school class in 1906 that grew into Chesterbrook United Methodist Church.

My father, known affectionately as “Big Daddy”, grew up on Park Road just a quarter mile down the road from CUMC. He married Caroline Humphry in 1941. Although we were raised Catholic, we had two church families. We knew everyone at Chesterbrook and attended pancake suppers, dinners, and special services.

Big Daddy was a very active member of Chesterbrook UMC serving in many roles including Finance Committee Chair for decades as well as being an usher for most of his life. He was known for many things in the church and the community especially his Pumpkin Hunts, in the 1980s and 1990s, which drew as many as 250 people.

The Stalcup family, young and old comprised the choir on June 12, for the window dedication. We sang some of William’s favorite songs including Amazing Grace and Swing Low Sweet Chariot. It was a wonderful time in the presence of the Lord. What a rich history and future we have here at Chesterbrook.



Stalcup Family Singers

**Join CUMC's
Adult Summer Sunday School
“Study of the Parables”**

**Sundays at 10:AM
Teacher is our Lay Leader Elaine Cherry**

**Desk Wanted
for Pastor’s Office**
If you have a nice wood desk that
you would like to donate
Please call the Church Office
(703) 356-7100

Christian Education News

Jack's Faith Statement

With the world as big as it is and the complex diversity of people that it contains, different religions have developed over time in different places depending on what a group of people witnessed or felt influenced by. I am a Christian and I believe in the life of Jesus, his message and that his actions on earth and the influenced he left behind should be followed.

I don't believe that other religions are wrong for what they believe in it is just a different interpretation of someone who acted in a similar way to Jesus. With all the miracles that have happened throughout the history of the world, it seems possible that there are other gods for other people and that is ok. I can't bring myself to think that there is only one religion that the whole world should follow.

In my heart and mind Jesus died on the cross for our sins and when I die, I hope my actions on earth should lead me into heaven where I can again meet the ones that I love.

Thank you Mrs. Wessel, Mrs. Sherman, Reverend Card and Jesus for guiding me on my journey of Faith.

My Faith Statement

By Peter Fant

Over the past four months I have learned a lot about religion. I have gone to a Quaker meeting house and witnessed a meeting. The Quaker meeting was interesting because even though it's based on the same religion it is completely different in style. We also visited a Catholic Mass. I found the church very modern and it had a mosaic on the front made of glass that reflected the mass. We went during lent so all the crucifixes were covered in purple so we couldn't see them. I have recently attended my friends' bar- mitzvah. It was cool to see them singing and doing prayers in Hebrew. It was a great experience. This was an important time for Cory and Reid because it is the cross- over from childhood to adult religious responsibility. During our studies of religion we read the book of Mark, which told about Jesus' life and what he did to help other people. It intrigued me that in today's modern society people still follow his basic principles from 2,000 years ago. We have reflected on what I believe in in our sessions and I think I have found out what I believe. I am a Christian so I do believe in the life of Jesus and his positive impact on society. I also think that there is something bigger around us that influences daily things, but I don't think it created all life in seven days. I believe we evolved from early life forms and are still evolving today. I do think there is a certain extent of a heaven where we go after we die and it is from there that we head to the good place or the bad place depending on how well we spent our life here on earth. Thank you to Mrs. Wessel, Mrs. Sherman, Mr. Ochs, and Pastor Card for their leadership and guidance. I would also like to thank my mom and dad for helping me to get up in the morning and keeping me motivated through out my journey.

From the Fants

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past eight years). These moves brought us from North Carolina to South Korea to Massachusetts to Colorado to Kingston, Ontario, Canada to Oklahoma and finally here to McLean, Virginia.

While John and I enjoy the moves and the opportunities to experience many cultures, we also know the importance of a sense of community and belonging. We found this in CUMC. Upon our first visit last summer, you welcomed us to be a part of this community. When Carol offered the possibility for Jack and Peter to attend the Confirmation classes, it seemed like the perfect opportunity for them to examine their beliefs, convictions and faith at a much deeper level. I especially liked where the boys were given the opportunity to visit other houses of worship. We feel blessed to have had Carol and Karen serving as their leaders on this journey. I also want to express gratitude to Pastor Card for her support while they were on this journey. Thanks as well to their mentors, Steve Ochs and Andy Card.

We look forward to serving in this community of Faith.



The Fant Family ~ John, Peter, Jack and Brenda

CUMC Calendar July 2011

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July Birthdays

3 Paige Buckwalter
4 USA
18 Joy Siddons
20 Elaine Cherry

Anniversaries

2 Joy & Jim Siddons
6 Karen & Bud Simon

CUMC Calendar August 2011

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August Birthdays

1 Jennie Richardson
9 Nancy Sue
18 Nicole Sue
31 Jane Jordan

Anniversaries

27 Kathleene & Andy Card