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## Our Lenten Journey Continues

By Rev. Kathleene Card

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### Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 12:22-25

On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are not presentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other.

Last year our Council members began reading *Becoming a Blessed Church* by N. Graham Standish. I first read this book when our District Superintendent, the Reverend Dr. Young Jin Cho, arranged for Rev. Standish to address pastors and laity with an aim at helping them to rediscover what it means to be a church that listens for God's purpose.

Since then, at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church, we have incorporated many of the Rev. Standish's suggestions. We start our meetings with prayer and devotion, and we frame our votes in the context of asking, "is this decision what we are discerning is God's purpose for this church that we call Chesterbrook United Methodist Church?"

Our leadership is embracing what it means to be radically open to God's purpose. We want to lead from faith rather than fear, from a willingness to let God's will flow through us rather than willfully insisting that our own will be done, from hope rather than cynicism, from love rather than selfishness, and from God's power rather than our own power.

When I look back at all this church has accomplished in a year, I feel certain that God is richly blessing us. This past month we are focused on Chapter 6: *Becoming a Blessed leader*. Graham points to Annie Dillard's book, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, where she tells the story of an expedition led by Sir John Franklin in 1845. All of the members of the expedition died, and the explanation for failure was not that they lacked resources—but that they lacked leadership.

Standish compares this to the present day mainline Protestant Churches that seem to be withering on the vine. He maintains that the church suffers from poor leadership, and that one cause for that lack is either a resistance of people to lead or the dysfunctional way in which they do lead. He also says that many pastors regard leadership as a "dirty word."

I think this resistance is entirely biblical. We need look no farther than Moses who resisted leadership until it was literally thrust upon him. Standish wants the church to understand that to reclaim the role of leadership in the church is to acknowledge that all good leadership is spiritual leadership—and it cannot be carried out without time spent in prayer, study, reflection solitude and service.

The leadership of Jesus was supported by what Standish calls "seven key dispositions that served as pillars of his ministry." He defines them as a "natural, God-endowed inclination toward God or the divine." These are faith, hope, love, discernment, prayerfulness, humility, and servant-hood.

The description of a **faith-filled leader** is one who tries to "unite hearts and minds with God's so that their actions reflect God's inspiration." The fruit of this characteristic is responding to crises, confusion and commotion with faith and reliance that God is eternally present with us. A **hope-filled leader** is positive and not cynical. The words from 1 Thessalonians 5.16-17 lie at the core of this characteristic, "rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all circumstances." A **loving leader** understands that all of us are broken and in need of God's love. A **discerning leader** understands the vocation or calling we all have from God. The fruit of discerning leadership is that if it truly is God's direction—it will happen in God's time. A **prayerful leader** has a deep prayer life. Prayer is as close as the air you breathe.

A pastor I know complained that he had no time to pray, to which my response is that I would have no time for anything if I did not pray. Prayer helps to manage time. A humble leader knows that no human being should be

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the focus of the church. Standish says that the “modern church has ignored the value of humility so long that we are plagued by far too many prideful leaders.” Humble leaders are not spineless or weak-willed; humble leaders are collegial, cooperative, encouraging, and empowering. Their “ambitions are tempered by their aspirations to do [things] only in a way that God wants, in a way that is open to God’s inspiration.” Graham describes the humble leader as one who chooses between God-guided and inspired ways and our own world-driven ways. Our ways, according to the Quaker writer Thomas Keller, are “self-intended works of straw.” The last disposition is servant leadership. And the effort comes full circle insisting that spiritual leadership will focus on serving the welfare of the other, not ourselves.

The people who chair the committees/teams at CUMC, and who serve in any capacity on those committees/teams are spiritual leaders. Once we learn to practice these dispositions in the church, it is just as healthy to bring them out into the world. So how are we doing? Are we grounded in faith, hope, love, calling, prayer, humility and service?

As usual your feedback is welcomed. Call or email me at [pastorcard@verizon.net](mailto:pastorcard@verizon.net).



### Concert for the Cure

Sunday, April 10, 2011 2-4 p.m.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

5114 Twinbrook Road Fairfax, VA 22032



#### Lifting Up Local, National &

#### International Issues:

-People of all countries, especially: Japan, New Zealand, Libya, Bahrain, Egypt, Tunisia, Iraq, Iran, Haiti, Chile, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Korea

-People serving in harms way

-Our President, and all national, state 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

#### Engagements/Weddings:

Beth Bharwani & Zachary Fleming (4/9/11)

#### 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 UMC church plant in Washington state

#### Health and Healing:

Al S. (cancer)  
Bill (throat cancer)

Bill Robinson  
David

Debbie

Diane (surgery)

Gary Martin (stroke)

Janet (surgery)

Jessica

Layla Domergue

Marguerite Gibson

Marion (surgery)

Robert (guillain barre)

Stephen

#### Comfort and Support:

Arthur

Azalie Rose Crain

Boots Thompson

Connie Murray

Donna Chuz

Jessica

Joe

Judy

Kathy

Michael

Mike

Mickie Kagey

Rex

Sam

Stacey

Stephanie

The family of Bill Covell

The family of Gina

Ricker

The family of Jessica

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### ...from the Music Director

by Denise Taplin

Welcome to Amelia Ackah who has joined the Adult Choir.

There are openings in all

groups, the Youth Ensemble (ages 8 and up), the Adult Choir, and Adult Handbells. Our Youth Ensemble sings and plays handbells or hand chimes.



Rehearsals are:

#### Youth Ensemble

TBD

#### Adult Choir

9 a.m. Sunday mornings

#### Handbells

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays

The adult choir is preparing special music for Palm Sunday and Easter.

#### Vocal workshop with Anne Hurley-Cole

Sunday, April 10

1:30 p.m.

church sanctuary

This workshop is open to all members of the Adult Choir, the Youth Ensemble as well as members of the congregation. Please contact the Music Director for more information.

## Chesterbrook UMC Lenten Study and Prayer Group Continue

Pastor Card's **Lenten Study** based on her book  
"Pray, Act, Pray Again"  
Meets Sundays during Lent at 10 a.m.,  
or Wednesday evenings,  
6:30 p.m. soup supper/7:30 p.m. study

### Weekly Prayer Group

Tuesday mornings, 10:30 -11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The prayer group is exploring different prayer disciplines, such as Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, and visual prayer. Church prayer concerns will be lifted up during each session; if you have a prayer concern, plan to join the group or share the concern with the church office, so that we may include it in our prayer time.

## ...From our Seminarian Pastor

By Jiyeon Kim

From my perspective, the younger generation seeks immediate and powerful stimulation no matter what they do and no matter where they are. It is familiar and comfortable for them. One reason for this is that in today's world, young people are exposed to this kind of environment constantly. All kinds of the mass media attract consumers' attention effectively, and get reaction promptly.

This constant exposure to visual and audio media means it takes more and more to get the stimulation. Someone might have a negative reaction to a certain pop song, movie, or advertisement. The experience might result in negative social behavior or viewpoint. The gap between the young and the old is widened more seriously.

The situation in a small church is not so different from our larger society. When a young person comes to a church, he/she probably has a desire to get emotional sympathy, comfort, or pleasure. The young person wants a more immediate impact on their hearts, like what they experience in their daily lives. For instance, they love high-speed electronic music, and they use exclusive or selfish words, which other generations cannot totally understand. The lack of understanding is reality even if they use a same language. That is because communication is not just by language itself, but also includes cultural and social conditions.

Since the beginning of the world, cultures always change and develop. The pyramid mural of the ancient Egypt has a phrase, "Kids today have no manners." However, nobody has the right to judge which tendency is right or wrong. At the same time, we must not exclude others. Choice is not a church's charge.

The church's role is to open the door to everyone, regardless of age, who wants to enjoy worshiping and praising God. Now, our task is to ponder and seek the way to open our hearts to everyone. Are you ready?

## Holy Week Service Schedule

### Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. April 21

Soup supper and worship

### Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 22 7:30 p.m.

Charles Wesley, Chesterbrook, and Trinity  
United Methodist Churches worship together  
at Trinity UMC 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd.

### Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. April 24

Hot cross buns followed by sunrise worship

### Easter Morning Worship, 11 a.m. April 24



## THE LENTEN SEASON

By Peggy Byers

We've been on sabbatical, but we're back again.  
I'm not really sure where we have been.  
But with fresh ideas, energy and vim  
We'll bring the message, inspired by HIM.

Six weeks of Lent are well underway  
A time for reflection -- a time to pray  
Spiritual discipline -- self-sacrifice  
Preparing the way for the death of our Christ.

And the resurrection; complete fulfillment  
Of God's promise when His Son He sent  
The Easter Message!! -- let's all rejoice  
He lives within us -- We do hear his voice.

John 3:17

*For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

by Elaine Cherry

## ...from the Lay Leader

*(This article was written March 2001, but since my thoughts today are identical to those of 10 years ago, it seemed appropriate to share it again.)*

As we prepare to celebrate the Christian's holiest holiday – the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, I remember the Easters of my childhood, which had very little to do with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I do recall however, much thought and energy devoted to shopping for shiny new patent leather shoes and new outfit, coloring eggs and eating jelly beans and chocolate rabbits. After this phase of secular focus passed, I remember devoting much time and energy and thought to preparing for the choir's performance and to the holiday from school, again only fleetingly thinking about any other significance of Easter.

This year I think I am making progress toward an awareness of that significance. God does speak to us, and reach out to us in many wonderful and creative ways to direct our focus. This week he spoke loudly and clearly to me about the Easter promise and The hope it brings to each of us. In the midst of a late February blizzard, under slate colored skies with bone chilling temperatures, to my surprise and delight I discovered the brilliant golden hue of a long forgotten crocus blooming forth up through the snow and ice and shouting its promise of coming springtime. It was a stunning reminder of God's promise of better things to come in our own spiritual journey toward Eternal Life. Finally, God helped me to recalibrate all those childhood reminders of Easter, and put the focus where it belongs – on the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

## Trustees Corner

I would first like to introduce to your 2011 Board of Trustees:

- Sam Askew - Chairman of the Board of Trustees
- Nolan Mackness - Trustee, Scout Master, and CUMC Chairman of the Finance Committee
- Denise Taplin – Trustee and CUMC Director of Music
- John Sadler – Trustee

John Sadler comes to us from Trinity United Methodist Church and brings over 30 years of trustee experience to the group. John has already proven to be a tremendous asset, personally overseeing many of the daily requirements, at the

Church, CUMC Office, MSM, the former

and



John Sadler arranged for a plumber to fix a serious water leak in the Ministry Center. Quite a hole!

parsonage.

As you may know, the Board of Trustees is responsible to 'oversee,

maintain, and supervise all local church property'.

We work facility maintenance issues, recurring inspections, and repairing or replacing items damaged from normal wear and tear; such as light bulb replacement, door repair, etc. We are also budgeting and planning for several longer term projects ... a few are listed below:

- New Kitchen for the Church Social Hall
- New Outdoor Sign for event announcements
- New Outer Entrance Door for the Church Sanctuary
- Resolve Water Drainage issues around the Church

If you have suggestions for projects, big or small, to improve CUMC grounds and facilities, please contact me at [Samuel\\_askew@yahoo.com](mailto:Samuel_askew@yahoo.com). We will certainly add it to our "To Do" list.

The new carillon was installed in mid-March; hopefully, you have noticed the pleasant sound of 'Chimes' from our Church belfry. In addition to chimes, the carillon provides a large number of musical

and hymn selections. Denise has taken the initiative and will take



30 Hour Famine team with Trustees John Sadler and Sam Askew

suggestions on selections you would like to hear.

We were recently very fortunate to have a team of teenagers from the 30 Hour Famine, an event sponsored by several local churches and Christian organizations, assist us with landscaping efforts around CUMC.

To expand upon these efforts, 'Church Beautification Day' is scheduled for May 28. The congregation will work on several beautification projects around the church. With your help and support, we will be able to work off several items from our "To Do" list.

If you have any ideas and suggestions on specific projects for the May 28 Church Beautification Day, let me know. Otherwise, please come out and join us ... bring your gloves and yard work tools.



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**...from the Preschool Director**

Christina Maxwell

March brought some interesting visitors to Chesterbrook Preschool & After Care. A naturalist from Hidden Oak Nature Center brought some animal friends for the children to see. The students received a wonderful presentation about snakes, frogs and turtles. Also, children's author Stephanie Corum read her latest published story, "Antics in the Attic", to the pre-k and two year old classes. Some of our students even got to take home a signed copy of her book. Mid-March, Chesterbrook students and staff participated in a wacky week of March Madness. Each day had a different theme, such as crazy hair day, and everyone showed great spirit in participating. In April we have our first "Spring Potluck Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt". This event is rain or shine on Sunday, April 10 from 3-5 p.m. All families who are

currently enrolled with the Chesterbrook Preschool and After Care were invited. This will be a fantastic event for the whole family full of Easter Eggs, face painting, games, good food, live music and a visit from the Easter Bunny!! Registration for the summer camp programs is underway for both current and new families. The summer camp will run daily, July 5 - August 12, 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. An extended afternoon care from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and then extended evening care from 3:30-5:30 p.m. will also be offered if there are enough registrations. Please refer to the website [www.chesterbrookpreschool.org](http://www.chesterbrookpreschool.org) for more information. Chesterbrook Preschool and After Care will be closed for Spring Break from April 18 - the 25. All programs resume on Tuesday, April

**Christian Education News**

**Remembering Your Story class continues**


We invite you to join our class where we share our lives and realize God's works in our lives. All are welcome. Wednesdays, 1 pm at Social Hall.

**Why do you participate in the class?**

- To renew relationships, and to deepen my understanding of the journey.(Kathleene Card)
- " (Arlin Honaker)."
- Remembering Your Story is an exciting class. We have an excellent teacher, Arlin Honaker, who stimulates us with the gift of memory. We share with the class experiences that we had tucked away. We are encouraged to bring them out of the closet and to relieve our memories. (Peggy Byers)."
- "I came to the class mainly because of Kathleene and her teaching. Once here, I've enjoyed the study and meeting, and getting to know real people. We really feel a close bond (Lee Holmberg)"
- "The class provides an opportunity to share our spiritual journey and compare it with others in a small intimate setting (Len Holmberg)."
- "I came to this class to back my children, my life story and spiritual autobiography in pictures and in word. In the process, I have learned a lot about myself (Margi Ball)"
- "I can realize God's guidance by listing others' lives, and by sharing my life (Jiyeon Kim)."

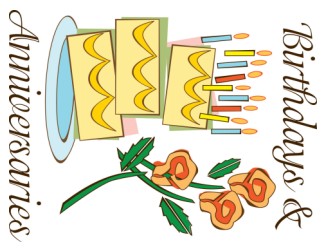
**Confirmation Class Continues**

Chesterbrook's confirmands visited a Quaker meeting and are also scheduled to visit Temple Rodef Shalom, as they explore different faith traditions. The students have also met with the mentors, to learn about each others' faith journey's. The students will be received as new members on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.

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 \* Order your **Easter flowers** by completing  
 \* the order form in the bulletin. **Orders must**  
 \* **be received, with payment, by April 11.** \*  
 \*  \*  
 \* You may also give Altar Flowers for any  
 \* Sunday by filling out the flower charts on the wall in the  
 \* back of the church. Commemorate a special event with  
 \* flowers! Please sign up for a Sunday. \*  
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# CUMC Calendar April 2011

| Sun  | Mon                           | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat                   |
|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|---|-----------------------|
|  |                               |  |  |  |   | 2<br>Kohaku Ensemble  |
| 3<br>9:00 Choir<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11 a.m. Worship<br>Communion Sunday                                | 4<br>6:30 p.m. Body and Soul  | 5<br>10:15 Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells                                   | 6<br>1 p.m. Remembering<br>6 p.m. Preschool<br>Board<br>6:30 p.m. Lent Study<br>6:45 p.m. Cubs | 7<br>7 p.m. Cub Scouts<br>9 p.m. Korean Men's<br>Basketball        | 8   | 9<br>MSM Gala         |
| 10<br>9:00 Choir<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11 a.m. Worship<br>1:30 Vocal workshop                            | 11<br>6:30 p.m. Body and Soul | 12<br>10:15 a.m. Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells<br>7:30 p.m. Church Council | 13<br>1 p.m. Remembering<br>Your Story<br>6:30 p.m. Lent Study                                 | 14<br>6 p.m. Cubs<br>9 p.m. Korean Men's<br>Basketball             | 15  | 16<br>Kohaku Ensemble |
| 17 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9:00 Choir<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11 a.m. Worship<br>*Third Sunday<br>Fellowship | 18<br>6:30 p.m. Body and Soul | 19<br>10:15 a.m. Prayer Group<br>6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells                             | 20<br>1 p.m. Remembering<br>Your Story<br>6:30 p.m. Lent Study                                 | 21<br>7 p.m. Maundy Thursday<br>9 p.m. Korean Men's<br>Basketball  | 22<br>7:30 p.m. Good Friday<br>service at Trinity UMC | 23                    |
| 24 <b>Easter</b><br>6 a.m. Sunrise Service<br>9:00 Choir<br>10:00 Sunday School<br>11 a.m. Worship           | 25<br>6:30 p.m. Body and Soul | 26<br>10:15 a.m. Prayer Group<br>7:30 p.m. Adult Handbells                             | 27   | 28<br>7 p.m. MSM Science Fair<br>9 p.m. Korean Men's<br>Basketball | 29  | 30                    |
|  | Church office closed          |  |  |  |   |                       |



April

- 6 Margaret Hollar  
Marji Ball
- 11 Tabettha Mueller
- 17 Peggy Byers
- 19 Jeff Kahler
- 25 Steve Grover
- 26 John Richardson