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Why We Celebrate Memorial Day

By Rev. Kathleene Card

A few years ago, I had a class called “Hot Topics.” We discussed all the topics that people tended to avoid. The class was well accepted and all opinions were aired. I asked the members of this class to define and/or describe what Memorial Day meant to them.

Here are some of the reflections from the class that explain why we decided celebrating Memorial Day is important:

- Memorial Day is a way to honor those in the past and the present who sacrificed.
- Or as a way to recognize those who have died.
- Or as a way to say thank you for those who made sacrifices—those who “went before us” . . . so that we might be free.
- And then they wanted to expand the honor to include not just those who died or were wounded—but anyone who served.
- They shared personal stories about how they felt during the Viet Nam War when soldiers were treated poorly when they returned.
- They remembered the hymns that were sung.
- They recalled placing flowers in and cleaning up cemeteries.
- The memories often brought tears.
- The colors were always red white and blue colors.
- It was a serious recollection of solemn time.

When the class was over, we discussed what it meant to serve Jesus Christ and what kind of a uniform we would wear. As we were describing what the uniform would look like, we thought about putting on the armor of God.

So I close with Paul’s words to the Ephesians: *6. 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.*

We came up with one more list that would describe a soldier for Jesus Christ, and that would be someone who:

- Resists road rage
- Respects and protects the elderly, the young and the vulnerable
- Greets everyone with a sincere welcome
- Helps children be formed in faith
- And does service with joy.

Know anyone like that? Write a description of him or her and send it to me at pastorcard@verizon.net

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...From our Seminarian Pastor

By Jiyeon Kim

The Significance of the Church in My Personal Life

I have been very proud of my family's Christian history that started at the beginning of Korean Christianity, especially, the early Korean Methodist Church. Undoubtedly, religious faith is the most important value of my family. Christian days such as Easter and Christmas, or Sunday worship have had a huge influence on my family life. For us, serving as the laity is the natural duty and responsibility as Christians.

I have learned a lot from the church since when I was very young, even when I was in my mother's womb. I grew up as a Christian, and my parents nurtured me as a Christian. The church was the most exciting place that I could romp and enjoy myself as much as I liked. Going to the church was my favorite play in my childhood, because the church was always filled with a lot of joy and fun. Most of my friends were involuntarily Christians, and I still had a good relationship with them.

The church had a very significant role in the development of my personality and ego. I still grow through my many experiences and gatherings at church. I have learned how to establish intimate relationships with other Christians in the name of Jesus Christ. The process of forming great Christian connections makes me realize the love of God dwelling in human relations. I also have learned so much by meeting with great Christian models such as pastors, staff and congregants. Others' lives show me what I have to pursue and follow, or what I have to avoid not only as a Christian, but as a future pastor. Thus, they help me to realize an ideal pastoral role and image.

It is a definite truth that the church is a place which has the most infinite growth in the world, which teaches the most instructive lessons, and produces many people of distinguished talent, needed in our society and our world. I sincerely hope to be one of the people who can serve all the needs of the society through my church experiences. I also hope everyone joins me in this remarkable place, where God works and people change.



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 Martin (cancer)
Debbie
Diane (surgery)
Donna (surgery)
Gary Martin (stroke)
Janet (surgery)
Layla Domergue

Marguerite Gibson
Marion (surgery)
Robert
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 Mario
Alfano

...from the Music Director

by Denise Taplin

Spring is here and summer is fast approaching. Weekly Tuesday evening handbell rehearsals will end mid-May for the summer. Adult choir will continue to rehearse Sunday mornings before church.



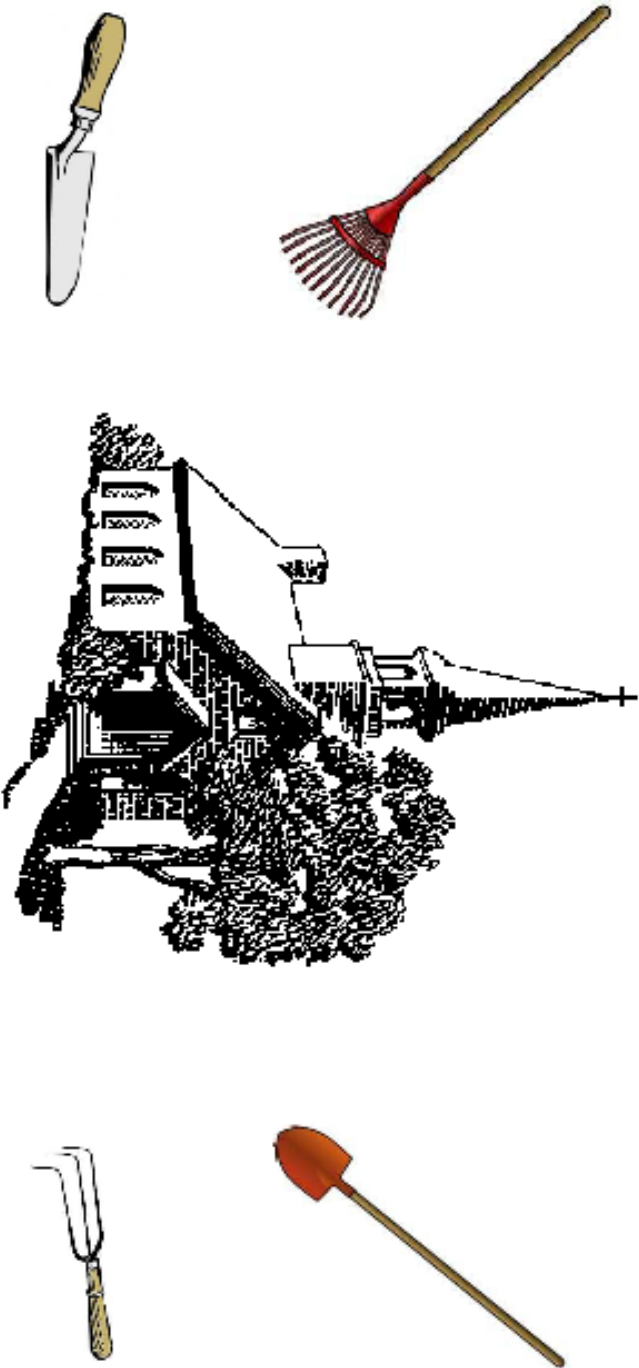
There are openings in all three choirs, Adult Handbells, Adult Choir, and Youth Ensemble. Please contact the church office or the Director of Music directly to let us know of your interest.

Nine members from both choirs attended last month's vocal workshop. All had a fun time and learned new techniques to improve their vocal abilities. Mother's Day will be special and feature Angelica Sherman and Hannah Holcomb.

Flyer for your fridge! Plan to join CUMC Trustees on May 28

CUMC Beautification Day

9 AM May 28



Join the trustees in 'creating sacred spaces' ...
enhancing the physical and spiritual beauty of our
Church

Bring your work gloves and yard tools ...



by Elaine Cherry

...from the Lay Leader

Have you ever noticed how beautiful our church sanctuary is on Sunday mornings, when the sun comes streaming through the circular painting of Christ above the altar? Sometimes it is even reflected in perfect clarity on the floor in front of the altar. I think our sanctuary is even more beautiful in the evenings, such as Christmas Eve service when all the window candles illuminate the memorial paintings in every window surrounding the congregation. Perhaps you do not know that these paintings were done by our own Kathryn Karlson, except for a few done by her father many, many years ago. You may not recognize the names under the paintings of those being memorialized there. I recognize most of the names and do remember their deep devotion to Chesterbrook United Methodist Church and to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hebrews 12: 1 - 2 speaks to their memory I believe: "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

I was reminded of this earlier cloud of witnesses who memories surround us every Sunday morning and realize that the names and faces may change, but we still have devoted servants of God among us, such as the impressive group of leaders who surrounded the table at the April 12 Administrative Council meeting. Guided by Pastor Card, our current leadership group has adopted a new focus for all church meetings...and that is first of all, discern what God wants for Chesterbrook, not what we ourselves want. I am confident that God, as well as those members of this church who worked so tirelessly and with such devotion so long ago are now smiling down from heaven, that at last we have gotten our bearings, "by looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."



Third Sunday
Fellowship and Talk
May 15

On May 15, CUMC will have our regular Third Sunday Coffee. Plan to stay and join Kathryn Karlson for a short tour and talk about the history of the stained glass windows in our Sanctuary.

Trustee's Corner

by Sam Askew

As I have been reading *Becoming a Blessed Church* by N. Graham Standish, I was struck by a passage which directly related to my responsibilities as a Trustee, "The blessed church tries to create sacred spaces that reveal the Trinity through sacrament, art, architecture, and creative use of symbols and space to reveal the sacred and to connect people with the Divine."

As we move forward in our efforts to 'create sacred spaces' ... I would like your thoughts. Last month, I outlined four longer term projects:

- 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

We will not be able to conduct all these projects simultaneously and will need to prioritize resources accordingly. I would like to know your thoughts on which project is most important, e-mail me at samuel_askew@yahoo.com. We are currently in the process of seeking estimates on each of the projects.

I would like to remind the congregation of our 'Church Beautification Day' on May 28, 2011, the Saturday of the Memorial Day Weekend, we have several important projects lined up and will certainly need your assistance. We will start at 9AM and work until complete. Please join us and bring your gloves and yard work tools. All are invited ... you are welcome to bring a friend.

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Church Beautification Day' as together we 'create sacred spaces' at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church.

Beautification Day
May 28



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...from the Preschool Director

Christina Maxwell

Happy Easter and Spring to the Chesterbrook UMC family!

April was a great month here at the preschool with many exciting events. At the beginning of the month the preschool students got their individual and class pictures taken. On April 10, all of the preschool and after care families came together to celebrate Easter by having a potluck picnic and Easter Egg Hunt. This was an incredibly successful event with tons of good food, live music from "Uncle Chunky", two egg hunts and a visit from the Easter Bunny! The weather even cooperated by having the sun break through at the start of the event. Thank you to all of the parents for coming and bringing a food item to share and to the Chesterbrook staff for preparing for, setting up and cleaning up the festivities!



from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. This is a fundraising event for the preschool to purchase new classroom items for the upcoming school year. CPAC will be accepting items for donation to sell at the yard sale beginning May 9. Please bring any items for donation to the preschool/church office anytime between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. between May 9 and May 19.

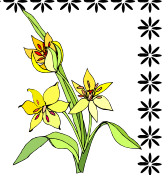
Summer Camp registration has begun and there are still some spots available. The camp sessions will run from July 5 through August 12. The camp hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. with afternoon extended care from 12:30 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. and then extended evening care from 3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.



Throughout the month of May the Preschool and After Care will be learning about Spring and beginning working on the end of the year Pre-K graduation program. On May 21, CPAC will be having a Spring Yard Sale at the school

Just a reminder that all programs will be closed on Monday May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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* You may 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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Christian Education News

CUMC's two teenage brothers, Jack and Peter Fant, are participating in "confirmation preparation". What are they preparing for?

Jack and Peter are learning and thinking about the meaning of Christian faith, the history and teachings of The United Methodist Church, and an explanation of the baptismal and membership vows they will be professing. They are preparing to make an important decision, for Confirmation is a person's first public affirmation of the faith of the church as being his or her own faith.

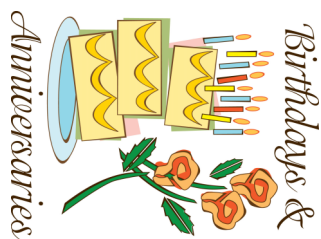
In other words, Jack and Peter will each decide if it is time to take responsibility for living as a member of the body of Christ and for fulfilling God's purposes. Confirmation is not becoming a member of the church, since Baptism already celebrated that!

Jack and Peter attended a Quaker Meeting and a Catholic service. They are supported by their parents and their mentors, Andy Card and Steve Ochs. These busy teens come to class on Sundays, attend worship, and are reading the Book of Mark.

We are proud of the effort that Jack and Peter are devoting to preparing for this decision. We ask for continued prayers for Jack and Peter, from our CUMC community.

CUMC Calendar May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Korean Basketball	2 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	3 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbells	4 1 p.m. Remembering Story 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	5 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	6	7 1 p.m. Kohaku Ensemble
8 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Korean Basketball	9 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	10	11 1 p.m. Remembering Your Story 6 p.m. CPAC Board 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts	12 6 p.m. SPRC mtg 6 p.m. Cub Scouts 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	13	14 MSM Picnic
15 9:00 Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship *Third Sunday Fellowship 4 p.m. Korean Basketball	16 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	17	18 1 p.m. Remembering Your Story	19 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	20	21 8:30 a.m.-noon CPAC yard sale
22 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 4 p.m. Korean Basketball	23 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	24 7:30 p.m. Church Council	25	26 9 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	27	28 9 a.m. Church Beautification Day
29 10:00 Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Fifth Sunday Luncheon 4 p.m. Korean Basketball	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 p.m. Body and Soul	31				



May

- 1 Bettie St. Clair
- 10 Andy Card
- 22 Raye Shircliff
- 26 Gundi Spilman
- 28 Kathleene Card
- 31 Ian Shircliff

Anniversaries

8 Joan and Tom Woltring