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"Give us this day our Daily Bread"

By Rev. Gene Larkin

From Gene's Journal

I can't believe we are in the middle of September. It feels like I just arrived yesterday. Sophia and I wish to thank all those who prepared for our official reception. The food was exceptionally well prepared, and I learned this was typical of chefs at CUMC! Not only good food, but food shared in a well taken care of fellowship hall and church - thanks also to some hard working trustees.



As we move into this fall there is work ahead of us requiring prayer and discernment as we think about our ministry and our budget. I keep thinking about Jesus' prayer (in Luke's gospel) for his disciples after they returned from an arduous journey proclaiming the good news. Needing spiritual replenishment, one of his disciples implored Jesus: "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." And Jesus gave to them (and us) a memorable prayer that will last us for a lifetime. I never cease to be amazed at its power and depth. Then, as if to reassure his disciples further, Jesus talks about a man going to a friend for bread at an inconvenient hour, only to be turned down initially. But his being persistent pays off and he receives the bread he needs. The words which follow offer further reassurance: "...Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. [10] For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

The words are for us as I envision the road ahead. This fall we will need to be in prayer about the ministry God call us to. The church budget requires discernment in difficult times. Our people are facing the pressures of an uncertain and troublesome economy, some needing help more than others. As the petition In Jesus prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread" is being urgently prayed, let us remember the words which follow: "...Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you..." The God who provides manna in the wilderness will provide for us as we go about his business.

Grace and Peace,
Gene

Chesterbrook UMC thanks the Worship Committee and all that participated in making a lovely Welcoming Reception for Pastor Larkin and Sophia

Please join The Kahaku Ensemble for a beautiful afternoon of music. Saturday, October 1 2 p.m. at Chesterbrook UMC



Christian Education

We Never Stop Learning

Wonderful things happen in Sunday School when friends of all ages get together to learn together. Sunday School touches the lives of everyone in the congregation - from the very young to the very old. Youth will meet in the Ministry Building for a great time of fun and learning. Adults will enjoy coffee, friends and learning in the Fellowship Hall. Exciting programs are planned this fall. Come when you can as you are. We meet at 10:00 a.m. For more information call the church office (703)-356-7100.



Sunday School

Listening for Heaven's Sake

Sunday School with Sam - Adult Sunday School Teacher, Sam Stalcup begins a 12 week series on October, 2. The Bible study is based on a book named: "Listening for Heaven's Sake", by Anne Clippard, David Ping, and Gary Sweeten. "Listening for Heaven's Sake" is about building healthy relationship with God, self and others; and "extending God's grace in caring relationships".

"Remembering Your Story"

By Arlin Honaker

Chesterbrook UMC's "Remembering Your Story" resumes on Wednesday, October, 12 in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend. Share stories of Life Journeys on a spiritual sense. We look forward to seeing you.

...from the Lay Leader

By Elaine Cherry

Is it just me, or has the weather really been bizarre and extreme recently? Do you suppose God is trying to tell us something, like he told Noah, or perhaps just trying to get our attention?

Last winter we experienced snow storms that were unprecedented in this area, such as two snowfalls of 3 feet within one week! When spring came, we had bitterly cold days until June arrived, and then unprecedented heat, weeks of 100 degrees and above. New records were being set, especially the heat index – 122 in late July. When this period was due to end, along came hurricanes, floods, and even an earthquake! Was God trying to tell us something? Ok, ok. I am listening.

All this meteorological excess caused me to recall a time of similar pondering. In late October of 1983, my father was in the final stages of terminal cancer, and every evening after work, I visited him on my way home.. One evening as I was walking down 23rd Street to the Metro station, my head down, back tired from carrying an armload of books, it began to rain a cold penetrating rain. No umbrella or head covering, and still another half mile to walk. I cannot describe how disconsolate and burdened I felt. Things could not be worse. Then a car sped by, hitting a huge puddle of icy water which unintentionally splashed all over me. I raised my head long enough to read the bumper sticker. "Praise the Lord Anyway". Perhaps we do get distracted by the struggles of life, and forget that the Lord loves us and is with us always. And we do need to praise him every day as we begin our daily prayers and permit him to help carry our burdens.





Lifting Up Local, National & International Issues:

- People of all countries, especially: Libya, Somalia, Horn, Japan, Iraq, Iran, Haiti, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Korea.
- People affected by floods and wild fires
- 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:
 Kirstin Perry and Luke Simon (10/22)

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:

- Azalie Rose Crain
- Bill
- Bill Robinson
- David Martin
- Diane
- Donald Grey

Gail Varley
 Jan Harrod
 Jessica Russel
 Judy
 Kristen Holdsworth
 Marguerite Gibson
 Marion Green
 Robert
 Sam Waters
 Talia (leukemia)

Comfort and Support:

Donna Chuz
 Judy

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



Let everything that has breath and every breath of life praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!
 (Psalm 150:6, *Amplified Bible*)

Chesterbrook UMC is waiting for new voice that will make our worship service more beautiful. Only thing you need is passion toward God! Everyone is welcome to join and serve together.

Choir rehearsal is 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings before Sunday School and worship. Handbells temporarily takes a break. However, we plan to perform handbells once a month, every first Sundays which is Communion Sunday.

If you have questions or suggestions relating to choir, handbells, and worship music, please contact Jiyeon Kim, the Seminarian Pastor, at dreaming.jiyeon@gmail.com or 202-560-9559.



Worship Committee Chair, Margaret Hollar and Trustee Committee Chair, Sam Askew after Tropical Storm/Hurricane Irene. Sunday August, 28, 2011



Margaret Hollar and Sam Askew



Tree damage caused by Irene



We are continuing to focus on our priority projects and making steady progress on the following:

Trustees
Corner

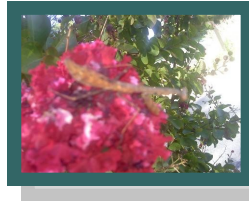
- Crack in rear exterior wall of Church - Ongoing
- Exterior painting of Church - Ongoing
- Bond Release - Ongoing
- Memorial Garden - Planning

If you are interested in contributing your time and talent to assisting in the maintenance and beautification of Chesterbrook United Methodist Church just let us know. We have several smaller projects that you can donate your skills and time toward. We could use assistance with painting, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, gardening, etc. If you would like to propose a project that you believe would help to beautify the Church properties ... just let us know your proposal? The Board of Trustees will vote on the project and if approved will provide the materials and pitch in to assist.

Please continue to send me your thoughts or let me know if you would like to volunteer your time and skills by e-mailing me at samuel_askew@yahoo.com. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas as together we continue to 'create sacred spaces' at Chesterbrook United Methodist Church.

Very Sincerely,

Sam Askew
Chairman, CUMC Board of Trustees



A Praying Mantis behind our church
~ praying ~
after the 5.8 Virginia Earthquake

Seminarian Pastor's Column

By Jiyeon Kim

The Simplest Lesson that We Easily Forget

Above all, I would like to share my big joy and to thank all the people who have been concerned and prayed for my ordination process. I had an interview with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (dCOM) of the Arlington District, the Virginia Conference, on September 8. Amazingly, I was honored to be congratulated by the dCOM, especially, Rev. Jim Sprouse, who is the dCOM chair and the Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean. The interview, as a process to be recommended by the dCOM, is necessary to apply for provisional membership. Thanks to the grace of God, I got a chance to apply for provisional membership. YAY!!!

The next interview of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Virginia Conference will be a day of the last week of February, 2012. All readiness for the interview is neither easy nor simple. Since the last interview, I have been seriously worried and nervous about everything relating to the next interview. Oops! I forget again the simplest lesson that I have realized and believed in my journey. I used to forget it when I am in trouble. Yet, it must be the correct answer to my situation and worries. That is absolute dependence on God. God has called me. Therefore, God will continue to lead me and open the way.

We sometimes intentionally or unintentionally ignore, or we turn our faces away from the truth-God is always with us. Are you struggling to look for an answer to your situation? Here is the answer. Are you still looking for God in your life? Here is God. Are you still afraid of meeting God in your life? God is waiting for you. I hope everyone, who reads this small story, finds God and depends on God in their life. Don't waste your time to find an answer. Here is the answer. Here is God. God is waiting for you.

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...from the Preschool Director

By *Christina Maxwell*

Chesterbrook UMC Preschool & Child Care has had a fantastic start to the new school year! The first day of school for everyone was Tuesday September 6th. All of our students, new and returning, have been adjusting very well to their new classrooms, teachers and routines. Over the summer months both classrooms underwent a transformation with new colorful paint and new items for the classrooms, which the students have been enjoying. The preschool classes had back to school nights with good turn out from the parents, so thank you for coming! The month of September is geared towards making all of the children in our care feel comfortable and adjusted to their new routines. They will spend the month getting to know all about themselves, their new friends and teachers. This school year our programs are filled with students who attend our preschool, the Montessori School of McLean and Fairfax County Public Schools.

I would like to formally introduce Amanda Kraemer as my Administrative Assistant and After Care Program Coordinator. Amanda was an after care teacher last year and often substituted in the morning hours for the preschool staff. This year Amanda will be here Monday through Friday from 12:00-6:30 pm overseeing and planning the afternoon programs. There are two new teacher assistants this year, Ms. Ashley Durham in the two year old class and Ms. Jhoana Arispe in the three year old class.

There are some important dates to mark on your calendar for the upcoming October month. School will be closed for all programs on Monday October 10th in observance of Columbus Day. There will be a Book Fair held in the church/preschool main office from Tuesday October 11 through Friday October 14th from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a fundraising event for our establishment to earn credits for new books for our students in all programs. Please stop by and see what Scholastic Book Fairs has to offer this year! Also in October, will be the classroom parties and parades to celebrate Halloween. The two year old Butterfly Class will have their parade and party on Thursday October 27th. The Bumblebee (3 year old class) on Friday October 28th and the Pre-K class on Halloween Monday October 31st! All of the classroom lead teachers will send out emails with more details about their celebrations, parades and parent involvement.

Currently there are a few spaces in the Early Bird morning Care and in the Frog Class After Care from 3:30-6:30 pm, all other classes are full at this time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Director, Christina Maxwell, at 703.854.1691 or via email at chesterbrookumcpreschool@gmail.com.

body&soul FITNESS
where **faith and fitness** meets
Mondays 7-8 p.m.
In the multipurpose room

Godly Play

Pastor Larkin and a Preschool representative attended "Godly Play" workshop in September to learn creative ways to bring the good word to youngsters.



Volunteer for SHARE

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.

CUMC Calendar October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Communion Sunday	3 7 p.m. Body & Soul	4	5	6 8 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	7	8
9 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Worship Committee mtg.	10 Columbus Day Observance CUMC Office & Preschool Closed 7 p.m. Body & Soul	11 CUMC Preschool Book Fair 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	12 CUMC Preschool Book Fair 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	13 CUMC Preschool Book Fair 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 8 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	14 CUMC Preschool Book Fair 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. CUMC Newsletter Deadline	15 1 p.m. Kahaku Ensemble Rehearsal
16 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Third Sunday Coffee	17 7 p.m. Body & Soul	18	19	20 8 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	21	22
23 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship	24 7 p.m. Body & Soul	25 7 p.m. Church Council	26	27 8 p.m. Korean Men's Basketball	28	29
30 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12 p.m. Fifth Sunday Luncheon	31 Reformation Day All Hallows' Eve All Saints' Eve (Halloween)					



Birthdays &

Anniversaries

October Birthdays

- 3 Denise Taplin
 - 4 Alexander Sherman
 - 14 Chesterbrook UMC
 - 19 Margaret Hollar
 - 19 Margi Ball
 - 27 Katie Howard
- Anniversaries**
- 10 Susie & Steve Grover
 - 12 Cary & Robb Spewak