

# The MESSENGER

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## Preaching Your Best Sermon

The first sermon preached every Sunday morning is not by the minister, but by YOU.

You preach a message of friendliness when you say "Good Morning!" to those you meet as you park your car or see in the hallway or narthex.

You preach a message of "Welcome! We have room for you!" when you slide into the next seat instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you.

You preach a message of joy when you sing enthusiastically during the hymns. You preach a message of the power of prayer when you attentively enter into our prayer time.

You preach a message of respect when you do not exit for restroom or water breaks during the one hour of worshipping God.

You preach a message of faith when you give your offering.

You preach a message of love when you introduce yourselves to visitors.

You preach a message about the importance of Scriptures when you listen avidly to them being read.

Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to speak.

Come each Sunday morning prepared to preach your sermon!

(borrowed from Banner of Truth)

In His Service,  
Pastor Paula

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

The entire congregation is cordially invited to attend a reception for the entire staff at St. Matthias United Methodist Church on June 28<sup>th</sup> - immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. In addition to welcoming Pastor Werner's return appointment to St. Matthias UMC, we will also be celebrating the service of the full staff. They are:

Greg Anderson - Custodian

Jen Brennan - Director of Youth Ministries

Chris Embrey - Administrative Assistant

Carol Hall - Choir Director

Judy Purinton - Nursery Provider

Let us join together in showing our appreciation to such a remarkable staff!

June L. Hakes

Chair: SPRC

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## NARTHEX RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Changes and renovations continue to be made.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts led by Spencer Courtney, Mike Miller, and Patsy Vida - helped greatly by trustees Doug Reading, Bonnie Gardner, Tom Wiegand and Jr. Posey, Phase I is completed (i.e. the glass air-lock doors - both at the sanctuary/office end as well as social hall end of the building).

Phase 2 is underway with a lighted bulletin board whose wood frame beautifully matches the sanctuary doors, new overhead lighting, painting and renovating the "Missions Hall", plus purchase of new chairs for narthex seating. Still to be completed tasks include: re-hanging former pastor's pictures in the hallway, additional drywall and decorative finishing work and cross focal construction, as well as seating area chest.

**STILL NEEDED = \$6,000** in order to re-floor the narthex and all hallways in a resilient, hardy, wood-grained material.

The dedicated efforts, expertise and fine workmanship of St. Matthias members as well as the generous donations toward this project are resulting in an up-dated, aesthetically pleasing and more functional entry and hall area.

Special thanks to those who are giving of their time, gifts and loving care!

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

For this month's Report from the Finance Committee, we decided to highlight the Memorial Fund of St. Matthias United Methodist Church.

The Memorial Fund is completely separate and apart from the Operating Fund and the Special Designated Accounts at St. Matthias. The Memorial Fund has it's own checking account and it's own set of policies and procedures. The current Memorial Fund administrator is Gregg Sprow.

The Memorial Fund balance is made up of donations made to St. Matthias "In Memory of..." our members and loved ones who have passed away. Sometimes these memorial donations are designated for a particular use, but often they are not. Funds so designated are then applied to the specified purpose; the undesignated funds accumulate in the account until such time as someone sees a need and suggests a use for the memorial funds. Such use must be approved by the Administrative Council.

Recently the suggestion was made to the Finance Committee, and then to the Ad Council, that \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund be given to towards the Narthex Renovation project currently underway. The Ad Council approved this proposal, and added the provision that a memorial plaque stating that this project was partially funded in memory of loved ones of St. Matthias be installed in the narthex area upon completion of the project.

Kathleen Smith  
Finance Committee

*I want to thank all of you for "stepping up to the plate" and volunteering to usher for the 11:00 services and all of the special Lenten services. My sister, Virginia Stafford, continues to have chemotherapy treatments but with a very positive attitude. She is halfway through her treatments which means we are still in for a long summer. If you can find the time, please continue to sign up to usher. I will do the best I can to fill in when I am not with her and her family. Keep her in your prayers.  
Cathy Hawkins*

# St. Matthias Youth Ministries



## CONGRATULATIONS Amanda Murray!!

Please join us in congratulating Amanda on graduating from Fredericksburg Christian High School! We have been richly blessed by her participation in discussions and UMYF events. Her plans for the fall are to attend Germanna College, so we will continue to see her smiling face here in Fredericksburg and at St. Matthias! We hope you will take the opportunity to congratulate her for this accomplishment! Amanda- we are so proud of you, and can't wait to see what God has in store for you as you start this next chapter of your life! We love you!!

## "For Such A Time As This" Spring Retreat

Our retreat, "For Such A Time As This," will focus on the book of Esther, and we'll talk about discovering the young man or woman God is calling you to be. Our retreat will be held June 5-7 at Camp Highroad, and will be filled with opportunities for fun, learning and fellowship! We would like you child to be at St. Matthias ready to load vehicles by 4:30pm on Friday. Please send your son/daughter with money for a McDonalds dinner on our way to Camp Highroad. We are planning to return at noon on Sunday. Please remember that our expectation is that students will come on the retreat without iPods and cell phones. Should you need to reach your child, the camp number is (540) 687-6262 or you can contact Jen or any of the youth leaders. The adult leadership team for the retreat is Mick and Dixie Davis, Linda Reichard, Susan Sprow, Rosa Hogue and Ben Wood. Please take the opportunity to thank them for their service and mentoring!

## RUN AMUCK TRAIL RACE



If you have registered for the Run Amuck Trail Race on June 21, please let Jen know. Registration information was available in last month's newsletter, the Youth Ministries page that was emailed home, and on the UMYF bulletin board. The race is now full, and registration is closed. If you are registered, please let Jen know so we can provide adequate transportation for all youth that are participating! Good luck runners!

### Circle These Dates on Your Calendar...

**June 5-7** "For Such A Time As This" UMYF Middle School and High School Retreat

**June 14** UMYF Softball Game, 7:00-8:30pm

\*Please bring any equipment you have!\*

**June 20** Run Amuck Race, 8:00am

**June 21** HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! No UMYF

\*Middle School and High School Sunday School classes combine for the summer\*

**June 28** UMYF, 7:00-8:30pm

**STAY TUNED FOR BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SUMMER!!**

Jen Brennan, Director of Youth Ministries [jen@stmatthiasumc.org](mailto:jen@stmatthiasumc.org) 226.7311



# Jesus' Children

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."  
Matthew 19:14 niv

## *Kid's Club*

All children grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> are invited

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> will be the "End of Year Kid's Club Event". We will meet at Rosa Hogue's house at 1:00 pm and car pool to Leeland pool. Once there we will have a pizza lunch and swim party! You may bring any pool toys you would like as long as they will fit into a car that is full of other children.

Unfortunately, will need to collect five dollars per swimming person, but Kid's Club will cover the rest. The party will end at 3:30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rosa at [rosahogue@cox.net](mailto:rosahogue@cox.net) or call her at 371-5966.

Hope to see you all there! Can't wait to enjoy the sun, the pool and the friends :-)

## Food Cards



Need Food!  
Buy Scrip!

***Purchasing Food Lion or Giant Cards = \$\$\$\$ for Parsonage Loan***

*Do you have your Food Cards for June? Cards may be purchased during Sunday school hour in the Church office. The grocery stores return 5% of our purchases, eg. for every \$20.00 gift card you purchase, we earn \$1.00!*

For those who purchase Food Cards on a regular basis, the Church thanks you. For those who haven't availed themselves of this convenient way to shop for groceries, please consider doing so.

Cards are available in \$20 and \$50 amounts and can be used at Food Lion/Bloom or Giant. Purchasing cards from the church, using cash or check made out to St. Matthias UMC, makes shopping easier (you don't have to remember the checkbook, cash, or credit card - just have your food card with you) and helps to pay down the Parsonage Loan.

*Consider purchasing Food Cards as another means of stewardship for our church. It doesn't require any extra out of pocket expense, and it does something good for the church.*

## Church Planning Conference

*"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."  
(John 15:8)*

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> brought 22 members of St. Matthias to the social hall for the annual planning conference. After a continental breakfast, ice breaker, and a devotional, committees met to discuss goals based on The Five Practices for Fruitful Congregations as a guide. Committees were asked to develop at least one goal for each of the five practices for the coming church year.

Great ideas were shared. We are looking forward to spiritual growth for St. Matthias through the fruitfulness of our community of believers.

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## Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?

That is the question the novel, The Shack, wrestles with. A New York Times bestseller, written by William Paul Young, is available most anywhere books are sold. (Borders, Costco, Barnes & Nobel, Amazon.com).

**You are invited** to read The Shack and join our summer deck book discussion, Sat., July 11 and Sat., July 18. Why don't you join us! A sign-up sheet will be posted the last week of June on the narthex bulletin board (so we'll know how many to prepare for and be able to notify you of the time and place). Happy Summer Reading!



## Congratulations, Cathy Hawkins!

Cathy Hawkins won the Community Service Award presented for the year by the Salvation Army Fredericksburg Corps. The "Anne Crowe Essig Community Service Award" was presented to Cathy on May 20, 2009 at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, given at the Hospitality House in Central Park.

Cathy was selected as the most outstanding contributor, in the Fredericksburg area, for community service. This service was based upon her many years of work helping children and adults in our local community and within the state at large. The award was a closely guarded secret. Cathy had no idea she was to be a recipient until her name was called from the podium to come forward to receive the award. Our own Earline Haney, representing the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, introduced Cathy and told a few things about Cathy's community service, saying she had a packet of about 9 pages describing all of the things Cathy has done in helping others.

We, at St. Matthias UMC, are familiar with the many ways that Cathy contributes to our mission and ministry here within our own congregation.

Congratulations, Cathy!

## 2009 Virginia Annual Conference Offering

### **BRAZIL — SHADE AND FRESH WATER: \$100,000**

Brazil has the largest number of "street children" in the world. Millions of parents work long hours to earn enough money for food and shelter. Since children go to school for only four hours each day, most are left alone for long periods, fending for themselves. Many of them turn to life on the streets, gangs and drugs.

The Shade and Fresh Water Project is a national network of centers developed by the Brazil Methodist Church to keep children off the streets by offering supervised activities and after-school programs for children between 6 and 14 years of age. Shade and Fresh Water centers have become safe havens — places where children can have fun and learn about the love of Jesus Christ. Your gift will help establish two new Shade and Fresh Water centers to reach underserved children.



### **MOZAMBIQUE — LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: \$100,000**

The United Methodist Theological Seminary at Cambine Mission trains future clergy and laity leaders to serve the needs of the hundreds of new churches being established throughout this southeastern African nation.



Seminary faculty members work hard under difficult conditions to give students a quality education — enduring lack of current textbooks, too few desks for all the students, shortages of supplies and classrooms with leaking roofs.

Your gift can help fund needed renovations, replace the roof, buy desks for faculty and students, purchase books and furniture for the library, establish a maintenance fund for the building and pay for teaching team exchanges between the Virginia Conference and the United Methodist Church in Mozambique.

### **VIRGINIA — PATHWAYS MINISTRIES: \$100,000**

Pathways, an interfaith community development corporation, works to rebuild and strengthen the city of Petersburg and surrounding counties. Pathways rehabilitates older houses, builds new affordable single family homes, and offers free clinics with medical, dental and even special cardiac treatment for uninsured patients. Its YouthBuild program works with at-risk youths and young adults, providing them with basic education classes, job skills training, counseling, help in building assets, and experience in civic engagement.



Your gift can help young people earn their GEDs, transform their lives and, at the same time, help the community by building safe, green, affordable houses for low- to moderate-income families.

**Conference Goal . . . . . \$300,000**

**Annual Conference Offering will be received up to June 14th.**

## **Yard Sale to benefit the MICAH Hospitality Center**

When: June 13, 2009  
Where: The home of Sue & Derrick Hoiska  
284 Brooke Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

All funds raised will be used to buy groceries to feed the residents of the Center.

For any questions or to donate items,  
please contact Derrick or Sue Hoiska, 371-9053.

## **Alternative Giving: Two Gifts in One**

Every gift multiplies. A gift to The Advance through an Alternative Gift Card benefits more than just the giver and the receiver. This year, gifts to newlyweds or graduates are gifts of caring that ripple out to the world and make a big splash.

Examples of where your Alternative Gift Card donation goes:

- \* \$11 helps train a midwife in Afghanistan.
- \* \$55 feeds a starving child for a year in Haiti.
- \* \$85 gives sight to an older person with cataracts in China.

There's never been a better time to give through The Advance as we celebrate weddings, graduations, and family reunions. Share the love. Share the gift. Order Alternative Gift Cards. To learn more, go to Alternative Giving

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<http://mail.vaumc.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://new.gbgm-umc.org/advance/media/files/alternativegivingflyer.pdf> or contact the Virginia Conference Office of Mission at [Mission@vaumc.org](mailto:Mission@vaumc.org).

## **Yard Sale**



## **Community Yard Sale**

The church will sponsor a community yard sale on June 20, 2009, in the church parking lot. A space will cost \$10. We will do the advertisement for the event. Breakfast and Lunch will be sold in the church kitchen. The money will go to the church for the parsonage. Please contact Mary Lou Pitzer (373-0683) or Margaret Morgan (373-4507) if you have any questions.



## June 2009

| Sun                                                                                                                                       | Mon                                     | Tue                                     | Wed                                                                                   | Thu                                                                        | Fri                                                          | Sat                                                                               |
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|                                                                                                                                           | <b>01</b><br>*7pm Cub Scouts            | <b>02</b><br>*7:30pm UMYF Meeting       | <b>03</b><br>*11am Prayer Mtg.<br>*7pm Choir                                          | <b>04</b><br>*7pm Trustees<br>*7pm Al-Anon                                 | <b>05</b><br>*UMYF Spring Retreat<br>6pm – 8:30pm Cub Scouts | <b>06</b><br>*UMYF Spring Retreat                                                 |
| <b>07</b><br>*UMYF Spring Retreat<br>*6:30pm Cub Scouts                                                                                   | <b>08</b><br>*7pm Cub Scouts            | <b>09</b>                               | <b>10</b><br>*10am UMW<br>*11am Prayer Mtg.<br>*7pm Finance Committee<br>*7pm Choir   | <b>11</b><br>*5:30pm Girl Scouts<br>*7pm Worship Committee<br>*7pm Al-Anon | <b>12</b>                                                    | <b>13</b>                                                                         |
| <b>14</b><br><b>Graduation Sunday</b><br>*12pm Kid's Club<br>*12pm UMYF Softball Game<br>*6:30pm Cub Scouts<br><i>(Annual Conference)</i> | <b>15</b><br><i>(Annual Conference)</i> | <b>16</b><br><i>(Annual Conference)</i> | <b>17</b><br>*11am Prayer Mtg.<br>*7pm Choir<br><i>(Annual Conference)</i>            | <b>18</b><br>*7pm Ad. Council<br>*7pm Al-Anon                              | <b>19</b>                                                    | <b>20</b><br>Newsletter Deadline<br>*7am – 2pm Community Yard Sale<br>*7pm Bridge |
| <b>21</b><br><b>Father's Day</b><br>*7:30am UMM Breakfast<br>*12pm SPRC                                                                   | <b>22</b>                               | <b>23</b>                               | <b>24</b><br>*9am – 5pm Retired Teacher's Luncheon<br>*11am Prayer Mtg.<br>*7pm Choir | <b>25</b><br>*7pm Al-Anon                                                  | <b>26</b><br>*UMYF Lock-In                                   | <b>27</b><br>*UMYF Awakening                                                      |
| <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                 | <b>29</b>                               | <b>30</b>                               |                                                                                       |                                                                            |                                                              |                                                                                   |



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|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Robert Leese             |
| 2  | Shelby Davis             |
| 3  | Larry Davis              |
| 3  | Polly Wilson             |
| 5  | Will Conn                |
| 5  | Dianne Moore             |
| 6  | Liz Conn                 |
| 6  | Spencer Courtney         |
| 6  | A.C. Glover              |
| 6  | Lauren Pettengill Roland |
| 7  | Paula McClure            |
| 8  | Glenda Reading           |
| 9  | Richard Jerman           |
| 10 | Anastasia Reventlow      |
| 11 | Amelia Thompson          |
| 12 | Ben Holmes               |
| 13 | Becky Hubbard            |
| 13 | Nicky Scarcia            |
| 14 | Katie Smith              |
| 15 | Seth Davis               |
| 16 | Stephen Hunter           |
| 17 | Paul Haselbush           |
| 17 | Patty Payne              |
| 19 | Susan Sprow              |
| 20 | Richard Jerman           |
| 22 | Kimberly Earnhardt       |
| 22 | Vicki Vida-Coakley       |
| 23 | Ron Hall                 |
| 24 | Beth McBride             |
| 24 | Stephanie Mencl          |
| 24 | Jesse Stone              |
| 25 | Lura Hill                |
| 25 | Tom Wiegand              |
| 26 | Jesse Conn               |
| 26 | Cliff Ellis              |
| 28 | Doris Sheffer            |
| 29 | June Hakes               |
| 29 | Matthew McBride          |
| 30 | Roy Werner               |

# June Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|----|------------------------------|
| 3  | Ron & Carole Hall            |
| 8  | Roy & Paula Werner           |
| 9  | Paul & Martha Haselbush      |
| 10 | Ben & Michelle Holmes        |
| 10 | Ben & Brenda Wood            |
| 15 | Dale & Sarah Kniffin         |
| 19 | Pual & Rosemary Balgavy      |
| 20 | Gene & Linda Bailey          |
| 21 | William & Margaret Ann Holt  |
| 21 | Richard & Polly Wilson       |
| 22 | Richard & Doris Jerman       |
| 25 | Doye & Clyde Hambrick        |
| 25 | David & Catherine Hawkins    |
| 26 | Herbert & Mary Lou Pitzer    |
| 28 | Collins & Erin Wetzel        |
| 29 | Richard & Kimberly Earnhardt |
| 29 | Pete & Valerie Wick          |

Please let the church office know if there are any errors or omissions with this list. We are constantly working on updating our files.

Newsletter Deadline  
July 20<sup>th</sup>  
**St. Matthias United Methodist Church**  
426 Deacon Road  
Fredericksburg, Virginia 22405  
Phone: (540) 373-8759  
Email: [office@stmatthiasumc.org](mailto:office@stmatthiasumc.org)

Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Services  
8:45 and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Hours  
8:45 a.m. – Birth to 2 years  
Sunday School Hour – Birth to 2 years

**Nursery Volunteers Always Needed!!!!**

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