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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!!!!



St. Matthias United Methodist Church

The Messenger

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NEEDED:

Our monthly newsletter, The Messenger, has taken on a new look! Help is needed to create a new logo specifically for St. Matthias. If you or anyone you know would like to submit a logo design, please email Chris at office@stmatthiasumc.org or Dianne Moore our newsletter editor at Dianne.moore@cox.net.

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Clergy Change Announcement

Our bishop has requested that we make an announcement regarding the clergy appointment to St. Matthias UMC.

The Cabinet, comprised of Bishop Charlene Kammerer and 18 District Superintendents, governs Virginia Methodism and is responsible for ministerial appointments to all churches within Virginia. To accommodate Pastor Paula's family circumstances, the Cabinet has appointed her to

Peace UMC in Manassas, VA.

Reverend Walter Westbrook, currently serving at Jamieson Memorial UMC in Clarksville, VA, has been appointed to St. Matthias as the incoming minister. Rev. Westbrook has served in the ministry for some 30 years at 4 different churches (one of his first being Dahlgren UMC). Walt and his wife Betty will be moving into the parsonage on June 30th and we are looking forward to the challenges of his new

ministry with us beginning July 1, 2010.

Please pray for a smooth transition, honoring Pastor Paula as she leaves and welcoming Reverend Westbrook to our Church family.

Thank you Paula and Roy for the love, laughter and encouragement that you have shared with each of us here at St. Matthias! We love you and will miss you greatly!

Paul Haselbush
 Chairperson

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.

URGENT APPEAL from UMCOR

This week an urgent appeal has been sent out from UMCOR for Birthing Kits for Haiti. These are used by hospitals and clinics whose supplies and resources are depleted. The United Methodist Women of St. Matthias are responding to this appeal. If you would like to participate & provide some of the needed items for the Birthing Kits, please bring any of the following articles to the church by Sunday, June 6, 2010. Bring them to

Room 10. Items must be NEW. They are:

- Hotel size bar of soap
- One square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting
- Two flannelette receiving blankets each 1 yard. Use pinking shears on raw edges to prevent fraying

Birthing Kits will be assembled at our regular UMW meeting Wednesday, June 9. We meet at 10 am.

Come join us to put the kits together. When we finish, we will be going out to eat at Eileen's in downtown Fredericksburg.

Just a reminder, this will also be our last regular UMW meeting for the summer. We will still meet weekly on Wednesday morning for our craft workshops. If you have any questions, you can call Ruth Payne, Debbie Whittington or Sherry King.

SENIOR FUN GROUP & FUN GROUP EVENT

SENIOR FUN GROUP

The FUN Group is planning a trip for senior citizens to the home of James and Dolley Madison, Montpelier, in Orange County, Virginia, Monday, June 14. 20 or more people, cost is \$14.00 per person. If not, the cost will be

\$16.00 per person. We will leave the church at 8:30 A.M.

FUN Group

Saturday, June 12th
"Classic Date Night" Dinner at the Chuisano Italian Table and then venture out to the

Library of Congress' Mount Pony Theater. Enjoy Paramount Studios 1941 black and white classic adventure comedy "Sullivan's Travels" starring Joel McCrea, Veronica Lake and William Demarest. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Dear St. Matthias Family,

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful cards and prayers you gave us during Dick's illness & death. Your support, visits and especially the hugs have helped

me to be strong for Dick and makes this journey easier. I would like to thank the Wednesday Morning Craft Ladies for the laughter, fun and hugs. We could

not have gotten through this without our St. Matthias family.

Love,
Jane & family

This Month's Birthdays!

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	Pete 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
19	Susan Sprow
22	Kim Earnhardt
23	Ron Hall
24	Beth McBride
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

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

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



2	Homar & Eileen Rivera
3	Ron & Carole Hall
6	Brian & Veronica Applebee
8	Roy & Paula Werner
9	Paul & Martha Haselbush
10	Patrick & Jennifer Brennan
10	Ben & Michelle Holmes
10	Ben & Brenda Wood
15	Dale & Sarah Kniffin
19	Paul & Rosemary Balgavy
20	Gene & Linda Bailey
21	Bill & Margaret Ann Holt
22	Pete & Doris Jerman
25	David & Cathy Hawkins
26	Herbert & Mary Lou Pitzer
28	Collins & Erin Wetzel
29	Richard & Kim Earnhardt
29	Pete & Valerie Wick



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *6:30pm Disciple I *7:30pm UMYF Mtg.	2 *10am UMW *11am Prayer *7pm Choir	3 *7pm Trustees *7pm AI-Anon	4 *6pm Cub Scouts	5 <i>Parking lot sale</i>
6 *12pm Missions *7pm UMYF	7	8 *6:30pm Disciple I	9 *10am UMW *11am Prayer *7pm Choir *7pm Finance	10 *12pm Retired Teacher's Luncheon *7pm Wor- ship	11	12 *3:45pm FUN Group—Mt. Pony Thea- ter
13 <i>Annual Conference</i> *12pm Kid's Club End of Year Party *12pm Safe Sanctuary Training *7pm UMYF	14 <i>Annual Conference</i> *8:30am FUN Group— Montpelier	15 <i>Annual Conference</i> *6:30pm Disciple I	16 <i>Annual Conference</i> *10am UMW *11am Prayer *7pm Choir	17 *7pm Ad. Council Mtg. *7pm Girl Scouts *7pm AI-Anon	18	19 *7pm Bridge
20 Newsletter Deadline *7:30am UMM Breakfast *12pm SPRC *7pm UMYF	21	22 *6:30pm Disciple I	23 *10am UMW *11am Prayer *7pm Choir	24 *7pm AI-Anon	25	26
27 *12pm Recognition of Paula & Roy	28	29 *6:30pm Disciple I	30 *10am UMW *11am Prayer *7pm Choir			



Thank you. We love you. We must leave.

July 1 will find Roy and me living in a new home, in a different community, serving a new church. In order to facilitate our new family structure with our son and two granddaughters living with us, we have been appointed to Prince of Peace UMC in Manassas and will be living in a home we bought a few years ago for our retirement in Springfield, Va.

This move is bittersweet. We have enjoyed, loved and thrived here with you for the past six years. We love you. We have continually been amazed at the meaningful ministry that we have participated in with you. God's Holy Spirit has been at work in and through you, and there has been growth (numerically and in spiritual and relational depth) at St. Matthias. We feel honored, and truly blessed, to have been a part of your lives.

We are so very grateful for the way you have reached out to us in numerous, kind, thoughtful, caring ways. You have reminded us of your love through fresh produce dropped at the front door, through delicious cooked dishes and meals, through countless cards, notes and gifts, through willingness to come at a moment's notice to fix something or help with a problem at the parsonage or church. You have said, "yes" over and over to doing the nitty-gritty, behind-the-scenes, thankless tasks. You have given so freely of your hugs, your words of encouragement, your support. You have surrounded us with your prayers, understanding and love during our family crises and changes. Thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

You have honored us with your loyalty, your trust, your friendship, your love. You have uplifted us with laughter and fun times!
 "...we know that is all things God works for the good of those who love him." (Rom 8:28) Just as God has worked for good here at St. Matthias in our joint ministry, so too do I believe that God will be working for good in the ministry of Rev. Walt Westbrook and Betty, who are appointed to serve next. If you will love and serve with them as you have with Roy and me, St. Matthias will continue to shape the lives of those it touches and you will grow and be blessed.

The Old Testament book of Esther contains a famous quote ..."for such a time as this..." 4:14. I believe God gifts and calls each of us "for such a time as this." So may I leave you with these questions to prod your planning for your future and St. Matthias'?

What has God gifted you to do? Are you doing it?
 Where has God placed you? Are you serving Him there?
 What has God called you to do? Are you seeking His guidance and power?

May we always be..... In His Service,

Pastor Paula

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

As we are all now aware, and is no doubt covered elsewhere within this issue, a transition of pastors will be taking place at the end of this month here at St. Matthias. Pastor Paula and her family will be vacating the parsonage and Pastor Walt and his wife Betty will be moving into the parsonage.

Because our new pastor's wife has some medical issues and currently uses a walker, some disability renovations need to be made to the parsonage, and they must be completed before the move-in. These renovations consist of installation of an ADA-compliant wheelchair ramp for access to the parsonage entrance, and installation of an ADA-compliant shower in the bathroom to make it handicap-accessible.

Plans for the renovations are well under way, thanks to the dedicated and skilled group of volunteers we have here at St. Matthias. Because much of the work will be done using our "in-house" talent, it is estimated that the total cost of this project will be slightly under \$10,000. In addition to these renovations, some additional amount will be needed for Pastor Westbrook's moving expenses. It is a requirement of the United Methodist Church that the "receiving" church pays the moving expenses. Because this is \$10,000+ that is not included in our 2010 budget, the Finance Committee has become involved in finding a way to pay for the needed renovations.

In consultation with our Board of Trustees, Staff Parish relations Committee, and others, the Finance Committee offers the following ideas for covering these additional expenses beyond what was originally budgeted for 2010:

- Member support specifically designated for this purpose. At this time approximately 25% of the amount needed has already been given.
- A grant of \$700 per year is available from the VA United Methodist Conference. Application for that amount has been submitted, with plans to request another \$700 next year if needed. Because the annual salary (as determined by the Conference) of our incoming pastor is less than that of our outgoing pastor, we can reallocate six months' worth of that difference in the budget, from the "Pastor's Compensation" line to the "Building Repairs and Maintenance" line.

If after all of the above solutions have been applied, we find ourselves still short of the amount needed, there are several other possibilities for obtaining the necessary funds:

- Defer payments on our 2006 parsonage renovation loan for a few months, applying those funds that would be used for payments on that loan (script revenue and designated donations) to this current project. The final monthly payment on this loan is scheduled for July 2011. At this time, there are only seven monthly payments remaining. We might also look into the possibility of refinancing this loan and obtaining some additional funds in that process.
- There is the possibility of applying for a grant from the Builders Club, but because of restrictions on the interval between applications, we do not consider this to be a good option at this time.

Kathleen Smith
Finance Committee Chair

Jesus' Children

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

Kid's Club

All children grades 3rd through 5th are invited

Sunday, June 13th will be the "End of Year Kid's Club Event". We will leave the church at 12:15 and car pool to the YMCA. Once there we will enjoy the water park! Kid's Club will cover the entrance cost. But food is not allowed in the park, so either meet at church with lunch already in your stomach or plan on purchasing some.

Five to seven dollars should cover it. We will be there until 6 pm so either way plan on bringing some money for a snack. Please let Rosa or Julie know if you will need to pick up your child earlier.

Friends are welcome to attend so that we can get a group rate. If you have any questions contact Rosa Hogue at rosa-hogue@cox.net or Julie Dixon at jrdixon11@cox.net

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



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The St. Matthias United Methodist Men have been busy since my last update. Here are some of our activities:

- Helped sponsor the Fred Camp youth by donating \$500.00
- Served hotdogs, chips and drink at the Palm Sunday "Tellin"
- Prepared and served breakfast at the Micah homeless shelter on April 17th and May 15th.
- Next scheduled breakfast is third Saturday in August.
- Held a yard sale that raised close to \$500.00
- Contributed support to our members through the UMM Handyman Program.
- Set up a table and approximately 50 chairs for sunrise service on the Church lawn

We have mentioned our Handyman Program previously, but let me explain what that involves. We want to help our members who are in need of a handyman to do some minor repairs who may not be able, physically or technically, to fix or repair on their own. Some of these that we have done recently are repaired a broken kitchen faucet handle, put in a threshold, hung a shelf in a bathroom, picked up and delivered and assembled a table and chairs, fixed a leaky kitchen drain and helped set up a computer and printer. We don't charge for our labor and don't carry any liability insurance, but if we can help, please contact Gordon Payne 373-8825 or email grmdn@verizon.net If there are some handymen out there who would like to participate, please give me a call or email.

Gordon Payne

The Finance Committee reported there were several options for paying for the renovations. There was an anonymous donation of \$2500, the difference in the pastors' salaries for the remainder of 2010 is \$4125, \$700 will be received from the District, and we can defer paying a couple of months on the parsonage loan because we are several payments ahead. There was also mention of getting a personal loan through Peoples Community Bank. It was decided there was adequate funding in the budget to cover the unbudgeted costs.

There was discussion about furnishing the parsonage. Bob and Larry were tasked to find out where it is referenced in the Book of Discipline and forward it to the Council.

• **Mission Report: Bob reported:**

Roger Keene delivered 40 Red Bird Mission backpacks to Kentucky, and they will be presented to "graduating" students Friday, May 21, 2010.

The Red Bird School will be closing; however, Betsy Jack's pre-school will continue its program. SOSA potato drops were distributed to Hope House, Thurman Brisbane Homeless Shelter, and Micah ministry.

"School Dressing Day" will be the August mission project.

• **Worship Report: Rosemary reported**

Her thanks to Michelle for her presentation and the dedication of the committee to the improvement of the sound system.

• **Additional Discussions:**

Rosemary suggested all articles and communications about the change in pastor be presented as though readers/listeners have no prior knowledge.

Gordon reported Robin Bennett from Ebenezer sent him a brochure on "All Things New". Gordon was going to do more exploring into the program and perhaps write an article for the newsletter.

Peg provided copies of "50 Ways to Welcome your New Senior or Associate Pastor" to the attendees. It was decided that various groups would hold "welcoming" gatherings for Walt and Betty. Peg volunteered to host an Ad Council gathering at her house this summer once they were settled in.

ACTION: Debbie will coordinate with the UMW to schedule meals for the Werners their last week and the first week for the Westbrooks.

Perhaps now is the time to start thinking of alternatives for the parsonage. Should we sell it and provide the pastor with a housing allowance, build on to it, modify it for handicap accessibility, rent it out, etc.

ACTION: Doug was charged with taking the concepts for the parsonage back to the Trustees for further discussion.

CLOSING: Bob closed with prayer

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm

NEXT MEETING: 17 June at 7:00pm

Dianne Moore, Ad Council Secretary

Sewing Kits for Conference UMW project

The UMW is once again providing Sewing Kits for Conference that is held June 13-16, 2010. If you would like to participate in this project, bring any / all of the items below to the church by Sunday, June 6. Bring them to Room 10.

- 3 yds of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards uncut fabric)
 - 1 pair sewing scissors
 - 1 pkg needles
 - 1 spool thread
- Wrap sewing notions in the fabric and place in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag

2010 Virginia Annual Conference

Each year members of local churches are encouraged to help raise money for global mission projects designated by the bishop. The pastor or lay representative of each church will take that money to Annual Conference where it will be collected during a special time of the session.

Bishop Charlene Kammerer has announced that the 2010 Annual Conference offering goal is \$300,000 and will benefit the following leadership development projects:

Brazil: \$100,000 — The Shade and Fresh Water Project is a national network of centers developed by the Brazil Methodist Church to keep children off the streets and away from gangs and drugs. This year's offering will help fund curriculum and teacher training materials for "Shade and Fresh Water" centers and other children's centers sponsored by the Brazil Methodist Church.



Mozambique: \$100,000 — This money will help pay for education and training for Sunday school teachers, lay preachers and pastors in the United Methodist Church in Mozambique which is growing rapidly and needs leadership for the hundreds of new United Methodist churches being established throughout this southeastern African nation.



Virginia: \$100,000 — Grace Ministries, a community outreach program of the Arlington District, addresses the most pressing material and spiritual needs of low-income immigrants in northern Virginia and empowers immigrants to become community leaders. Grace Ministries provides emergency food, clothing, household items, diapers and health care information at seven United Methodist Churches. Your gifts will help provide job training programs for personal care aides, certified nurse aides and for CDL/ESL training for school bus drivers.



Conference Goal \$300,000

***St. Matthias United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting
Thursday, May 20, 2010***

ROLL CALL: Peg Jones, Doug Reading, Bob Dixon, Rosemary Balgavy, Kathy Smith, Mike and Brenda Trant, Larry Wilkerson, Debbie Whittington, Gordon Payne, Michelle Thompson, and Dianne Moore,

DEVOTION: Peg opened with a visual devotion on where we, as a church, are now with our frustrations and where we want to be with our focus on why we are here. Kathy Smith led us in prayer reminding us who we serve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Prior to the meeting, April minutes were distributed electronically. After discussion, Doug made a motion to accept the minutes with the change of UMM's breakfast from the 24th of April to the 17th. Larry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- **"4 Cans" Challenge:**
Peg encouraged committee chairs to bring in their 4 cans of food for Conference. Cans must be at church by 9 June for matching of donations.
- **Safe Sanctuary:**
Safe Sanctuary committee held a training session.
A church policy has been drafted and sent to committee members for their review.
The committee will meet in June to finalize the policy.
Mandatory training will be postponed until August/September.
- **FIOS: Don reported**
Fiber-optic lines were installed April 19.
The building now has wireless network connections.
Phones still need to be connected to fiber-optic network.
- **New Office Computers: Don reported**
He is working with Chris to purchase new office computers/software.
Ad Council approved Paula taking her CPU in exchange for the Microsoft Office 2007 software she purchased.
ACTION: Equipment needs to be purchased and installed by the end of June.
- **Pictorial Directory: Don reported**
He is working with the Olan Mills to coordinate a new directory.
Tentative dates for the pictures to be taken at the church are 23-25 September.
- **Youth Director: Larry reported**
Two applications were submitted for consideration.
Both applicants were interviewed.
One candidate was asked to come back for a second interview.
One candidate was being offered the position of Youth Director.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Sound System: Michelle reported**
The Worship Committee investigated upgrading the church sound system and developed a plan. After working with three different companies, Mr. Jeremy Cucco of Sublyme Records, LLC was selected to provide ideas and an estimate for upgrading the system.
A detailed plan was presented to the Administrative Council for review and discussion at the next meeting.
ACTION: Council is to review the information and come prepared to discuss at the June meeting.
- **Sanctuary Facelift: Doug reported**
The goal of the Sanctuary Renovation Committee is to enhance the worship experience in our sanctuary by resolving problems and adding new media capabilities.
Phase 1 would include:
Reducing the glare from windows
Improving the lighting for the choir
Improving the sound system operations
Adding video projection capability
Concealing the screen by artistic design
Coordinating paint colors for sanctuary walls, doors, and fixtures
Refinishing exiting sanctuary wood fixtures
Studying seating for special needs worshipers
After discussion, Mike made a motion the committee accept the Sanctuary Renovation Phase 1 concept as presented. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Trustees: Doug reported**
Trustees applied for the building permits for the parsonage renovation.
The ADA-approved shower has been ordered and will be installed June 23rd and 24th.
Trustees applied for the \$700 grant from the District.
Another \$700 may be applied for in 2011.
The congregation needs to be vigilant in the care of our facilities. Damages have occurred in the last month that could have been prevented by proper care and watchfulness.
- **Finance Report: Kathy reported**
April Finance Report
Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$1619.
There are 10 payments left on the church loan and 7 remaining on the parsonage loan.
At this time, we should be at about 33% of the budget spent.
Most expenditures are right on target.
Conference and District apportionments are running a bit higher due to our commitment to pay 100% of all apportionments.
Expenditures for Incoming Pastor
Current parsonage renovations include
Building a handicap ramp into the house
Replacing the shower in the hallway bathroom with an ADA-approved shower
Paying for all associated required permits
Moving expenses were not expected to be very much.