



THE MESSENGER

LIVING AS CHRIST'S DISCIPLES WITHIN OUR HEARTS AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

April 2011

“Living Last Supper” ~ Holy Thursday ~ April 21st



You, your family and friends are invited Thursday, April 21 for the production of the “Living Last Supper,” a powerful portrayal of Jesus’ last meal with his disciples. Each disciple tells their own story and about their various experiences traveling with Jesus. Holy communion is celebrated during the drama. This year's performance will include a second act, with a conversation that takes place between Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot after Jesus is arrested. It is written by our own Brian Griffen. In addition, the PUMC Youth are sponsoring a spaghetti supper at 6:00 p.m. prior to the drama to raise funds for their summer mission trip. Mark it on your calendar and join us!

Church Council Goes into Action

Our NOWW church council ministry teams – Nurture, Outreach, Witness and Worship – are putting into action their plans to live out our church’s new mission statement of *“Living as Christ’s Disciples Within Our Hearts and Beyond Our Doors.”*

This is reflective of John Wesley’s understanding and approach to our faith as being intentional about our personal holiness (disciplines of piety) and social holiness (works of mercy).

Each team is looking at their specific area of ministry and asking the questions: “What do we as a ministry team need to start, stop or continue to intentionally live as Christ’s disciples within our hearts and beyond our doors,” and “specifically, how will our team accomplish this over the next 12 months?”

When the plans are completed, they will be made available for the congregation, so everyone can see how our church is living out its call to ministry. The council asks you to look over these plans and to consider how you can actively participate in one of our ministries. Sign up sheets will accompany each plan so you can join the area to which you believe God is calling you.

We know that as our congregation joins together in ministry we will continue to grow in relationship with Christ and one another to the glory of God. Remember, we are blessed to be a blessing so come and be a part.

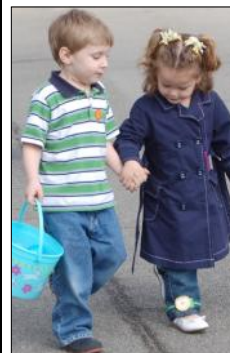
Easter Services

Maundy Thursday Spaghetti Supper & Service 6:00
Sunrise 6:30am followed with breakfast at 7:30
Easter Worship Services 8:30 and 11:00



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 23 ~
10:00-11:30

Hop on down to PUMC for our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt



Bring your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors ... invite everyone you know. The Hunt will begin at 10:00 in the Sanctuary with a short program and then out to hunting the Eggs. After the hunt, everyone is invited into the Christian Life Center for light refreshments, games and crafts.

Hope to see you there!

Youth and Children's Ministries

by Malene Utley ~ 347-7913

Children's Church is held every Sunday during the 11 o'clock service for all children ages 4-10. We will not meet on Palm Sunday, April 17. The children are invited to join me at the front of the sanctuary at 10:45 to get palms for the beginning of the Palm Sunday Service.

Kids With Purpose - Grades 4-6

April 10 ~ Noon-2:00 ~ Meet with youth to stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your packed lunch; drinks and dessert will be furnished

April 23 ~ 9:00-11:00 ~ Saturday Easter Egg Hunt. Please be at church to help with Easter Program. We will be doing the Resurrection Eggs. After the Easter Egg Hunt, we will be going to Windy Hill for a fun afternoon.

Junior and Senior High Youth

April 10 ~ Noon-2:00 ~ Stuff Easter Eggs for Hunt. Please bring a packed lunch; dessert and drinks will be furnished.

April 21 ~ Spaghetti Supper for Maundy Thursday Service. Please be at church by 5:00 to set up and get dinner rolling

April 23 ~ 9:00-11:00 ~ Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please be at church to help hide eggs and then guide children to the hunt, I will also need volunteers to serve cupcakes and juice to the children and to man a craft table. We will go to Windy Hill afterward for an afternoon of fun.

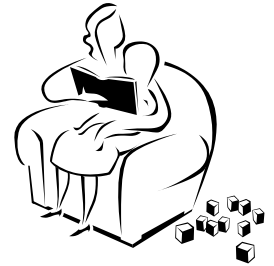
Bring your family, friends and neighbors to our annual Maundy Thursday Spaghetti dinner & service
April 21 6:00 p.m. and the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 23
10:-11:30 a.m.

Time with Young Disciples

We are looking for Children Sermon Volunteers for May and June. Please call Coya and Darren Bird at 598-2122 or email vabirdhouse@yahoo.com to claim your date.

Mother's Day Booklets

It's a PUMC annual tradition! Honor the mothers in your life - either in honor of or in memory of - by listing them in the Mother's Day Booklets offered by the Monday Night Circle. It costs only \$1 a name! Forms for names will be in the next three Sunday bulletins. The cut-off date is Sunday, April 17.



The money generated by these booklets is given to the Samaritan Fund of our United Methodist Homes for the Aged.

Many thanks to Marsha Damewood, who has created these booklets for the past five years!

Pound for Pound

Ruritan Club Issues a Challenge!

The Powhatan Ruritan Club has issued a challenge. For every pound of food and paper product items the church groups can donate to the Ruby Leonard Food Pantry, they will match it.

This challenge continues through May 17. On that Tuesday, the Ruritans will present their matching poundage to the Pantry.

So give those Ruritans a run for their money! Together, this is a great community service. Make sure Sandra Lowe is given the total poundage so she can assist us in keeping track.

If you have any questions or if you would like your donations picked up, contact Cassandra Dodson ~ 598-4560.

Powhatan United Methodist Church Ministry Team

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Sharon Baltimore, Preschool Director * Harvey Paquette, Event/Facilities Overseer

*Deadline for the May
Messenger = Tuesday,
April 19*

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Seeking Wisdom for the Journey

*My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you,
turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding,
and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,
and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.*

For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
King Solomon Proverbs 2:1-6



It is just three weeks before Passion/Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy week. We are in the middle of our Lenten journey preparing for the celebration of Jesus Resurrection on Easter morning. We prepare for Easter by taking time to meditate and reflect on God's Word, on our own mortality, and on the promised gift of eternal life offered to us by the forgiveness of our sins through the sacrificial life of Jesus. We reflect and meditate during Lent in order that we might acknowledge and repent of our sin, and to deepen our relationship with God by increasing our wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God.

Several weeks ago, a friend sent me an article by writer, commentator, and modern day purveyor of wisdom Andy Rooney. He is probably best known today for sharing his wisdom on the CBS television program "60 Minutes." As the scripture above demonstrates, King Solomon often spoke of the importance of seeking Divine wisdom and knowledge. While I am not suggesting Andy Rooney is a modern day Solomon, or that he offers the wisdom of the Divine, I do believe there is some practical wisdom to be learned from this 92-year-old's observations. Perhaps some of his life's learnings will give you pause to ponder as you journey through Lent.

What I've Learned

- I've learned... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- I've learned... That when you're in love, it shows.
- I've learned... That just on person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.
- I've learned... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
- I've learned... That being kind is more important than being right.
- I've learned... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- I've learned... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- I've learned... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- I've learned... That sometime all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- I've learned... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for he as an adult.
- I've learned... That money doesn't buy class.
- I've learned... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- I've learned... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
- I've learned... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- I've learned... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
- I've learned... That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- I've learned... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- I've learned... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- I've learned... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
- I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
- I've learned... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the one you miss.
- I've learned... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
- I've learned... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- I've learned... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- I've learned... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- I've learned... That I can't choose how I feel, but I can choose what I do about it.
- I've learned... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- I've learned... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
- I've learned... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

Grace and peace to you as you journey toward the Easter celebration.

Pastor John



Music for the Seasons

by Allison Stowers
651-5488 / acstowers@hotmail.com

DRUMROLL PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

“Alleluia!”

On April 17, Palm Sunday, our Voices of Victory will present our highly anticipated Easter Cantata – “Alleluia!”

It is well-known that our choir offers an incredible ministry to our church congregation and community, and you will not want to miss this experience! This musical has a fantastic blend of traditional hymns and newer praise choruses woven seamlessly together to help renew our commitment to Christ, or witness his love and sacrifice for the first time. Invite your friends and family, and arrive early as seats will fill quickly!

Sunday, April 17 ~ 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At 8:15 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. on April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Please see Dana Netherland in the nursery on Sunday to sign up.



It's Time to Play Softball!

The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in The Commons, outside the church office. Ages 14 and older. First game is April 11. Need more details? Call Doug Chaffins at 598-8778.

GrandCamp Coming to Westview!

GrandCamp for grandparents and their elementary-aged grandchildren! Sponsored and led by Rev. Sandra Stanley and Rev. Mary Ann Googins, both deacons on the Ashland district, it will be April 29-30. This is a great opportunity for grandparents and grandchildren to spend time together, having fun, making crafts, playing games, eating s'mores, etc. Forms are in The Commons.



PUMC On the Move

Circle of Friends Meets April 4

The Circle of Friends meets the first Monday of each month, and all ladies and friends are welcome. We have refreshments at 10:00 a.m. and our meeting at 10:30. Our next meeting is April 4 in The Commons.

A PUMC **bake sale** at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 23, will be coordinated by the Circle of Friends. We ask all of you to bring your bake goods! The proceeds will go to the youth to help fund their missions.



JOY Luncheon Set for April 13

Join Just Older Youth – JOY – for lunch and fellowship Wednesday, April 13, 11:30 in The Commons. Bring and dish and come on out for good food and fellowship.



Monday Night Circle Gathers April 25

Monday Night Circle will meet 7:00 p.m., April 25, at the home of Sandy Lineweaver. Judy Bartlett will be the desert hostess. All the ladies are the church are invited to join! Contact Sally Marchand (598-8178) for more information.



UMCOR World Service Kits

UMCOR World Service Kits are assembled each year to send to conference in June. Last year, we sent 204 kits! This is a whole-church project in which everyone can participate. We need the following items to finish kits and hope you can help.

Baby Layette Kits

- 6 Cloth diapers per kit
- 2 shirts or one piece body suits
- 2 receiving blankets
- 2 sleepers or gowns

School Kits

- 3 spiral notebooks
- large eraser (2 1/2")
- crayons 24 only
- scissors blunt point

Health Kits

- Hand towels 15 x 25 (no kitchen)
- 2 baby washcloths
- metal nail files or clippers
- large sturdy combs
- soap 3 oz. & up

If you would like to make birthing, sewing or bedding pack kits, please, contact Phyllis Sciarrone ~ 403-3443.

**PUMC has three Easter Morning Services April 24:
6:30, 8:30 and 11:00, with breakfast at 7:30
See you at one or all three services *and* breakfast!**



Thank you all so much for the calls, cards, food, visits, prayers and many kindnesses during my recent illness. They meant so very much to Yogi and I. You have truly

made us feel like we have been here all of our lives and we appreciate that very much. ~ Jane Rager

Just a note to say your kindness really made my day! For all the prayers, cards, calls and those who came by the surgery center to be with my family. Thanks and may God bless you all. ~ Sincerely, Ed Cox

Thank you to Alan Sharpton for making the cross for our Lenten visual worship display.

Omar Ball Memorial Scholarship Offered ~ Deadline May 1

It's that time of year ~ our high school graduates are getting ready to begin a new journey to college or the work force.

During this exciting time, Powhatan United Methodist Church is offering the Omar Ball Memorial Scholarship to those seniors who will be attending college (four year or other-wise) and who are actively involved in our church.

Applications are available in the church office and are due by May 1. *Good Luck!*

Please welcome our newest member:

Margie Epperly joined at the 11a.m. service March 20

EPPERLY, *Patrick & Margie

*Erica, *Carter

492-4656 ~ 1865 Ballsville Rd.

Erica Mae Epperly received the sacrament of baptism at 11:00 a.m. on March 20.

... and our new arrival:

Sampson Brinckerhoff Thomas was born to Sarah and Travis Thomas March 24. Maternal grandparents are Debbie and Billy Flippo.

PACIFIC EMERGENCY

UMCOR ADVANCE #3021317: You can donate by placing a contribution in the offering plate; by sending a check to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068; or by calling 1-800-554-8583, where credit card donations are accepted. You can also give online at www.umcor.org.

New Nursery is Open for Business

We are delighted to announce our new nursery is completed and fully operational! Our newly renovated space is conveniently located behind the sanctuary.

Thanks to the generous gifts of funding, time, talent and labors of love, we have also been able to replace all of the furniture, toys, supplies, curtains, and carpets. Our nursery director, Dana Netherland, said: "It's just wonderful!" and parents have shared similar sentiments. Be sure to stop by for a visit and see it for yourself.!

The baby shower for the nursery was a huge success. The shower's theme was "2 x 2" and included an icebreaker pairing moms and animals babies together. (We all now know what an elver is!) Plus, Linda Chaffins, Ellen Bondurant, Jennifer Laubenthal and Fran Pedersen won Valentine goodie bags for knowing Noah's Ark trivia. Special thanks to Kim Bradham for the spectacular cake (pictured here), Francis Wiatt for homemade candies and Jane Rager for

our invitations and items for goodie bags. Thank you to everyone who bought items for our new nursery, stocking it with toys, furniture, rugs (table forthcoming) and cleaning supplies making it ready for use!



Come by and check out the new rooms. While you are there, please sign up to help; the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the rooms.

You can help nurture our church family by allowing parents of these children to attend church.



From the Finance Committee

The Committee continues to monitor our offerings in conjunction with our expenses through the first two months of the budget year. As of February 28, 2011 the church's financial records report the following:

Tithes & Offerings Received to Date	\$58,277
Pre-School Contribution	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
Total General Fund Tithes/Offerings/Contribution	<u>\$61,277</u>
2011 Estimated Tithes & Offerings (budgeted)	\$308,266
General Fund Expenses Paid to Date	\$ 52,120
2011 General Fund Budget	\$313,225

Betty Bowman
Chair, Finance Committee



Easter Flowers

You are invited to place an Easter flower(s) in the church for our Easter worship services. We want a mix of Easter Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths and hydrangeas.

Fill out the form inside the bulletin (please use a separate form for each plant). Place your form in the offering plate or return to the church office with your payment. The cost is \$11 per plant. (Hydrangeas are \$16.)

Checks should be made payable to PUMC and please indicate that it is for an Easter flower.

Deadline to order is Sunday, April 10.

And remember to bring fresh-cut flowers to build the living cross on Easter



Seeking the next Messenger Editor

It's a fun way to serve PUMC. Takes three or four hours a month ~ and you are hip to all the upcoming events!

Currently, it's produced in Publisher, and for your first three or four months, the current editor, India Cox, will be your ever-present back up while you are holding the reins. Your team mates are Melanie and Eddie Peloke, Web site gurus.

Take off! Spread your wings and be of service to PUMC. For more information, contact India Cox: 598-2457 or india1405@verizon.net.