



Powhatan United Methodist Church

Serving Christ Since 1789

THE MESSENGER

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

May 2011

Pastor's Musings



Our Mission

Living as Christ's Disciples
within our hearts and
beyond our doors

Church Council adopted our new mission statement so that our congregation will have a common direction that is biblically based, easy to understand, and actionable. Through its two elements of living as Christ's disciples *within our hearts* and *beyond our doors*, we are equipped to serve Christ in the world, so that the world may be transformed.

In addition to being consistent with John Wesley's call for Christians to practice both personal and social holiness in their faith life, it is also consistent with our denominational vision and the vision developed for our Conference.



In the 2008, United General Conference, the bishops expressed their view that disciples of Christ should be at work to transform the world into a new creation. In response, General Conference refined its mission statement to: "*The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*"

Our Conference mission statement was developed in 2002: "*We envision faith communities where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world.*" — Virginia Conference Vision Statement

What is consistent with all three of the statements is the mandate for us to be Christ to others for the transformation of the world.

In line with our new mission statement, each of our ministry areas will be determining how their ministries are serving, or can serve, others in the name of Christ, to make disciples for the transformation of the world. A new Council bulletin board is located in the hall connecting the Commons to the sanctuary. On it you will find the activities of each ministry. Be sure to look at the many varied opportunities and add your name where you wish to serve Christ this year. We are blessed to be a blessing and I encourage you to be a part of our church's mission by looking for a place where you can share your gifts.

Grace upon grace as we continue to journey together in Christ, *Pastor John*

Youth and Children's Ministries

by Malene Utley ~ 347-7913

Welcome to Children's Church each Sunday during the 11 o'clock service. All children ages 4-10 are invited to attend. We do meet during the summer, so if you haven't tried us, we'd love to have you.

I am currently looking for more volunteers to do Children's church, so if it looks like something you'd like to be involved in, please call me.

Kids With Purpose

May 1 ~ Bear Creek Lake immediately after the 11 o'clock service. Please bring a 2-liter drink and a covered dish or finger foods to share. Chicken will be furnished.

May 22 ~ Regular meeting at church – mission project for Meals on Wheels. Bring a bag lunch, I will furnish drinks.

Junior and Senior Youth

May 1 ~ Bear Creek Lake, immediately after the 11 o'clock service. Please bring a 2-liter drink and a covered dish or finger food to share. Chicken will be furnished. I will need Chaperones and drivers!!

May 13-15 ~ Confirmation weekend at Westview On The James. All those who are signed up, please meet at church by 5:30

Coming July 25-29 ~ Vacation Bible School -

"Shake It Up -

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe"

Every day from 9:00 - Noon. Ages 4-5th grade

We need volunteers. Complete the form on pg 6. Please be in prayer about this. The children of our church and our community need you!!! If you have any questions, call Malene ~ 347-7913!

Registration will take place from June 1 through July 25.
We never turn a child away.

ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Back by Popular Demand!



4th Sundaes ice cream and entertainment!

They start

June 26 at 6:30pm.

If your church group is interested in hosting a 4th Sunday event, please contact Joy Daniel at 598-9554. Dates are June 26, July 24 and August 28.

PUMC Preschool Announces

Summer Fun Camp

June 6-9 ~ "Dinosaur Stomp!"

July 11-14 ~ "Pirate Island"

August 8-11 ~ "Colonial Days Adventures"

9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. for Children 3-7

All are Welcome! You do not need to be a member of PUMC or a PUMC Preschool student.

Cost: \$80/session. Call the preschool at 598-6090 to sign up.

Powhatan United Methodist Church Ministry Team

Pastor John Briggs ~ PastorJohn@powhatanumc.us

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

*Deadline for the June/July
Messenger = Tuesday,
May 17*

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Easter Celebration at PUMC ~ 2011



The Promise



Promise Realized



The Celebration



Our quarterly Prayer Shawl Ministry breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon in The Commons.

Come with your current Prayer Shawl ministry project or idea, and we will get to work on it. If you would just to come and socialize or brush up on your skills, you can do that too. Or learn to knit, crochet or quilt – we can teach you!

Bring a pot-luck breakfast dish to share. If you hate to cook and would like to bring paper plates, napkins or beverages, just let us know ~ Jane Rager: 598-3205.

Holy Rollers Coming to PUMC

The 2011 Holy Rollers will be traveling through the Farmville District June 13-14 promoting the 2011 Annual Conference Mission Offering. The Offering will help bring God's abundant blessings to the children and families served at Roanoke's Grace Ministries, Horntown (VA)'s Agape Christian Community Center, and in Mozambique and Brazil. Church members and friends are pledging donations for each mile we ride—more than 200!

About 25 riders and support drivers will travel from Ashland to Roanoke. On June 13, after leaving Ashland, and stopping for prayer at the Conference Office in Glen Allen, they will be hosted for lunch at PUMC!

Other stops include Centenary UMC, Cumberland Charge, the Wesley Foundation, Pamplin Charge, followed by stops at UM Churches in the Lynchburg and Roanoke Districts.

Riders are welcome! Go to www.holyrollers.org to sign up, or just show up and ride for a few miles.



... but for the Grace of God ... A week after Easter—tornado in Powhatan

PUMC On the Move

Circle of Friends Meets May 2

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.



JOY Luncheon Set for May 11

Join Just Older Youth – JOY – for lunch and fellowship in The Commons, 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 11. Joe and Betty Bowman will take us on their trip to China! Bring a dish to share and come on out for good food and fellowship.



Monday Night Circle Gathers May 16

Monday Night Circle will meet 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marsha Damewood. All the ladies are the church are invited to join! Contact Sally Marchand (598-8178) for more information.

Northfield's 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Northfield Ministries is hosting its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Independence Golf Club Friday, May 6. Using a Captain's Choice format, it begin at 1:00 pm.

Northfield's 5K Race to Break Free

May 7, Northfield will host its 1st annual 5K race/walk, *Race to Break Free*. It's an event designed to raise awareness of the needs of young women who struggle with eating disorder, depression, self-harm, and, in some cases, unplanned pregnancy.

You can register for the *Race to Break Free* as individuals or as a team; \$25 per runner/walker or \$250 per team. Location: 189 Old Buckingham Road in Cumberland.

Nursery

We still are seeking a second Nursery Coordinator for our church and provide loving care and companionship for the children – infant through four – during the Worship and Sunday School hours – 8:15 – 12:15.

This is a paid position, and duties include coordinating nursery volunteers from within the church. This person must be 18 years old or older. If you or someone you know may be interested, please have them contact the church or Frank Armistead at 598-1071.

“Pound For Pound” Provides for Food Pantry

Ruritan National is promoting a community service campaign to donate food products to the local food pantries until the end of May. Our local Ruritan chapters decided this would be a good venture to connect a community church with a civic organization, thus becoming the “Pound for Pound” challenge. This notion was derived from the challenges used on the Biggest Loser TV show. For every pound of items collected, the local Ruritan Clubs would match the poundage.

More Than 1,000 Pounds!

Since February, PUMC’s Congregation has collected food and monetary donations, and presented them weekly to the Ruby Leonard Food Pantry located on Academy Road next to the Bethesda Church of God.

Within a month, more than 1,000 pounds had been collected. The outpouring of generosity was outstanding.

Donations tend to come in frequently during holiday times but there is a big need in the off months to keep the shelves stocked with much needed items. On average, 150 families benefit monthly from this service. The numbers have fluctuated due to the economic downturn we have been currently facing.

May 17 Deadline

On Tuesday, May 17, the Ruritan Clubs will present their collected items to the Ruby Leonard Food Pantry. The total poundage collected from both church and clubs will be announced that day. Representatives of the Huguenot and Powhatan Clubs, District Ruritan officers, PUMC, the Central Virginia Food Bank, and pantry volunteers will be present. “Powhatan Today” has kindly offered to do an article and picture for the paper.

Powhatan is very fortunate to have several area churches and local citizens, as well as Food Lion and Kentucky Fried Chicken, routinely provide monetary donations and food items to the pantry which is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Together, we are all helping take care of our own.

“The Messenger” is taking its summer break and will be combined in June/July, so get your July dates to Sandra by May 17!



Welcome New Members!

ADAMS, Mel & Kimberly

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REAMES, *James & Jeanette

492-4922

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WOOD, Gayle

241-7668

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gjoneswood@aol.com

Please add their contact information to your directory, and consider writing them a note of welcome!

Thank You! Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for all the many acts of kindness shown to Melanie, my daughter, her husband Troy and me due to the loss of their son and my grandson. How truly blessed we are to have such a loving and supportive church family. Our life’s journey is easier because of God’s light shining through you, our friends. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. ~ Suzanne Ward

Church family, Thank you so much for the beautiful handmade quilt. It is going to be used often. I also would like to thank you for the altar rose and for the Dutch cradle cross. The cradle cross is hanging over Sampson’s crib. I feel blessed to have such a strong and loving church family that supports me and my new family. ~ Love, Sarah & Travis Thomas

Staff and Congregation, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, and all of your thoughts and prayers. We are extremely grateful for all the cards and support we received. God is truly at work within Powhatan United Methodist Church, and we are very thankful to be a part of that. Thank you so much for extending God’s grace and love to us during this difficult time. Thank you again. ~ Sincerely, The Crawfords

Thank You, PUMC!

A special “Thank You!” to our church family from the youth of Powhatan United Methodist Church. With your support at our spaghetti dinner April 21 before the Living Last Supper, we raised more than \$500 dollars which will go towards our mission fund.

From Your Trustees and Finance Committee

Our HVAC unit in the sanctuary building was recently inspected by the vendor who maintains this equipment in order to provide the Trustees and Finance Committees with information concerning its projected length of efficient use and an estimated cost for replacement. The outcome of the vendor's review was that the 13 year old unit may not have a much longer operational life. There is not an immediate need to replace the unit but we have used much of its functional life. The vendor provided an estimated replacement cost of \$18,000.

The Trustees Committee will continue to monitor the efficiency of this unit and the Finance Committee will monitor the 2011 budget and continue building a reserve for this expense. If you would like to contribute to our designated fund for this project please mark your check or church offering envelope as "Capital Improvement Fund".

Anthony Abel
Chair, Trustees

Betty Bowman
Chair, Finance

Is It Yours To Do?

... Produce "The Messenger" for the church? It's a fun way to serve PUMC. Takes three or four hours a month ~ and you are hip to all the upcoming events!

It's produced in Publisher, and the current editor, India Cox, will be your back up with team mates Melanie and Eddie Peloke. Be of service to PUMC. Contact Sandra, Melanie or India.

Shake It Up Café

Vacation Bible School 2011 ~ July 25-29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

*I am willing to help **BEFORE** Shake It Up Café VBS (please circle)*

Pray for VBS	Coordinate Publicity	Paint backdrops
Distribute Publicity	Make Costumes	Make phone calls
Help with Pre-registration	Provide Supplies	Gather Donations
Create decorations	Prepare craft packets	Help w Kickoff event

*I am willing to help **DURING** Shake It Up Café VBS (please circle)*

Help with child care	Provide transportation	Be a registrar
Take photos	Greet participants	Pray for the children
Provide snacks for leaders	Set up rooms each day	

*I would like to help **AFTER** Shake It Up Café VBS (please circle)*

Send thank you cards	Take down decorations	Return donated items
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Place this form in the offering plate or return to the church office. Thank you for helping!

Name _____

Phone _____ Email address _____