



Powhatan United Methodist Church

Serving Christ Since 1789

THE MESSENGER

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

June/July 2011

Pastor's Musings

Extending Radical Hospitality

Jesus was asked, *Of all the commandments, which is the most important? 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.'* Mark 12:28-31



A Parable

Once there was a man who was led to enter the priesthood. He went to the lands finest schools and was ordained into the ministry. Being such a good student, he taught for a while at the university before he embarked on his first mission trip. His stated goal was to convert the savages, to bring redemption and peace to this uncivilized wilderness. That same night he noted in his dairy "I am sent to convert the savages but O, who will convert me". After a failed mission, he returned to his homeland in great disappointment and torment in his soul.

A few years later as he heard Luther's preface on the book of Romans he received the conviction, the assurance, that Christ had died for him... even him. After experiencing, first hand, this understanding of God's abundant grace he found peace within, and went on to make a significant impact for the cause of Christ around the world.

You see as he set out in mission, he thought it was his task to convert the savages of the world. He boldly proclaimed the world was his parish! But in fact, it was his task to grow in relationship with God through Christ and to find peace within himself. In so doing, God could work through him to bring conversion of many like me. This man, this priest, of course was John Wesley.

Friends as we consider extending Christian hospitality, the right hand of Christian fellowship, to those you meet... remember that it is through our relationship with Christ that God can extend the saving grace of Christ. Love God and love your neighbor and God will do the rest.

Grace upon grace,

Pastor John

SAVE THE DATE!!! DAY IN THE COUNTRY
OCTOBER 15, 2011 FROM 10 AM – 3 PM



Youth and Children's Ministries

Welcome to Children's Church held every Sunday (except for special occasions) during the 11 o'clock service for all children ages 4-10. We do not stop this service during the summer. On the fourth Sunday of each month the children meet with our choir director, Allison Stowers to learn music to sing during the service. If you haven't tried us or if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer one Sunday every month or two please call Malene @ 347-7913.

Kids With Purpose and Youth

Kids with Purpose will be joining the youth group on June 12th, immediately after the 11 o'clock service for a trip to Crabtree Falls. Please bring a bagged lunch, I will furnish drinks and dessert and wear your comfortable clothes and shoes, no flip flops please. I will need chaperones and drivers, please RSVP by Monday May 30th via email or phone

July 10th--Pool time at Oakwood Pool. We will leave the church after the 11 o'clock service and go directly to the pool, please bring a 2 liter drink and a covered dish to be shared with the group. I will furnish chicken and cookies. Please RSVP by Sunday June 26th, I will need a head count for chicken.

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.

ICE CREAM SOCIALS



Back by Popular Demand!

**4th Sundae
ice cream &
entertainment!**

Announcing...

4th Sundaes for the Summer

- * June 26th- Allison Stowers and her father, Rev. Curtis Campbell They have entertained us here before and will pleasure our ears again!
- * July 24th-Sanctified Power-A contemporary gospel group, they were at the Power show and we had to get them to join us!
- * August 28th-Just Us They have visited at Day in the Country (and last year's 4th Sundaes) and are awesome!

We are currently looking for groups to host the ice cream social portion of the event. It is a Witness to the community of Powhatan! Please contact Joy Daniel if you are interested at 598-9554.

**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. If you have any questions, call Malene ~ 347-7913! Registration will take place from June 1 through July 25. .



Powhatan United Methodist Church Ministry Team

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Sandra Lowe, Administrator ~ church@powhatanumc.us

Allison Stowers, Music & Arts Director ~ musicdirector@powhatanumc.us

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

*Deadline for the August
Messenger = Tuesday,
July 18*

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Pre-School's Year at a Glance



The Cat in the Hat knows a lot about that!



Firefighter Dan talks to the children



The Diggity Dudes perform at Art Show.



Tow-Mater entertains.



Preschool children have their eyes & ears tested.



Registration for 2011-12 preschool term continues, call the director, Sharon Baltimore at 598-6090 for more information.

Church History 101: Ancient Church History & Medieval Christianity

Course Description: Do you ever wonder what happened after The Acts of the Apostles? Do you ever question where the Nicene Creed came from or why churches baptize infants? These questions and more can be found in Church History. This summer course is designed with vacationing parishioners in mind. The class will embark on a journey to explore false teachings and creeds, the fall of the Roman Empire and how the Church was there to pick up the pieces. The course will show how Christianity became a force in the Western World and how the Catholic leadership lost its way. The course will conclude with the Crusades and growing unrest among believers in Europe. This is a golden opportunity to casually study a subject that is more important to Christians than they might realize. (Sundays 9:45-10:45 in the Gym, Starts June 5th and Ends August 21st. For Senior High Students and Up)



Live streaming of Annual Conference to be shown: Live streaming of 2011 Annual Conference will be available, beginning at 7 p.m. on June 15, on the conference Web site, <www.vaumc.org>. It will include all of the five-day session, including closing worship at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 19.

THANK YOU

My family thanks this loving church and congregation for their thoughts and prayers following my father's heart attack, and continuing prayers for Anthony's dad following his stroke. We also want to thank everyone for the many cards and kind words after my dad passed. It is truly a comfort sharing this time with such a caring, Christian church family.

Vicki and Anthony Abel, Tony and Christine.

PUMC On the Move

Circle of Friends Meets June 2

The **Circle of Friends** will meet on **June 6**, in the commons. All ladies are welcome. Refreshments at 10 and meeting at 10:30. We will complete the packing of World Service Kits for conference after the meeting. We have many missions in which we participate. Recently with the help of PUMC we coordinated the Easter Bake Sale which was a huge success, earning \$223 to benefit the Youth Program. Thanks to ALL those who contributed baked goods and made purchases. We are an awesome church! Come to our meeting and enjoy the fellowship and mission work.



JOY Luncheon Break for Summer

Join Just Older Youth – JOY – will resume on the second Wednesday of September.

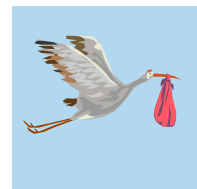


Monday Night Circle Gatherings

The meeting will be Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m., in the Commons. This will be the Secret Pal “revealing”. Everyone is to bring a salad to share, along with a parting gift for their Secret Pal. All ladies of the Church, are invited. Any questions, call Sally Marchand 598-8178.

MNC meets every month. July is the 25th, 7:00 p.m., at the home of India Cox, with Marie DeHart, as dessert hostess.

Welcome Our New Arrivals!



WELCOME Matthew Travis Pearman, Jr., infant son of Christina and Matthew Pearman born on May 10, 2011. Paternal grandparents are Joann and John Pearman.

WELCOME Margaret Monroe, infant daughter of Ann and Kevin Burnette born on May 11, 2011. Maternal grandparents are Julia and Tim Timberlake.

Powhatan Extension Summer

Food Preservation Series

With the abundance of garden fresh produce and rising food costs, surge in food preservation is a safe way to preserve your garden's locally grown produce. The Extension Office



there's been a resurgence in food preservation. Canning is a safe way to preserve your garden's locally grown produce, while saving money. The Powhatan County Office

is beginning its summer programming with a series of hands-on food preservation classes. The first in the series begins in June with "Preserving Your Green Beans." Each participant will learn safe canning techniques while both pressure canning green beans and water bath canning "Dilly" green beans. This class will be held Wednesday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Thursday, June 23, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Powhatan United Methodist Church at 2253 Rosson Road. Each class in the series will be held twice, once in the day and once in the evening for residents' convenience.

The second class in the series will feature "Making Pickles and Chutney" in July. Each participant will learn techniques in making cucumber pickles and chutney. This class will be held Monday, July 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 19, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes will be held at Powhatan United Methodist Church at 2253 Rosson Road in Powhatan.

The third class in the series takes place in August with "Blueberry Spice Jam." Participants will use locally grown produce to make fresh blueberry jam. This class will be held Wednesday, August 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and Thursday, August 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Classes will be held in the Powhatan Village Building kitchen at 3910 Old Buckingham Road.

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. Participants will be registered on a first come, first serve basis. Cost per class is \$6, but residents may register for more than one class at a time. To register, pick up a registration form at the Virginia Cooperative Extension Powhatan Office, 3910 Old Buckingham Road Powhatan, VA 23139 or visit our website at <http://offices.ext.vt.edu/powhatan/>. For more information contact Arla Halpin at 598-5640.



Music Notes

by Allison Stowers—651-5488

After all of the hard work our Voices of Victory poured in to our INCREDIBLE Easter Cantata, "Alleluiah!", and their weekly dedication to fill our Sanctuary with musical praises for the Lord each Sunday, they will enjoy a much-deserved rest in July and August. Please be sure to take a moment and thank them for all they do for our Church worship services, and the community!

Our "Who-So-Ever-Will" Choir is still going strong with new singers popping up each week! The WSEW choir is open to any individual who is present at that Sunday morning service. There are no rehearsals or practices. During the offertory, I simply ask anyone who feels led, to come forward where I hand out a familiar song that is well-known to everyone. We sing through it, and the singers return to their seats. It is SO much fun, and a great ministry for the congregation! Please consider joining us one morning!

I will continue to work with the children (ages 4-10) during Children's Church on the fourth Sunday of each month. I love working with them, and they return to the sanctuary at the end of the service to present the song they have been working on!

We will also be inviting church members and friends to provide special music during the months of July and August: singers, instrumentalists, liturgical dances, and more. Please contact me if you are interested. Youth, and children are welcome, too!

Feel free to contact me anytime!
Love always,
Allison

Peace with Justice Sunday is June 19

Peace with Justice Sunday, one of the church's six Special Sunday offerings, is June 19, the first Sunday after Pentecost. Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

POUND FOR POUND CHALLENGE HELPS STOCK FOOD PANTRY



Ruritan National is promoting a community service campaign to donate food products to the local food pantry through the end of May. Our local Ruritan chapters decided that this would be a good venture to connect a community 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.

Since February, Powhatan United Methodist Church’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, over 1000 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.

On Tuesday, May 17, the Ruritan Clubs presented their collected items to the Ruby Leonard Food Pantry. Representatives of the Huguenot and Powhatan Clubs, District Ruritan officers, Powhatan United Methodist Church, the Central Virginia Food Bank, and pantry volunteers were also present.

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 a.m. until noon. For a small county, together we are all helping to take care of our own.

Finance Committee

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The Committee continues to monitor our offerings in conjunction with our expenses through the first quarter of the budget year. As of April 30, 2011 the church’s financial records report the following:

| | <u>Jan</u> | <u>Feb</u> | <u>Mar</u> | <u>Apr</u> | <u>YTD Total</u> | <u>Budget Projection thru 4/30/11</u> |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------------|---|
| Tithes & Offerings \$96,384 | | \$30,706 | \$24,587 | \$22,999 | \$25,205 | \$103,497 |
| Other Income: | | | | | | |
| Sunday School Offering \$ 408 | | \$109 | \$125 | \$137 | \$104 | \$ 475 |
| Building Use \$1,883 | | \$380 | \$570 | \$325 | \$1,168 | \$2,443 |
| Parsonage Rent \$1,500 | | \$900 | \$900 | <\$500> | | \$1,300 |
| Pre-School \$2,579 | | <u>\$ 3,000</u> | | | | <u>\$3,000</u> |
| Total Revenue Received \$102,754 | | \$35,095 | \$26,182 | \$22,961 | \$26,477 | \$110,715 |
| Total Expenses Paid \$104,408 | | \$23,861 | \$22,980 | \$29,972 | \$23,938 | \$100,751 |

Betty Bowman
Chair, Finance