



Woods Chips

Labyrinth

August 2, 2010 No. 15

Dear Friends,

Solvitur ambulando is a Latin term that translates “It is solved by walking.” It seems to date to the Greek philosopher Diogenes and appears in a number of works, including Henry David Thoreau’s *Walking*. Thoreau, of course, is well-known for his extensive walking through nature, including his treks up and down the coastline beaches of Cape Cod. Janet and I too enjoy long walks on the beaches and inland trails of Cape Cod, and find a gracious and centering gift in the exercise of walking; an essential part of our vacation there this summer will be, and always has been, the simple activity of walking.

It strikes me that this term also points us to something about the nature of faith; Christians have often been known as “pilgrims,” stemming initially from the journeys made by believers to sacred places, as in Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales*, or later, the little faith community in Leyden, Holland, that journeyed to the New World in search of religious freedom. Still later (1678) John Bunyan’s *Pilgrim’s Progress*, made “pilgrimage” a metaphor or allegory for making one’s way through the joys and challenges of life to the Celestial City. But the story is in the traveling: faith is not so much an arrival as a journey; we often speak of “the walk of faith.” And I think that notion is very much attuned to



Jesus’ description of himself as “the Way.” His earliest followers were known as “people of the way”; that sounds to me like travelers *en route*, not yet arrived.

If so, the Christian faith can be something of a challenge for those of us who desire to have things concluded, destination reached, goals accomplished, solutions finalized, and loose ends nailed down. That yearning probably describes all of us some of the time... and some of us almost all of the time. But we know instinctively that life is richer than that, that there is always more ahead... more to experience, more to learn, more to discover; an end is a new beginning. *Solvitur ambulando* – the “it” to be “solved” is the big issues and the little perplexities of faith and life. As Jesus said, the Holy Spirit is sent to “guide us into all truth,” not to package it up for us in one final, customized bundle of answers. We are indeed “works in progress.”

One of the most enriching exercises in *solvitur ambulando* for me – and I know for many others – is walking the labyrinth. I first saw a labyrinth at a Presbyterian Conference Center in Stony Point, NY, in the early 1990’s. My first reaction was something of a left-brained skepticism: how can walking from here to there – sort of in circles – and then back again possibly be a spiritually expansive and deepening exercise? I found instead in the entering, resting, and returning of the labyrinth walk a kind of peace and presence amid whatever unresolved issues I may have been dealing with that day. The transformation was a subtle one; not of receiving “spiritual enlightenment” but of realizing that the Spirit meets me and joins me on the journey, the walk of faith through all the twists and turnings of life. Sometimes on the walk there is deepened understanding, and other times the awareness of the Lord as one’s traveling companion is quite enough.

Perhaps someday Woods will add a labyrinth to the many spiritual avenues that are here for God’s people. *Solvitur ambulando!*





Families with

Pam Fusting, Director, Kathie

Children's Ministry

Hamlett, Childcare Coordinator

Sunday School News



Summer Reminder: Cribbery will be offered all summer during **all three services** in Room 110. We encourage you to bring your older child/ren to worship, as there is **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for toddlers-5th grade during the month of August. The children's messages will continue at both 9:30 am and 11:00 am services.

Fall Registration and Remaining Teacher Needs:

We look forward to serving your children and His children with you this coming year! Our 2010-2011 term begins with Kick-Off Sunday, September 12. Thanks you to all who have signed up to teach this coming year. Please plan to join us for a brief informational meeting on Sunday, August 29, at either 9:30 or 11:00 am. We will review curriculum, responsibilities, and Sunday School policy and procedures. Also, we invite all Sunday School teachers to attend the Blessing of the Educators Sunday on August 22 at the 9:30 am or 11:00 am service.

Parents - your participation is critical in providing a wonderful, fun, Christ-centered program.

We are still looking to fill the following positions:

9:30am

- Cribbery* (1 additional leader needed – one Sunday per month)
- Toddlers Class* (2-3 leaders needed)
- Kindergarten* (1 additional leader needed)
- Grades 4 & 5 Shepherds* (This is a **non-teaching role**; Shepherds attend their class' workshops and are the "extra pair of hands" for the workshop leaders.)

Grades 1-5 Workshop leader openings still exist for October and January– May. Teach a Bible Lesson in the format that you love (art, science, games, video, cooking, music, storytelling) for a one-month time period!

11:00am

- Toddlers Class* (2-3 leaders needed)
- Pre-k through 1st* (2 leaders needed)
- Grades 2-5 Workshop* leader openings still exist throughout the program year.

Questions? Please contact Pam Fusting in the church office or at pfusting@woodschurch.org.



Register for Disciple 1 today!

DISCIPLE

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

Every year we offer a small group Bible Study called Disciple 1, which allows you to cover *Genesis* to *Revelation* in 34 weeks, basically the length of the regular school year. You will meet with a group once a week, and through conversation, video and regular Scripture reading, discover not only more about the richness of the living Word of God, but also how to deepen your relationship with Christ. And you'll make lasting friendships in the process!

Dick Willis and Jim DeGraffenreid will be leading this year's Disciple 1 Group on Monday nights. Registration is taking place throughout the month of August. Orientation for those

Adult Ministry

Rev. Elizabeth McLean

who have signed up or want to find out more will be Monday night August 30th. Because we can offer only one group this year, spaces are limited and will fill up fast. Why not make this your year to connect with Christ on a deeper level?

To those who have already taken Disciple 1: The Adult Ed Committee regrets that it does not have the teachers to be able to offer other Disciple courses of study this program year. God willing, next year we will be able to offer more Disciple groups. In the meantime, you are encouraged to continue your Bible study through the regular Sunday School programming and ChristCare small group ministry.



Local & World Ministry, Sheila McPhee,
Director

School Supplies Due August 15th
Volunteers are needed to sort and deliver.



Don't forget that backpacks and school supplies are due back at Church no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday August 15th. Thank you for helping equip children for learning!

We will deliver the supplies to Glen Burnie Park Elementary on Wednesday, August 18th and we need volunteers to sort and check the supplies for each child, pack them in the back packs and deliver them to the school. **We need your help!** We will start sorting in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. If you are willing and able to help, please email Sheila McPhee at smcphree@woodschurch.org.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to equip 140 children for school!

Changing Lives in the Holy Land

On Wednesday, August 11th
2010 – 7:30 pm at Severna

Park Community Center, Elad Vazana, a noted peacemaker from Israel, will tell his personal story and also speak about his work towards peace with Palestinian and Israeli youth. Joan Tiernan, who chairs Woods Peace and Justice Committee, heard Elad speak while she was on a visit to the Holy



Land and invited him here to speak about this valuable peace effort and to help us understand what life is like in Israel today. Like most Jewish Israelis, he served in the Israel Defense Force and his experiences there and the challenges he faced resulted in his becoming an active leader in the Sulha Peace project (uniting thousands of Arab and Jewish youth).

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

Please call Joan Tiernan, 410-544 1131, or email her at JTIER2000@aol.com to register for the program or for further information.

Art in the Gallery



A Multi-Media Exhibit
August - September

THE ART GIRLS
Lori Dimont
Cynthia Viener Hoff
Brenda Warner Lee



The “Art Girls” first met in Erika Walsh’s watercolor class at Maryland Hall and have been painting, traveling, playing, eating and drinking together since 2000. They have traveled several times to Palm Springs, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York and Spain in pursuit of their artistic careers. Most often they meet in Brenda’s studio where they create, discuss and plan. Several successful studio shows inspire them year after year. Each of the artists credit Erika Walsh for her inspiration, encouragement, and generosity of spirit.

Youth News



Middle School Youth

Sunday School Classes for 6th and 8th grades

See you on Kick Off Sunday, September 12, 2010 for Fall Sunday School on Sunday Mornings 9:30 am in the Holy Grounds Building. Registration forms can be found at www.woodschurch.org. Click on the Youth Page. Any questions e-mail Christie ccory@woodschurch.org.

High School Youth

Sunday High School Bible Study for 10th -12th grades.

See you on Kick Off Sunday, September 12th, 2010 for Fall Sunday Bible Study on Sunday Mornings 9:30 am in the Youth Room. Registration forms can be found at www.woodschurch.org Click on Youth page. Any questions e-mail Christie ccory@woodschurch.org



Baysox Faith Night, Tuesday August 10, Tickets \$10.00

Pre-Game Christian Rock Concert Starting at 4:00 pm

Ball Game Starts at 6:35 pm

Includes: Pre-game Concert, Lower Reserved Seating, Post Game Fireworks! Contact Christie for info at ccory@woodschurch.org or 410-647-2550.



Girls in the Middle

Dear Parents & Family,

GITM will meet on **Sundays from 9:30-10:30 am at Woods Church**. The dates for summer meetings are August 8th and August 15th.

It is our hope that we will continue GITM during the school year meeting once or twice a month to continue to provide support and encouragement as well as fellowship activities. I would also like to offer the girls a chance to go visit the middle school they will attend with some 7th grade "veterans" before school starts for a small guided tour. Based on the interest and availability of the girls, we will set that up closer to the start of school.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns! Peace & Blessings, Sue Hannahs shannahs@verizon.net 410-974-0211.



WoodsWork Reunion

Join us at Zimmerman Hall for the WoodsWork 2010 Reunion on August 8th from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm.

Confirmation 2009 - 2010

Keep the Confirmation Class of 2010 in your prayers!
Welcome them as Adult Members of
Woods Church.

Confirmation Calendar of the Class of 2011:

Confirmation Orientation Sept. 7, 2010 at 7:00 pm
Confirmation Class begins Sept. 12, 2010 at 9:30 am
Confirmation Fall Retreat October 1 - 3, 2010

Any questions?

E-mail Brandon bbrewer@woodschurch.org

Check out the Woods Youth News

www.woodschurch.org

Stay up to date with what's happening in Youth Ministry at Woods.

Wood Piles

Fall High School WoodPiles Bible Study Starts Back
Tuesday, September 21, 2010.



WoodPiles Bake 'n' Bible for High School Girls Only
starts again on Thursday, September 23rd, 2010.



**Save The Date!
Kick Off Sunday
September 12, 2010**

While planning your summer getaways, mark your calendar for a great “return” event: **Kick Off Sunday – September 12, starting** with the 8:00 am Communion Service; 9:30 am Traditional Service, and 11:00 am Contemporary Service. **Then at Noon to 2:00 pm** there will be a family picnic, the official ribbon-cutting at the new Woods Counseling Center, activities for youth, and lively music by the Woods and Hispanic Praise Teams.



**From The
Church Garden**

The Queen Anne’s Lace plant (related to the carrot) has at least two stories that contribute to its name. One is that Queen Anne, bride of James I, challenged her ladies to a lace-making contest. They were to reproduce the flower of the carrot. No one could do it as well as the queen. Thus, it was called Queen Anne’s Lace.

The second story is that it is named after Anne, mother of Mary, and grandmother of Jesus. Anne is the patron saint of lace makers.

The lacey flowers in our church gardens grow from seeds gathered at Bolivar Heights, part of the Harpers Ferry Historical Park. This was the site of the largest single capture of Union Troops. Abraham Lincoln and Stonewall Jackson walked this field later. Wouldn’t it be awesome if plants could keep track of their ancestors, as people do, and document those who have walked on them and picked them and spread their seeds? What a history they could write!



Thank You

Dear Woods Family,
Many thanks to all of you who supported me and my family during my recent surgery. From the pastors who offered us counsel and visited us in the hospital; to the members of the prayer shawl ministry; to the Deacons who visited, brought flowers and sent notes; to the many who encouraged us through their prayers, notes, cards — and food (!)— thank you all so much. We know that Woods is a caring and loving community, but there is no substitute for experiencing it first hand. May God bless you all.
Jeff Norris

**Interested in
Environmental Issues?**

The Environmental sub-committee of the Peace and Justice Committee invites you to come and join others who share our interests and concerns about our care for creation at an exploratory meeting on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:30 pm in the Founders Room. All ages are welcome! For more information, call Susan Schmidt (410 647-4902) or Julie Erickson (410 849-8077). We look forward to seeing you there!

ChrisCare

ChristCare and Fitness

Many health experts define fitness in terms of 4 dimensions. They say that total fitness (i.e. wholeness) requires addressing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual areas of one’s life. This might be accomplished by working out at the gym (physical), joining a book club (mental), having team building sessions at work (emotional), and attending a meditation class (spiritual).

However, if time/schedule is a problem, you may want to consider a 4-in-1 approach. Participation in a ChristCare group includes mission projects (physical), Bible/book study (mental), sharing/caring (emotional), and worship/prayer (spiritual). In addition, the synergy that is generated among all the members with Christ at the center of the group may produce surprising results.

There is no guarantee that you will become totally fit in all 4 dimensions, but considering the economy of time and potential side benefits, it might be worth a try.

Woods New Member/Inquirer Classes

Our next session for New Member Classes will begin with a Dessert Social on Monday, October 4th at 7:00 pm.

You may attend two one-hour classes on Sunday October 10th, and Sunday, October 17th, from 9:30-10:30 am, or one class on Tuesday, October 12th, from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The New Members/Elders Dinner will be on Wednesday, October 20th, at 6:00 pm and you will be welcomed into membership on Sunday October 24th, at either the 9:30 or 11:00 Worship Service.

For more information, please contact the church office.





BAPTISMS

Listed below are baptism dates for the summer:

Sunday Baptisms	Baptismal Conference
August 22	Monday, August 16
October 10	Monday, October 4

If interested in having your child baptized, please call the church office.



Congratulations to:

- Tom and Katie Peiffer, on the birth of their daughter, Delaney Helene Peiffer, on July 20, 2010. Beverly Roberts is the proud grandmother.



Stamps for the Presbyterian Home

The residents of the Presbyterian Home in Towson are requesting that we save all of our envelopes that we receive in the mail, put them into bags and drop them into the Stamp Barrel that is located next to the Food Barrels in Fellowship Hall.

The residents cut and package the cancelled stamps and sell them to brokers. The residents also collect Campbell Soup Labels and (General Mills) Box Tops for Education. The proceeds are used for the upkeep of the Presbyterian Home. Many thanks!

Book Of Saints

Looking ahead to 2012 and the Church Centennial, we need to remember those "Saints" who brought our church to where it is today. As we go back into the necrology of the early 1990's, it is difficult to find surviving family members. Please volunteer any clues you may have on Saints of Woods to our committee members: Mary Conker, Sue Hammel, Betty Maas or Judy Smith. We are eager to have biographies on as many "saints" as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated.

The Love and Sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- Julie Mallonee and family on the death of her husband, Tom Mallonee.
- Ann Pumphrey and family on the death of her husband, Michael Pumphrey.
- Sanford and Debbie Burns on the death of Sandy's mother, Jane Burns.
- Bill Hamel and family on the death of his sister. Pat Hamel.
- Marco and Merleana Guerra, on the death of Marco's father.

News from Music Ministry

Summer Family Choir



The Summer Family Choir has begun and will continue through August 22nd.

I encourage you to join us for a few weeks and see how much fun you and your

family will have being a part of the Music Ministry at Woods!

We meet in the Choir Room at 8:45 am to practice the anthem for the 9:30 service. We will be singing fun and exciting music that will not be too difficult. The Summer Family Choir is open to all Woods members and friends of Woods from 4th grade through adult.

Come and bring your whole family to sing praises to God as one voice!! There will be **NO** Thursday rehearsals for Summer Family Choir.



Woods Children's Musical

Join us on Friday, August 6th, at 6:00 pm to see the musical, *Rescue In The Night*, that the children will be working on at Summer Camp this coming week.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, August 5th

8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
 8:30 am Woods Summer Camp
 9:00 am Library Committee
 11:00 am Louise Grauch Memorial Service
 7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, August 6th

6:00 pm Woods Children's Summer Musical

Saturday, August 7th

8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, August 8th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 8:00 am Women's Bible Study
 8:00 am Communion Service
 8:45 am Summer Family Choir
 9:30 am Cribbery
 9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
 9:30 am Adult Ed Summer Class
 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 am Cribbery
 11:00 am Contemporary Service
 6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)

Monday, August 9th

1:00 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
 7:30 pm Pastor Nominating Committee
 7:30 pm Coordinating Cabinet
 7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)

Tuesday, August 10th

10:00 am ChristCare (Connolly)
 11:00 am Stephen Ministry Peer Review
 6:00 pm Wood Piles

Wednesday, August 11th

10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study

Thursday, August 12th

8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
 9:00 am Library Committee
 7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Review

Friday, August 13th

7:00 pm Pre-Marital Conference

Saturday, August 14th

9:00 am Pre-Marital Conference
 9:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
 8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, August 15th

Blood Pressure Screening
 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
 8:00 am Women's Bible Study
 8:00 am Communion Service
 9:30 am Adult Ed Summer Class
 9:30 am Cribbery
 9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
 11:00 am Cribbery
 11:00 am Adult Ed Summer Class
 11:00 am Contemporary Service
 6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)

Monday, August 16th

11:30 Harundale Free Lunch Program
 1:00 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
 7:00 pm Baptismal Conference
 7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)
 7:30 pm Pastor Nominating Committee
 7:30 pm Centennial Committee

Tuesday, August 17th

10:30 am ChristCare (Connolly)
 1:30 pm Equippers

Wednesday, August 18th

10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study
 7:30 pm Session

Thursday, August 19th

8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
 9:00 am Library Committee
 7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

7:00-8:30 am Monday-Friday-Private

Prayer /Meditation in Sanctuary

©Indicates Child Care provided. Reservations required.

Please call 48 hours in advance.



Fall BreadBreakers

Fall BreadBreakers is a group of people who meet once a month for dinner and fellowship. Everyone brings a dish to share and the host for that month supplies the main course. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new people, grow together in friendships, and share a wonderful meal.

The different groups will meet from September to December, once a month. Groups are made up of eight people (singles are welcome!). Sign up in Fellowship Hall. If you would like more info about BreadBreakers, direct any questions to Janet Kamischke at 410-729-3968.

Woods Chips Schedule
 Next Woods Chips will be mailed out August 16, 2010. Check Woods Web Site for info and updates at www.woodschurch.org

Flowers in the Sanctuary

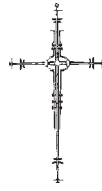
If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one, call Theo Blaney in the Church Office. The cost is \$20.

From the Church Library



Summer Reading Books

Check out books and take them to the pool, beach, mountains, your deck, etc., and relax and read. There are many good "reads" in the Church Library.



August 8, 2010
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Traditional Service
11:00 am Contemporary Service

August 15, 2010
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blood Pressure Screening

8:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Traditional Service
11:00 am Contemporary Service

Check out Woods Web Site

www.woodschurch.org

Sunday sermons are available online
(text and audio).



Meet the Staff

*Rev. Dr. Floyd W. Churn, Interim Pastor,
Rev. Nancy Lincoln Reynolds, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean, Associate Pastor
Rev. Dr. W. Terry Schoener, Pastor Emeritus
Brandon Brewer, Youth Director
Tom Lerario, Executive Director for Administration
Pam Fusting Dir. of Families with Children
Kathie Hamlett, Childcare/VBS Coordinator
Dong-Hyuk Lee, Director of Music
Hilda Gore, Worship Leader
Sheila McPhee, Mission Director
Jessica Kemper, Director for CDC
Rev. Dr. John E. Myhill, Parish Associate*

Counseling Center

*Rev. Dr. Jon E. Williams, Parish Associate
Lori Janssen, Director*