



Woods Chips

July 6, 2010 No. 13

Dear Friends,

This week my personal devotion time guided me to the following quote from E. Glenn Hinson in *Spiritual Preparation for Christian Leadership*, "The church and the world need saints. They need saints more than they need more canny politicians, more brilliant scientists, more grossly overpaid executives and entrepreneurs, more clever entertainers and talk-show hosts. Are there any on the horizon now that Mother Teresa is no longer with us, either of the extraordinary or of the ordinary kind? I think there are. Maybe I should say that there are saints "aborning" by God's grace. There are those whose lives have been irradiated by God's grace, who seek not to be safe but to be faithful, who have learned how to get along in adversity, who are joyful, who are dream filled, and above all, who are prayerful. That is what the church and the world need most. It begins with you."

My immediate response was an awareness that Woods Church has such saints—and has them in such abundance! The structured network of pastoral care (Deacons, Stephen Ministers, Woods Counseling Center, staff and others in The Pastoral Care team) provide about 200 interventions each



week in the form of calls, cards or visits. But there are countless other outpourings by "glad and generous hearts" who are inspired by prayer, small group ministries and friendship or neighborhood outreach that we have no way of knowing about.

Over and over again I may inquire about the well-being of a member only to learn that one of you has already organized a meal schedule or has visited, called and offered help in another way. We receive calls from complete strangers saying, "I don't belong to your church but I was told that you...". Fill in the blank with any number of examples of compassionate support. On a recent visit to a grieving family, I was met at the door by someone holding a note in her hand from a deacon. "These cards are like healing hugs, and this person has never met me."

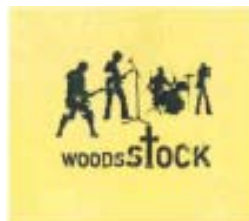
Yes, the church and the world need saints...and it has begun with you! Thank you for opening yourselves to being led by the Spirit and for leading by example and witness to the saving grace and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Nancy and The Pastoral Care Team

WoodsStock

July 24, 2010

This year WoodsStock will present unique performances of praise in music and in dance. Praise Teams from Woods and Wayman Good Hope will be joined by the Jamaican dance troupe from our sister church in Jamaica, Meadow Brook, as well as Casa de Bendiciones from our own Hispanic congregation here at Woods.



Ticket donations are \$5 (a limit of \$15 per family) and will support *Building Life*, a project for the prevention of teen suicide in Anne Arundel County.

This is a rare opportunity to take part in a blend of culture and talent - so don't miss it. Buy your tickets early as we have limited capacity in the sanctuary!



Families with

Pam Fusting, Director, Kathie

Children's Ministry

Hamlett, Childcare/VBS Coordinator



Sunday School News

Our Summer Celebration continues at 9:30 am through July 25th. Children in grades K-5 begin their morning in worship and are dismissed following the children's moment with the pastor. Children younger than completed kindergarten may report directly to their classroom before service. *Reminder: Cribbery is the only class offered at 11:00 am.*

Summer Cribbery News

Throughout the summer, cribbery is available during *all three church services*: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 am. Our loving workers and volunteers welcome your little ones!

JOIN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TEAM THIS FALL!

Planning is already underway for the 2010-2011 program year. In order to provide the best possible Sunday school program, we do need parent participation. Please prayerfully consider taking an active role in passing the faith to not only your child/ren but other Woods children by teaching or assisting in one of our classes. Volunteer for as little as a one-month period; you don't need to have any teaching experience - just a love for God and the willingness to express that love for God to children. All lesson materials and support will be provided to you.

We are still looking to fill the following positions:

- **Cribbery-Kindergarten Leaders-** Join us in passing the faith to our youngest ones! Team teach with 2 other dedicated teachers for the year. We have wonderful user-friendly teaching materials. Support and supplies are provided.
- **Workshop Rotation Leaders-** Join our 1st-5th graders by teaching one workshop for 4-5 Sundays this year! Teachers plan just one lesson (making age appropriate adjustments as needed) over a 4-5 week period to a different grade each Sunday. An amazing user-friendly curriculum! Teach what you love: art, science, games, video, computers, cooking, music, storytelling.
- **Workshop Rotation Shepherds-** Make a difference in a child's life! Shepherd a grade level next year. No teaching responsibilities. Shepherds' primary role is to form relationships with kids on Sunday morning. You'll travel with the kids each week to different workshops and are the "extra pair of hands" for the workshop leader.

Stop by Fellowship Hall to view the upcoming class schedules and current sign-up needs, or contact Pam Fusting, pfusting@woodschurch.org.



Vacation Bible School

Every family with children registered for VBS should have received a letter about the High Seas Expedition plans for the week. **If you did not get a letter**, please call or email Kathie Hamlett at 410-647-2550 or khamlett@woodschurch.org. There are currently children on the waiting list, so if a registered preschool or elementary student will not be attending, please let us know. Thanks!

VBS Volunteers Meeting – If you missed the volunteer orientation meetings, we will hold one last meeting on July 11th at 10:30 in Room 155.

Many thanks to the VBS Station Leaders (saints!!) for this year:

Music – Hilda Gore

Arts and Crafts – Janna and Greta Kintzley

Bible Drama – Ellen Oakes, Justin Binnix, Otha Hamlett

Games – Joshua Clute

Snacks – Rachel Mann

Chadders' Theater - Sam Laite, Megan Brugnoli

Preschool Room Leaders

Jean Zemo, Karen Gonyeau, Cindi White,

Meredith Reaser, Chris Marsala, Sharon Walker

The Station Leaders plan the stations each day, and will meet with Kathie Hamlett or Karen Jackson for preschool, as needed, to coordinate the details.

VBS Helpers Needed – Volunteers (both adult and youth) are still needed in several areas of the VBS, *especially the preschool and the cribbery*. Please give a day or two – the children are such a joy – you will love it! **VBS can't happen without you**, so please sign up to help. Thanks!

Decorating - We still need donations of decorating items. If you can help decorate, please plan to stay after the 11:00 service on Sunday, July 11th. Email khamlett@woodschurch.org to let me know. Thanks



Local & World Ministry

Sheila McPhee, Director



School Supplies Needed

Can you help purchase school supplies for a needy child in our area? Through our partnership relationship with Glen Burnie Park Elementary School, Woods Church will help individual students from Glen Burnie Park obtain their school supplies for the upcoming year. This opportunity is much like our Christmas gift-giving program. You can visit the table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, sign out a card, purchase the supplies listed and then return them to church by August 15. We will deliver them to the school in advance of the first school day so the children will have a great start to the new school year.

Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services coordinates volunteer organizations throughout our county to obtain school supplies for many needy children. Glen Burnie Park Elementary is appreciative of the relationship we have formed and the help we have given over the past years. They are looking forward to our continued support and are already hoping that next year we will have even more volunteers willing to assist their teachers. Thank you in advance for helping extend our embrace around these children.

Adult Ministry

Rev. Elizabeth McLean



Adult Education

- Have you wanted to deepen your discipleship but not been sure how to do so?
- Have you ever wished that Christ would come and change your life, while at the same time hoping that he wouldn't change anything?

There are all kinds of feelings that keep us from becoming the disciples that God wants us to be, including fear, apathy, and disbelief to name just a few. But whatever is holding you back from embracing the transforming power of God's grace, you don't have to stay captive for long. Come and join the discussion this summer at 11:00 as we explore faith, fears and the God who calls us to walk on water with our Savior, in:

“If You Want to Walk on Water, You’ve Got to Get Out of the Boat”

July 18- August 22 in the Founders Room

This class is based on the best seller (and accompanying video) by John Ortberg, pastor of the Willow Creek Church. It will be led by various facilitators.

Disciple 1

Once you are ready to commit to strengthening your discipleship, consider signing up for Disciple 1 Bible Study this Fall. Registration will take place in August.

Disciple 1 takes you from *Genesis to Revelation* in the supportive environment of small group study. It is ideal for people who want to know God and the Bible better but aren't sure where to start or how to do it on their own.

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.



Great Escape Commissioning Sunday, July 25th 2010 11:00 service

We would love for you and your family to join us in worship on Sunday, July 25th, at Woods Church for the Great

Escape commissioning and blessing during the 11:00 service. See you there! 410-647-2550 or 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 9:30am 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



Don't forget you can go online to check out the photos each day of WoodsWork and DriftWood. Go to www.woodschurch.org, and go to the youth page.

Youth Events this Summer

WoodsWork

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

DriftWood -

Photos online at www.woodschurch.org

Fun In The Sun

July 17th- July 23rd 2010

Commissioning and Blessing on Sunday, July 11, 2010 at the 11:00 Service

Great Escape

July 26th-July 31st 2010

All forms and registration paperwork are due in the Church Office by Sunday, July 11, 2010.

There are still spots available for Great Escape this year!

If you would like your child to etch their name in Woods Church legacy, you must contact Christie Cory at ccory@woodschurch.org

Commissioning and Blessing on Sunday, July 25, 2010 at the 11:00 Service

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:

Great Escape July 26 - 31, 2010

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**

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.

Check out the Woods Youth News

www.woodschurch.org

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



Thank You

Dear Dong Hyuk:

We arrived home in Grayson at 8:00 last night after having traveled just over 1,500 miles. It was a wonderful experience for our students as they visited Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, and North Carolina. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your gracious hospitality to our ATTITUDE 423 group. We had a wonderful trip, five great concerts, met new friends, and grew even closer together as a group of students and leaders. We will be singing our concert program next Sunday morning for our parents and church family at home.

Please pass on our thanks to all your folks for their hospitality, food, and warm welcome. Special thanks to the ladies who prepared such a fabulous meal for us and to the families that housed us overnight. We especially enjoyed hearing your fantastic choir sing ... when you come to Atlanta on YOUR choir tour, you'll have a place to sing and stay!

In His service,
Stephen M. Sheppard
Minister of Music
Grayson United Methodist Church
Grayson, Georgia

To All the Church Gardeners,

Many thanks to our church gardeners for their hard work and dedication. Seeing all of the colorful flowers in full bloom is a wonderful way to brighten a day. Each year I look forward to the day that the gorgeous Crepe Myrtle tree, by the steps in the front of the church, blooms. It is so inviting and such a beautiful warm color. To me, it relates to the beauty and warmth inside Woods. While nothing blooms forever, God has truly blessed us with beauty for a while and memories forever.
Merle Gabriel

From the Church Garden



Churches everywhere from storefronts to cathedrals, as well as other buildings of all kinds, have a common element found outside their walls. DANDELIONS! These plants probably originated in Asia Minor and spread with the help of animals, soldiers, wind, immigrants who carried seeds with them, and of course the children who for centuries have blown the seed heads for fun.

Parents, teachers, and friends, remember the hand-picked bunches of dandelions that you dutifully put in jars of water, as you spoke your enthusiastic words of Thanks. For sure, you knew that spring was really here.

An American poet, Slim Acres, wrote:

“Roses are red, violets are blue;
But they don't get around like the
dandelions do.”

BOOK OF SAINTS LOST SAINTS!

We need your help!! As we work back into the Church history, trying to find out information about members who are deceased, we are having trouble locating families and friends of the following members: Kathleen Timmerman, Joe and Alma Tramer, Charlotte Wainwright, Irma, Augusta and Neil Watson, Ida, Mary and Bud Weston, Jean Williams, Diane Marie Wilson, and Joyce Lynn Wood. If you have any leads, please phone Judy Smith at: 410-647-4769. Your help would be appreciated!

The Book of Saints is on a podium near the entrance to the Sanctuary. Stop and read about the many members who contributed so much to Woods Church.

Woods Coed Softball



July 11th - Team #1 (Charlie Floyd 443-994-1474) will play St. John's at Cypress Creek #2 at **2:00 pm**.

Team #2 (Steve Anstett 443-838-1459) will play Christ Lutheran at Elvaton #1 at **2:00 pm**.

July 18 - Team #1 (Charlie Floyd 443-994-1474) will play Team #2 (Steve Anstett 443-838-1459) at Cypress Creek #1 at **2:00 pm** for a make-up game.

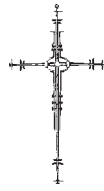
All are welcome to play; you must reach your 16th birthday by 12/31/10 to play (no upper age limit!).

Art in the Gallery



God's Awesome Creation is the current exhibit in the Woods Gallery. Featured are paintings and drawings by May Maynard. Ms. May, as she is affectionately known by her many friends and colleagues, was for decades a much beloved teacher in the Woods Child Development Center and well known to Woods members. From childhood she has enjoyed doing art and in retirement has been taking classes in various media at the Arnold Senior Center.

Her love of art has called her also to a ministry at Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church. Called "*God's Gifts and Talents are Ageless*". May uses it to motivate people of all ages in the belief that gifts, talents and interests may grow and change, but last a lifetime and can be used at any age through community service and sharing.



BAPTISMS

Listed below are baptism dates for the summer:

Sunday Baptisms	Baptismal Conference
July 25	Monday, July 19
August 22	Monday, August 16

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

Congratulations to:

- Dave and Kelly Harms on the birth of their son, Beau Pearson Harms, on July 3, 2010.



Fall BreadBreakers

Fall Bread Breakers 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 Bread Breakers, direct any questions to Janet Kamischke at 410-729-3968.

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.



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood Pressure Screening will take place on Sunday, July 18, 2010. This service is offered by licensed health professionals. Please take advantage of this opportunity to monitor your blood pressure.



News from Music Ministry

Summer Family Choir

The Summer Family Choir has begun and will continue through August 22nd. We sang for the first time this past Sunday. 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.

Fourth of July Parade in Severna Park

Congratulations to our Praise Band for coming in First Place in the non-profit category.





WEEKLY CALENDAR

7:00-8:30 am Monday-Friday-Private
Prayer /Meditation in Sanctuary
☺Indicates Child Care provided. Reservations required.
Please call 48 hours in advance.

Thursday, July 8th

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

Friday, July 9th

2:00 pm Funeral Service for Judy Warman

Saturday, July 10th

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, July 11th

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 Summer Sunday School
9:30 am Cribbery
9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
9:30 am Adult Ed – Women of the Bible
9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:30 am VBS Crew Helpers Training
11:00 am Cribbery
11:00 am Contemporary Service
6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)

Monday, July 12th

12:30 pm Vacation Bible School
1:00 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
7:00 pm Coordinating Cabinet
7:30 pm Pastoral Nominating Committee
7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)

Tuesday, July 13th

10:00 am ChristCare (Connolly)
12:30 pm Vacation Bible School
7:30 pm Family Life Meeting

Wednesday, July 14th

10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study
12:30 pm Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Review

Thursday, July 15th

8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
12:30 pm Vacation Bible School
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, July 16th

12:30 pm Vacation Bible School
6:30 pm Ronald McDonald House Dinner

Saturday, July 17th

8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, July 18th

Communion Sunday
Fun In The Son
8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Women's Bible Study
8:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Summer Sunday School
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 – Women of the Bible
11:00 am Contemporary Service
6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)

Monday, July 19th

Fun In The Son
11:30 pm Harundale Free Lunch
1:00 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)
7:30 pm Centennial Celebration Committee
7:30 pm Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesday, July 20th

Fun In The Son
10:30 am ChristCare (Connolly)

Wednesday, July 21st

Fun In The Son
10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study
7:30 pm Session

Thursday, July 22nd

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

The Love and Sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- Jacquelynnie Shade and family on the death of her father, William Haas.
- Bryan Warman and family on the death of his wife, Judy. Judy was an active member of Woods for 14 years, serving as a Deacon, active in ChristCare, Winter Relief, and Caring Connections.
- Connie Lindsey and family on the death of her father, Mason. Mason was a Deacon at Woods and member for 45 years. Plans for Mason's service have not been finalized. Watch for an e-mail or call the church office.

From the Church Library



Calling all young readers! Stop by the Church Library and look on the book cart or shelves for some good books for you summer reading. There are also some DVD's.

Woods Chips Schedule

Next Woods Chips will be mailed out July 19, 2010. Check Woods Web Site for info and updates at www.woodschurch.org



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.

Check out Woods Web Site

www.woodschurch.org

Sunday sermons are available online
(text and audio).

July 11, 2010

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Communion Service

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

July 18, 2010

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Communion Sunday

8:00 am Communion Service

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service