

The Circuit Writer

January/February 2011



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A Note from the Pastor . . .

The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep His commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant. (2 Kings 23:3)

Are you in the habit of making New Year's resolutions each year and then struggling to keep them? In 1755, John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, discovered a different kind of New Year's resolution experience that he shared with others and it soon became a tradition among the Methodists. It is known as Wesley's Covenant Renewal Service in which individuals are encouraged to renew their relationship with God. It is a New Year's resolution that can bring deep meaning to your life .

There is a prayer in the service that reads in part:

You have filled our hearts with a hunger after You, and have given us Your peace.

You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.

You have given us a place in the fellowship of Your Spirit and the witness of Your Church.

You have been our light in darkness and a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.

You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys and the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.

On January 2, 2011 we will participate in the Covenant Renewal Service as we commission new church leaders for the year and we will renew our commitment as a congregation to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ. I hope you will plan to be present as we begin a New Year together as the people of God. I look forward to serving together with you.

May you experience Grace and Peace in abundance in the New Year,

Pastor Edna

We would like to extend a Happy Birthday to all Church Family Members who were born in January and February! If your birthday is not displayed and you would like it to be, please call 540-364-2506 or email the church office at mumcchurch13@aol.com. We would be delighted to add you!



January

7 – James Lawrence
 8 – Darcy Hutchison
 10 – Nancy Scott
 11 – DeAnna Taylor
 12 – Barbara Greene
 13 – Wendy Emery
 13 – Catherine Reynolds
 15 – Leann Brown
 15 – Chris McCoy
 17 – Matthew Wyne
 19 – Debbie Wyne
 22 – Nancy Wright
 24 – Jim Mallon
 25 – Phil Harris
 25 – Shane Confer
 30 – Rachel Taylor
 31 – Erica (Emery) Peterman

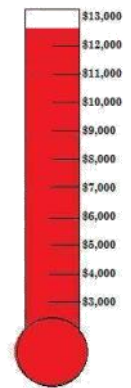
February

4 – Andy McCoy
 12 – Erica Eickhoff
 13 – Suzanne Simpson
 19 – Lil Jacobs
 20 – Robert Glascock
 20 – Gail Falkowski
 21 – Mike McCoy
 22 – Pattie Kirch
 23 – Chet Walker
 24 – T. Roy Wright
 25 – Erin Wright Smith
 26 – John Kearns
 27 – Chris Burnside
 27 – Jeff Nelson

Heat Pump Update!

Submitted by Smokey Jacobs, Treasurer

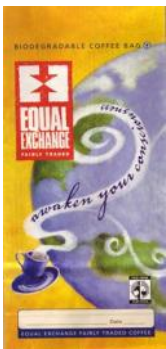
Thank you to all that continue to give towards this need. If you are able to make a donation, above your regular giving, it would be greatly appreciated. We have received approximately \$12,600 to date to help to reduce the debt! **This leaves us with approximately \$400 to pay this debt off!** Like all things this too will work out, but if you can afford a little extra please contact Smokey Jacobs (540-253-5127). Thanks and may you have a blessed day.



\$12,600 Received to Date

Equal Exchange Coffee and Teas

Submitted by Terri Hill



New coffee from *Equal Exchange* will be arriving regularly! Each package is available for \$6.50. **Mind, Body, Soul Organic** and **Love Buzz** organic packs still available too. Pick up a bag today and enjoy coffee knowing you are helping small coffee farmers and your own mission team at Marshall UMC. (Special requests may be taken – Regular and Decaf is available as well as ground and whole bean.) If you are a tea drinker there are varieties of tea offered as well. Contact Terri Hill (terrih57@msn.com) for more details.



A request has been made to visit our local *Wegmans Market*. We have planned this trip for Thursday, January 13th. Our group will be meeting in the church parking lot and departing for Wegmans at 10:30am. We plan to have lunch while we are there.

In February, we will be going to *Griffins Tavern* for our annual Valentine luncheon. The actual date will be announced at a later time.

If you desire to go somewhere specific, please contact Doris Edmonds (540) 253-5349 and we will try to plan the event.

*A*s we start the New Year...

At our worship service on January 2nd we will commission our church leadership team for 2011. As the people of God in this congregation, we will renew our covenant to faithfully serve God by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2011

BRADDOCK STREET UMC

Leadership Training Day is designed to give local church leaders training and access to resources that will help leaders best carry out their responsibilities.

It gives church leaders the opportunity to learn from district and conference leaders. The experience of sharing ideas and thoughts can help the participants to gain a new perspective and learn to lead with passion, enthusiasm, imagination and Christian vitality.

DEADLINES:

January 3rd: \$15.00

January 17th: \$20.00

After January 17th: \$30.00

Cost includes lunch and materials. There **will not be any childcare provided**. Registration forms may be retrieved from the District website at www.winchesterdistrictumc.org. Send your registration and check to the Winchester District Office, 21 South King Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

New Office Hours in 2011

The church office will have new office hours beginning in January of 2011.

The new hours will be:

Monday CLOSED

Tuesday - Friday 9am-2pm

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CHILI FEED



WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011

TIME: 11 AM UNTIL 7 PM

WHERE: MARSHALL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8405 WEST MAIN STREET, MARSHALL, VIRGINIA

The menu will consist of chili, hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea, lemonade, and salad.

COST:

ADULTS: \$7

CHILDREN(5 TO 12 YEARS): \$4

AGES 4 YEARS AND UNDER: FREE

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR.

Entertainment will be provided at various times during the day. For more information, contact Pastor Moore at (540) 364-2506.





MUMPS would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

We will be selling Joe Corbi's pizza and cookie dough starting on Tuesday, January 11th through January 26th. Order forms will be placed throughout the church or you may call the preschool office at 540-364-4111 to place your order. We hope that you will consider placing an order with our fundraiser.


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Adult Cantata

Sunday, January 16th

7pm

Due to inclement weather, we had to reschedule our Cantata for January.
Please join us for an evening of worship and celebration!


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Worship on Wednesday

Beginning February 2, 2011

Simple Supper - 6:30 pm

Worship - 7:15 pm

Come and join us for a time of fellowship and
worship

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of Every Month

COMPANIONS
in Christ

Our *Companions in Christ* study will begin again on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 7pm. If you experience a spiritual hunger and/or a desire to bring a deeper dimension to your faith, we invite you to join us for our six week session. For more information or if you would like to attend, please contact Clay Emery at clayemery@verizon.net.

January 2011

Sunday School 8:45am * Worship Services 10am
JOIN US!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>NOTE: Beginning in 2011, the Church Office Hours will change. The office will not be open on Mondays. The new office hours are Tuesday thru Friday 9am-2pm.</p>						
<p>2 10 am Worship Service - New Year's Service</p>	<p>3 Pastor's Day Off Church Office Closed 3:30 pm Sunbeams (FH/MH/K/S) 7 pm B.S. Pack Com. Mtg (MH)</p>	<p>4 9am-5pm District Clergy Interviews (YR) 9 am Health & Wellness (L) 6 pm WEBELOS 1 Den Mtg (MH) 6 pm Bear Den Mtg (FH) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>5 6 pm G.S. 6636 (MH) 7:30 pm SPRC Mtg (YR)</p>	<p>6 12 n. Senior Luncheon (FH/K) 6 pm Tiger Den Mtg (MH) 7 pm Iglesia Cristiana Nuevo Renacer Svc (FH)</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8 am UMM (FH/K) 9 am Loudoun Valley Emmaus (FH)</p>
<p>9 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 5 pm MUMY (FH)</p>	<p>10 Pastor's Day Off Church Office Closed 3:30 pm Sunbeams (FH/MH/K/S) 7 pm Companions in Christ (FH)</p>	<p>11 11 am MUMPS Chapel (S) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>12 7 pm Trustees Mtg (MH) 7:30 pm UMW (FH)</p>	<p>13 10:30 am SOGI Trip to Wegmans Market 7 pm Iglesia Cristiana Nuevo Renacer Svc (FH)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9 am Caregiver Support Group Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>16 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 7 pm Adult Cantata (S)</p>	<p>17 Pastor's Day Off Church Office Closed 7 pm Companions in Christ (FH)</p>	<p>18 6 pm WEBELOS 1 Den Mtg (MH) 6 pm Bear Den Mtg (FH) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>19 6 pm G.S. 6636 (MH)</p>	<p>20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6 pm Tiger Den Mtg (MH) 7 pm Iglesia Cristiana Nuevo Renacer Svc (FH)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 8:30 am Winchester District Training in Winchester</p>
<p>23 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service</p>	<p>24 Pastor's Day Off Church Office Closed 7 pm Companions in Christ (FH)</p>	<p>25 11 am MUMPS Chapel (S) 6 pm B.S. Pack Mtg (FH) 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (S)</p>	<p>26 6:30 pm Finance Mtg (FH) 7:30pm Council Mtg (FH)</p>	<p>27 7 pm Iglesia Cristiana Nuevo Renacer Svc (FH)</p>	<p>28 6:30 pm Family Activity Night (FH)</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 8:45 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service</p>	<p>31 Pastor's Day Off Church Office Closed 7 pm Companions in Christ (FH)</p>					



FH—Fellowship Hall / MH—Mini-Hall / K—Kitchen / L—Library / YR —Youth Room/ WC—Whole Church

February 2011

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Marshall United Methodist Church 2011 Lay Leadership

The Church Council

Chair	Pastor: Edna F. Moore
Vice Chair	Joe Bersack
Recording Secretary	Terri Hill
Lay Leadership Committee	Laurie Bersack
Staff/Parish Relations	Pastor Edna Moore
Trustees Chair	Clay Emery
Finance Chair	Mike Taylor
Treasurer	Debbie Machamer
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Smokey Jacobs
Lay Leader	Cathy Harris
Co-Lay Leader	Laurie Bersack
Worship	Jim Simpson
Education	Cathy Harris
Family Ministries	Heather Wheeler
Children	Laurie Bersack
Youth	Betty West
Senior Adults	DeAnna Taylor
MUMPS	Doris Edmonds, Nancy Scott
UMW	Donna Thomas
UMM	Cathy Harris
Memorials Chair	Joe Bersack
History Chair	Mo Lawrence, Doris Edmonds
Missions	Mo Lawrence
Evangelism	Terri Hill
Camp Overlook Rep	Amy Taylor
Health & Wellness Chair	Heather Wheeler
	Susanne Arbogast

NOTE

The pastor, lay leaders, and delegates to the Annual Conference are members of ALL groups

Pastor	Edna F. Moore
Lay Leader	Laurie Bersack
Co-Lay Leader	Jim Simpson
Delegate to AC	Laurie Bersack
Alternate Delegate to AC	Cathy Harris

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Nominations & Leadership Development (Chair meets with Council):

Chair	Pastor Edna Moore
Class of 2011	Smokey Jacobs, Frances Snider
Class of 2012	Wendy Emery, Candy Glascock, Maureen Lawrence
Class of 2013	Jeff Machamer, Bonnie Murphy, Debbie Wyne

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (Chair meets with Council):

Chair	Clay Emery
Class of 2011	DeAnna Taylor, Lynn West
Class of 2012	Clay Emery, Paul Lawrence, Nancy Wright
Class of 2013	Ralph Eickhoff, Skip Glascock, Tania Hill

Trustees (Chair meets with Council):

Chair	Mike Taylor
Class of 2011	Gary Houk, Doris Edmonds, Mike Taylor
Class of 2012	Henry Lane, Phil Harris
Class of 2013	Linda Bekemeier, Melanie Brown, Robert Glascock

Kitchen Committee: Mo Lawrence, Doris Edmonds, Frances Snider

Finance Committee (Chair, and others as needed, meet with Council):

Chair	Debbie Machamer
Church Council Chair	Joe Bersack
Finance Secretary	Laurene Bridges
Treasurer	Smokey Jacobs

Education Committee (Chair meets with Council):

Chair	Heather Wheeler
Children	Betty West
Youth Sunday School	DeAnna Taylor
Adult Sunday School	Terri Hill
VBS Coordinator	Heather Wheeler

Worship Committee (Chair meets with Council):

Chair	Cathy Harris
Pastor	Edna Moore
Communion Stewards	Clay & Wendy Emery
Choir Director	Ruth Nelson
Ushers	Henry Lane, Phil Harris
Nursery Coordinator	Heather Wheeler
Acolyte Coordinator	Frances Snider
Children's Coordinator	Betty West

Missions & Evangelism (Chair meets with Council):

Co-Chair	Terri Hill
Co-Chair	Amy Taylor
	Smokey Jacobs



Caregiver Support Group

Do you find yourself in the place of being the caregiver for an aging parent? Sometimes this can be a difficult season in our lives and it is helpful to talk to others traveling on the same journey.

On January 15, 2011 at 9am, Marshall UMC will host an organizational meeting for a Caregiver's Support Group. The meeting will be facilitated by Barb McCurry, who is with the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area.

Stewardship Challenge Update!

December marked the end of our challenge and as of the writing of this newsletter we had collected \$2,486! All donations will be matched up to \$3,000 by an anonymous donor! Thank you to all who gave so diligently and helped us to meet this goal.



First Lay Servants Academy and the 33rd Annual Lay Speakers Training

All laity are invited to the First Lay Servants Academy and the 33rd Annual Lay Speakers Training - to be held at the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center in Blackstone on February 25-27, 2011. You do not need to be on track to become a Local Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Speaker to attend, although these programs are developed to challenge the Lay Speaker to become skilled to the level of certification and offer continuing training for re-certification. Every chairperson, committee member, teacher, or congregational leader is encouraged to take the introductory course and overview of United Methodism. The information and skills you will be introduced to will serve you well within your local congregations. Eighteen varied courses will be offered. The Rev. Marc Brown, Director of Connectional Ministries for the Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church, will be the keynote speaker. The message at the commitment ceremony will be delivered by the Rev. Mark Ogren, Ashland District Superintendent. Back again by popular demand is Dust and Ashes Ministry to provide music leadership. You can view and download the brochure for the Academy by going to the events calendar on the Conference website (www.vaumc.org) and selecting the February dates. You can also find the brochure on the Lay Speaking section of the website at: <http://www.vaumc.org/Page.aspx?pid=748> If you have trouble with the link, go to www.vaumc.org, select "Ministries," then "Laity." Look under the District Training opportunities in the Lay Speaking section.

Children's Ministry News

Submitted by Betty West

Thank you to all of the children and their parents who participated in the Christmas program. We were joined by several new friends as well as others who cannot come on Mondays to our *Sunbeams* program. They all enjoyed telling the story of Jesus' birth.

The *Sunbeams* made cookies and Thanksgiving pins in November, and delivered them to the Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and some others. In December, we made Christmas mice and took them to the Fauquier Health Rehabilitation Center and caroled for their patients. Our plan for January and February include storm boxes for seniors, and birthday bags that will be donated to a shelter or food bank.

We will meet on January 3rd, 10th, and February 7th, and 14th. There is no school scheduled in Fauquier on the other Mondays, so we will not meet. This is subject to change due to school changes or weather.

Many thanks to Nancy Scott, Peggy Goldsmith, Wendy Swart, Heather Wheeler, Liz Wines, and Tania Hill for their help and love of the children. We are looking forward to working with Mallory Wine this winter, too. Anyone who would like to help weekly or once in a while may contact Betty West at youngexp@hughes.net.

A Time of Prayer, Fasting and Discernment!

This fall, Bishop Charlene Kammerer invited us to join her in a weekly time of fasting and prayer through Dec. 31, to ask God to work within us for the future of the church. This invitation came following a motion adopted by the 2010 Annual Conference that calls on all Virginia Conference United Methodists to "fast, wait before the Lord, confess our sins related to sharing our faith with those not connected with any faith community, and repent of all that has kept our faith communities from being as fruitful as God desires." This request from Bishop Kammerer could not have come at a more perfect time, a time of change. We are experiencing re-alignment of our district boundaries, reforming of some of our boards and agencies, and a renewal within the mission of many of our churches. What better time to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our church and in our lives.

Some may have some trouble with this way of thinking. First of all that nasty word "change" is being said again. We hope that all can see that our God the Creator, is continually at work in this world, and with every new creation there is a change. A new baby changes a family forever, new inventions change how we live. Change is one of the signs that we live in a world alive and full of God's grace and love.

As we look toward the beginning of a new year, resolve to set aside a block of time to think and dream. During this time, think about your church, the people, and the future it holds. What do you think that your church will look like in five years? Do you think it will look the same? Most likely not, change comes. Will there be more people? Less people? Will your church be alive and vibrant, or possibly closed? During this continued time of prayer and fasting, ask the Holy Spirit to lead your thoughts to a vision of your church in five years, God's vision for a vital faith community. Don't be afraid of the changes that you see. Let your faith in God be stronger than your fear of change.

Take some time for prayer, fasting and dreaming!

Newsletter Deadline for March/April 2011

The deadline is Monday, **February 21st**. Articles for the newsletter may be emailed, mailed, or called into Tonja Agey at the church office. You may reach her by phone at 540-364-2506 or by email at mumcchurch13@aol.com. Articles that are mailed in may be mailed to the church post office box listed on this newsletter.



Please remember to inform the church office if you are planning to move or change your address. The church mailing account is charged 50¢ every time a newsletter is returned due to being undeliverable. This will also ensure that you continue to receive your monthly issue of *The Circuit Writer* in a timely manner. The *Circuit Writer* is also available by email! To receive your copy via email, write to mumcchurch13@aol.com and request the change today!

**Please join us each Sunday for Sunday School (for all ages) at 8:45 am
and Worship Service at 10:00 am.
Beginning February 2nd - 1st and 3rd Wednesday Worship Services at 6:30 pm.**



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