



The Messenger

Lakeside United Methodist Church

JUNE 2010

From the Pastor:

The period from Mothers' Day on the second Sunday of May through Fathers' Day on the third Sunday in June is known in a broader sense in our tradition as the *Festival of the Christian Home*. In this fast paced society, where parents are often both working 6-7 days of the week, it takes a very strong effort from both mother and father to raise their children. We no longer have the historical presumed presence of an extended family to help raise our children. In times past, this task could often be shared even by other members of the community who would look after and discipline our children, as needed.

But, sadly, our homes and our family life has been under enormous strain and stress in the past 2-3 decades. Transportation and communication have changed our habits of living beyond our imagination. Social mores have also been in flux. What is right and what is wrong is often quite ambiguous to our children; perhaps to adults also. What shapes our thinking? What influences our values? Who is teaching – TV, movies, music, books, the Internet, smart phones? We can see everything from good to evil in an instant. We can travel the globe whether in person or in a virtual reality program with ease. Today's news is old news in a matter of hours. Politicians, lobbyists, and corporations have learned the art of deception with smooth, soft-speaking commercials, mediated with just the right tone of music, made up witnesses, and orchestrated settings. What is real and what is not real are becoming blurred.

This is a difficult and challenging world. Wars and rumors of wars have been continuous in the past 100 years. Security is becoming more costly than education and health care. Fear-driven campaigns are the tactics of clever leaders.

So, in this arena of flux in values, enormous turmoil of culture and religion, what will be our anchor in the stormy times of life? There is a constant message that emanates from our faith – God is with us. We are not alone. Do not be afraid (John 14). The church proclaims a hope to our world – we are all children of God. The gathering of believers is the time we share as the body of Christ. It is here that we are called out of the world's craziness to the sanity of Jesus' message – the kingdom of heaven has come near. Change directions toward God, believe and rejoice that this is good news in the sea of bad news, fears, hurts, and massive attempts to divide our world into places of war, killing of innocents, and destruction of ways of life.

We celebrate that we are family. Everyone is welcome. No strangers will frighten us, no enemies will tear us apart, and no one will be an alien in a foreign land in this sacred body of Christ. Caring for our children and our neighbors and those in places of despair, such as Haiti, are vital parts of our life worship and serving life of faith. Every week, every day we are called to extend the hand of peace.

You are God's messengers (read, "Angels") sent to be a witness to the resurrection power of God in Christ. You are the sign bearers of a kingdom not of our own making. You are brothers and sisters to all who will open their hearts even for a brief moment, a small tidbit between 9:40 AM and noon on each Sabbath day. And, in this body, our ultimate allegiance is to Christ and to his rule.

Be at peace and receive God's blessings,

Pastor Charles Swadley

Welcome New Members

Barbara and Joseph Kamanda
612 Conley Street
Richmond, VA 23227
804-228-8166

Jessie Meredith
3201 Mountain Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060
804-672-0341

Sowmya Chedurthipati
4001 Barringer Lane
Richmond, VA 23233
804-433-3721

Council Notes

Council met on May 18, 2010. Dr. Cloninger gave a devotion on John Wesley. Bill Giese reported that contracts have been signed for air conditioning of the first floor of the Education Building and for audio improvements in the Fellowship Hall. Materials are on order by both contractors and work should begin soon. Mike Crowe reported that plans for the Gills house improvements were submitted to the county. They were returned with a number of discrepancies and all but two of these have been resolved. A balloon payment on the present mortgage on the Gills house is due in August. After a discussion, Council voted to proceed with an application for a mortgage from the United Methodist Credit Union. They offer commercial loans at 6.5 % for 15 years. Dave Poole reported that additional pledges to the Capital Campaign of \$38,402 were received on Sunday May 16. Pastor Charles reported that we have received 25 new members this year. He stressed that we must work hard to make new members feel welcome and that we must get them actively involved in the life and work of the church. Annual Conference is June 13-16, 2010. Next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

Music Notes

This has been a busy year for our Chancel Choir and adult Handbell Choir, and I know you join Jeanne and me in thanking them for their dedication, faithful service, and hard work. Our music program is dependent on these wonderful volunteers, and we are continually grateful for their gifts of time and talent. When you see our choir members, thank them for their contribution in enhancing our worship service through music. They will continue to do this throughout the summer, but in smaller groups. The men's chorus will provide music during June, the women's ensemble will sing in July, and during August there will be solos and small groups.

We are excited about Summer Arts Camp, beginning July 19 and concluding July 29. Children ages 6 to 12 may enroll, and it is open to children in our community as well as church children. This is a wonderful opportunity for kids to come together in a Christian environment, and make new friends as they work and play and learn about events of historical or biblical significance. They are led in music, drama, and art by certified instructors, and are well-tended and supervised by a number of adult volunteers, assisted by teen helpers. The theme this year is the Lewis and Clark expedition and the adventures they encountered on their quest to find a water route to the West Coast, including dangerous rapids, Indians, bears, buffalo stampedes, and other exciting events! For additional information or an enrollment form, see Jeanne or me.

In preparation for Arts Camp, there will be a fund-raiser dinner Friday, June 11. It will be a "child friendly" dinner, with sloppy joes on the menu, and will also feature a variety of baked goods and casseroles for sale. Plan to attend, and bring a favorite baked goodie or casserole for the sale table. You'll have a good time while you support this ministry to God's children. Caroline Fergusson

July and August Messenger

The Messenger for July and August will be a combined newsletter. All news must be submitted by June 15.

Nurture

Library News

Two of our new members plus three (old) members are giving our library a touch of tender loving care. Our library has desperately missed the loving hands of Ella Wermuth and Ada Harlow.

Sue Roskaske began washing and dusting each shelf last Monday. The cob webs were thick. Judy Foltz and Sue are getting a huge collection of books returned to the shelves, checking cards and getting everything where it belongs. We have new signs directing your check-out and return.

Sue, Judy, Margie Kaszuba, Laura Cone, and Bev Kilgalen will each take one week to maintain the library room. If there is anyone else who loves books and can give some hours during the week --- come on board! We have a wonderful church library -- let's use it and keep it in order. Thanks!

Thank You

Loretta and I express to you our thanks and appreciation for the remembrance, cards, phone calls, etc at the time of the death of my brother.

Maurice Hancock

What would one do in time of sorrow if it wasn't for the love and support of her church family. Thanks to Charles and many friends who gave me strength during my recent illness and the death of my brother and sister-in-law.

Love to all, *Helen Adams*

Thanks for my package. I'll enjoy all the goodies you sent during my exams period. Also, this is really late, but thanks for the other packages too. Thank you so much.

Love, *Alyse Wermuth*

We need your Help !!

New windows have been installed in the Education Building . The HVAC is coming soon for the first floor .When we get the rest of the money we will do the second floor. The Trustees voted to put blinds back in the windows, and are asking Sunday School classes and individuals to help pay for them. We need 56 blinds at \$50 each which is \$ 2,800, and so far we have collected \$495. Remember that every gift helps; think about the woman who gave all she had in faith. For more information contact Bill Giese at 262-296, or ricwkcp@verizon.net .

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Thurman Dale over the recent passing of his sister, Ruth Ellen on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to : 9801 Bonanza Street, Richmond, Va 23228

We express our deepest sympathy to George and Barbara Waddill over the recent passing of their daughter, Lynda on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: 2918 Rutland Road, Richmond, Va 23228

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Mildred Thompson over her passing on Sunday, May 16. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Fred Thompson, 4140 North 27th Street , Arlington, VA 22207-0208

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendar for June 27 to July 1. You will be invited to go on an exciting journey with Joseph. We will see Joseph rise from the pit to gain power in Egypt and in the end, forgive his brothers.

Lakeside United Methodist Women

The UMW Banquet will be served by the Methodist Men on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

United Methodist Men

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The Men's Picnic is scheduled for Crump Park on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:30 PM.

Youth Ministry News

It's hard to believe that the youth year is almost over, with Sunday June 6 being our last Youth Group meeting until September. Our youth are busy at work planning and working on Youth Sunday. The theme for this year's Youth Sunday is Praising God, and the whole service will show the church how we the Youth at Lakeside Praise God. We hope you will come on Sunday June 13 to show your support to the youth and the hard work they have done this year.

Youth Group Fundraiser Update - On Sunday May 2 following the morning worship service, the youth group hosted a fundraiser luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We served 100 church Members, and raised approximately \$413 for the youth program. The Youth want to thank all the church members who trusted us cooking and came out to support this wonderful cause. We look forward to doing this sort of fundraiser again in the near future.

Upcoming Activities

Sunday June 6 – Youth Group

Saturday June 12–Youth Sunday Practice

Sunday June 13 – Youth Sunday

Sunday June 27 – Pool Party

In Christ,

The Lakeside Youth Ministry Team

Sarah Willis, Cody Dedmon, Amy Morgans,
and Mark Deal



June Birthdays

Terri Sweeney	6/1	Ella Wermuth	6/13	Virginia Hummell	6/23
Ned Custis	6/1	Peggy Jennings	6/13	Bill Broske III	6/23
Randy Dunn	6/2	Lynn Brooks	6/15	Alex Moses	6/24
Jeanne Bluford	6/3	Margaret Arrington	6/15	Taylor Runge	6/24
Daniel Sweeney	6/4	Cindy Lowrance	6/15	Ryan Hedrick	6/25
Allison Pryor	6/4	Brittany Robinson	6/16	Melissa Dunn	6/25
Hannah Ripley	6/4	Jess Wade	6/17	Jesse Pickles, Jr.	6/26
Walter Ewbank	6/4	Nancy Robinson	6/17	Marcia Sims	6/27
Vickie Wynn	6/6	Bill Broske Sr.	6/18	Susan Schrader	6/27
Sarah Murphree	6/6	Polly Rowan	6/19	Kathryn Bertoni	6/27
Megan Nuckols	6/7	Henry Mason	6/19	Jeremy Robinson	6/27
Amy Morgans	6/9	Anna Pollard	6/21	Brenda Custis	6/28
Joanna Gardner	6/11	Abdula Koroma	6/21	Tom Brown	6/28
Joseph Kamanda	6/11	Terry Overholster	6/21	Kylie Lovelace	6/30
Candace Williams	6/12	John Armstrong	6/21		
Jennifer Ewbank	6/12	Justin Costley	6/23		



Troop 759 Calendar

June

Theme: Boating or Canoeing

Tuesday 6/1 - District Roundtable

Monday 6/7 - Troop Meeting

Monday 6/14 – Troop Meeting

Monday 6/21 – Troop Meeting & Committee Meeting

Monday 6/28 – Troop Meeting

Please visit our Troop's website for more information: www.vatroop759.org

Health and Welfare

During May, we delivered 301 pounds of food to Lamb's Basket. Remember, this is a critical season for Lamb's Basket; during the upcoming Summer months, many children will be out of school and not receiving any benefits of free breakfast or lunch program. Please remember to add a few extra items for the children.

Seniors

Seniors Fifty and Older

Let's get together for dinner and music.

Music will be provided by The TrueSpirit Gospel Band.

Saturday, June 19, 2010 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Love Offering

For the Younger Members

If God had texted the Ten Commandments to Moses:

1. no l b4 me. srsly.
2. dnt wrshp pix/idols
3. no omg's
4. no wrk on w/end (sat 4 now; sun l8r)
5. pos ok – ur m&d r cool
6. dnt kill ppl
7. :-X only w/ m8
8. dnt steal
9. dnt lie re:bf
10. dnt ogle ur bf's m8. or ox. or dnkey.myob

Samaritan Campaign for United Methodist Homes

Envelopes are in the pew racks for the Samaritan Fund. This fund helps to support those United Methodist Home residents who can no longer afford the entire cost of their care.

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March 2010 Calendar

Monday, March 1

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Webelo
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 PM Preschool
6:00 PM Wolf & Bear Den
6:30 PM Trustees
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM Henrico Pops

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 AM Preschool
3:00 PM Irish Dance
5:45 PM LARCUM Dinner/Prgm.
6:30 PM Jr./Sr. High Bible Study
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, March 4

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
6:30 PM Adult Bells
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, March 5

6:00 PM AIM

Saturday, March 6

8:00 AM Early Bird Prayer
9:30 AM Power of Prayer
9:30 AM Girl Scouts
5:00 PM Senior Event

Sunday, March 7

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Prayer Service
5:30 PM Knitwits

Monday, March 8

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Webelo
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 9

9:00 AM Preschool
10:30 AM UMW Gen. Mt. & Circle
6:00 PM Wolf & Bear Den
6:30 PM Children's Ministry Mtg.
7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg.
7:00 PM Henrico Pops
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 PM UMW Evening Circle

Wednesday, March 10

9:00 AM Preschool
10:30 AM XYZ ers
3:00 PM Irish Dance
5:45 PM LARCUM Dinner/Prgm..
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, March 11

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
6:30 PM Adult Bells
6:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:45 PM Girl Scouts
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, March 12

6:00 PM AIM

Saturday, March 13

8:00 AM Early Bird Prayer
9:30 AM Power of Prayer
9:30 AM Girl Scouts

Sunday, March 14

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
12:15 PM Music Comm. Mtg.
2:00 PM Prayer Service
4:30 PM Youth Music/Bells
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Program
5:30 PM Knitwits

Monday, March 15

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Webelo
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, March 16

9:00 PM Preschool
6:00 PM Wolf & Bear Den
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM Henrico Pops
7:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, March 17

9:00 AM Preschool
3:00 PM Irish Dance
5:45 PM LARCUM Dinner/Prgm.
6:30 PM Jr./Sr. High Bible Study
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, March 18

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
6:30 PM Adult Bells
6:30 PM Neighborhood Watch
6:45 PM Girl Scouts
7:00 PM Men's Chorus
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, February 19

6:00 PM AIM

Saturday, March 20

8:00 AM Early Bird Prayer
9:30 AM Power of Prayer
9:30 AM Girl Scouts

Sunday, March 21

9:40 AM Sunday School

Sunday, March 21 cont'd

10:50 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Prayer Service
4:30 PM Youth Music/Bells
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Program
5:30 PM Knitwits

Monday, March 22

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Webelo
7:00 AM Bible Study
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 23

9:00 PM Preschool
6:00 PM Wolf & Bear Den
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM Henrico Pops

Wednesday, March 24

9:00 AM Preschool
3:00 PM Irish Dance
5:45 PM LARCUM Dinner/Prgm.
6:30 PM Jr./Sr. High Bible Study
6:30 PM Prayer Group

Thursday, March 25

9:00 AM Preschool
10:00 AM Preschool Chapel
6:30 PM Adult Bells
6:30 PM Girl Scouts
6:45 PM Girl Scouts
7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Friday, March 26

6:00 AM AIM

Saturday, March 27

8:00 AM Early Bird Prayer
9:30 AM Power of Prayer
9:30 AM Girl Scouts

Sunday, March 28

9:40 AM Sunday School
10:50 AM Worship Service
2:00 PM Prayer Service
3:00 PM Choirs Cantata
4:30 PM Youth Music/Bells
5:30 PM Youth Dinner/Program
5:30 PM Knitwits

Monday, March 29

9:00 AM Preschool
6:00 PM Tiger Den
7:00 PM Webelo
7:15 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 30

9:00 PM Preschool
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00 PM Henrico Pops

Wednesday, March 31

9:00 AM Preschool
3:00 PM Irish Dance
6:30 PM Jr./Sr. High Bible Study