



Herndon United Methodist Church

August 2004

From the Pastors

Welcome, Pastor Justin!

The Rev. Justin S. White has served as the Student Pastor of Arcola United Methodist Church in Loudon County for the past 3 years, where he had primary responsibility for the youth and Christian education programs. He also assisted with worship planning, pastoral care, and helped to lead the development of Arcola's youth and adult mission programs.

Justin grew up in the suburban Detroit area of the Great Lake State. He received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Evansville in southern Indiana in 1998. While at Evansville, Justin worked as a Student Peer Minister in the Religious Life department, where he helped plan campus events, discussion groups, mission trips, and Bible studies. He graduated from the Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. in May of this year with a Master of Divinity degree concentrating in Christian Ethics & Politics.

Prior to entering seminary, Justin worked in government affairs for Crop-Life America (CLA) here in Washington. CLA is the trade association that represents agricultural chemical and biotechnology companies. In his capacity as a lobbyist for CLA, Justin worked with both the federal and state level governments on issues important to agriculture in the United States.

Pastor Justin's passions include teaching, mission work, and a continuing interest in how Christians engage in the social and political world around them. He greatly enjoys spending time with people of all ages as we discover what God is calling us to do, and who God is calling us to be.

In his free time, Justin enjoys traveling, theatre and movies, trying new foods, and just kicking back and having fun with friends. He's looking forward to meeting all his new friends at Herndon, hearing their stories, and growing together in our walk with Jesus Christ.



Announcing a new youth program that is coming in September for high school Juniors and Seniors. It is the Oasis and it will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. The adult leaders will be Nancy Jacobs and Jim Henderson. More details will be sent to Juniors and Seniors in late August. We hope you can join us at the Oasis in September!

Raising the Sail

An update from Commitment Ministries

Thanks to everyone who has turned in their commitment cards, and helped us "raise the sail." As of July 1, we have received 97 pledges, which total \$362,952. We are on our way, but would still love to hear from everyone!

If you haven't turned in your commitment card yet, there's still time. Please prayerfully consider how God is working in your life, and how you plan to support our ministries here at HUMC. Our finance committee will begin the budget process early in the fall, and they need all the information they can get from us!

Thanks again for your support! Please talk with any members of the Commitment team or call the church office with questions and comments. The blue commitment cards are available on the kiosk in the narthex.



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**The next Worship
Ministries Meeting will
be at 7:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, August 11.
Everyone is welcome.**



Helping Hands

From June 2003 through May 2004 Helping Hands delivered 56 meals to members of our congregation and responded to 10 transportation requests. We are now hiring for our second year of operation. Whoops!!! This is a volunteer position only.

Call Joy Reed at 703-437-7584 to volunteer or complete one of the applications on our bulletin board outside the church office.

Relay for Life

Our HUMC Youth Relay for Life Team did a great job raising funds for the fight against cancer. The total our team raised was \$4743.72. Thanks to all who supported this cause.

Blood Drive

We had a good turn out for the June Blood Drive at HUMC with a total of 45 volunteers. Of this number 38 were from our church. Of the total number of volunteers eight were young adults with most in their teens. Our next drive is scheduled at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning, October 10.

Fred Klinefelter

Herndon Free Clinic

The Herndon Free Clinic provides physical examinations to children of uninsured low-income families who live in NW Fairfax County. We want to thank the 2003-2004 session of Sunday School classes for donating their \$800+ collection to the Herndon Free Clinic. This money will help provide physicals to children of low income uninsured families who are entering Fairfax County schools. We are starting our third year of service.

If you want to volunteer please call the clinic voicemail at 703-481-8160. Leave your name, phone # or email and someone will call you back to schedule orientation.

Several members of our congregation volunteer there on Thursday nights. If you want to provide dinner for the volunteers you can also call this number.

Remember when you are buying school supplies for your children to purchase a few extra items for the clinic. There is a container in the narthex for supplies.

Library Donations

The following books have been donated in honor of two special women. They are books on the UMW Reading Program Lists, so you will find them on those shelves in the library.

Given in honor of Kay Phillips:

Finding Faith - Life Changing Encounters with Christ

The Scalpel and the Silver Bear - The First Navajo Woman Surgeon Combines Western Medicine and Traditional Healing

Given in honor of Jannette Clavez:

Rescue - the story of American missionaries who lived through some of the most harrowing moments in African history of the last half century.

Dana's Valley - contemporary fiction by the wonderful storyteller Jannette Oke.

Much gratitude is expressed for what these two women meant in the life of Herndon United Methodist Church and we pray God's blessings go with them to Virginia Beach and Christiansburg, where they will bless other women and congregations.



Home for the Harvest



Youth Led Missions will be bringing to you "**The Harvest**" on **Saturday October 23, 2004**. Special features will include: Brunswick Stew, Shoppers Showcase, Kids Activities, Bake Sale and Silent Auction.

Be sure to mark your calendars now and look for more information in the coming months.



LINK Update We Need Your Food Donations

It is our church's turn to collect food for the pantry. The items in need are:

- o macaroni and cheese
- o jelly (not peanut butter)
- o cereal
- o spaghetti sauce and pasta of any kind
- o canned fruit

We do not need any canned soup or vegetables at this time. Items like toilet paper and diapers are always appreciated.

LINK is now able to receive funds from the grant awarded to the organization by the department of Health and Human Services. Before the grant could be approved, LINK had to submit a breakdown of how the funds were to be utilized. So far, LINK volunteers have begun to update the pantry with larger (and safer) shelving. Commercial size freezers will be coming soon. The pantry will be able to accommodate more food after this remodeling. LINK volunteers have also met with representatives from the Herndon Free Clinic and the Loudoun County Free Clinic with regards to assisting these clinics.

For more details about LINK and the grant, visit www.linkagainsthunger.org.

One more important need of LINK:

LINK is looking for individuals who can retrieve messages and return calls from its answering system. This commitment involves two weeks of your time (Monday - Friday) about four times a year. For example, we are in need of someone to retrieve messages and return phone calls the first two weeks in September, the first two weeks in January, the first two weeks in May and so forth. All LINK positions are filled by volunteers. If you are interested in knowing more, please call Carol Lavery at (703) 437-7260.

Mountain T.O.P. Team Will Lead Worship Services

On the weekend of Saturday and Sunday August 7 & 8 our Mountain T.O.P. Team will lead all three worship services and share testimony about their mission trip. We hope everyone will come share this time of faith and joy with us. Following the 10:30 service we will have a Celebratory Brunch, we ask everyone coming to bring a tray of finger foods to share as we celebrate the completion of our 8th year of service to Mountain T.O.P. And new this year we will be recognizing the service, work and growth of some of our HUMC youth immediately following the 9AM service. We are asking that when the service is concluded our congregation remain in the sanctuary for about 15-20 minutes as we recognize the accomplishments of some of our youth. The youth being recognized are from a variety of areas within our church (not just Youth Led Missions).



Adult Christian Education

We are in the process of putting together our schedule of classes and expect the packet to be available from the kiosk or on the web by August 7.

Youth Pool Party

MARK THIS DATE!!! Sunday, August 29 we are planning a pool party/cookout for all of youth. So if you will be in grades 7-12 in school year 04-05 YOU'RE INVITED!!!

Time and location are still being determined. We will send out a mass mailing SOON!!



Email Prayer Chain Members

If you would like to become a prayer partner on our HUMC email prayer chain, if you have a new email address or you wish to be removed from the email prayer chain - please send an email to prayer-chain@chptech.com with the subject line - add/change email address.

Thank you.

Allison Harbick
Prayer Chain Ministries



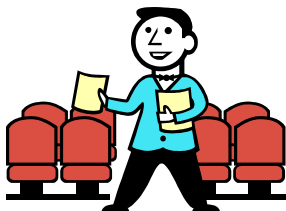
Youth Concert News

For a number of months Alex Evans has been organizing Youth Concerts one Saturday evening per month at Herndon United Methodist Church. There is a small but dedicated group of adults who have been doing set up, tear down, clean up and providing security. These events offer a safe, drug and alcohol free place for teens to come. It is vital that our "open hearts, open minds and open doors" be available to the youth. In order to continue with this activity we need more adults so that we can rotate our volunteer workers. Would you consider donating a few Saturday nights to this? If you are interested please call Anne Harrison (703) 471-0627.

Thank You, Ushers

I wish to thank all the ushers who are volunteering to help with the Saturday and Sunday services during the summer. I realize the difficulty in everyone's summer schedules. Just volunteering for one Sunday can make a big difference to the worship experience for those in our congregation. You all are doing a wonderful job in the ministry area. Again, thanks and please continue to volunteer.

God bless,
Shawn Boynton



The Senior High Youth Covenant Group Does James!

We will start the year with a study of James and discuss how this New Testament book relates to our everyday lives. Please hold Monday evenings open and plan to join us at our ice-cream social opening event on September 27. Details to follow, but you may also contact Lorraine Lappan at (703)435-5459 (lmlappan@cox.net) or Janice Coon (JaniceCoon@cox.net) for more information.

Stephen Ministry Corner

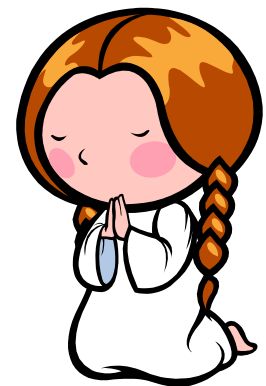
We have heard from some in the congregation who have questions related to Stephen Ministry. What is it all about? Would it have to do with me? Why should I listen to what you have to say? These are all great questions. We actually hope that more of the congregation asks us more questions about Stephen Ministry. At least it means that some of you are thinking about this wonderful lay ministry.

First a quick response to the above questions. Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry to assist people in various crises. We are available to all in the community, so if you or anyone you know is experiencing any form of crisis, please contact a Stephen Minister. The congregation should try to listen to what we have to offer because we may be able to help in some manner (eg: praying with you, listening to you, or even providing you with contact numbers for more professional care).

Now for a little more information about the HUMC Stephen Ministry. Pastor Justin has agreed to meet with us about joining our leadership team. That would bring us to four Stephen Leaders (Shawn Boynton, Everludis Lopez, Scott Leonard, and now Pastor Justin White) and six Stephen Ministers (Rick Haugh, Tom Frost, Dave Young, Jean Miller, Melissa Billman, and Ann Morgan). We are all available to answer questions about this Christ-centered lay ministry. If you are considering a care receiving relationship with Stephen Ministry, please contact the HUMC office or Shawn Boynton and simply ask for someone to explain more about Stephen Ministry.

The bottom line is, with God's direction, we want to help anyone who asks. Please ask.

God Bless,
Shawn Boynton, Stephen Leader





Senior High Youth Group

Tubing Trip Aug 8th !!!

On Sunday, August 8, Sr. High Youth (including rising 9th graders!!!) will be heading off to Harper's Ferry for a tubing trip down the Potomac River. On our way home we will stop at a fast food restaurant in Leesburg for an early dinner. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends, enjoy the outdoors and beat the summer doldrums! Each youth may invite one friend to come along.

Please do this now:

- Send an email to Larry Greenfield to let him know you are coming, and whether you are bringing a friend. Larry can be reached at larrygreenfield@mindspring.com. For those who don't do email, Larry's number is 703-759-1527.
- If you are a parent and are available to help with driving on this trip, please send Larry an email or give him a call.**
- Plan to pick up all necessary forms from church the next time you are there (available in the narthex. Sorry; I can't email them to you.)

Details:

- Date: Sunday, August 8th (Mountain TOP Sunday)
- Departing: Leaving at 12:30 from church immediately following Mountain TOP brunch
- Returning: Between 6PM and 8PM.
- Cost: \$15 – covers tube rental only

Bring:

- Four signed forms (available in narthex at church):
 1. Trip Permission Form
 2. Medical Form
 3. Transport Form
 4. Tubing Company Waiver Form
- \$15.00 cash for tubing fee
- Extra cash for snacks and/or McDonalds after tubing
- *****Sneakers or Water Shoes are a MUST. Sandals WILL fall off in river. High risk of getting cut by glass and rocks.*****
- Swim Suit & Towel
- Dry change of clothes
- If you wear eyeglasses, it is best to secure them with a band.



Leave Behind:

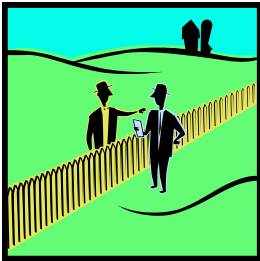
- "I'm Bored" summer mantra
- Electronics (Tubing company – and parent drivers - are not liable for items stolen while you're out tubing!)
- Jewelry that could be lost, stolen or damaged by water, rocks, etc.



Education Ministries

We have begun planning for the upcoming year and have many exciting ideas for our children, youth, and adults. Our theme for Sunday School will be "Love Your Neighbor." Sunday School will begin again on September 12. Training for anyone teaching Sunday School for the upcoming year will be on Thursday, August 19 at 7:00 pm. Please try to make plans to attend this important informational meeting.

We hope the children are enjoying going into Worship with their families this summer and are learning more about Christ. Don't forget to look for the special children's bulletins in the Narthex each Sunday.



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

Rogers and I want to thank everyone for your wonderful support during my knee replacement surgery and recovery. We so appreciated your cards, flowers, calls, meals and prayers. To be part of such a wonderful, loving church family is truly touching.

Anne Harrison

Lay Leader Learning

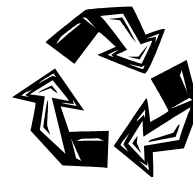
As I serve God and Herndon UMC as Lay Leader I find there is much that I continue to learn about the 'workings' of the church. Occasionally, I like to share with you some of these things. I am feeling so thankful to the members of this congregation and I thought I might express some of that thanks at this time.

I thank God for:

- ▶ The council and its leadership during this time of transition
- ▶ The staff parish committee who has helped us to show our appreciation and love to Jannette and Brad as they begin new ministry in Virginia Beach and Christiansburg
- ▶ The staff parish committee for meeting and greeting and welcoming David and Justin and assisting with their new ministry here at Herndon UMC
- ▶ Emily Stover's friendship and leadership of the Staff Parish committee
- ▶ Staff Parish's education and patience in dealing with me as I learn the 'art' of receiving new pastors as the Lay Leader
- ▶ Justin and David's leadership as they get to know us and share their faith with us
- ▶ Cheryl and Anne as they continue to serve us well during this transition
- ▶ All of you who are wearing your name tags so that Justin and David may continue to learn your names!!
- ▶ The opportunity to travel and experience Va. Annual Conference with Sondra and Andy Wilkinson
- ▶ The support of dear friends during the time of loss of my close friend, Mary
- ▶ Individual members who have invited Justin and David into their hearts and homes
- ▶ Twenty-one HUMC members who said yes when I called and agreed to assist with the welcoming worship service for David and Justin
- ▶ Elsie Blough and David Young who continue to serve as Lay Leaders
- ▶ This wonderful congregation of strong individuals who continue to 'do ministry' during this transition
- ▶ To each and every one of you and any of you that I may have neglected to mention
- ▶ A God who is steadfast in his love for all of us

With heartfelt thanks,
Levenia Kibler

Remember to recycle plastic and glass containers and cans this summer. Every little bit helps the environment.



Worship Services

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Nursery
10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Child Care

Saturdays

5:30 p.m. Saturday Nite Alive, Worship Service

Church Office:	703-471-0627
FAX Number:	703-471-7758
Preschool Office:	703-435-5688
David Manner	Senior Pastor
Justin White	Associate Pastor
Larry Burke	Director of Music
Teri Napoli	Director of Angel & Cherub Choirs
Anne Harrison	Director of Program Ministries
David Helveston	Director of Wesley Choir
Sarah Hooke	Organist
Deborah Burt	Director of Preschool
Cheryl Brock	Church Secretary/Office Manager
Church Website	http://www.herndonunitedmethodist.com
Prayer Chain	PrayerChain@chptech.com

*Remember to
bring in your
Glory Days
receipts until
August 31st to
help support
UMW and our
Mission Team.*



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