



# Herndon United Methodist Church

November 2004

## From Our Pastors

### The Joy of Thanksgiving

I've always adored Thanksgiving. As a young child, it was the day Grandma and Grandpap Hobbs had the Manner clan over to their home for a lavish feast. It was very much like Norman Rockwell's famous "Freedom from Want" illustration. Grandpap prayed and then stood, carving knife in hand, at the head of the table over a steaming-hot, golden-browned turkey.

I don't think I ever ate as much as I did on Thanksgiving day! Afterwards, I always stretched out on Grandma's sculpted green carpet in front of the dancing blue flames of Grandpap's gas fireplace. Oh, how I miss those 1950's days of extended family, cholesterol-laden food, and lethargic napping.

I also miss Grandpa's prayers but I'll always remember what he taught me about Thanksgiving. It is a day primarily to give thanks to God. As I come to the table with my family this November 25, here are some of the expressions of gratitude I will lift up to God:

- ◆ For how good God has been to me this year
- ◆ For my Herndon congregation who have so warmly welcomed me
- ◆ For my lovely home which affords us an abundant measure of comfort and peace
- ◆ For this amazing nation of truth, justice, and freedom for all that gives me pride
- ◆ For the privilege of representing Christ among you
- ◆ For the unconditional love of Sara, Daniel, and Joel

What will you do this Thanksgiving? It's amazing how a day of overeating and football can be transformed in a memorable day of family, prayer and gratitude. I hope this Thanksgiving will be a day you and your family will always fondly remember.



**The Staff at  
Herndon United Methodist  
Church  
wish you a joyous  
Thanksgiving Holiday!**

### All Are Welcome At Our Church

As activities start to begin for the new school year one question I get asked frequently is "Can my son/daughter bring his/her friends to activities at our church?" The answer is a firm **YES!!!** Friends are welcome at Sunday School, Worship and all of our children and youth activities. The only requirements are cooperation and a willingness to participate and that the necessary forms for activities be completed by child's parent/guardian.

So bring your friends, they are welcome!

Anne Harrison

### LINK News

How can you help LINK without spending any money? We've got a great idea for you—

***Clean out those stuffed closets and donate any gently-worn coats to LINK!*** Please make sure you send in coats that have been cleaned.

Also, we are in ***desperate need of a new LINK representative.*** After 11 years of faithful, dedicated service to LINK, Carol Lavery is ready to take a much-deserved break. Won't you consider spending some of your free time serving as our HUMC LINK representative. Carol can give you the details and answer any of your questions. Please contact her at 703.437.7260 or CALavery@aol.com.



## Helping Hands

During September Helping Hands provided 11 meals and provided rides to 2 medical appointments for members of our congregation.

You can request meals or transportation by calling the church office or Joy Reed at 703-437-7584 or e-mailing jmreed8@juno.com. You can also join our team the same way.

## Blood Drive

HUMC & Trinity Presbyterian Church had a successful blood drive on Sunday, October 10 at Trinity, especially for a holiday weekend. We had a total of 42 volunteers report to donate blood; 26 were from Herndon United Methodist Church. Our next drive will be on Sunday morning, December 12, in the bloodmobile at Herndon UMC.

Any questions phone Fred @ 703-435-0020.

Fred Klinefelter



## Library News Too Many Books!

You as a congregation have been so generous in your giving to our HUMC Library, but now our shelves are full to overflowing. Many books given recently have not even been processed yet.

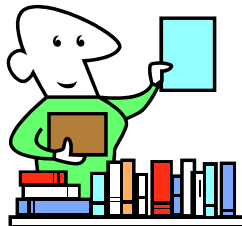
We are expecting (hoping and praying for) a room in our new building when construction is complete. At that time, we hope to have more space and more shelving.

As of now, please hold on to any large donations for the library. We can take a book or two at a time, but please no bags full. We have no place to put them!

Also, when you are cleaning off your bookshelves at home, please consider carefully if your donations will be of interest to others in our church. We must choose carefully, since space is at a premium. We also are processing only one book of each title.

Look for a couple new additions to the library. We are adding a shelf for the History Committee to place their photo albums on. We want all of you in the congregation to have access to these wonderful pictorial histories that Sharon Breitweiser has put together. Come in and take a look at them.

Also, Levenia Kibler has requested a shelf for her new Congregational Care Ministries to have some books available that will minister to our members. Be sure to check that out too.



The days are getting short and the nights are long - come on in to your library and get a book to read in the evening.

Allison Harbick

## Volunteers Needed

Vecinos Unidos Neighbors United Inc., a nonprofit organization is seeking volunteers for their after school Homework Assistance Program. No teaching experience is required, just a willingness to work with great kids in grades 1-8. Share your knowledge and encouragement with students who need your help with their daily homework and special projects.

**Sessions:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons  
(Pick the day(s) that work(s) for you!)

**Time:** 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Neighborhood Resource Center

Dulles Park Mall-Herndon

(adjacent to Food Lion Grocery Store on Elden Street)

Substitutes are also needed and we would welcome anyone interested in occasionally volunteering. For more information on Vecinos Unidos' Homework Assistance Program please contact:

Barbara Sorenson (703)758-9687

email: bsorenso@ix.netcom.com



## Prayer Chain New Information

If you or someone you know is in need of persons to be praying for them, please remember our Herndon United Methodist email prayer chain. You may express your need and activate this service through the following ways:

1. Fill out a prayer request form - found on the table in the narthex, on the kiosk and in the attendance notebooks in the sanctuary. Place the form in the box on the table.
2. Phone the church office at 703-471-0627 and share your request with the office manager. She can convey the information to the email prayer chain.
3. Visit the website for the church - [www.herndonunitedmethodist.com](http://www.herndonunitedmethodist.com) - and click on "prayer." You will be able to send a request right from the site.
4. Send an email with your request to [prayerchain@herndonunitedmethodist.com](mailto:prayerchain@herndonunitedmethodist.com). Put "prayer request" in the subject line. **Please note that this is a new address for the prayer chain. Change your address books accordingly.**

We have approximately 50 persons on the email prayer chain list. Each of them is committed to praying for the requests that are made through the prayer chain.

Let us join with you in your prayers and bring them before the throne of our Almighty God.

James 5:16b -

*The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

If you wish to be added to the prayer chain as a "pray-er" please contact the church office.

Allison Harbick  
Prayer Ministries

## Herndon Free Clinic

The Herndon Free Clinic provides physicals for children of low income uninsured families before they can enter the Fairfax County school system. We are into our 3rd year and have performed 1066 exams and counting. We are an all volunteer staff. Several members of our congregation volunteer.

Clinics are held on Thursdays at Herndon Middle School from 5 to 8 PM. You can volunteer by calling our voice mail at 703-481-8160. Leave your name and number and someone will call you to schedule orientation.

We also have fun. Herndon Free Clinic won 2nd place for a float in the Homecoming Parade Oct.2. We hope you saw our picture in the newspaper.

Members of HUMC who have been knitting scarves, hats and mittens for the children were invited to a tea on Oct. 8. If you can knit and want to help in this way, please call Joy Reed or Jeannie Schmidt.

We are also in need of school supplies, small toys, toothbrushes and toothpaste. There is a container in the narthex for your donation.



## Senior Luncheon

Wednesday, Nov. 3, seniors (the AARP kind) are invited to a luncheon in 15/17 at 12:00 p.m. A short program will follow. Come join us for a time of fun and fellowship. If you have questions, call Alexis Rothrock at 703-318-4848.

## Ushers

I know the entire congregation wishes to join me in showing our appreciation to the women of HUMC's UMW for handling the ushering duties at the 9 AM services for the month of October. They did a wonderful job and showed God's grace abundantly in the process.

We always have opportunities for the different HUMC ministries and any individuals to volunteer to usher at the 9 AM services throughout the year. Please feel free to contact Shawn Boynton at 703-481-1132 to pursue those opportunities.

***FLU SHOT CLINICS  
CANCELLED -  
CS&M regrets  
Inova Healthsource  
has cancelled the  
flu shot  
clinics scheduled  
for November 6  
and 7.***



## Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child

I will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child if any individual or group wishes to put them together. Operation Christmas Child is part of Samaritan's Purse, which is run by Franklin Graham. You can go to [Samaritanspurse.org](http://Samaritanspurse.org) to download labels and to see the guidelines for packing. The completed shoeboxes need to be to church by November 10. You can place them in the coatroom on the shelves. I also have a video if anyone is interested in seeing it.

Kim Nielsen (703.742.7939)



## Angel Tree Update

As we approach the Christmas holiday it becomes time for the Angel Tree again. This project benefits the Herndon Head Start children and their siblings. A lot of time and effort goes into making the tree work. Soon after school starts, members of Virginia Greear circle begin to gather information on the children from the schools. It usually takes up to a month to get all the data and verify that it is correct (does a 3 year old really wear a size 14?).

In the meantime, countless people trace, cut, and paint angels—we need hundreds. The Angel Tree goes up the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27) and the gifts are due back no later than Sunday, Dec. 12. There is a good reason that due date is written on every angel. We inventory the gifts against our master list. **ANY GIFTS MISSING AT THIS POINT ARE PURCHASED ON MONDAY MORNING.** We are under a tight deadline because the teachers pick-up the gifts soon afterwards. **So please, please, please have the gifts to the church by Sunday 12/12.** The money we are spending to shop for missing presents could be used to benefit some of the more needy families. In the past, we have had parents ask for coats or bedding in lieu of toys for their children. If for some reason you can't get the gifts to church on the due date call one of us and we will come to pick them up. Thanks for making this wonderful project a part of this church!

Kim Nielsen 742-7939  
Linda Anderson 437-9426



## Special End-of-Year Giving



If anyone is interested in making a special end-of-the-year contribution to the church of securities, please call Mike Harper, a member of the HUMC Finance Committee, at 703-556-8135.

## Helping Our Distant Neighbor

As many of you know, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is one of the first organizations to respond to a crisis or disaster here at home or overseas. Much like the Red Cross, UMCOR seeks to help all those in their time of need.



Since the southeastern United States has been hit by numerous hurricanes and storms this year, UMCOR's work has been vast and busy. On Sunday, November 21st, we will be taking up a special offering to go towards UMCOR's relief efforts nationwide. As we celebrate all the things we are thankful for, let's give generously to those who have lost so much this year.



## Children's Programming Ministry

We have had a busy October with several wonderful events. On October 17, we celebrated Children's Sabbath and the third graders received their Bibles from the UMW. We also held a "Meet The Disciples" activity that afternoon. The annual Pumpkin Party was held on October 24.

We have already begun to think about Advent and Christmas. On November 15, anyone interested in being in the Christmas pageant is invited to come to church at 7:00 pm to get a part. Practices will be held on Nov. 22, 30, and Dec. 7 at 7:00 pm. On Dec. 11 we will practice at 10:00 am. The pageant is on Dec. 12 at 7:00 pm. A family dessert social will be held after the pageant. Everyone is asked to bring a "finger-food" type dessert.

On Nov. 21, we will have an Advent Family Celebration. Everyone will need to bring live greens to this. The puppets will bring a message and there will be a snack.

The Children's Fellowship groups are up and running. Check the church calendar for dates when Jesus' Junior Disciples, Faith Weavers, and God's Gang will be meeting. In November, they will meet on Nov. 7 at 3:00 pm and on Nov. 21 at 3:00. This meeting will be the Advent Family Celebration.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, we will send home the Advent Family Devotional Book through the children's Sunday School classes.



## Stephen Ministry Corner

Your HUMC Stephen Ministry is asking for your help. We want to increase our ministry, but we can not do it alone. We need people to volunteer to receive training as Stephen Ministers, we would like a volunteer to receive training with Pastor Justin as a Stephen Leader (in April in St. Louis), but most of all we need you the congregation to contact us when are hurting and want someone to talk to . Our mission is to give care to those who desire God's healing for some concern in their lives. Please help toward our mission. Call or volunteer to get involved with your Stephen Ministry.

Tom Frost, one of your HUMC Stephen Ministers expressed his views on healing as follows:

### HEALING—FROM THE INSIDE OUT

I admit it. When David Manner asked the Stephen Ministers to help with the Healing Service in September, I was skeptical. After all, we are living in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I had visions of magical claims that were difficult to rationalize with the world I experience every day. I struggled with how I could authentically support and participate in this service.

David must have read my mind. Did you hear his introduction to the service? He pointed out that, in fact, this service was not intended to be magical. It was not a substitute for the treatments provided by doctors. And then he added that there are many kinds of healing. There is physical healing—but there is also emotional healing. Healing of relationships. Spiritual healing.

Now that was something that I could relate to. For I have seen and experienced this kind of healing—healing from the inside out. Reconciliation between parent and child, employee and supervisor, neighbor and neighbor. Relief from guilt. Empowerment to overcome the sins, fears and limitations that we place on ourselves. This sort of healing occurs every day, yet it is every bit as real and miraculous as any physical healing.

The Gospel of Luke shows this. Do you remember the story about the men who cut a hole in the roof of a home to bring a paralyzed man to Jesus for healing? (You might want to read it again in Luke 5: 17—26.) The first thing that Jesus said to the paralyzed man was that his sins were forgiven. And when the skeptics challenged him, he replied by asking which was more difficult, healing the man's paralysis or healing the man's soul. And only then did Jesus tell him to rise up and walk. Jesus healed the man from the inside out!

As your Stephen Ministers, we recognize the need for many forms of healing. We recognize that only God provides the healing. We are here to provide compassion, support, and comfort as you go through the healing process. And we have no greater privilege than to join you in prayer for healing—for you and for ourselves—inside and out.

Tom Frost  
September 24, 2004



## Endowment Fund

As 2004 draws to a close the Endowment committee would like to remind the congregation of the opportunity to make a gift to our church that will keep on giving. The Endowment Fund can be used as part of long term estate planning as well as an end of the year tax reduction. We would like the congregation to feel free to contact the church office with any questions they may have about this opportunity to give. Please keep the Endowment Fund in your prayers as we all work towards a plan to make long term financial goals a reality.

## Thank You From Mike & Marable -

Our missionaries in Japan thank the prayer chain and all those who have prayed for them the past few months. Mike's recent surgery was successful and he is recovering nicely.

## Please Recycle

Now that all the fall activities have started remember to recycle all plastic and glass containers and cans. Labeled trash cans are in the kitchen for these items. Remember not to put regular trash into these containers. Thank you for your cooperation.



## ESL Update

Sixty students enrolled in the fall session of the Herndon/Trinity English as a Second Language (ESL) program. The students come from El Salvador, Korea, Peru, Thailand, Morocco, Bolivia, India, Afghanistan, and Chile. We offer two beginning, one intermediate, and one advanced classes. We are averaging 30 students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Three of our 18 teachers are from HUMC.

A festive graduation is being planned for November 18, which is our last fall class. If you are interested in helping in this ministry area, contact Pat Simons. You do not need to know a foreign language.

## Building Update

We are still waiting for final permits to begin ground breaking. We owe a special thanks to the building committee for their extreme patience and constant flexibility as the requests continue to be extended from the originals.

The much needed new roof on the original church should be underway by the time you read this. Only by the grace of God has the existing roof held on to this point! Please continue to pray for God's will to be done in every aspect of this building.



It is our hope that the smell of fresh dirt is occurring before this goes to print. We thank all those faithful members who continue to support our new building with your prayerful pledges and gifts to allow God's work to be done at HUMC. Please call with any questions.

Karen Walker, Building committee

## Hermitage Bazaar

**ANNOUNCING:** The Annual Hermitage Holiday Bazaar  
**WHEN?** Friday night, Nov 12, 2004 from 6-8pm and Saturday, Nov 13, 2004, 8:30am to 1:00pm  
**WHERE?** Hermitage in Northern Virginia  
5000 Fairbanks Ave  
Alexandria, VA 22311  
**PHONE:** 703-820-2434

The Hermitage Guild is sponsoring their annual holiday bazaar in the auditorium of the Hermitage in NOVA. For sale this year are handcrafted items, homemade baked goods, assorted items crafted by the residents, furniture and much more. Please come and join us for fun and fellowship and great Christmas shopping. All monies made from the bazaar stay here in Northern Virginia to benefit the residents at the Hermitage



# Advent and a New Christian Year Begin November 28, 2004

*adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship*

Advent is a season of four weeks including four Sundays. Advent derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means "coming." The season, which inaugurates a whole new Christian Year\*, proclaims the comings of the Christ--whose birth we prepare to celebrate once again, who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and whose return in final victory we anticipate. Each year Advent calls the community of faith to prepare for these comings, especially through the lectionary Gospel lessons that focus on these distinctive themes: Christ's coming in final victory (First Sunday), John the Baptist (Second and Third Sundays), and the events immediately preceding the birth of Jesus Christ (Fourth Sunday).

The color for Advent paraments, stoles, and banners is purple, a color of both penitence and royalty. Visuals of the season may include an Advent wreath (an evergreen wreath with four purple candles and a central white Christ candle added on Christmas Eve/Day), evergreen wreaths and branches, a Chrismon tree (an evergreen tree covered with white monograms of Christ), and a Jesse tree (a tree with signs of the ancestors of Christ). Other symbols include trumpets for Isaiah, messianic rose, star of Jacob, and fleur-de-lis.



\*The Christian year contains two cycles: the Christmas Cycle (Advent- Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Easter-Pentecost). During the calendar year 2004, the lectionary has featured Gospel readings from Luke. Beginning with Advent 2004, the start of a new Christian year, the lectionary will feature Gospel readings from Matthew.

# Worship Services

## Sundays

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

## Saturdays

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

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*Flu Shots  
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