



Herndon United Methodist Church

April 2005

From Pastor David

Natural Church Development

Your program staff and a couple key laity have been learning about a promising new tool for church growth, Natural Church Development. Based on the careful research of Christian Schwartz, of Germany, who has studied over one thousand churches on five continents, NCD is a process whereby congregations identify how healthy they are and find ways to become healthier. What are the steps involved?

First, thirty of our most involved laity are selected and asked to fill out a detailed NCD questionnaire. These are not necessarily leaders but those who are deeply involved in the life of the church. They do a lot more than attend worship on a regular basis.

Second, the questionnaires are sent to our Virginia Conference Center in Richmond who compile the results and send us a church profile which identifies our level of health, scored from zero to 100, in each of eight key areas. Schwartz's research has clearly demonstrated that if each of the key areas are well in place, at a level of 65 or higher, there is a 99-percent certainty that the church will grow. The eight quality characteristics of growing churches are:

- Empowering Leadership
- Gift-oriented Ministry
- Passionate Spirituality
- Functional Structures
- Inspiring Worship Service
- Holistic Small Groups
- Need-oriented Evangelism
- Loving Relationships



Third, we create a church health team, a small group of key laity and staff who will develop and implement a strategic plan to increase the score of our lowest key area. Schwartz has demonstrated that if the lowest score is increased, all the other quality characteristics, which are interconnected, will also rise.

Fourth, at the end of twelve to eighteen months of working our plan, another questionnaire will be filled out to determine how we're doing.

Fifth, we will once again identify our lowest score and will seek to increase it.

I am very enthusiastic about Natural Church Development. Not only is it based on solid scientific research, but also on solid theology. Its cornerstone is the theological assumption that God grows the church naturally, if all the conditions are right for growth to happen. Consider the parable of the sower. Seed is scattered on various kinds of soil. The rocky soil and the weedy soil don't produce lasting results. Only the good soil does. The sower doesn't make the crop grow. God does that. However, the sower must first locate the right soil,

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Tidbits

♦ **Helping Hands**—Can you provide a meal for someone recuperating from surgery or an illness? Can you provide a ride to physical therapy or a doctor's appointment? If so, you can be a Helping Hand. Call Joy Reed at 703-437-7584 or jmreed8@juno.com to volunteer.

♦ **Herndon Free Clinic** - The Herndon Free Clinic has seen over 1200 children of low income uninsured families since we started 2 1/2 years ago. We continue to see children on alternate Thursdays at the Herndon Middle School. If you want to volunteer, call the clinic voicemail at 703-481-8160. Leave your name and phone number and someone will call you back to schedule orientation. You can call this number to volunteer at the Adult Hypertension Clinic which is just beginning. Your donations of school supplies, small toys, books, toothpaste and toothbrushes are greatly appreciated. There is a container in the narthex for your donations.

♦ **Ushers** —HUMC wants our ushers to be the best prepared as possible. To do this, we are contemplating a **CPR** class for all ushers, attending any service. We encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity. Please look for more information about this from Fred Klinefelter in the near future.

♦ **Recycling**—Remember to recycle glass, plastic and metal containers. There is a special container in the kitchen for these items.





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till it, and fertilize it. God will do the rest!

This is a very different and much better approach than that tried by churches in the past. We used to look for certain successful churches and sought to duplicate their efforts. Unfortunately, we soon discovered that because each congregation and situation is unique, we can't all be like Saddleback Church in California or Willow Creek in Chicago. We can, nevertheless, be who we are and seek to strengthen the eight quality characteristics that NCD has identified in over 1000 churches on five continents that are needed if our church is to grow. Are you ready? I am! Let's roll!



Children's Musical
May 15th
9:00 am & 10:30 am



Lay Leader Corner

By the time you read this, spring will have arrived and the last of the snow (I hope!) will be but a distant memory! Now is the time for new beginnings.

A few weeks ago, Pastor David and I attended a workshop on Shared Ministry – identifying ways laity and clergy can work closer together to help each other and share in ministry. There are many ways the laity of HUMC can share in ministry: in addition to reading the lessons at a Sunday service, a lay person could also do the announcements, joys and concerns, prayer for the people, and offertory prayer; they can participate in communion, baptisms, and receiving new members; prepare and deliver children's sermons; pray with people at healing services; working with Congregational Care Ministry, make hospital visits with the pastors and visit shut-ins; or read scripture or other readings at weddings or funerals. These are just a few of the ways laity and clergy can work together in shared ministry.

In the coming weeks, you'll be seeing more laity participation in each of our services. We'll be asking some folks to step out of the box, out of what might be their comfort zone, and do some different things. Pastor David and Pastor Justin can't possibly do it all by themselves. As we look for ways to help lessen the load on them just a little, we'll also be helping the laity of HUMC grow in their faith. So when someone asks YOU to help share in the ministry of HUMC – say yes. Now is the time for new beginnings.

Elsie Blough
HUMC Lay Leader

Stephen Ministry Corner

"I have heard your prayers, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you..."

2 Kings 20:5

God is the "Cure Giver" who will heal you. We in your Stephen Ministry offer ourselves as caregivers, to be tools of God's cure giving. As we expand the Stephen Ministry through our new class of Stephen Ministers, we encourage you all to ask us questions about this ministry. We endeavor to spread the good news of this powerful ministry. We also ask that you all continue to hold up this ministry, its leaders, ministers, and especially care receivers in your prayers. God hears our prayers and tears; and He heals us.





Mission Kits for Konference

HUMC is participating in the annual preparation of conference kits for distribution to needy people worldwide through Church World Service (CWS). Because of the recent tsunami disaster in South Asia, CSW is emphasizing the need for Health and School kits this year.

Health Kits contain: one hand towel, one washcloth, one comb, one metal nail file or nail clipper, one bar of soap (bath size), one toothbrush, one tube of toothpaste (4 to 7 ounces), and six Band-Aids. Seal all items in a one gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. Note: Clippers may now be included instead of nail files. The Hand towel must be small enough to fit into the bag with the other items. A donation of \$12 will also allow CWS to provide a health kit.

Layette Kits contain: six cloth diapers, two shirts, two washcloths, two gowns or sleepers, two diaper pins, one sweater or sweatshirt, and two receiving blankets (one can be a knitted blanket). Note: Diapers have been increased from 4 to 6 and a Remsen knitted blanket is no longer specified. Bundle these items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. A donation of \$35 to CWS will also provide a new layette.

School Kits contain: one pair of blunt scissors, pads or notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 1/2x11-inches (containing 150-200 sheets of paper), one 30-centimeter ruler (12 inches), one pencil sharpener, six new pencils with erasers, one large eraser, 12 sheets of colored construction paper, one box of 24 crayons, and one 12x14-inch cloth bag with cloth handles and a closure (Velcro, snap, or button). Pack the items in the cloth bag and secure contents with the closure. Note: The bags must now have a closure. A donation of \$11 will also allow CWS to buy school supplies and assemble the kit.



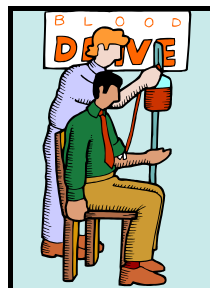
Please place your kits in the polka dot box marked, "Mission Kits for Konference" located near the coatroom. Monetary contributions for kits or shipping fees should be in the form of checks made out to HUMC, designated "Konference Kits". Our pastors will deliver the kits to Annual Conference. This year participating churches are asked to add \$1.00 per kit to cover processing/shipping. Additional information may be found in the February edition of the **Advocate** (p. 18).

Please return your kits as soon as possible, but *no later than June 5th*. Our pastors will deliver the kits to Annual Conference on June 12th.

Blood Drive

The HUMC-TPC Blood Drive on Sunday, March 6, received 35 volunteers. Twenty-five were from our church. Our next drive will be in June. Thanks to all who took the time to donate at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

For any questions phone Fred at 703-435-0020.



Children's Programming Ministries

On March 6, a family event was held in which the children learned about Holy Week. Special activities are planned for Easter. The children will have time in their regular Sunday School class and gather for a special activity.

So far the Sunday School classes have collected \$550.00 for the Heifer mission project. We will have a celebration in June for this project.

Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School, which will be held the week of July 11-15. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Anne, Faith Nettin, or Sheri Fairchild.

Plans are also underway for a summer Sunday School program. Watch for more details to come about this.



LINK Needs Donations

LINK still needs your monetary help! Yes, LINK received a \$100,000 grant last year, but those funds are tied to expenses that cannot be used for day-to-day operations. Further, our donations are down from previous years. Please consider donating to LINK if you have the opportunity to do so.



Profiles in Faith Rexie Bickel

Rexie Bickel became a member of Herndon United Methodist Church in 1982. From the first time she attended service in the old church on Spring Street, it was like coming home to a loving family. Ruth Updike sponsored her in transfer, a wonderful experienced and beautiful, faithful sponsor according to Rexie.

She has been here during the tenure of several ministers and associate ministers. Each one bringing special talents and each different, but bringing what God knew we needed.

Rexie has served on the Worship Committee, including being Chairman. She has been responsible for the candles on the altar since 1981 and the special candles at Christmas Eve for the past fourteen years. She has helped set up communion for seven years. Rexie has also served on the Nominations Committee. From time to time she has worked as a substitute in the church office answering the telephones and helping with the paper work.

Rexie has been a member of the Herndon United Methodist Women for more than 15 years and a member of the Katie McGuire Circle. Rexie is the current President of UMW and finds it is a blessing. The executive board is outstanding and the women of UMW are the best. She has also helped with Vacation Bible School in the summer and the prayer chain for several years. Rexie has been either leader or co-leader of the Disciples Bible Study classes for at least eight years, an activity that she has found to be a true joy.

Rexie and Jim were part of the VIM trip to Guatemala last summer along with nineteen other people from our church. It was well planned and carried out. We worked with families to build cooking stoves and know them and their country better. A great trip.

One thing she values the most about our church is the congregation. They care about others. When they ask "How are you?" they wait for an answer. She enjoys how we all are on the same journey – following Jesus, praising our God. We may be at different places on our journey, but we are headed in the same direction.

Rexie believes it is a joy to be a member of the congregation of Herndon United Methodist Church. She is proud to be a part of this wonderful people. She considers being a member one of her greatest blessings. She needs and greatly benefits from the Christian fellowship of all of Herndon United Methodist Church!

HUMC History Committee



Easter Egg Tree Project

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Easter Egg Tree Project by purchasing gift certificates for needy families to buy new spring clothing for their children. This year, we were able to help 64 local Herndon children through this project. Church, Society and Missions Ministry would also like to extend a special thank you to the HUM Preschool families who joined with us to make this local mission a success.

The Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center staff, who will be distributing these certificates to the families with whom they work, felt that going to a store and selecting their own new clothing may be a new experience for some of the children we are helping. The HNRC was very grateful for our generosity.

Easter greetings and an invitation to worship with us at HUMC at Easter and our other services were extended to each of the recipients. Remember to give our neighbors a special HUMC welcome when they visit!



Building Update

As you can see the building is moving along! If all goes as plans, we will be in by the end of this year.

Another new committee has been formed to compile a furnishings list for the new building. It's very exciting to plan for enough chairs to hold 400 people in the fellowship hall!

Thank you for your patience with the parking and the mess.

Please continue to pray for your building committee and all the sub committees that are forming to complete this great project.

Please call with any questions.

Karen Walker,
Building committee

Yarn & Thread

Are you handy with Yarn and Thread?

We need you!

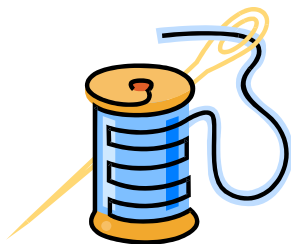
Do you want to learn how to do something with Yarn and Thread?

We need you!

Join us Saturday April 16, 2005 from 9:00AM to 11:00 AM at HUMC

Questions see Anne Harrison or

JaniceCoon@cox.net



Music News

The Music Department is short staffed through June, so please bear with me. I think I have successfully completed the schedule for the rest of the year and will be sending it to you through e-mail. If you are not on my list and you, or your child, are in the music program, please send me your e-mail and tell me what group you are in. My e-mail is amoshelveston@adelphia.net

Here is the schedule for the next few weeks:

April

3rd - 9:00 Celebration Ringers

10th - 9:00 Asbury

17th - 9:00 Cherub/Angel Choirs; Carillon Ringers -

Both Services

24th - Both Services - Grace Ringers

May

1 - 9:00 - Genesis Choir



***Reminder – Children’s Musical – May 15th,
9:00 am and 10:30 am services***

Welcome Our Newest Members

Carol Herschelman and husband, Kern, and daughters (Emma, almost 3 and Ellie, 1) moved to Herndon from Redondo Beach, CA where they actually "lived on the beach" and their favorite hobbies include beach volleyball--no surprise there Kern is on active duty with the Air Force while Carol feels very fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom. They plan to have Emma and Ellie baptized in the Spring. (1403 Cuttermill Court, Herndon, VA 301.367.3333)

Chuck Walton and son Daniel, 8 years old, are transferring to us from Front Royal UMC. Chuck works for the Federal Government at National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). His hobbies include golfing, hunting, fishing and snow skiing. Daniel is in the second grade at Chesterbrook Academy. His favorite things include going to Sunday School, Pokemon, Game Boy and his pets, a lizard (Speedy) and a fish. They live in Sterling and found our church through the Yellow Pages. (113 Forest Ridge Drive, Sterling, VA 703.318.7173)

Farina Mehmood and her family are originally from Karachi, Pakistan. She presently lives and works in Leesburg. When she is not working, she likes to relax by reading and cooking her favorite food--Chinese. She feels fortunate to have her parents and sister, Nadia, also attend our church. (18190 Mill House Square, Leesburg, VA 703.669.8326)

Brad Koss and Pat Little are engaged to be married and have 3 children between them (Laura, 13; Alex, 11; and Walter, 11) as well as 2 dogs, 2 cats and 2 rats---oh my. Originally from Hilton, New York, Brad works for the Federal Government and enjoys biking, fishing and spending time with the kids. Pat is a local hometown girl (McLean, VA), is an interior designer and enjoys crafts as another means of expressing her creative talents and energy. They found our church through the newspaper. (12856 Fantasia Drive, Herndon, VA 703.689.8911)



We Would Like To Invite You To Our Next Doorway Class

A Chance for Our Newcomers to Get Acclimated to HUMC

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

APRIL 20, 2005

APRIL 27, 2005

MAY 4, 2005

MAY 11, 2005

THE LIBRARY (Room 20)



We Invite All Doorway Class Members To be the Guests of HUMC at our Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners during the 4 Weeks of Class

**QUESTIONS? CALL OR SEE ANNE
(703) 471-0627**

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!

Mark your calendars for the week of Monday-Friday July 11-15.
Our theme is "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR."
Registration begins May 1. Watch for more information coming soon.

Yard Work from our Youth

Do you have yard work that needs help? Don't have the time to do it yourself? Hire Youth Led Missions youth and adults to do the work. We do the work, we earn money for our missions trips to Tennessee and Russia and to support our Relay For Life pledge. We don't charge a set fee, you choose the amount you donate, your yard looks great and YOU HELP FUND OUR MISSION TRIPS.

Call Anne at (703) 471-0627 or email anne@herndonunitedmethodist.com to schedule.

Here Come the Flamingoes

I have talked to our friendly fun loving pink friends and they are on their way. Despite some unplanned stops along the way they are making great progress. We expect them to arrive in Herndon at the end of April so somebody should expect to see them adorning their lawn on the morning of Sunday, May 1. Once our pink friends arrive the fun begins. If you'd like to have someone's yard flocked, you simply complete a flocking form (available late April) and give the form and your donation to Anne. Our Youth Led Missions team does the rest. Please remember this is all done in good fun but if you don't wish to play the game just tell me and I promise your yard will not get flocked.



Anne Harrison



Junior High Lock-In

The fun will start at 9PM on Friday, April 1 for our Junior High youth. We have plans for a great evening so Junior Highs make sure this is on your calendars. Questions? Call Anne or Justin

God's Gang Scavenger Hunt *Friday, April 8*

5th and 6th grade kids are invited to meet Anne and Tim at the Dulles Town Center Food Court at 6PM. We will start with dinner (Bring \$ for your dinner). Following dinner we'll divide up into teams to go Scavenger Hunting. Wear a watch if you have one. Parents please pick up your kids at 8:30PM from the food court. Call or see Anne with any questions.

Youth Led Missions Rummage Sale

On Saturday, April 23rd during the Spring Fling, our youth will be raising money with a rummage sale. Please bring your rummage sale items to HUMC beginning Thursday, April 21 after 4 pm and during the day Friday, April 22nd to help support us.

Sunday Refreshments Postponed

As we all know the construction of our new building and parking lot has impacted our parking situation. This is a temporary inconvenience which will be resolved with a wonderful new building to expand our ministry. But in the meantime we are finding that some of our 10:30 congregation is struggling to find adequate parking. To help with this situation we will not offer refreshments between the 9AM and 10:30AM services until the new parking lot is open. There will be special occasions that we will have refreshments (Confirmation, reception of New Members, graduation Sunday, etc). On the Sunday that the new parking lot opens we will begin refreshments again with a big celebration. Note that we can park at HHS but we know some of our members are unable to walk that distance. Call or see Anne if you have questions/concerns.

HUMC Endowment Committee News

As Spring arrives we are again blessed with Gods renewal of the earth. The Endowment Committee would like to remind all of the blessing of the gift of renewal of our churches ministries available in perpetuity with gifts made to the Endowment Fund. It is a way for anyone to give a gift that will continue to bless the church and its ministries into the future. If you would like any information about the Endowment Fund you are welcome to call the church office and they will have a member of the Endowment Committee give you a call.



Yours in Christ,
HUMC Endowment Committee

Spring Into Commitment!

As we watch the new building go up this spring, your friends on the Commitment Ministry Team would like to remind you about the generous support that we've all provided to make this happen. HUMC has been blessed that, while we undergo this expansion of our facilities, we have been able to maintain healthy growth in our program ministries. Thanks to all of you who give regularly to make God's work happen!

But please remember that as we grow, our need for your support will grow, too! We are expanding our programs for youth and children. We have two mission trips on the horizon, not to mention all the local groups that we work with to help our neighbors. God has big plans for HUMC, as we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Remember that YOU play a very important role in those plans! The church is only as strong as our members and friends. What is God asking you to give?

If you have any questions about giving or what the church's budget needs are, please feel free to talk with Charlie Rothrock or Scott Smith (our Commitment co-chairs), Pastor David, or Pastor Justin. Help us make God's dreams a reality!

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

Church Office:	703-471-0627
FAX Number:	703-471-7758
Preschool Office:	703-435-5688
David Manner	Senior Pastor
Justin White	Associate Pastor
Ashley Mitchell	Youth Pastor
David Helveston	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@herndonunitedmethodist.com

*We Invite You to an
Informal Reception
to Welcome
Pastor Ashley
Mitchell to Our
HUMC Family on
Sunday, April 3rd
at 4:30 pm.*



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May Newsletter Deadline - April 15th
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