



Herndon United Methodist Church

June 2005

From Pastor David

Looking Forward

Excitement is mounting! Our new building is taking shape day by day! In December, 2005, we expect to occupy it! Are you ready?

In order to support the vital ministries that will be held in our new building, Charlie Rothrock and Scott Smith, our highly effective Commitment Co-Chairs, announced to the congregation on Sunday, May 1, 2005, two important financial campaigns that will happen later in the year. I would like to reiterate what they said.

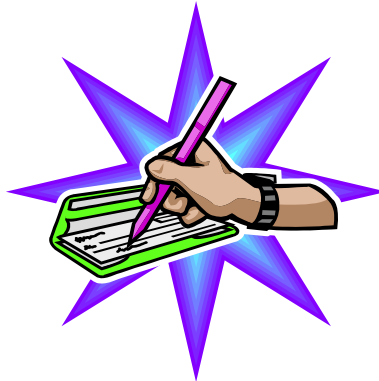
First, a campaign will be held in October, 2005 to solicit pledges for the 2006 Operating Budget. You probably remember that in 2004, the pledge campaign was in the Spring. In 2005, it will be in the Fall, a time of year when HUMC has experienced many previous successful campaigns. Members are asked to prayerfully consider maintaining or increasing your current level of giving to the Building and Operating Funds so that we can adequately support our mission and ministry, and, at the same time, begin to pay off our hefty construction loan.

Another change will be the ending of anonymous pledges because of the feedback that we received about many people forgetting what they pledged. Instead, we will return to our tried and true custom of associating specific names with pledge amounts (this information, will, of course, be kept in confidence). In this way, our Financial Secretary through her financial statements can help our members remember what was pledged so they can better gage their progress in reaching their pledge goal.

Second, in September of 2005, we will begin soliciting special financial gifts for the purchase of furnishings and equipment needed in our new building. This is consistent with what was decided long ago, that we would not include these items in our construction loan. Instead, as this congregation has successfully done in the past, a special gifts campaign will be conducted in the Fall so that we can purchase the items we need in our new building. Lists of items and amounts will be forthcoming. Organizations, families, and individuals will be asked to make special gifts.

All of us are enthusiastic about what God is doing at HUMC! Thank you for your wonderful support! I look forward to what God will do among us in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor David



Tidbits

♦ **Herndon Free Clinic**— In July the HFC will begin holding clinics to provide physical exams for children of low-income uninsured families so the children can start school in Sept. We also provide the children with school supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, books and small toys. Your donations are always welcome. There is a container in the narthex for these items.

♦ **Ushers STILL Needed**- More ushers needed for all services! Please sign our chart that is located in the narthex.

♦ **LINK Supplies Needed**- The WIC staff at the Neighborhood Resource Center sees many new mothers with insufficient food for their babies. If you donate baby cereal, fruits and vegetables, diapers, shampoo, etc to the Link pantry, these items can be given to these families.

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





4th Annual Gospel Music Concert

It's time to mark your calendars for our 4th annual gospel music concert. This year the concert will be held on Saturday June 18th. The Men's group will be cooking their delicious North Carolina Bar-B-Q and our youth let missions team will provide the fixings. We are delighted to have back as our headliners the Promisedland Quartet. They are a traditional southern gospel group based here in Virginia. If you saw them last year, you know how wonderful and powerful their music is.

They are truly filled with the Holy Spirit. The Promisedland Quartet is something special and you don't want to miss them. Opening the concert will be our own Herndon Circuit Riders with special guest Pastor David.

Our concert will be held in the sanctuary because of the construction.

We are asking that everyone, except those working at the concert, to please park over at Herndon High School. As usual we will be moving things around to allow for setup. Here is the schedule for Saturday June 18th.

Saturday June 18th

3:00pm Saturday Service
4:30pm Dinner begins
5:30pm Concert begins

The concert is free. Donations are appreciated for the dinner and proceeds go to youth led missions. We would appreciate everyone handing out flyers and inviting all of your friends, relatives and neighbors to come join us. If you have any questions please call Tammy Lemmons at 703-437-5639.

HUMC Finances Remain on Track

Due to the faithfulness of the congregation, the HUMC financial picture remains positive. We are on track to have another record year in giving. With payments on the new mortgage to finance the \$4.2 million church addition, however, we will see some gyrations in the financial reports over the next several months. We have been planning on these changes since the building plans were first developed. In an effort to keep the congregation fully informed, the Finance Ministry wants to report the following:

- Giving to the Church is up by almost \$25,000 through the end of April. This generosity, and the trend it represents, is especially important this year because the our budget will increase by more than \$100,000 for calendar year 2006. This increase is due primarily to the new mortgage.

- During the construction phase, the mortgage payments start low and go higher as we make "draws" to pay construction costs. This will cause monthly expenses to start to rise very significantly in the near future. Again, this is as expected. In fact, the Church put aside reserve funds last year with this expectation in mind.

- With this year's increased expenditures, and with next year's mortgage payments rising by more than \$100,000 above this year's level, it is vitally important that the congregation maintain its giving both to the general offering and to the building fund. The congregation pledged \$1 million to the building campaign over three years. So far, about \$840,000 has been donated to the building fund. That means that \$160,000 is needed between now and the end of the year.

As we see the beams, roof, and the rest of our magnificent new Church structure going up, this is a time to praise God and think about the wonderful new opportunities the building will give us to spread the Gospel message. Due to the faith, wisdom, hard work, and support of the entire HUMC family, we are confident that we will meet our financial obligations.

If you have any questions about the Church's budget and finances, please feel free to contact any member of the Finance Ministry.

In Christ,
Finance Ministry

Music News

The Children's Musical:
**"100% Chance of Rain" will be on
Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m.**

Please come join us for a wonderful evening!

Also enjoy the beautiful voice of our soloist,

Kara Stover

On June 12th at 9:00 and 10:30 am





Helping Hands

I want to take this opportunity to announce that starting July 1, *Stephanie Darling* will be the new coordinator of Helping Hands.

Helping Hands began in June 2003 to provide meals to members of the congregation who were sick, recovering from surgery or hospitalization, dealing with a death in the family or welcoming a new addition to the family. During that year we provided 55 meals and answered 8 requests for transportation to a medical appointment. In 2004 we provided 53 meals and 6 transportation requests. So far in 2005 we have provided 15 meals and answered 1 request for transportation.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have prepared and delivered meals and transported people to appointments. It has been a pleasure to provide this service. You can still become a volunteer by calling Joy Reed at 703-437-7584 or email jmreed8@juno.com.



Endowment Committee

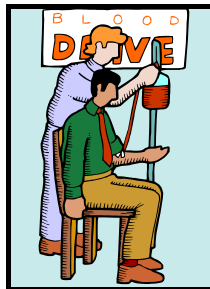
As the Lord blesses the Earth with Spring, He has blessed me with the chance to send this letter from Romania. As a member of the Endowment Committee, I am tasked with reminding our congregation about giving a gift in perpetuity. Here in Romania, there are churches built in the fifteenth century that are still thriving. Their founders built their churches to last. HUMC has an Endowment Fund to help ensure that our church lasts well into the future. The money you give to the Endowment Fund today will be building for the future of HUMC. The Endowment Committee welcomes any questions. A call to the church office will put you in touch with any member of the committee.

Yours in Christ,
Laura White

Blood Drive

The HUMC-TPC summer blood drive will be held on Sunday morning, June 19 in the activity room at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Dranesville Rd. (This is also Father's Day.) We need a good turnout to start off the summer with an adequate supply of blood. This is a great opportunity for families to bring their youth (at least 17 years) to begin in the regular donor's cycle. Other requirements are listed on the information sheet included with the registration sheet on the kiosk in our narthex. Let us have a great turnout from HUMC.

Questions, please phone Fred at 703-435-0020.



Living Will

The bulletin board down the hall from the church office contains information about a Living Will.

You can download your own copy with information and directions from: www.caringinfo.org.

Ushers Needed

Ushers are needed for the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Service. With six pairs of ushers each pair would serve two months every year. In the event you need to take off during your scheduled month others will be available to trade a Sunday or two with you. Men and women, as well as youth are welcomed. Please contact Fred at 703-435-0020.

We are also looking for volunteers to usher for the 9:00 service during the summer. We prefer two people per service that are identified prior to the date of each service. We hope to see some new faces take this opportunity to become involved in the Lord's worship. Please contact Shawn Boynton at 703-481-1132 if you are interested.

Adult Hypertension Clinic

"Do you have high blood pressure?" If you or someone you know is uninsured and between the ages of 18 and 65, you could be eligible for free medical care and medications to treat your high blood pressure. The Herndon Free Clinic has expanded to include an Adult Hypertension Clinic. Watch the Congregational Care bulletin board for time and place of blood pressure screenings.



Profiles in Faith

Joan and George Whitener

George and I moved to Herndon in August of 1959 and joined Herndon Methodist Church that October. This was before The Methodist Church joined with The Evangelical United Brethren Church and the name was changed to United Methodist Church. Not long after becoming members, we became sponsors for the MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship). This was in the Old Church on Spring Street and the group met in a small room in the basement of the church. I recall that Vicky and Steve Doe, daughter and son of Harry and Libby Doe, were members of that group.

I served on the Mission Committee for many years beginning in 1959 when Libby Doe was the chairperson. I used to go to meetings at her house after school when they lived across the street from the Elementary School and all of the schools were together on Locust Street. Missions has been a love of mine since I was in High School. I have acted as Chair for the Mission Committee and during that time the church bought a pump to be placed on the Gambia River in Senegal so the people could have water. At that same time we donated toward a jeep the Arlington District was buying for a Missionary in Africa. We conducted Mission Studies during Lent, had sacrificial meals and donated the proceeds to Missions.

I have been a member of the UMW since we joined the church. At that time there were many UMW women who were the Founding Mothers of HUMC. Now some of the Circles are named for them. When I first attended, I visited in Ruth Updike's home on Vine Street. Some of the other members were Lucy Linkins, Virginia Greear, Elsie Jones, Nellie Facchina, Louise Groff, Mrs. Mamie Printz, and Virginia Wilkins among others. These ladies raised many dollars at the annual Bazaar and their famous dinners. One of the last fundraisers we had at the old church was a Quilt Show that was very popular. At the present time I belong to the Mary Martha Circle and serve our UMW as the Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center Representative. The Assembly Center is located in Blackstone, VA and is a wonderful facility. It was formerly a Girl's College and is the site of many functions and particularly The School of Christian Missions each summer. Many of our past and present UMW members have been honored by having a rose bush purchased and placed in the lovely Rose Garden at the Assembly Center in Blackstone.

When our children were young, I taught Sunday School and was at one time the Superintendent. One particular year, Evelyn Stuart and I taught a First and Second Grade class together which was very large. Part of each Sunday was spent in singing and Betty Thacker and I were leaders. I taught Bible School each summer and the Sunday following the session the children sang for the congregation. This was before we had children's choirs.

I have been a member of the Wesley Choir for most of the years I have lived in Herndon. There were a few years I did not sing because of the duties of Motherhood, but being a part of the choir is a very important part of my life. I began singing in my home church in Mississippi as a young girl and sang with my father who had a beautiful bass voice. Singing praises to God is a very joyful thing to me. It has been said that he who sings, prays twice and I have learned a lot of scripture through music. One of the most meaningful things the choir in the old church did was the Gaither Alleluia. It certainly was the first time we ever had a drum in the sanctuary that I remember and we really made a JOYFUL NOISE! We are very fortunate to have such an excellent Music Program at HUMC and the fellowship with the choir members is meaningful to all of us.

For two years I served as co-chair for the Worship Committee with Jo Klinefelter and have served as UMW representative on the Nominations Committee.

George served on the Every Member Canvas Committee when we used to go house to house visiting the membership during Pledge time. He served on the Bill Burns Scholarship committee and was an early member of the United Methodist Men. At the Spring Street Church he was a volunteer that painted the sanctuary and restrooms. He continues to be a Reader. HUMC has been a very important part of the life of our family and now that our children are grown they continue to work in the Methodist Church where they live.

HUMC History Committee





It Only Takes A Smile and A Handshake

Wondering what that is??? Being a Greeter!!! We currently need to update our Greeter List and would love to include you on it. If you can greet one Sunday a month, that would be great. Or if you'd rather be on our list to contact that would work out fine, too. We need greeters for both the 9am and 10:30am services on Sunday. You would need to arrive 20 minutes early to be ready to greet our attendees. We would love to have your friendly smiles and greetings at our front doors. Please contact us by phone (703) 709-9494, or email dbblk@aol.com and let us know when you would like to offer your services. Thanks ahead of time for your assistance.

Serving our Lord and our church,
Barb & David Black
Greeter Ministry



Some days are you not even sure what you are going to have for dinner? We have done the planning, cooking and clean up for you. Mark your calendar for Wednesday night June 8th. The ladies of UMW will be making Homemade Noodles with Chicken. The ULTIMATE comfort food. Come enjoy, laugh and relax at the end of a busy day!

Parish Nurse Corner *Seeing Is Believing*

“Jesus said to him, ‘Receive your sight; our faith has healed you.’ Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.” Luke 18:42

May has been National Healthy Vision Month. When was the last time you had a complete eye examination by an eye care professional? Many eye diseases and disorders have no symptoms or early warning signs. Eye examinations should be performed at appropriate intervals to detect changes in the retina or optic nerve. Eye examinations should begin in childhood.

Glaucoma causes progressive optic nerve damage and can occur at any age. Over 3 million people in the U.S. have known glaucoma and 120,000 have resulting blindness. Many more are not receiving treatment because they are unaware of their condition.

Macular Degeneration is the most common cause of vision loss among people over 60. This is a gradual loss of central vision that results in difficulty reading, driving and performing fine tasks. Promising studies at the National Eye Institute indicate that we may be able to minimize MD with diets high in fruits (Vitamin C) and green leafy vegetables that contain lutein, carotenoids and zeaxanthin such as spinach, broccoli, kale and romaine lettuce.

Your eye health is improved when you control high blood pressure, avoid smoking, exercise regularly, curb sugar intake, control cholesterol and improve nutrition. Be sure to wear 100% UV protection sunglasses all year long. Make an appointment to see an optometrist or ophthalmologist. For more information-go to www.visionconnection.org

-----Sherry Yuras, Parish Nurse Ministry

Yarn & Thread

Mark your calendars, June 18th and July 16th. We have a new Fellowship Ministry for those who would like to learn how to **Knit** or **Crochet** or do **various types of Needle Work**. We need those who would like to **teach** and those who would like to **learn**. This is a multi-generational fellowship.



Several projects that will benefit from these hand crafts will be scarf's and hats for the *Herndon Free Clinic*, possible Lap Blankets for our *Veterans*, shawls and caps for *Cancer Victims*, baby blankets, or maybe hats for House Elves.

We have plenty of supplies to get you started.

When: The THIRD SATURDAY of each month (June 18th is our next meeting)

Where: Herndon United Methodist Church, 701 Bennett Street, Herndon, VA 20170

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

More info??? Contact Anne Harrison 703-471-0627 or Janice Coon at JaniceCoon@cox.net



Children's Programming Ministries

On Sunday, May 15, we honored our wonderful volunteers who do so much for our children throughout the year. By teaching Sunday School, serving as leaders for the Children's Fellowships groups, or serving on the Children's Programming Ministry Committee, these people give freely of their time to teach and lead the children closer to God. We also want to thank Anne Harrison for all that she does for this ministry.

Plans are underway for Vacation Bible School, which will be held the week of July 11-15. The theme for this year is "Love Your Neighbor." Please see Anne or Sheri Fairchild if you would like to volunteer in some way during that week. There is a sign up for VBS snack donations in the Narthex. Also, please don't forget to pre-register your children for VBS!

The Children's Fellowship groups will go bowling on May 22 for their closing event for this year.

The last Sunday for Sunday School will be on June 26. We will have Summer Sunday School beginning on July 10 for 4 year olds - 2nd grade. Two and three year olds will go into the nursery.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!

If you haven't already registered your child for VBS it isn't too late. Registration packets are available in the narthex. Volunteers are always needed. Training sessions for our volunteers are Monday, June 13 at 7PM and Thursday June 16 at 7PM (YOU CHOOSE THE SESSION THAT FITS YOUR SCHEDULE).

Youth who would like to help, please see Anne.



Flamingoes Will Depart Soon

Our flock of pretty pink flamingoes have made many visits in our community already. If you are hoping to schedule a visit please contact Anne. This is a fundraiser for Youth Led Missions. Our friends will fly away at the end of June.



UMW Prayer Breakfast

The United Methodist Women will have a Prayer Breakfast at the Church on Saturday, June 11th from 9-11 a.m. The theme for the breakfast this year is "Praying Women". You do not have to be a member of UMW to participate--we hope many women from the church will meet with us that morning for a time of fellowship. There will be singing, prayers, a short program and time set aside for private devotions. We encourage you to bring devotional material to use and share with others. Please join us!





Stephen Ministry Corner

On June 12th the congregation will get the opportunity at the 9:00 service to participate in the commissioning of our newest Stephen Ministers. Brian, Jane, Cheryl, Vee, and JoAnne are all wonderfully gifted caregivers who are blessed by God for this ministry. They, and the Stephen Leaders (Shawn, Everludis and Brad), have attended the 50 hours of training throughout the past four months and are now ready to offer themselves in caregiving service to God and to you. Please join us for this special event and help us to welcome and thank them.

If you have any questions or comments about Stephen Ministry please contact Pastor Justin (in the HUMC office) or Shawn Boynton (703-481-1132).

Please Consider Serving as an Usher

We are looking for volunteers to usher for the 9:00 service during the summer. The summer months are difficult for all of us to schedule for. This makes it especially important that we have some ushering volunteers lined up ahead of time. We now have an usher sign up poster in the narthex. We prefer two people per service that are identified prior to the date of each service. We hope to see some new faces take this opportunity to become involved in the Lord's worship. Please sign up or contact Shawn Boynton at 703-481-1132 if you are interested.

Building Update

As you can see, construction is moving along well and 30% has been completed. Despite the various unexpected problems that come with construction, we continue to be on schedule, due to the diligence of your building committee. Please continue to pray for them as they give countless hours to ensure the building is what it should be!

It is extremely important that NO ONE GOES INTO THE CONSTRUCTION AREA!!! Aramis has agreed to set up a "tour" for any group who would like to see the new building and has asked that you contact the church office.

The current project is the water management area (also known as the pond). Because the sub-contractor was set-back in his previous job, this project has been slightly delayed. This work must be completed before they can work on the new parking lot. We pray for good weather to allow this work to move forward. Again, many thanks for your patience with the parking restrictions.

As always, we ask you to continue your prayers for all aspects of the building program. Whether you give financially or with your time and service, our contributions to the Glory of God will bring this project to completion.

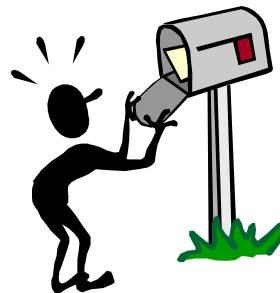
Please call with any questions.

Karen Walker for the building committee
703-444-2674

Do You Know Where These People Are?

We are once again asking for the congregation's help in locating these members. Our records indicate that mail sent to them has been returned "no forwarding address." If you have a definite address for any of them, please contact Mary Lou Blevins, Membership Secretary, at 703-435-2766.

Allen Amado, Charles Anderson, Sharon Arries, Dannie Butle, Linda Clapp, Linda Cohen, Peggy Colquitt, Raoul Cruz, Tommy Day, Wendy Day, Eric Dunham, Gene Fleming, Ronald Gattoni, David Gehring, Rosalind Gehring, Lynn Handwerk, Matt Handwerk, Jerry Hess, Nancy Hess, Larry Hill, John Kreisa, Carrie Masse, Emily Masse, Patricia Ogg Meredith, Deron Miller, Hallie Miller, Marye Miller, Chris Murtland, Jim Murtland, Tony Murtland, Candice Parker, Libby Reeder, Russ Reeder, Carol Ronning, Joe Sawyer, Jeffrey Shekie, Jeff Snyder, Paul Stansbery, Dana Steinhour, Shelley Undercoffer, Kristy Wilson, and Melissa Zafonte.





My Personal Fight With Breast Cancer

To the Congregation of Herndon United Methodist,

It was a year ago that I was in a fight, a personal fight with Breast Cancer.

It was your support and your prayers that brought me to this day in good health. Herndon United Methodist, you helped bring me back from a place of dark struggle to a place of light and true blessings.

The power of prayer is truly amazing and I thank you each day for yours.

I feel a special warmth in my heart for the Morning Glory Circle as they often brought light into my struggle with a card and a kind word. It seemed when I was at my lowest, a card would come in the mail—a just the right moment to give me strength to make it through the day. Thank you for your kindness, for your thoughtfulness, and for caring for those of us in the struggle. You have found a place in my heart for all time.

Relay for Life and all of you that contribute to this worthy cause—Thank You! You bring hope to so many in need.

God has blessed me with my restored health, and your prayers and support has worked its miracles with His love shining through.

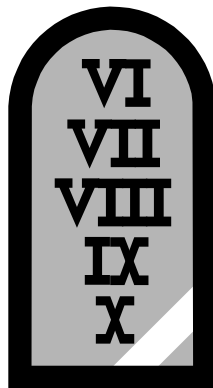
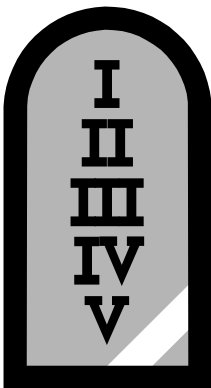
With Love,

Rebecca Miller



*Relay for Life
is
June 11th*

Get Involved!



Summer Sunday School MOSES AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Starts on Sunday, July 10 9AM
for kids through 2nd grade.

This is based on their current grade in school.
Nursery care is available throughout the summer
for the very young.

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
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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.herndonumc.org
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