



Herndon United Methodist Church

March 2006

From Pastor Ashley

Where Does Time Go?

Can you believe it's been a year already? Where does the time go! March 1st marks the one year anniversary of my arrival at Herndon UMC. What a year it has been! I am so blessed to be your pastor.



1 Peter 4:8-11 reads: *"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift they have received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen."*

The love and hospitality the HUMC congregation has shown me has been amazing. Thank you for welcoming me into your church and making me a part of your community!

I am thoroughly enjoying working with the youth and families here at HUMC. Please know that I am always available if you need pastoral care or just want to chat.

Blessings!
Pastor Ashley

**Youth Led Missions will be having our annual
Yard Sale at Spring Fling on Saturday May 6.**

**As you start to do spring cleaning and
organizing, please save any items that might
you might be getting rid of if you think we
could sell them at the yard sale.**

**We will start collecting items at the church at
the beginning of May.**

Questions? Call or see Anne Harrison.

Recycling

Yes, the recycling container is back. It is in the kitchen for plastic, glass, and metal containers. Please no trash or food!



Mission Jug

Our support for the Southall-Vess's mission to Japan is at an end; they have returned to the US. But we ask you to keep donating money to the Mission Jug. Your contributions will now help support our own Sarah Horton who is a full-time missionary living in Romania sharing the love of Christ with Romanian orphans. Sarah pays her own expenses to live in Romania and perform this mission. So look for the Mission Jug in the narthex and contribute generously and often.

Missionaries Visit

Missionaries Mike and Marable Southall-Vess visited HUMC on January 21 and 22. They gave an inspiring presentation of their ministry in Aizu, Japan. Pat Simons (our former Missions Chair) was presented with a "carrying cloth" for involving the ministries of HUMC in supporting them. The congregation was presented with a children's activity kit and a copy of "Aizu Faith Stories".



Finance Ministry Update

The new year has brought the excitement of settling into the spacious new church addition. Of course, that also means that we are settling into the new Church budget that will support the building and the wonderful ministries that the new facility will allow us to accomplish. From a financial perspective, we are accommodating ourselves to a \$23,000+ per month mortgage payment and all of the other added expenditures that go along with more space. Our total budget has grown in 2006 to \$1.2 million. This represents an increase of 10-20% above what we paid last year into the general fund plus building fund.

If you have not yet made a financial pledge for 2006, please consider picking up a pledge form from the Church office. Pledges from the congregation help us immensely in financial planning throughout the year. And please remember that giving this year is through a single general fund offering without a separate building fund offering. So whatever you gave last year to HUMC for both the general and building funds is still very needed – plus a little more.

The HUMC congregation has prayed and planned long and hard for the opening of our new building. The possibilities for expanding our ministries are limitless. Your Finance Ministry will watch closely our financial giving and expenditures throughout the year and keep the congregation updated. With your continued faithful financial stewardship, 2006 will be a great year for HUMC and its ministries for Christ.

Endowment Ministry Corner

Q. What is the difference between giving to the Endowment Fund and giving to the General Fund?

A. The money that goes into the Endowment Fund is never touched, only the future interest is spent on ministries. That is why a donation to the Endowment Fund is "a gift that keeps on giving."

Q. What will the future interest be spent on?

A. The Endowment Committee and church leadership will allocate the money to a variety of missions, such as education, music, special programs, etc.

Q. When do you think the money will start to be spent?

A. It could take years for the fund to build up enough interest to start to spend it. But the Fund has over \$10,000 in it now.

Q. Do you just accept large donations?

A. A gift of any size is joyfully received, even \$25 or \$50 in honor of a special event (birth, anniversary, etc.) or a loved one.

Q. How do I contribute to the Endowment Fund?

A. You may place your check in the offering plate with "Endowment Fund" written on the memo line.

Q. Where can I get more information?

A. Call the church office at (703) 471-0627 and a member of the Endowment Committee will contact you.

Preschool News

Registration for the Fall of 2006 is going well here at the Preschool. We hope by the time you receive this newsletter that all our slots for the Fall will be full, except for a few for families new to the area. The fence is now up around our playground and we are just waiting for final inspection so we can begin filling it up!!!! We are enjoying our new carpool entrance. We apologize for any inconvenience it may cause people trying to get in and out of the church during carpool hours.

We as a church should feel very proud of providing such a wonderful Preschool opportunity to our community. We have a beautiful facility and very devoted and talented staff. On Monday February 6 we were able to share the Preschool with the community at our annual Open house for prospective families. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our church Preschool and have them give us a call if we can be of any assistance to them. Please feel free to stop by the Preschool office or give us a call if you have any questions. Thanks!

Debby Burt (703-435-5688)



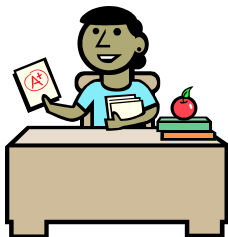


Mission Pins Awarded

As part of UMW Sunday Mission Pins are presented to three members of the congregation in recognition of their contributions to the life of our church. Nominations (who can be a member of UMW or not, male or female) are made by the circles with the final selections chosen by a committee. The honorees remain a secret until they are announced as part of the service.

On Sunday, January 29, pins were awarded to the following: **Bud Carter, Everludis Lopez, and Aramis Lopez.**

Congratulations and a big thank you to them for their active roles in the life of HUMC.



Wanted ESL Teachers

The Herndon/Trinity ESL program. We have vacancies for all instruction levels. Tuesdays OR Thursdays, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, March 14 through May 25, at Trinity. Obtain VA continuing education credits or meet community service hours. You are welcome if you can help for a few weeks/months. Contact Pat Simons at (703) 481-5361.

Music News

Thanks to all who participated in the Consecration of our new building! It truly will be remembered for a long time! We are so blessed at HUMC to have so many musically talented people who are willing to share their gifts! Thank you all!!

March schedule:

5th - Genesis at 9:00; Wesley at 10:30
12th - Angel & Asbury at 9:00; Angel & Wesley at 10:30
19th - Carillon & Grace at 9:00; Wesley at 10:30
26th - Genesis at 9:00; Wesley at 10:30

Please call me with any questions. David Helveston 703-251-0919.



Informational Meeting for Prospective Stephen Ministers

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Stephen Minister, please mark your calendar for an informational meeting at church on Sunday, March 5th, at 1:30 pm. HUMC's Stephen Ministry has become well established in its first few years of existence and we are now ready to broaden our outreach to meet the increasing demand in the congregation for confidential, faith-based, one-on-one care for individuals facing such stressful situations as surgery, hospitalization, terminal illness, death in the family, unemployment, and divorce.

The March 5th meeting will focus on the nature of the training commitment required of prospective Stephen Ministers. Most importantly, we will discuss a variety of scheduling options in an effort to fit Stephen Ministry training into candidates' already-busy lives. So please join us on March 5th to see how you can become a member of this exciting caregiving ministry.



**We Would Like To Invite
You
To Our Next
Doorway Class**

*A Chance For Our Newcomers
To Get
Acclimated to Herndon UMC*



Wednesdays, 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
APRIL 19, 2006
APRIL 26, 2006
MAY 3, 2006

OR

Sundays, 10:30 am—11:30 am
APRIL 23, 2006
APRIL 30, 2006
MAY 7, 2006

CHILD CARE PROVIDED

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

**Wednesday
Night Dinner
News**

After preparing our Wednesday Night Dinners for a number of years this will be Beth House and Faith Nettin's last year. Our last dinner of this school year will be June 14. We thank Beth and Faith for hours and hours of hard work and night after night of wonderful dinners.

When we kick off the 2006-2007 school year dinner schedule on Wednesday, September 13 we will welcome Kim Nielsen as the person who will plan and prepare our dinners. I thank Beth and Faith for their dedication and commitment and I welcome Kim, who will continue the tradition of wonderful Wednesday Night Dinners.

Anne Harrison
Director of Program Ministries

**Helping
Hands**

The Helping Hands Ministry provides meals and/or transportation to HUMC members facing a medical concern. We were able to assist with one transportation request, and seven requests for meals last month. If you or a family member is in need of such assistance, please contact Stephanie Darling at 703-437-6828. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Helping Hands Ministry may contact Stephanie at that number as well.





HUMC Prayer Chapel

On February 5th, we dedicated our new Prayer Chapel to the Glory of God and for the use of His people here at Herndon UM Church. The Chapel is located down the hallway from the Office - on the right before you enter the new building.

It is a comfortable and inviting room, available for you to pray or have a quiet time, both individually or with others. This Chapel will be open whenever the church is open. It is gently lit by lights that are on timers from 9AM-9PM. There is a CD player available for your use with CD's provided. Pew chairs are in the room for seating.

We have placed an historical altar in there, along with a kneeler. There is a Bible and some devotional books available for your use. Alice Mae Burton donated the funds for a lovely altar cross and we have purchased candlesticks to match.

Please take a look at this wonderful new addition to our church and feel free to use it whenever the Lord puts it on your heart that you need a quiet, private place to pray at Herndon United Methodist Church.

God Bless each of you.

Worship Committee

Congregational Care Committee

Prayer Ministry

Blood Drive

Our first HUMC-Trinity Presbyterian Church blood drive of the year will be held Sunday morning, March 12, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. We would like to get a great turnout for our first drive of the year. All persons who are in good health, at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lb. are invited to donate. Please check for other restrictions, and then register at the kiosk in our narthex. For additional information phone Fred Klinefelter at 703/435-0020.



Library News

I hope that each of you have had the opportunity to enjoy our new Library. It is a wonderfully cozy and inviting place to spend some time and check out a book or two.

I would like to thank each person who has had a part in making this room the special place that it is. We have a beautiful Thomas Kinkade painting on the wall thanks to the Vir-den family. Mary Martha Circle donated new bookshelves and a lovely picture and plaque honoring Ruth Updike. The Klinefelters gave a beautiful Thomas Kinkade Bible in honor of Ruth also. Someday we hope to have a computer hook-up in the room.

As you can see, the Library is a functional as well as a friendly place for you to spend some time. Please stop in and take a look.

Allison Harbick



**Herndon
United**

Youth Newsletter

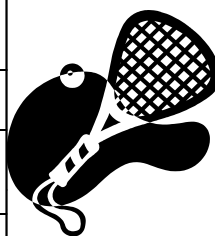
<i>Dates to Remember</i>	
Youth Council 11:45 Hunan Herndon JR High 5pm SR High 7:15PM	3/12
Volleyball Game: Youts vs. Ole Timers! 12Noon	3/19
Jr High 5pm SR High 7:15pm	3/26
Awakening/ Kings Dominion	4/1 4/2
NO UMYF- Awakening	4/2
NO UMYF- Palm Sun-	4/9
NO UMYF- Easter	4/16
JR High 5pm SR High 7:15pm	4/2 3
JR High 5pm SR High 7:15pm	4/3 0
SPRING FLING	4/6
JR High 5pm SR High 7:15pm	4/7
NO UMYF- Mothers Day	4/1 4

Youth Sunday

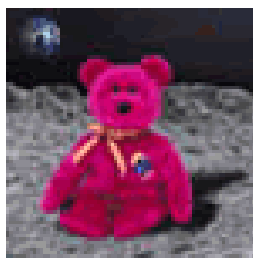
We will be leading the worship services on Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9:00 and 10:30am March 4-5. Pastor Ashley will lead us in communion and both Jr High and Sr High youth will lead the service.



Wow! Spring is right around the corner! I love sport, let me know, bring me your schedule and I'll do my best to make a game/match/meet/whatever you want to call it!



Do you have BEENIE BABIES that you don't know what to do with? Well the youth are now collecting Beanie Babies to



Youth Stock

March 5th is also the kick-off for Youth Stock. Youth Stock is our annual fundraiser for regular youth activities. The congregation is asked to donate money to purchase stock in the youth group. This money is then used

to provide scholarships for youth activities, and money for food and supplies. We need youth volunteers to help with Youth Stock throughout the month of March.

SPORTS! BAND! DRAMA!

spring...and I love watching sports! If you play a sport, let me know, bring me your schedule and I'll do my best to make a game/match/meet/whatever you want to call it!

If you don't play a sport but you are involved in another extra curricular activity, let me know about that too! I've enjoyed attending Cabaret!, Band concerts, and plays....bottom line: If you're in it I want to see it!



Youth Council @ Hunan Herndon
March 12th

send to Sarah Horton and the orphans in Romania. Please bring your new or lightly loved beanie babies to Pastor Ashley's office between now and the end

**Tutoring
Wednesdays
6:45-7:45
Science
Math
Foreign Language
English**
See Pastor Ashley for more details

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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. Relax and Renew, Casual Worship at HUMC

Church Office:	703-471-0627
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Justin White	Associate Pastor
Ashley Mitchell	Youth Pastor
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