



THE TRIUMPH



BULLETIN BOARD

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Once again, we are compiling a Lenten Devotional booklet to be shared by both campuses. This year, the theme is: "Who have you reached out to in the name of Christ?"

We would like to hear from children, youth, college students, young adults and adults of the congregation. The format is like the Upper Room devotionals. Begin with a Bible Verse, share your story and end with a prayer.

We want to have a devotion for every day during Lent so we need many shared stories.

Please submit your devotions to Pam Sallada at pam.sallada@mstumc.org or drop them off at the church office **by February 8.**

POTLUCK DINNER AND TALENT SHOW

Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall of the Manassas campus for a potluck dinner and "open mike" talent show. If you don't want to participate in the talent show, that's fine. We need an audience, too! The main thing is to get our church family together for an evening of fun and getting to know one another.

If your last name begins with A - M, bring a main dish and a salad. If you last name begins with N - Z, bring a side dish and dessert. (But that isn't hard and fast. If your last name begins with R and you have a wonderful main dish or dessert you'd like to bring, do it!)

Just make sure you're there.
It's going to be a really big show!

HAYMARKET UMYF



United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) is holding a Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 5. Children and youth are collecting canned and non-perishable food items for our Haymarket Regional Food Pantry before and after Sunday worship. All food items will be donated to the Haymarket Food Pantry to help feed the hungry in our community.

The UMYF will meet on Sunday, Feb 12 and 19 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the home of John and Diane Fellenbaum (5016 Warwick Hills Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169). Please bring \$3 for snack supper.

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 Manassas, VA 20110
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WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES:

8:15 AM, 9:40 AM
 and 11:00 AM

HAYMARKET CAMPUS

Sunday Meeting Place:
 Gravely Elementary School
 4670 Waverly Farm Dr.
 Haymarket, VA 20169

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME:

10:00 AM

PASTOR DAVID'S NOTE

“Keep a close watch on how you live....” I Timothy 4:16a (NLT)

That’s a verse Jorge Acevedo quoted in his presentation at the Bi-District Training Event held in January at Floris UMC. He’s the pastor of a multi-site United Methodist Church in the Fort Myers, Fla., area that has an unusual vision. Their prayer is always “Lord, send us those whom nobody else wants!” And the Lord has answered that prayer spectacularly in the last few years as the church has grown to include thousands from that area of southwest Florida, many of them the poor, marginalized and addicted of their community.

Grace Church, as it is called, has an array of ministries for all kinds of people, including the above mentioned. But the primary thing the church offers everyone is Jesus.

Jorge (he pronounces it “George”!) is very clear about that: everyone’s greatest need is Jesus. After Jesus, the church goes on to offer the hurting of their community three “A’s”: aid, advancement, and advocacy. That’s a powerful combination, but Jesus is the key.

Jorge challenged those of us at the training day with what he called “the importance of self-leadership.” That is, taking ourselves in hand and committing to a daily walk with Jesus. (Hence the quotation from Paul in I Timothy above.) I was impressed by that. In the church we’re always talking about the importance of good leadership — which, of course, is essential — but Jorge was reminding us of our own responsibility to lead ourselves.

We don’t need to wait around for someone else to tell how to live our lives. After all, we’ve all got Bibles to read. We know that God is calling us to live a Jesus life in his world. It won’t happen by accident. Our job is to take ourselves in hand and, looking to Jesus, do the next good thing that needs to be done.

I thought that was marvelous advice that I needed to hear and that I’m happy to pass on to you. It is a good Methodist lesson: John Wesley was forever urging his followers (that’s us) to get moving, to go help somebody, and to offer them Christ.

Thanks for all you do in His name.

David Forrest

THE UMC HAITI WORK MISSION BEGAN THEIR WORK ON JAN 16, 2012

Our own Ginny Howell (from the Haymarket campus) was on the team.

Our mission team from Virginia is scheduled to work at Delmas 33, a new work site located in the Port-au-Prince area. Delmas 33 houses a church that suffered minor earthquake damage and has been left unfinished. We’ll likely be working on the building and repairs to a security wall, along with cement work in the downstairs of the church to repair damage and complete some finishing work inside the building.

Access the work team blog: <http://haitimissiontrip2012.wordpress.com>



PASTOR MATTHEW'S NOTE

God is good! 2011 was year with some real achievements. We ...

- Celebrated 6 baptisms
- Welcomed 8 new members
- 7 Confirmands gave their lives to Christ through the course of the year in Haymarket
- We started the Saturday morning Men's group

We held many outreach events, such as:

- The Foreclosure Workshop
- Monthly mailers to new residents
- Youth Mission Trip, D.C. Mission Trips
- Outdoor Movie Nights
- Hot Chocolate give away at Battlefield High School football games

In 2011:

- We served those often neglected by our society
- Decided to reconnect and revise what it means to be a multi-campus church in a healthy and vital way
- Rigorously challenged one another in faith growth, combated complacency while celebrating the grace and transcendence of God in worship weekly

Some of the people in your church that made that possible are the leaders rotating out of position: Karen Thom (Advisory), Linda Talkington (Hospitality), Tom Hedges (SPRC), Paul & Nancy Labazzetta (Advisory), Robin Hand (Advisory), and Tim Grembowski (Advisory).

The Church Officers for 2012 from Haymarket are:

- Glenn Howell - Lay Leader
- Claire Miller - Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
- Tracy Maynard - Church Council Rep
- Clayton Davis - Finance Rep
- Jae Roberts - Hospitality Coordinator
- Pat Gillette - SPRC
- Skip Geckeler - Trustee's
- Richard Osbourn - Unity Task Force
- Duane Sifford - Unity Task Force

I invite you to pray for our church leaders as we did at their commissioning on Sunday, January 8th:

Almighty God, look with favor upon those who today stand before us as leaders of St. Thomas UMC and reaffirm their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give each of them courage, patience, and vision, grow within them the likeness of Christ. May they have a yearning to witness to your grace, a heart broken for the poor and marginalized, and a love for Christ and commitment to personal piety. Yoke them together in unity for the sake of the Kingdom of God; and guide them by your Holy Spirit. Lastly Lord, strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAY LEADER'S NOTE MAKING DISCIPLES AT MST DURING 2011

The mission statements of the United Methodist Church and Manassas St. Thomas both focus on the Great Commission. Jesus said: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19. It is very easy to let other concerns distract us from this mission. Therefore, as we begin a new year, it is worth noting what we accomplished in 2011. We might think of this as our Great Commission progress report for 2011. Traditionally recognized milestones on the path to discipleship include baptism, confession of faith and confirmation. Our combined 2011 accomplishments for both the Manassas and Haymarket campuses are: 24 baptisms, 13 professions of faith, and 7 confirmations.

Don Peck, Lay Leader

FOOD PANTRY DATA

Dear Church Members,

Every member of our church should be proud that as a church community, we have helped so many people this past year. We can continue to do help in 2012. God is good! Here are the figures from 2011 for the Food Pantry.

Number of families served: 3,513

Number of persons served: 16,226

Amount of meat donated: 20,854 pounds

Total amount of food donated: more than 45,000 pounds of food

The cost to run the food pantry is between \$900 and \$1200 a month, depending on additional food donations and food available at The Capital Area Food Bank in Lorton. Volunteers work every day of the week picking up food from: four different Giant stores, two Blooms (where most of the meat is from), and Harris Teeter in Manassas. These stores provide the food as a donation. Every Thursday volunteers go to Lorton (Capital Area Food Bank) to pick up food, bringing back anywhere from 1000 to 3000 pounds of food. On Saturday about 25 volunteers are needed for food distribution. On the third Saturday of each month we also distribute USDA food (in addition to the food pantry on the same morning) and requires an additional four to five volunteers.

How can you help? We always need additional volunteers, as well as donations. We desperately need help with the Thursday runs to Lorton. If you haven't been down to the Food Pantry (housed in what was formerly known as "the shed") come by for a tour and find out what's going on there. And THANKS for all the help from so many people.

Janie Russell

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK!!!

To become a follower log into your Facebook account and search for:

* For the Manassas Campus: "**Manassas St. Thomas UMC**"

* For the Haymarket Campus: "**St. Thomas- Haymarket UMC**"

Then click on the "Like" button.



FOOD PANTRY S-U-VEHICLE VEHICLE is the WORD! THURSDAY is the DAY!

For five years Manassas St. Thomas has been welcoming guests on a weekly basis to the Food Pantry. It has grown to astounding proportions. The 2011 statistics are on the previous page.

Every Thursday, for five years, two persons have been traveling to the National Capital Area Food Bank in Lorton to purchase 2500 lbs of non-perishables with the monetary gifts you provide.

For a very long time the same two women have been making the Thursday run to Lorton and loading all 2500 lbs, themselves, into their vehicles. They are tired! But, they are still willing to make this sacrifice of their personal time.

What they NEED MOST is another VEHICLE.

A VAN—An SUV—A Pickup Truck along with its driver to help with the Thursday Lorton food run. They would love to work with any persons available on a rotational, once-a-month basis. The need for this two hours of ministry cannot be overstated. Volunteers would simply need to be in Lorton by 9:30am, arriving back at MST around 10:45am.

Please study the 2011 Food Pantry statistics you will find in a separate article in this newsletter and thank God for His bounty which He shares through us. It would be impossible to mention every person by name who contributes selflessly to enable our pantry to be a gift to this community. It may even be countless. We welcome you.

If you have a transporting type of vehicle and are available, on any Thursday morning, please speak with Janie Russell, Karen King or Leslie Oakes. An email or phone call to the church would also be helpful. 703-368-5161 Ex. 23 or leslie.oakes@mstumc.org

TREMENDOUSLY EXCITING

This column is named in honor of our former pastor, Leonard Hazelwood, who served at St. Thomas from 1978 to 1989. He liked to brag about us and often encouraged us by telling us everything we did was “tremendously exciting.”

With this newsletter we begin a joint collaboration of the Manassas and Haymarket campuses giving us an opportunity to get to know one another better.

- New committee chairs have taken the reins, and we look forward to a new year with lots of great things happening.
- The Luau held by the youth gave us a great opportunity to show our support for our young people and the very important work they are doing with missions.
- Opportunities abound for each one of us to serve God by getting involved in the missions and ministries of His church. Don't be shy!!
- The Chancel Choir is beginning work on its Easter cantata and could really use some extra voices. Please prayerfully consider joining them. You will be blessed!

HAYMARKET CHILDREN'S CORNER

A brand new year is now upon us and I pray that you have added our Children's Ministries to your New Years Resolutions! We are in DESPERATE need of volunteers to keep our Children's Ministries running. We need additional teachers at all levels and in the nursery. If each of you could resolve to help out just once a month or even once a quarter- we could make a dramatic difference and offer so much more to our children!! We have tons of ideas and activities that we'd love to implement, but we need manpower. PLEASE contact me or sign up on the sign-up sheet at the children's desk.

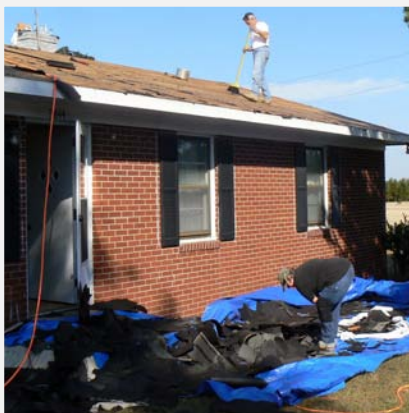
As the new year begins, we have recommitted to our Children's Mission. We are still collecting items to send to the troops overseas. We will be packaging up our care packages and sending them out as soon as we have enough items to do so. Currently, we have a small bag of items, but need much more to make this mission. If you would like to help out, please consider donating any of the following (please no glass bottles):

- Personal care products (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.)
- Activity books (Sudoku, crossword, etc.)
- Colored pens or pencils
- Flavor packets for water bottles/powerd drink mixes (Gatorade, Kool-aid, etc.)
- Hard candy (no chocolate please)
- Protein bars/Granola bars/beef jerky

There are tons of other items that our troops would enjoy as well to help remind them of home. The website <http://www.give2thetroops.org/items.htm> has a nice listing of typical care package items for our troops. If you have any questions or concerns over whether something would be appropriate please don't hesitate to ask. We'll be collecting items on a continual basis and sending them overseas periodically. Please bring your donations to the red white and blue basket on the Children's desk.



START Mission Trip Photos



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**INTEREST GROUPS**

Cancer Support Group	Leader: Barb McCurry	703-392-0973
Alzheimer's Support Group	Leader: Barb McCurry	703-392-0973
Quilts for Kids	Leader: Linda Harris	703-594-3764
Therapy Dogs	Leader: Sheri Snider	703-368-3385
Mommy & Me	Leader: Mary Jeanes	703-899-7639
T.L.C. Training Up Little Children	Leader: Holly Banner	703-331-5937
Scrapbooking (Cropping) Group	Leader: Paula Renfro	703-789-7708

FELLOWSHIP and STUDY GROUPS

Faith, Food and Fun	Leader: Jim & Ann McKinney	703-330-4459
Monday Night Fellowship (Haymarket)	Leader: Josh Thom	540-999-8466

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GROUPS

Dorcas Circle	Leader: Joyce Wolfe	703-368-7323
Joy Clark Circle	Leader: June Childress	703-368-9725
Media Circle	Leader: Nancy Forrest	571-208-0268

NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Route 15 Group (Haymarket)	Leader: Al & Sue Kales	703-753-2448
8 United Methodist Practices (Manassas)	Leader: Ron Martin	703-732-8158
Purpose Driven Friends (Manassas)	Leader: Ken & Margarete Hinkle	703-791-5369

WESLEY SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Celebrating Christ	Leader: Bill Coppa	703-392-5080
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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES**9:40AM CLASSES MANASSAS**

Wesley's Sermon On the Mount	Leader: Anita Ford	703-791-2891
	Leader: Barb McCurry	703-392-0973
Bible Characters	Leader: Barry Barger	703-791-3311
	Leader: Earl Amstutz	703-368-5332
	Leader: Don Peck	703-754-2524
St. Matthew: Chapter by Chapter	Leader: Perry Bailey	703-361-6931
	Leader: Andy Dodson	703-361-0806
Decisions: Seeking God's Guidance	Leader: Rev. Nancy White	540-439-8426

11:00AM CLASSES MANASSAS

James: Faith the Works	Leader: Paula Renfro	703-789-7708
Young Adults	Leader: Ryan Held	540-349-8426

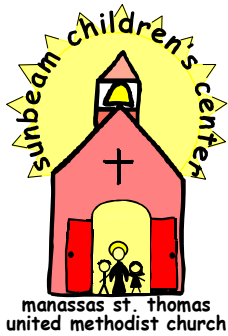
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Breakfast Club	Leader: Jim Walton	
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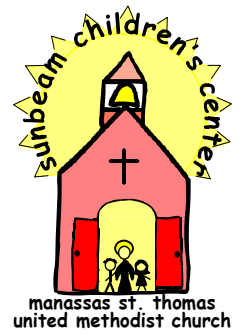
WEEKDAY and EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday - Disciple I	Leader: Pastor Deborah	240-370-4868
Monday - Precept (Philippians)	Leader: Steve Collins	703-369-0627
Monday - Gospel of Matthew	Leader: Pastor Matthew	540-604-6070
Thursday - RUTH: A Woman of Love	Leader: Jackie Rupp	703-369-3738

Please feel free to contact **LESLIE OAKES, Small Group Staff, with your questions.**
703-368-5161 x 23 OR leslie.oakes@mstumc.org



2012-2013 Preschool Registration



Open House - Feb. 1 - 9:30-11:30 - includes tours and information

Registration begins:

Feb. 6 for children currently enrolled and siblings

Feb. 9-10 for church members and regular church attendees

Feb. 13 to the public at 9:00

To register you will need:

a completed registration form (forms available in the school office beginning Jan. 23)

pay non-refundable registration/supply/activity fee

bring child's original birth certificate

Classes Offered:

2-day classes, Mon./Wed. or Tues./Thurs., for 2-3 years olds (must be 2-3 years old by 9/30/12) (potty trained is not required)

3-day classes for 3 year olds (must be 3 years old by 9/30/12)

3-day, 4-day, and 5-day classes for 4 year olds (must be 4 years old by 9/30/12)

*New Option - Extended Day - for children enrolled in the 5 day class

Classes Meet:

9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. except for Extended Day session that ends at 1:30 p.m.

****Registration Materials Available in
Sunbeam Children's Center Office****

For more information, call 703-368-5161, ext. 24

January Birthdays

(Haymarket Birthdays were not published in January)



January 6
Grace Schoenfield

January 12
Shelby Powell

January 9
Zachary Witham

January 29
Sue Kales

February Birthdays

Manassas & Haymarket February Birthdays

February 1
Ana Arvik

February 11
Lauren Bowes

February 22
Dale McDowell

February 2
Anita Ford
Patricia Good

February 12
Pauline Foster
Jennifer Johnson

February 23
Melody Cotter
Brad Fyock
Terry Rittenhouse

February 3
Ted Maliga
Joann Oakes

February 14
Kelly Clouse
Diane Hammond

February 25
Rick McMahon
Karen Weaver

February 4
Sandy Collins
Nicole Davan

February 16
Cathy Campbell
Jake Newton
Jennifer Pittman

February 26
Alisha Richardson
Brady Royer

February 5
Barbara Kurtz
John Rosko

February 17
Gail Reed

February 6
Ruth Gorgas

February 18
Gary Furlong

February 7
Lynne Goldfarb

February 19
Audra Blevins
Mark Jessop

February 8
Ron Boyles
Carrie Hay

February 21
Shannon Brock
Michelle Hulett
Wendy Norman
Don Oakes

February 10
Frank Priest

Happy Birthday

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1. Quilts For Kids 10am Chancel Choir 6:45pm	2. Bells of MST 7:30pm	3. Mommy & Me 9:30am Alzheimer's Support Group 9:30am UMW Crafters 10am Girl Scouts 6pm	4. Ladies Reunion Group 8am Men's Group 8am Food Pantry 9:30am UMW General Mtg. 9am
5. Disciple I Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm	6. Blood Drive 2pm Lay Leader 6:30pm Cancer Support 7pm Precept 7pm St. Thom Cats 7pm	7. Dinner 5:30pm 6:15pm Seraphim & Sonshine Choir Worship 6:30pm Trustees 7:15pm AA 7:30pm 9:40 Worship team 7:30pm	8. Quilts For Kids 10am Chancel Choir 6:45pm UMW Executive Mtg. 7pm Unity Task Force 7:15pm	9. START 7:15pm Bells of MST 7:30pm	10. Mommy & Me 9:30am UMW Crafters 10am Scrapbooking Small Group 6pm	11. Ladies Reunion Group 8am Men's Group 8am Food Pantry 9:30am DAR 11:30am Potluck 6pm
12. Disciple I Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm	13. Brownies/Juniors 6:30pm St. Thom Cats 7pm Precept 7pm	14. Dinner 5:30pm 6:15pm Seraphim & Sonshine Choir Worship 6:30pm finance 7:15pm AA 7:30pm 9:40 Worship team 7:30pm	15. Quilts For Kids 10am Chancel Choir 6:45pm	16. Bells of MST 7:30pm	17. Mommy & Me 9:30am UMW Crafters 10am	18. Ladies Reunion Group 8am Men's Group 8am Food Pantry 9:30am
19. Disciple I Bible Study 6pm Youth Group 7pm	20. Office Closed	21. Dinner 5:30pm 6:15pm Seraphim & Sonshine Choir Worship 6:30pm Church Council 7:15pm AA 7:30pm 9:40 Worship team 7:30pm	22. Quilts For Kids 10am Chancel choir 6:45pm SPRC 7:15pm	23. Bells of MST 7:30pm	24. Mommy & Me 9:30a UMW Crafters 10:00am Set-up for dance 5pm Scrapbooking Small Group 6pm	25. Ladies Reunion Group 8am Men's Group 8am Food Pantry 9:30am Dance/Dinner 6pm
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