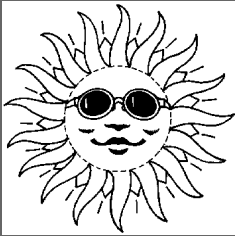


Pastor's Corner

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CLOVER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN TOUCH

Isn't it ironic when we look at our nation's currency and see the words, "In God We Trust?" Do we really rely on God for providing for our needs, or do we think the more money we have in our possession the more secure we are? Do we really rely daily upon God to know what our needs are, far better than ourselves?

As times are getting a bit tighter with rising prices it is interesting what things people are leaving. Certain desired things are not deemed as essential as they once were when money was more plentiful. Makes you think that maybe you didn't need them to begin with. It often is not the basics that get us and keep us in debt but the frills. Be honest and see that God has more than met your basic needs. Money and material things are so easy to lose and if you listen to the stock market or follow the value of currency it is so unstable, so up and down.

As I listen to the political debates and view the candidates during yet another presidential election year, it should be obvious by now that most of them have no way to deliver on their promises. Most people are easily taken in by flowery words of change and talk of making things better. Very few politicians or government leaders throughout all of history have really had at their control all the variables to actually control the real outcomes of their promises. In Psalm 146:3 these words need to find a place in your brain and in your heart as well: "Do not put your trust in Princes, in mortal men who can not save. When their spirits depart, they return to the ground; on that day their plans come to nothing"

To keep my sanity I have to say to myself, often, that God is bigger than politicians and political parties. My real salvation could never depend on anyone less than God. For only God in his wisdom and in his omnipotent power could provide real and lasting salvation for all of eternity. With this in mind I remind myself never to get too bent out of shape over political outcomes. After all it was those who were in political power, the leaders of Judea, that had Jesus put to death for crimes that he hadn't committed. But despite human blunders and lack of doing the right thing, God raised up his Son and provided life and real hope for all of humanity.

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placed if we really expect long-lasting and right results. Verse 5-6 "Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord His God, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them- the Lord who remains faithful forever. It is this forever faithfulness part that should get our attention and our trust. In God, and in God alone is found real help and hope.

The Lord is not obliging to "special interest" groups or those who specifically put extra money into his political coffers. He is the Lord of all and dispenses to those who really are in need regardless of who they are or how they voted. God isn't looking for payback or even needs it in return for his support. God is the only real and true "advocate" for the causes of the oppressed, the blind, the hungry, the prisoners, the alien, the fatherless, and the widow. God will deal with the wicked, as he knows their schemes and self-serving and evil ways. God is never up for reelection and will have his position of power and authority for all time. I only ask that we give him the praise and admiration and worship that are due him. We must learn to rely on him not the princes who are beholden to this world and its earthly institutions which last for but a short time and are no more.



Rev. Rob

With a Caring Heart

A phone call, a visit or a note would be deeply appreciated by these in our church family:

Please keep the following friends and members in your prayers:



Bible Quiz Answer:
1. C, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B

Join us for the 6th Annual Clover Hill United Methodist Church Charity Golf Outing Saturday, July 12, 2008

If you want to golf:

Format: 4 man Captain's Choice

Fees: \$65 per golfer, Includes all golf fees, cart, range balls, prizes, and lunch

Prizes: Closest to the Pin(2), Longest Drive, Team prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and door prizes.

If you want to donate prizes:

Door prizes needed – any theme

Winner prizes – golf related (golf balls, new clubs, grips, etc.)

If you want to a hole sponsor:

Purpose: advertising sign placed at hole.

Cost: \$100 per hole

Discount: one golfer free if enter a four man team

If you want to help:

Getting things ready for tournament:

Working at the tournament

Serving food at tournament



For information: Contact Elaine McDorman 867-5901

Promoting a Healthy "Hill" Donna

Recently, I helped at a local health fair. One booth that I found particularly interesting at the fair was one set up by the Caregivers Community Network (CCN). They have a web-site <http://www.socwork.jmu.edu/Caregivers/> and the information listed below is from that site.

Caregivers Community Network offers services for persons with Alzheimer's disease, frail elders, and their family caregivers. The caregivers for these individuals can experience a great amount of stress in day-to-day life. It is important for them to take care of themselves, as well as their loved ones. CCN can help to give caregivers a break and provide valuable time to themselves.

The CCN can provide:

- 3-4 hours of respite care/in-home companion care on a weekly or biweekly basis. A volunteer provides social interaction and supervision during meals, walks, and other activities. During this time, the family caregiver is able to take some time off.
- Bereavement support
- Educational programs, seminars, workshops
- Electronic support
- Errand running
- Follow-up telephone calls after visits
- In-home companion care
- Informational support
- Support groups
- Telephone hotline and consultation for caregivers



CCN also is looking for volunteers. If you would like to be a CCN volunteer, prior to meeting the family, you will be trained to provide home-based care focusing on how to interact with and engage Alzheimer's patients, or elders in need of companionship. As a volunteer you choose the dates and amount of time you wish to give and they match your skills and interests with the services needed by the caregivers

Youth that are ages 7-17 may also volunteer, as long as they have a parent, grandparent or other adult mentor with them. The program director was telling me that some youth groups or scout troops will volunteer and "adopt" one person. Then the youth take turns visiting the elderly person at their home or assisted living facility. Youth are provided with a "Fun Kit" filled with tools to help make the visits easy and enjoyable. By doing this visit, the family caregiver can have a short break to do something for him or herself.

If this is something that you would be interested in learning more about (either as a recipient or a volunteer), you may contact Community Caregivers Network at 568-6682.

Church Budgets

We are running a bit behind as we are about to enter the summer months. Please remember that when you are on vacation and on trips that your church still needs your year-round support. Thanks for being good stewards for God's church in years past.



Father/Son/Friend Banquet will be held on June 16 at 6pm in the fellowship hall of the church. **All men of the church are invited to attend.** The women will be preparing and serving the meal (including clean-up!) Enjoy and evening of fellowship with your family and friends! Please give an attendance count to Frances.

United Methodist Men – Beef BarBQ

Ernie and the United Methodist Men will be preparing Beef BarBQ on Saturday June 14th. See any member to place your order, \$9 lb.





A big thanks to all who helped with our Chicken BBQ on May 17. The proceeds will go towards our next Youth Mission Trip next year. Everything went very well, except it took a little longer than usual to sell out. Special thanks to Bill Gangwer for all of his work. His BBQ is definitely the best around!!

By the time this newsletter is out, the youth will have painted a garage for John and Jane Propst. Hopefully all will go well and the weather will cooperate!

Upcoming Events:

June 28 - **Kayaking trip** with Derrick.

Join us on a guided kayaking trip on either the Maury River or the Shenandoah River on Saturday, June 28. We will leave around 8-9am in the morning and return around 5-6pm in the evening. Cost is \$30/person if we have 10 or more people to go, under 10 folks, cost is \$35/person. For more information or questions, please see Connie.

In order to keep this date, **Connie will need to know by Sunday, June 8 who will be joining us.**

July 20-24 - **Bible School** -Youth will be involved in many ways!! Be sure to mark your calendars now! Let Donna Thacker or Hope Harman know what job you would like to help with. There's something for everyone to do!!

If you have any questions, please call Jan , Rosie, Connie or ask any of the youth leaders.

Dad's Incredible

Author Jim Wallis tells how his young son ends telephone conversations with him.

"Daddy," the boy says, "I love you, I like you and you're incredible."

What makes an "incredible" father? It isn't as difficult as it might seem. Children, of course, aren't awed by the size of your paycheck, office or retirement account. Instead, it's the simple, everyday gestures that make you a No. 1 dad.

In *Stories for the Family's Heart*, Steve Stephens offers some sure-fire ways to be incredible in your kids' eyes:

- Play tic-tac-toe and hide-and-seek.
- Be consistent.
- Buy ice cream cones.
- Don't discipline in anger.
- Count stars together.
- Pray with (and for) your children.
- Hug and say "I love you" often.



Incredible Dad

Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too. Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!

Fun in Sunday School

A Sunday school teacher was explaining how God created Eve out of Adam's rib. Suddenly, a student who enjoyed showing off started groaning and grabbing his side.

When the teacher asked what the boy's problem was, he said with a smile, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



- The four new classrooms are complete with special thanks to the volunteers who have been working hard on remodeling our “old fellowship hall”.
- The sidewalk & step at the church kitchen entrance has been completed, as well as the base for the storage building at the cemetery. A special thanks to Isy Rohrer for such fine work.
- Handicap parking spaces in front of the church will be painted as soon as weather warms up. Research into the acquisition of concrete parking blocks is being done. They are needed at the top of the hill parking area edge for safety.

- The speaker in the nursery has been repaired. Now the worship service can be heard in the nursery.
- UMM will have a beef BBQ on June 14.
- Frances Morris reported on April/May activities:

April 30 – cooked and served a concession stand for the Harrisonburg Employees Benefits Fair - \$600

May 3 – cooked and served a concession stand at the Belmont Yard Sale - \$800

Cooked and served meal to the Dale Shifflett family following funeral (donation of \$1000 given to Faithful Caterers).

May 10 – Mother/Daughter Banquet (\$500 donations)

Upcoming events:

May 18 – food stand at the Newman Auction

May 20 – feeding the Garden Club

June 10 – feeding Red Hats group

June 16 – feeding Montezuma Ruritans (their building)

June 27-28 – concessions stand for horseshow at Fair Grounds

July 11-12 – concessions stand for horseshow at Fair Grounds

- Mother/Daughter Banquet had 165 attending. Donations of \$500 were received. Need more volunteer assistance from the men.
- Meredith Guzman was interviewed by the Staff, Pastor, and Parish Committee and offered the position of the choir director position starting September 2008 running through May 2009. Meredith was introduced to CHUMC by Mary Ashton, past director, and sang with the choir numerous times.
- Adam sent a copy of April’s “stats” concerning the web site. There have been 161 visits to the web site through April. The web site is a “work in progress”, and Pastor Rob will continue to put sermons onto the site all summer. More pictures will be added as well as other features.
- Special thanks to Mike and Jerry for putting up swings and things to our existing ark, which they built earlier. The ark is a work of art, and the children love it.
Jr. Ritchie and Pastor Rob will be attending annual conference in Roanoke - June 15-18.
- Graduates will be honored during worship service Sunday, May 18. Eight from high schools, and ten from places of higher learning.
- Softball season starts the middle of June with Jeff Morris in charge of this activity.
- Hope and Donna are getting ready for Vacation Bible School, which will be July 20-24 with VBS Sunday Worship being July 27.
- Pastor Rob will be on an out-of-state vacation May 12-16.
Pastor Rob will be in Richmond Fri./Sat., June 6-7 for a wedding at U. of Richmond Chapel.



The first celebration of Father’s Day is thought to have been in July 1908, in Fairmont, West Virginia. Grace Golden Clayton suggested the special observance to her pastor after a deadly explosion in a nearby town killed 361 men.

Soon after, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, wanted to show her gratitude to her father, who’d cared for the family after his wife died. Dodd asked her pastor to choose a June Sunday to honor all fathers, and he selected June 19, 1910.

In 1924, President Coolidge suggested that Father’s Day become a national holiday. In 1966, President Johnson designated the third Sunday of June to be Father’s Day. Six years later, President Nixon instituted Father’s Day as a national observance.

June 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Special dates



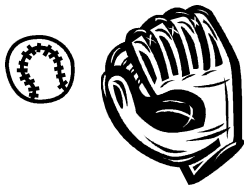
- Flag Day, June 14, 2008
- Father's Day, June 15, 2008
- First day of summer, June 20, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 - **UM Men's Breakfast/meeting** - 8am
- 1 - **District meeting** for those attending Ann. Conference - 3pm
- 5 - **Sr. Citizen's meeting & lunch** - 11:30am
- 6-7 - **Pastor Rob** out of town part of each day
- 6-7 - **Fellowship Hall reserved**
- 8 - **Women's devotions/breakfast** - 8am
- 8 - **Communion during worship service**
- 10 - **Red Hat Society** - Faithful Caterers/ Fellowship Hall - 6pm
- 10 - **Administrative Council meeting** - 7pm
- 14 - **UM Men Beef (Ernie Renalds) BarBQ**
- 14 - **Father/Son banquet** - 6pm
- 15 - **Kits for Conference** dedicated during worship service
- 15-18 - **Annual Conference** Roanoke
- 16 - **Fellowship Hall in use**
- 20/21 - **Riggleman/Mowery** wedding (Fellowship Hall in use)
- 24 - **Newsletter submissions due for July**
- 27-28 - **Food Booth at Horse Show** Fund Raiser
- 28 - **Youth Kayaking trip**
- 29 - **5th Sunday Building Fund offering**

July Events

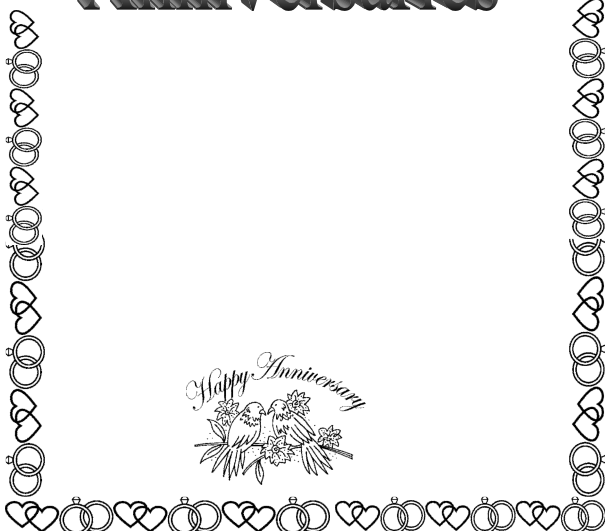
- 5 - **Pastor Rob** out of town
- 12 - **Golf Tournament at Lakeview** Fundraiser
- 20 - **Guyer Reunion** after worship service in Fellowship Hall
- 20-24 - **Vacation Bible School** every evening
- 27 - **VBS Sunday**



Church Softball is fast approaching. The season will begin in mid-June. See or call Jeff for more details.

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries



JUNE Birthdays

Birthdays

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