

Pastor's Corner

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CLOVER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

IN TOUCH

Pentecost Sunday is just a few weeks away, May 11th. This is the birthday of the church. The church is the body of Christ. The Church is made up of people, not perfect but forgiven by the grace of God through Christ. It is through her (the church) that the world is to be reached and told of the good news of Christ's Resurrection, the forgiveness of sins, and the means by which we are brought into the family of God. The church then is the vehicle through which God acts. All Christians are called to be a part of this body and to be active within its ministries in all the world. The church is there to protect and to encourage the believers in this "sin ridden" world. Christians who try to go the journey alone are destined to fail. They refuse the "support structure" in which Christ himself is the head and the building for which Christ is the cornerstone. Ephesians 1:22-23 says it in this way, "At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The Church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which He speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence." (The Message by Eugene Peterson)

All Christians are given an abundance of gifts. Those gifts are not for themselves but for the building up of the body of Christ in this world. (The Church) When Christians choose to use those gifts, miraculous things begin to occur and things happen. The use of these gifts, help us to be Christ for the world in which we live and act and have our being. Failure for Christians to use their God-given gifts hurts the body and its ministries and witness to the world. The giver and the recipient of those gifts are both blessed when they are used. When both are blessed God is pleased!

Yesterday, I arrived at church to find 4 of our church men busy at work putting up dry wall in the construction of 4 new classrooms in our former social hall. Isy Rohrer, a retired builder, was assisted by Dick Garber, Herman Simmons, and Dave Ritchie, all giving freely of their talents and time. I had heard that Pat Garber had brought the men lunch earlier in the day to keep them at their task. A few days before Mike Newman (I believe he had been assisted at times by his dad George) had done the wiring for the new rooms. While all this was going on inside, Ronnie Holsinger was busy outside cutting grass around the church yard. At the same time Carlos McAlister had met with the sound man from Integrity Sound, and assisted him as he made sound available in the nursery again. Viola had made a visit briefly while all this was going on, as she is constantly doing things to help with a variety of church activities.

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This was just a small picture of members of the body of Christ using their gifts and their time to aid the church, Christ's body.

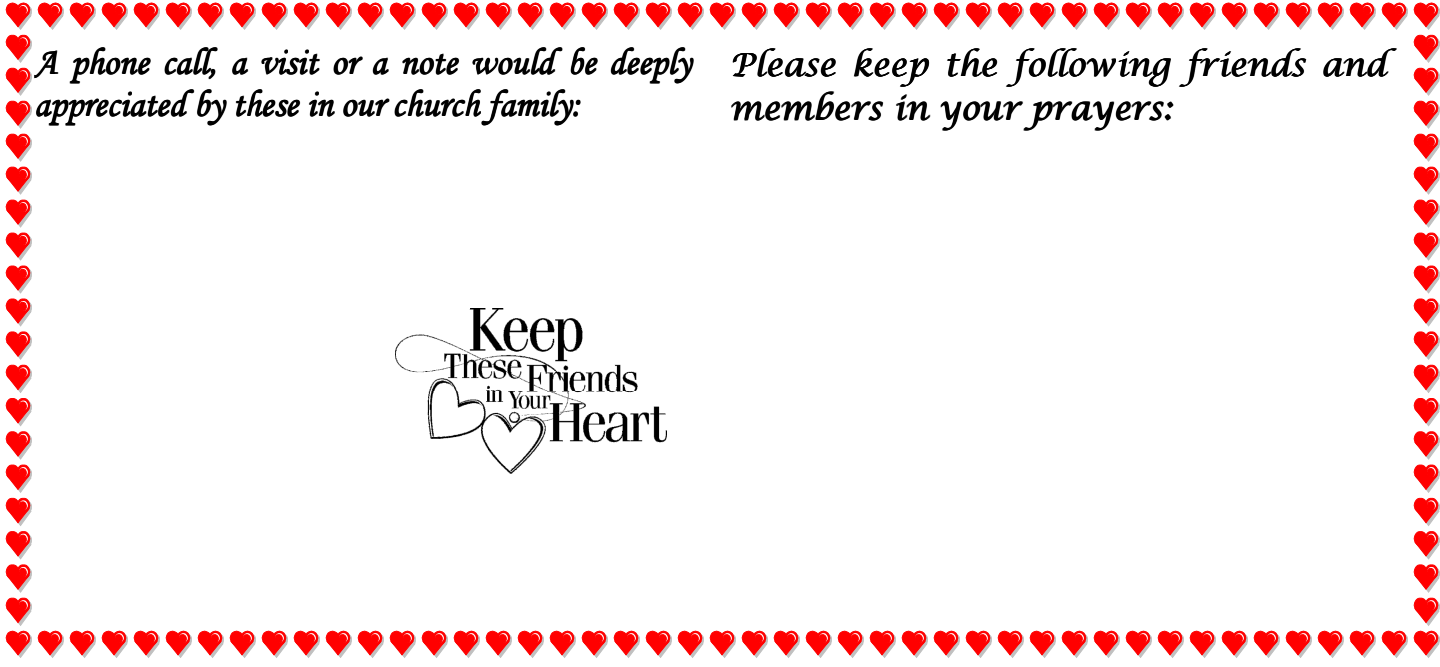
When I begin to show a picture of just a few folks during "one day in the life of Clover Hill United Methodist Church,"

I am sure that I will forget someone. There is just "no limit" to the variety of things that can be done by church members to strengthen the body, its ministries, and its witness to the world. In the next month I will place a flier in the bulletin so that we can access what are many other gifts of our members that can be used. Everyone needs to be active. The membership in Christ's church is like being in a family. All are expected to be involved. The Christian family is not a "spectator sport," but one in which Christ calls us to be active participants. Our goal is to find things for all of us to do in assisting in the Church, to allow it to be the church of Jesus Christ in service to the world!

In Service of Christ,
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:



Dear Clover Hill,

Thank you so much for welcoming me into your church family during the past year and a half. The atmosphere is truly unique and you're blessed to have so many amazing people in your lives. I have enjoyed learning and growing musically with you. As a congregation, you've learned many new hymns and you've taught me many as well. During this last month of the choir season I would like to share something that I learned at a conference session called "The Vocation of Choral Singing" by Anton Armstrong. He spoke a lot about church choirs and said, "The church choir is your small ensemble. The Congregation is your large ensemble. If your large ensemble doesn't sing, then you have not done your job." I've thought about this every Sunday and could not figure out just how to inspire the congregation.

In this last month that I am with you, I'd like to leave you with this: Music is a universal language that connects to our emotions. God gave EVERYONE the gift of music, good or not as good, so that we could learn to express these feelings. When we sing in church, this is our opportunity to stand up and praise the Lord through song. Please keep making music, whether its with instruments, or with your voice. God wants to hear everyone and will continue to love us even when we hit wrong notes.

Finally...Join the Choir next fall.

Mary



Last month, I listed 5 symptoms that you should discuss with your doctor. This month includes another 5. As a recap – the list from April included:

1. Unexpected weight loss
2. Persistent fever
3. Unexplained changes in bowel habits
4. Shortness of breath
5. Mental status changes



6. New or more severe headaches (especially if you're over age 50)

Seek prompt medical attention if you experience:

A sudden and severe headache, often called a thunderclap headache, because it comes on suddenly like a clap of thunder.

A headache accompanied by a fever, stiff neck, rash, mental confusion, seizures, vision changes, weakness, numbness, speaking difficulties, scalp tenderness or pain with chewing.

A headache that begins or worsens after a head injury.

These headache symptoms may be caused by stroke, blood vessel inflammation (arteritis), meningitis, brain tumor, aneurysm or bleeding on the brain after head trauma.

7. Short-term loss of vision, speaking or movement control: If you have these signs and symptoms, minutes count. These are signs and symptoms of a possible stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA). Seek immediate emergency medical care if you have any of the following:

Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of your body

Sudden dimness, blurring or loss of vision

Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech

A thunderclap headache

Sudden dizziness, unsteadiness or a fall

8. Flashes of light: The sudden sensation of flashing lights may signal the beginning of retinal detachment. Immediate medical care may be needed to save vision in the affected eye.

9. Feeling full after eating very little: Feeling full sooner than normal after eating and having persistent nausea and vomiting that last more than a week are warning signs that should be checked by your doctor. There are many possible causes, including pancreatic cancer, stomach cancer and ovarian cancer.

10. Hot, red or swollen joints: These warning signs may occur with a joint infection, which requires emergency care to save the joint and keep bacteria from spreading elsewhere. Other causes may include gout or certain types of arthritis such as rheumatoid arthritis.

Have a Healthy Month!

Mother Daughter Banquet—*The Church is the People*



The Mother Daughter Banquet will be held on May 10. All ladies of the church are encouraged and invited to attend. The theme this year is “**The Church is the People**”. Please give attendance count to Frances or Lois.

Bible Quiz Answer: D

Youth Updates and Schedule



We had our 30-Hour Famine on April 4-6. During this time we divided into tribes from Indonesia and learned a lot about how they live there. Each of the youth had an identity of someone from Indonesia and most had some type of disability. During all of our activities and games, the youth had to participate with the disability. We collected a huge amount of food from the congregation to give to Mercy House. We visited several church members who have been sick. We had a visit from Linda Leffel who shared her experiences in Haiti helping people there. We learned a lot and had a great time, even without eating the whole time! We were very thankful for IHOP early Sunday morning!!

Youth Sunday – After the famine, the youth led the worship service on Sunday April 4. The youth planned the service, and worked very hard to present a service they hope was meaningful to all. They really wanted to share what they had learned about world hunger and to encourage all of us to do a little more to help others. We have a very special group of young people at Clover Hill!!! We also have a very generous congregation! Thanks so much for your donations of canned foods and also for the money donated to support Jose, a boy from Peru that the youth support through Compassion International.

Upcoming events:

Saturday May 3rd – Outdoor rock climbing with Derrick Young. Contact Connie for details.

Saturday May 17 – Chicken BBQ to benefit Youth Mission Trip Fund – Help is needed to cook (5:00 am), wrap chicken (8:00) or sell (9:00). If you can help with any of this, please contact Jan. Thanks for your help!!

Saturday May 24 – Painting project at the home of Jane and John Propst. We will be painting a garage and will need help that day, beginning about 8:00 am. If you can help, please contact Jan Rhodes.

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

Attn: High School & College Graduates

On Sunday May 18th our graduates will be honored during our Morning Worship service. Please let Pastor Rob know of those within our church family who will be graduating.



Bible School July 20-24

Mark your calendars to go Surfin' Through the Scriptures at the VBS Beach Party! The party begins on Sunday, July 20th and continues through Thursday, July 24th. We'll wrap up the events on Sunday, July 27th with a beach party picnic following worship. During the week we'll have Scripture Scene, learn tunes at Sound Waves, make beach souvenirs at Beachcomber Crafts, run off energy at Rockin' Rec, and eat tasty beach snacks at the Snack Shack. Hope to see you there - either as a surfer or as a lifeguard!

Kits for Conference 2008

Local churches are encouraged to gather items for kits & send them to annual conference. The 2008 Virginia Conference kit collection is being conducted to replenish the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) supply. The inventory has been greatly diminished as UMCOR responded to the numerous disasters experienced in the US and in other countries around the world. The Sager Brown Depot reports there is a need for ALL types of kits (except flood buckets). **NOTE:** There are changes this year from the past. Please note the changes.

Sewing Kit Items

- ✦ 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yards of uncut fabric)
- ✦ 1 pair sewing scissors
- ✦ 1 package of needles
- ✦ 1 spool of thread
- ✦ 5-8 matching buttons

Wrap sewing notions in the fabric and place in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

Layette Kit Items

- ✦ 6 cloth diapers
- ✦ 2 shirts or 2 one-piece body suits
- ✦ 2 baby washcloths
- ✦ 2 gowns or sleepers
- ✦ 2 diaper pins
- ✦ 1 sweater open in the front
- ✦ 2 receiving blankets

Bundle the items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with the diaper pins.

School Kit Items

- ✦ 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- ✦ 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper
- ✦ 1 30-centimeter ruler
- ✦ 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- ✦ 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- ✦ 1 eraser, 2 1/2"
- ✦ 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Prepare a 14" x 16" (finished size) cloth bag with handles and an optional closure (Velcro®, snap or button) and place items in the bag.

Health Kits

- ✦ 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", No kitchen towels)
- ✦ 1 washcloth
- ✦ 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- ✦ 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- ✦ 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- ✦ 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- ✦ 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- ✦ \$1 to purchase toothpaste

Important Kit Assembly Information

- ✦ All items included in kits must be NEW items.
- ✦ All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.

Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Special dates

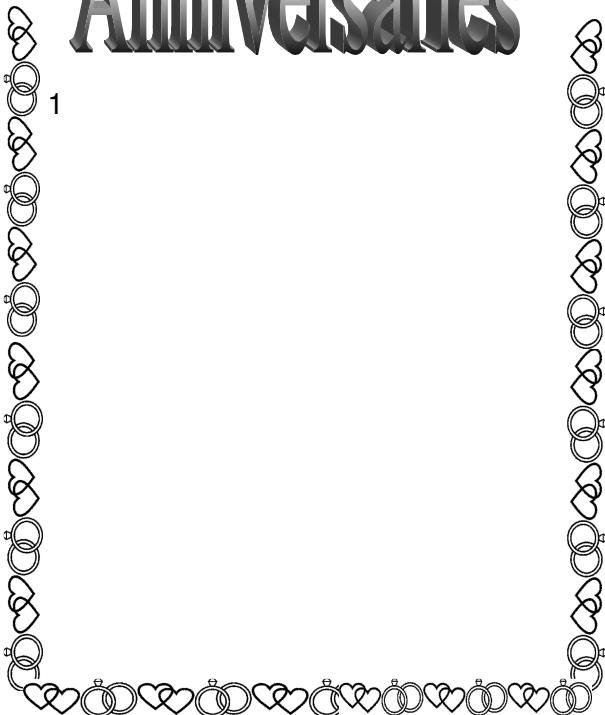
- Ascension of the Lord, May 1, 2008
- National Day of Prayer, May 1, 2008
- Christian Family Week, May 5-11, 2008
- Pentecost, May 11, 2008
- Mother's Day, May 11, 2008
- Trinity Sunday, May 18, 2008
- Memorial Day, May 26, 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 - Sr. Citizens meeting & lunch - 11:30am
- 3 - Youth "Rock Climbing"
- 3 - Belmont Yard Sale -
- 4 - UM Men's meeting & breakfast - 8am
- 7 - Choir Rehearsal 7pm
- 10 - Mother-Daughter banquet
- 11 - Women's fellowship & breakfast - 8am
- 12-16 - Pastor Rob on vacation
- 13 - Administrative Council meeting - 7pm
- 14 - Choir Rehearsal - 7pm
- 17 - Youth BarBQ to support mission work
- 18 - Graduates Honored during worship service
- 21 - Choir Rehearsal - 7pm
- 22 - Newsletter submissions due
- 24 - Fellowship Hall in use - Bridal Shower
- 25 - Memorial Service at cemetery - 8am

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries



Birthdays

BIBLE QUIZ

Right after God granted Solomon his request for wisdom to govern, the wise king faced a dilemma about a baby. King Solomon ingeniously solved a dispute between two women who both claimed to be the child's mother (see 1 Kings 3:16-28).

But who was the mother of Solomon?

- A. Zipporah
- B. Abigail
- C. Queen of Sheba
- D. Bathsheba

The answer is in 2 Samuel 12:24.



Answer on page 3



A HEART FOR Mom

Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.

A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1 "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2 "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3 "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4 "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6 "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7 "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

Caring
 Hardworking

Godly
 Hearty
 Kind

Prepared
 Priceless

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

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Administrative Council Highlights - 4-8-08

Pat

- The United Methodist Men made \$1152 on their chicken BBQ.
- The youth were complimented on the great job they did with the Sunday Service.
- April 5 – Faithful Caterers cooked and delivered lunch for S.B.Hoover.
April 30 – Faithful Caterers cooked and served concession stand at Harrisonburg’s Employee’s Health Fair.
May 3 – Concessions stand at Belmont Yard Sale.
May 17 – Concessions stand at the Newman auction sale.
- Elaine McDorman and Lois Black have been collecting clothing, etc. to take to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Announcements have been done at several church services asking for clean and nice clothing. George Counts will drive and pull the trailer.
- Homecoming 2008 will be held November 9, and David Burch will be the speaker at the worship service.
- A special collection plate will be available at the back of the sanctuary for Annual Conference offering due in the month of May. Offerings will go to: Brazil – Children & Youth, Mozambique – Orphanage, Mississippi – Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Global Aids Fund.
- Kits will be gathered up to be taken to Annual Conference. Needed are: Sewing kits, Layette kits, School kits, and Health kits. Copies of the above materials will be placed in bulletins and extra copies in the Narthex of the church.
- Reminder that all calendar events involving use of church facilities need to be run by the Pastor to be added to the calendar to prevent conflicts and make sure they are in conjunction with the Methodist Church’s social principles.
- Pastor Rob will be on an out of state vacation during April & May. For pastoral emergencies contact, Rev. Steve Bird at Dayton UMC .
- There will be a fall membership class for those wanting to join our church. Please contact Pastor Rob if you are interested.
- A fall bible study will be held on the book of Romans.
- Graduates are being honored in church service on Sunday, May 18. Please give Pastor Rob names of college & high school graduates as soon as possible.

