

Pastor's Corner

Patrick Henry wrote in his will:

I HAVE NOW DISPOSED OF ALL MY PROPERTY TO MY FAMILY; THERE IS ONE THING MORE I WISH I COULD GIVE THEM, AND THAT IS THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION. IF THEY HAD THIS, AND I HAD NOT GIVEN THEM ONE SHILLING, THEY WOULD BE RICH; BUT IF THEY HAD NOT THAT, AND I HAD GIVEN THEM ALL THE WORLD, THEY WOULD BE POOR.”

Whether thinking of Patrick Henry’s words, Washington on his knees at Valley Forge, or Lincoln’s deep concern that the nation should be “on God’s side,” their words ever remind us that the foundation we stand upon as a nation today is one supported by the building blocks of Christ-centered faith and values.

If you are like me, with all the viewpoints bombarding us from media via the internet, television, radio, the printed media, etc. in regard to challenges facing our nation and the world, these are constant reminders of the many uncertainties surrounding us.

What is our responsibility in this as individuals, families and a church? Patrick Henry, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln have related to us the ageless guides that must never be forgotten in any age.

First, we must center our lives and Christ’s teachings in all we are, say and do. This will not only lead to our personal transformation, but extend to the church, community, state, nation and world.

Second, we must spend time on our knees in God’s presence. Just as Washington knew that God was our one true hope and help at Valley Forge, our desperate need of Him in our present world has not changed.

Third, we must ever search out the truth while asking, “Which side is God’s side?” Each side of a debate will always be quick to say, “We are on God’s side of the issue”. However, one day when this present age is over and each stands in the presence of God, I have a feeling that a lot of tunes will change. Perhaps the real question in the light of God’s Word must ever be, “If this is God’s tune, why am I singing off key?”

If we look at ourselves, the church, the community and world in these faithful ways, we shall soon discover who is off key... who is truly singing God’s song...and who is not.

Once this is discovered our call is to represent the truth of God’s song, His message, by living, praying, church involvement, voting, writing our government representatives, etc. in representing Christ and His teachings to the world.

God Bless! *Riley*

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The Heritage Connection newsletter is provided for our church members. Friends of the church are encouraged to request their name be placed on the mailing list.

Return Service Requested

from our Associate Pastor

One of the most incredible aspects of our faith that we don't often think about is the Communion of Saints. Each time we say that Apostles' Creed together, we affirm our belief in the Communion of Saints. One important time in the Christian year where we focus on the Communion of Saints is **All Saints, which is the first Sunday in November**. All Saints is a day where we remember the saints, all Christians of every people and time, and we celebrate the fellowship we continue to share with them in Christ in the Communion of Saints. The background for the Communion of Saints comes from very early in the church. When Paul greets the Corinthians as "those who are *sanctified* in Christ Jesus, called to be *saints*, (1 Cor. 1:2)" the words for "sanctified" and the word for "saints" come from the same Greek word. Being sanctified means being made holy; saints are ones who are being made holy through Christ's work in them as they respond to his offer of grace. "Saints" or "holy ones" is almost always used in the plural, which suggests to us that becoming holy is not something that we do by ourselves. We are made holy "in Christ," and that is a process that happens in relationship with other people, namely, the Church.

This relationship with others and with Christ is where the "communion" aspect of the Communion of Saints comes into play because the word "communion" is the same word as "fellowship." It is the deepest fellowship there is because it is fellowship of a family of believers who are incorporated into Christ's body through Baptism, and who continue to be nurtured and drawn more deeply into Christ through Holy *Communion*, which is communion with Christ and with everyone else who is "in Christ." From very early on in the history of the Church, because Christ conquered death through his own death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, Christians understood that the fellowship/communion they shared with one another in Christ extended beyond the bounds of death to all of those who had died, and were with God awaiting the resurrection of the dead.

With this in mind, we have some very special plans for All Saints Day this year. Among other things, each year All Saints is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the saints who have gone on to the Church triumphant, during the past year. **Thus, for this year (November 1, 2009), please let us know if there is a friend or family member who has passed away in the past year (since last November), so that we can give thanks to God for them during the worship service by reading their name and inviting you to bring a picture of that person and lighting a candle when his or her name is read during the service. Please let the church office know by Friday, October 23.**

Peace, Alan

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PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

With the arrival of fall, the pre-school boys and girls are busy learning all about their community. Highlights of the month include pumpkin patch and apple orchard field trips for the older children, our "Classic Cookie Dough" fund raiser, and our great "Community Helper Parade" featuring all of our children dressed up as their favorite community helpers.

The pre-school program, that each of you makes possible, provides a great first learning experience for 117 very special creations of God. This year our little ones come from many different denominations of churches in our community and the neighboring communities of Forest, Lynchburg, Concord, Goode, Rustburg, Evington, and Madison Heights.

Here at the pre-school we do our best to build a strong spiritual foundation for each child in our care. We have chapel once a week where the children hear a Bible story, sing Bible songs, pray, and learn how to apply God's principles for living to their own little lives. In each classroom the teachers focus on creating a Christian environment. They pray with their children, learn Bible verses, and teach each of their units from a Christian worldview. Our little ones learn that God loves them, has a wonderful plan for their lives, created a beautiful world for them to enjoy, and wants to be their Best Friend. What a privilege it is for the pre-school to have a ministry where each and every day children from our community and your church (108 of the children and grandchildren of HUMC have attended the pre-school) can learn about Jesus. Thank you for making this ministry possible.

Senior Ministries Team

Heritage UMC Disciple Center
Saturday **October 3, 2009** - 8AM – 2PM

The Yard Sale Is a Mission Project (not a fund raiser for our church)

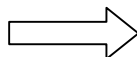
- **100% OF PROCEEDS** go to Local Missions around Lynchburg.
- Community Outreach – We provide low cost items to the people who could use a bargain.

Donations

- PLEASE NOTE – DO NOT BRING ITEMS EARLIER THAN SEPT 25TH. Please, please, DO NOT place any items in the back rooms, in front of exit doors, or in piles around the edge of the gym. This makes the Fire Marshal (and in turn our Trustees) *very* cranky!
- Bring your donated items to the Disciple Center beginning Friday Evening Sept 25th. Please have all items on site by 7pm the following Friday, in order to be sorted and priced in time for the sale.
- Suggested items include: Men's/Women's/Children's Clothing and Shoes, Toys, Books, Appliances, Electronics, Computers, Linens, Dishes, Holiday Items, Furniture, Tools, Guy Stuff, Etc.
- Clothing should be clean (not musty) and in good repair. Placement on hangers is *greatly appreciated*. Spare hangers are welcome.
- If you need donated items picked up, please call Tom Van Valkenburgh 384-7450 or 601-918-8289 (cell phone)
- Save a Trip – Bring your items to Wednesday Night Dinner

For additional Information:

Call Iva Scott (384-9231) or Tom Van Valkenburgh (384-7450)



On November 8th, we will celebrate Senior Adult Sunday and Veteran's recognition at Heritage. The theme will be a combination of celebrating life and service by seniors in the life of our church and in our country.

We will be developing a list of those presently serving in the armed forces as well as a list of all veterans in our church. There will be an insert in the bulletin offering each of us an opportunity to give the *Strength for Service* devotional in honor or in memory of a veteran. The devotionals will be distributed to men and women serving our country in active duty.

Seniors in our congregation will be leading the service and participating in worship. The Rev. Ed Gant will be the speaker in both services. Veterans representing the various veteran organizations in and around Lynchburg will be invited to attend the service. Hope to see you on November 8th!

Strength for Service was originally published in 1942, and over 720,000 copies were distributed to U.S. service men and women. After the events of September 11, 2001 the General Commission on United Methodist Men partnered with Evan Hunsberger, who had a vision to republish the little devotional book as his Eagle Scout service project to honor his grandfather. Eugene Hunsberger, a Navy corpsman, read it to dying men on the battlefields of the Pacific during World War II. This updated version includes 40 additional entries.

MISSION TEAM YARD SALE

UMW Baked Goods will be for sale at the Yard Sale on Saturday October 3rd. If you would like to donate any items please bring them on Friday October 2nd or early Saturday October 3rd. All proceeds go to Missions.

Breakfast - the Youth will be serving breakfast on Saturday October 3rd at the yard sale for a reasonable price! Come join us!

Brunswick stew will be for sale as well - you may also preorder your stew by September 29th!

🎵 Music Ministry Notes 🎵

Sandra Matthes, Minister of Music musicmin@humclvnchburg.org

Rehearsal Schedule:

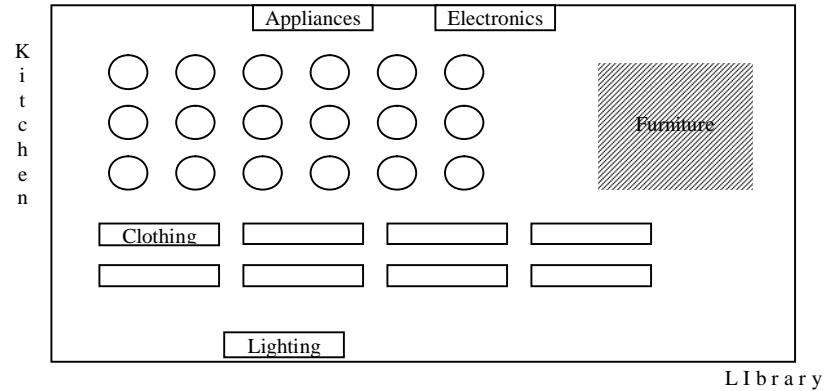
- 🕒 Spirit Bells, our children's handbell choir began Sunday, September 13, at 5:00 PM in the choir room. The group is open to children in grades 3-6. COME AND RING!!
 - 🕒 Handbell Choir – Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 PM in the Sanctuary
 - 🕒 Worship Services: October 11, November 22 and December 13
 - 🕒 Sanctuary Choir – Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM in the Choir Room
 - 🕒 Orchestra – October 25, November 22, 29, December 6, 20
- All groups in our ministry are learning new music for Advent and Christmas. Come and find your special place of service and ministry.

Ministry Schedule:

- 🕒 October 4 – Worldwide Communion Sunday
 - Communion Anthem: For the Bread Which You Have Broken (text: UMH 614)
 - This hymn expresses gratitude for the blessing of Communion: bread, wine, words of Christ, his love and peace, his call, the saints and his coming kingdom.
 - 🕒 October 11 – Handbell Choir
 - Music for Church Orchestra is distributed on this Sunday.
 - 🕒 October 18 – Laity Sunday
 - 🕒 October 25 – Church Orchestra
- Thanks to the MANY musicians who serve the Lord with their talents.

Calling all Knitters

Our church has a wonderful opportunity to help a Marine unit who leave for Afghanistan this week. We are trying to knit helmet liners, neck warmers, or scarves for the servicemen because the temperatures will be extremely cold there this winter. There are patterns for these items in the church office or you can find them on-line by searching Knitted Marine Helmet Liners. The guidelines are very specific so you must read all the instructions before starting one of these projects. Linda Ingram, whose son-in-law is in this Marine unit, has offered to purchase yarn for other knitters and pay for shipping to Afghanistan. If you have any questions, call Judy Smith, 525-7704. Please tell your other knitting friends about our project too.



Specific Help Needed

Please donate a few hours of your time to help during the week of September 25 – October 3rd. This spreads the work, lets more people become involved, and helps insure the success of the sale. Volunteers are needed for these *specific* jobs:

Organizers – Any Time Friday Sept. 25th thru Friday Oct. 2nd
Helpful, self directed individuals to sort and arrange sale items, fold or hang clothes, unload cars, etc. Just dive in. Mission team members will be there most evenings to answer questions, direct traffic, and coach.

Sales Assistants – Saturday Oct. 3rd 8AM to 2PM
No sales pitches or dickerings required, just friendly Christian folks to assist customers with picking, packing, and loading purchases. Ability to pack huge objects in itty bitty cars a plus.

Takedown/Cleanup – Saturday Oct. 3rd after 2PM
Exceptionally Angelic individuals (especially Angels driving pickups, vans, or station wagons) are needed and highly appreciated. In a matter of hours we take down what it took an entire week to set up! We send any unsold items of value to local charities, gather and dispose of trash, fold tables and chairs, put away clothing racks, and sweep up. Think of it as exercise.

Publicity

The Mission Team advertises the Yard Sale through announcements, signs, and newspaper ads. You can greatly extend our reach by telling your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers about the Yard Sale.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Randy Higgins, Director fbihokie@gmail.com

Hello everyone~

First, I have to thank everyone that played a part in making our youth service happen. There were so many people involved both in front and behind the scenes I cannot thank everyone here; so please accept a huge group THANK YOU! God was glorified, Jesus Christ was preached, and songs were lifted to our God. It truly was a blessing just to be able to be a part of that service.

We have had a very busy September with many events and things forming for Oct/Nov. It seems that as of late, with the amount of things going on, notices and information seem to come across as a big blur. I only say that to tell you to please pay attention to the notices in the bulletin and via email. This is an opportunity to let you know that if you do not receive my email updates and would like to, please email me with your email address to: fbihokie@gmail.com

When this newsletter arrives, there will be two events that will be in front of us, potentially our **scavenger hunt** and **Fields of Faith**. The scavenger hunt has been slated for Sat. 10/10 from 10a.m. - 5p.m. This event is still pending on having enough people to participate. If you have not replied to me yet, now would be the time.

Fields of Faith is an event that is sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and will be held at Brookville H.S. from 6 - 8 p.m. on Sunday 10/11. Two last dates to give you ahead of time are the Jr. and Sr. High VA Conf. Retreats at Eagle Eyrie. The date for Jr. High is Nov 13-15 and for Sr. High is Dec. 4-6.

If you have questions about them, or any other events, please let me know. Finally, if there is anything I can do for anyone, please let me know. If you went to TeenQuest July 2009, and have not received a DVD, please see me.

In His Grip! Randy
"Blood Bought and BulletProof"

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Cheryl Ward-Carroll, Coordinator humccmt@lynchburg.net

Sunday Mornings

Preschool 3's and 4's year olds meet with Miss Ranny and Miss April in room 104.

Rotational Sunday School is continuing their adventure with **Joseph** thru October 18th. Have you noticed your child wearing a ribbon after Sunday School? Be sure to ask what the color means! Our focus verse for this unit is:

You plotted evil against me, but God turned it into good." Genesis 50:20

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"
Psalm 122:1

Our next adventure coming is **Building the Tabernacle**. We will be learning how the Hebrew people gave of their possessions, skills, and of themselves to build a sacred place to worship God. This unit asks that our children learn about the history of their own church home as well. Please give Cheryl a call if you would like to share a special story about building Heritage UMC with the children. Dates for this unit are October 25 thru November 29.

Sunday Nights

5:00-5:30 Spirit Bells with Eboni Jolly.

This is a hands on hand bell learning experience for 3rd - 6th grade.
5:30-6:30 Spirit Drama with Dana Ballard. Children 3rd - 6th grade are working on a Christmas pageant to be presented on December 9th.

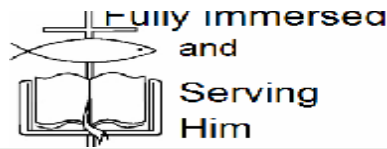
6:30-7:00 Spirit Fire with Dana Ballard. Children 3rd - 6th grade bring their voices together to praise our Lord. Children are currently learning songs to present at worship as well as the upcoming Christmas cantata.

Wednesday Nights

PraiseKids! A choir for Kindergarten thru 2nd grade now meets on Wednesday nights, 6:15-6:30pm in the choir room. It is never too late to join the fun!

Wednesday Kids Club is now up and running. This mid-week boost meets from 6:30-7:30 pm. PreK meets with Libby Roberts and Kelly Dodgion in room 107;

K & 1st meets with Jennifer Williams and Deanna Aultice in room 108. *Kids' Travel Guide for the 10 Commandments* is for grades 2nd & 3rd and is lead by Jennifer Davenport and Robbie Arthur. 4th & 5th grade will meet with Jeff Aultice and Jeff Davenport as they continue the *Children's Discipleship Series: Discovering Our Awesome God*.



OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

- Sunday Night Programs**
- 5:00 - 7:00 Membership Class, Conference Room
 - 5:00 - 7:00 Youth - youth room & gym
 - 5:00 - 5:30 Spirit Bells for kids 3rd - 6th grade
Choir room
 - 5:30 - 7:00 Spirit Fire 3rd - 6th grade
Choir room
- Tuesday Night**
- 6:30 - 8:30 Disciple III Class, Genesis Rm.
- Wednesday AM**
- 9:30 - 11:00 Women's Bible Study - Genesis Rm.
- Wednesday Night Programs**
- 5:20 - 5:30 Cherub Choir - drama room
 - 5:45 - 6:30 Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 - 6:15 - 6:45 PraiseKids K-2nd - choir room
 - 6:30 - 7:30 Kids' Club - Preschool - 5th grade
 - 6:30 - 7:30 Girls Jr. & Sr. Youth - Young Adult Rm
 - 6:30 - 7:30 9-12th Youth Sports Night - Gym,
Youth Room, fields
 - 6:30 - 7:30 Pastors Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
 - 6:30 - 7:30 Women's Bible Study- Genesis Rm
 - 6:30 - 7:30 Discovery Singers - Choir Room
 - 6:30 - 8:30 Disciple I Office Conference Rm
 - 6:30 - 8:30 Disciple III Tower Room

We believe that the concept of clergy appreciation started with the Apostle Paul as he was establishing the first Christian churches. In 1 Timothy, he wrote "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching." 1 Tim. 5:17

Please remember during the month of October to express your appreciation to Pastor Riley Smith, Pastor Alan Combs, Pastor Ed Gant, Pastor Earl Martin and their families for their leadership and dedication to Heritage UMC.



Life Lighter News

Tuesday, **October 20th**
Rev. Naomi Andrews
"Are We Too Busy to Spend Time with God?"
Luke 10:38-42

Program at 11:00 am, Heritage UMC Fellowship Hall
potluck luncheon to follow.

Bill Graham Library in Charlotte, N.C. on Saturday, October 24th. Cost is \$45.00 per person and includes tour start breakfast, transportation, admission to library and lunch will be on your own at a café on the property. We will depart from HUMC at 7:00 am and return around 6:00 pm. We will stop at rest areas enroute. Contact Kitty Martin at 237-1877 or Margaret Martin at 237-0641

Children's Ministry Continued.

Special Events

Trunk or Treat plans are in the works. Watch for more announcements about this evening of fun on the church web site!

November 22nd is **Bible Sunday**. The Children's Ministry Team would like the honor of presenting all our third grade students with a NRSV Bible of their very own. Please contact Cheryl Ward-Carroll or the front office before October 14th with your child's name.

Please continue to keep these programs on your prayer lists!

10/01 Eubank, Dora
Mitchell, Kelly

10/02 Bowne, Dorothy
Aultice, Darla
Anderson, Nada
Delauder, Erin

10/03 Bennett, Phillis

10/06 Thompson, Earnest

10/08 Neth, Pat
Marks, Eleanor
Faircloth, Beth

10/10 Hunt, Cuillen
Keith, Maryann
Keen, Shirley

10/11 Natyzak, Gwen
Meade, Harrison

10/12 Crews, Cabell
Eubank, Anne
Brown, Stuart
Cox, Billie Jo

10/13 Roberts, Caitlin

10/14 Allen, Naomi
Hicks, Barbara
Ring, Gail
Breedon, Jessica

10/17 Mitchell, John
Safritt, Deneen
Hall, Adam
Reynolds, Alison

10/18 Mitchell, Jane
Booth, Rebecca
Quarles, Brent

10/19 Shroyer, Kevin

10/20 Gant, Louise

10/21 Burris, Nicholas
Scott, Delaney

10/23 Pacot, Sue
Willard, Ray

10/24 Dawson, Mildred
Hunt, Lauri
Fowler, Kelsey
Miller, Cameron

10/25 Clary, Carl
Thornhill IV, Joshua T.

10/26 Drewry Jr., Leigh

10/27 Moss, Teresa
Coleman, Thomas

10/28 Wade, Kenneth
Patchell, Kenneth

10/30 Ingram, Linda
Safritt, Steve

10/31 Coleman, Stephanie
Smith, Christian
Coleman, Jordan

Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

10/3 Gereau, Len & Betty

10/7 Williams, Troy & Jennifer
Aultice, Frank & Ruth

10/18 Aultice, Jeffrey & Deanna
McDarris, Joseph & Judy

10/21 Harrison, Carolyn & Robin

10/22 Carey Sr, Jiggs & Harriett

10/25 Pultz, Jeffery & Terri

10/27 Erhartic Jr., Frank & Julia



Balance 01/01/2009: \$0

General Fund Receipts: \$499,572

Disbursements

Administration-Office	\$8,899
Annual Conference	\$1,675
Apportionments	\$62,309
Church Staff	\$238,399
Communications	\$58
Congregational Care	\$975
Mortgage	\$80,736
Education	\$3,716
Financial	\$0
Program Ministries	\$17,113
Insurance	\$10,723
Missions Outreach	\$8,975
Stephen Ministry	\$0
Trustees	\$65,788
Worship	\$5,555

Total Disbursements: \$504,921

Balance in Budget 09/15/2009 -\$5,349

Total Unpaid
Apportionments **\$8,000**

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