

The Messenger

Crievewood United Methodist Church

September 5, 2012

It's an Exciting Time

We have wonderful neighbors, who recently took on the project of cleaning up the property line between us. Under a hot sun or in a light drizzle they worked long and hard over many days. Some of the benefit will arrive in the spring when plantings will bloom; much of the benefit was immediate with a nicer looking landscape. I was especially intrigued by a single flower that emerged where overgrown honeysuckle bushes had been; appearing a few days after the area was cleared. Old growth gave way to new life.

Another outcome was the inspiration Patti and I received to tackle the boxes and piles in our garage. We have lived on Hogan Road for two years now and are still processing the stuff with which we moved into the house. At this stage of our lives we have certainly accumulated much, and there is always the tension between saving and discarding; our son may want that clay dragon he made in kindergarten some day. Furthermore, being a United Methodist pastor who has now lived in 8 parsonages, 3 apartments, and 1 married student housing setting, keeping things boxed up has practical advantages.

But swept up by the level of energy flowing from next door, to the garage we went and sort we did. The recycle bin, the trash bin, the bed of my truck (dump), and the trunk of Patti's car (Goodwill) were strategically positioned; coffee flowed, the radio played, and discoveries happened. Besides the expected trip down memory lane and the anticipated decision making (do I let go of my Beta tape of the 1986 World Cup Final?), there were some surprises. For instance, I found a Bible belonging to one of the youth in a church I served from 1989-94. Oops.

It is clear to me that my role as a pastor involves sharing the good news rather than confiscating it, though on the bright side, holding that Bible led me to think about and pray for someone who has not crossed my mind in years. I will contact the pastor of that church and see if the now 34 year old is still living in the community, in hopes of returning the Bible to her. It's About Time.

Our congregation is living a wonderful time. Just as Patti and I were caught by the energy and imagination of our neighbors, so too, have we the congregation been swept into the energy and imagination of the Holy Spirit at work among us. In the days ahead our renovations and additions will allow new life to spring out of old growth; watch for it. Moreover, the vision that led us into this season is moving us to reconnect with people we have not thought of in some time and is reminding us of our first priority, to spread the Word of God's love for all people, as revealed in Christ Jesus. It's an Exciting Time!

Peter van Eys

Missions

AIM Spaghetti Luncheon

The adults who are volunteering for Mountain Top are raising money to offset the cost of their mission trip by offering a delicious spaghetti dinner after the traditional service on **Sunday, September 16**. Some of the best Crievewood pasta cooks will be cooking up spaghetti, salad, French bread, and dessert. If you can't participate as part of the Mountain Top mission team but would like to support the mission, please plan on attending the spaghetti luncheon.

Community Care Fellowship

Community Care Fellowship is in need of all sizes of men's undershirts. After last year's great response to provide toilet paper, we are hoping that we can be as generous in providing new t-shirts. If you have a donation, please leave it on the table at top of stairwell off the narthex.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to continue or begin volunteering with the Golden Triangle High School youth from Burma by working one on one or being part of the follow up program of the Summer Scholars program, contact Beverly Lovell 834-7058 or bill.lovell@tnumc.com. The Summer Scholar teachers will give a session on how you can be effective.

If you know someone who would like to be a paid math teacher for 3 hours a week probably on Saturdays, please contact Beverly also.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Our Wednesday Night Fellowship will have a great start on September 5th with speaker and missionary Victoria Bowman, and it will be followed by these exciting programs:

- There will be a two-Part parenting seminar beginning on September 12 and 19 presented by Cathy Fuchs, M.D. and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the Vanderbilt School of Medicine, in the Builder's classroom.
- The WNF program in Fellowship Hall on September 12 will be the introduction of Crieveewood's new Recycling Program led by the Coffee and Discipleship Class.

On September 19 please bring your favorite board game for an evening of fun and fellowship.

- The Children's Choirs will meet as usual each Wednesday. K-6th graders will gather in the choir room upstairs, and the Pre-school choir (ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten) will sing in Room # 109 downstairs.
- The Disciple program for Youth will continue.

WNF Menus

Wednesday, September 5— Chicken pot pie, cranberry sauce, green salad, and dessert

Wednesday, September 12 — *Veggie* Night: macaroni and cheese, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, green beans, cooked apples with vanilla ice cream. Chicken nuggets are available for children.

Wednesday, September 19 — Chicken tenders, corn, sweet potatoes, green salad, and dessert

Wednesday, September 26— Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, cole slaw, and dessert

Activities

Men's Breakfast

The United Methodist Men resume their monthly meetings on Saturday, September 8, at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. During this meeting both David Roos (Boy Scouts) and Mark Hattan (Cub Scouts) will provide us with a quick overview of this year's scouting program.

Additionally, Rev. Andrew Fiser will be our speaker. Rev. Fiser is connected with Edgehill UMC and leads their efforts to reach out to their surrounding community through the *Edgehill Neighborhood Partnership*. You can learn a bit more about these efforts by going to their website (<http://edgehillpartnership.org/>).

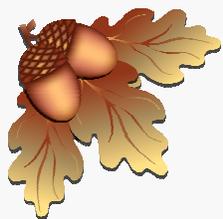
It should be a great meeting - and you know that there is always a great breakfast! As a friendly reminder to those of you participating in the Methodist Habitat Build, the UMM would welcome the opportunity to fortify you with a great breakfast! If the timing works out, plan to swing by before you head out!

Please be there to support our Men's Club and make an effort to reach out and invite a guest to join you!

JOY Club

On September 27 the JOY Club will visit the Loretta Lynn Ranch. Members will leave the church at 9:30 a.m., travel for 1 1/2 hours, then stop for lunch. If you would like to participate, please sign up with Jean McCurdy no later than September 24. Please bring enough money with you for the van (\$2), lunch, the tour (up to \$18.50 depending upon what you select), and the gift shop if you want to buy souvenirs.

Children's Corner



Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27
4:00 p.m.

It's ALL Free—Come and join the fun!

Children's Sunday School

We are off to a fantastic start downstairs in the children's Sunday school program. We are excited and ever so grateful for our 2012-13 teachers and ask for your prayers as they guide our children in learning and living out God's Word!

Preschool—Daphne and Steve Hardison

K-1st grade—Eileen Vaughan

2nd-3rd grade—Mary and Steve Curry

4th, 5th, and 6th grade Girls—Sharon Ferrell

4th, 5th, and 6th grade Boys—Kathryn and Joe Buffler, Brenda and Keith Head,
Brandy and John Tickle

Nursery News

Due to an ever-increasing population of infants and toddlers, a new "Infant-Only Nursery" room has opened in the former June Sparkman Children's Library area. We are so excited to be able to offer a spot where each child's needs can be met through age-appropriate play and care. In order to staff this new room, we need volunteers. Many of our members already rotate in and out of the toddler nursery, volunteering with Mrs. Sheryl, our staff Nursery Coordinator. We can use more!

If you love the smell of baby shampoo, love to rock, or just have your heart warmed at the wiggly smiles and movements of infants, we would love to add you to the rotation. Please contact Sheryl Roos at 615-210-6650 or Leigh Ann Cate at 615-833-4528 or lac723@comcast.net.

Other Church News

Lay Leadership for 2013

If you would like to serve on a Church Committee in 2013, please let that be known by emailing pastor@crievewoodumc.org. Our Committees are: the Church Council, Adult Council, Youth Council, Children's Council, Finance, Trustees, Staff-Parish, Outreach, Nurture, Lay Leadership, Child Care Board, and Long Range Planning.

Crievewood Work Day

The Trustees are sponsoring a work day on Saturday morning, September 22. The clean-up will begin at 8:00 a.m. All church members are welcome as many hands make the task go quickly.

Charge Conference

Charge Conference is scheduled on Sunday, September 30, following the traditional worship service. Charge Conference is the gathering of the congregation and Administrative Council to confirm the local church leadership for 2013. Please plan to be present.

One Worship Service

Please mark on your calendar that on Sunday, October 7, the Capital Campaign Kick-off, there will be **one worship service at 10:00 a.m.** Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Disciple Bible Study

If you would like to participate in an in-depth Bible study that will foster a discipline of prayer, study, and fellowship, please consider enrolling in Disciple Bible study. If you are interested in taking Disciple 1, Disciple 3, Disciple 4, or Christian Believer, please contact Leigh Ann Cate at 615-833-4528.