



The Circuit Rider

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church



Annual Church Picnic is June 12

Everyone is invited to Allen Pond Park (Group Areas 5&6) on Sunday, June 12, for our annual church picnic. (If it rains we will meet in Fellowship Hall.) The church will provide hotdogs, drinks, and paper products – please bring a dish to share.



This is a great opportunity to spend time with those you see every Sunday and those who attend the other service! We will also have children's games, arts & crafts, and prizes. *Note: No child care is provided – please stay and enjoy the day with your child!*

Daytime Closures for Church Maintenance

VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE!

On June 6, 7, and 8, there will be a number of major building maintenance activities going on during the day here at St. Matthew's. They will require electricity to be turned off and phone service and internet service may be taken down. **Therefore, we will not have any meetings during the day.** Evening meetings should still be able to be held. Sharon Heidenreich, our Office Administrator, will be contacting the groups involved to reschedule the daytime meetings.

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Bishop Emphasizes Helping the Homeless

The 2011 Annual Conference of the Baltimore Washington Conference will be held in Baltimore from May 26 – May 28. The Annual Conference is the annual business meeting of the United Methodist churches in a conference. For 2011, Bishop John Schol has lifted up two initiatives: continuing support of meeting needs in Haiti, and a strong new initiative to serve the needs of the homeless in our conference area.

St. Matthew's responded with over \$10,000 in a special UMCOR offering appeal which was forwarded to UMCOR at the time of the appeal. In helping the homeless, St. Matthew's has a strong long-term ministry:

- We currently are a host church for Warm Nights, an emergency shelter that is rotated at various churches for a seven day period;
- We maintain an in-house shelter program with an efficiency apartment in the church building for a homeless individual or small family; and

- We operate the St. Matthew's Housing Corporation, a transitional housing rental program for the working poor.

All of these programs have been part of the life of St. Matthew's for more than 20 years. Currently, Pat Clunies coordinates the ministries of the Warm Nights program held in December.

Jean Baker chairs the Shelter Committee, which addresses the needs of the resident in the church shelter; residency is usually for less than a year.

Linda Cooper is President of St. Matthew's Housing Corporation (SMHC), a rental program incorporated by the state for serving low income wage earners. The SMHC property is called Alpha House and is located in the Huntington section of Bowie. Persons who remain in good standing may reside for up to two years. *For more about SMHC, see the related article on page 8.* – Linda Cooper, Lay Leader

Opportunities to Help:

- *Little Nursery and Preschool Nursery (Every Sunday)*
- *Bowie Food Pantry Donations (June 19)*



"We never know when the season of our life will change, when something unexpected will come upon us..."

Rev. Ginger's Pastoral Ponderings

A couple of Sundays ago, I spoke about the seasons of life. Just as the earth moves through seasons, so too do our lives. When we're in the middle of a difficult season, it can be a challenge to remember that seasons change. When we are feeling weary, depressed, angry, or confused, it can be difficult to remember that these feelings are fleeting, they won't last forever. I've been pondering what sustains us during difficult seasons, thinking about what resources are available to get us through.

Imagine this: You are on the North York Moors in England, hiking 7 miles between villages along a rocky cliff with green pastures to your left and the sea to your right. Grazing sheep are your only companions. You have hiked half-way toward your goal when a storm whips up. You don't have a proper coat, you don't have any rain gear, you don't have proper hiking shoes for the terrain. The trail is steep, muddy, and slippery with no trees around to hold onto or in which to take refuge. But the only way to reach your destination is to keep moving forward. The other option is to sit down and hope for the storm to end (as you get increasingly soaked).

This was a situation I got into during my college semester abroad. I did eventually make it to Whitby, the seaside town that was my hook-up for a warm bus home to London. But I didn't get there without frustration, tears, and regret. You might imagine that the point of sharing this rather embarrassing story is to say that God brought me through the ordeal relatively unscathed. And, while I suppose that is the most basic lesson learned, what I have in mind is the fact that I wasn't prepared for that hike. I hadn't attended to getting the resources that would have protected me from the conditions and, even in the midst of a difficult way forward, might have allowed me to wonder at the power and beauty of such a storm witnessed on the coast of the North York Moors – instead of sitting in the mud in tears, feeling miserable, cold, and soggy.

We never know when the season of our life will change, when something unexpected will come upon us – like a storm on the Moors. How can we be prepared for the changing seasons of life? Our spiritual tradition provides us with ways to equip ourselves with resources we need for the journey, recognizing that we will pass through all sorts of terrain on the way. This is one reason we gather for worship, for Bible study, for fellowship, for service; this is why we attend to our lives of prayer and devotion. These regular practices provide us with spiritual resources that can truly sustain us in times of confusion, danger, loss, and everything that we encounter in life. If we haven't attended to these things when the weather is good and the season is pleasant, we may find ourselves ill-equipped to journey through the hard parts of our lives, when the cold rains tempt us to believe that shivering and soggy is all there is.

In this Easter season, we give thanks for the reminder that shivering and soggy, suffering and death, are not all there is. Seasons change, new life comes, hope is possible. We also give thanks for the Church in which we perform and learn of the spiritual practices that strengthen us to continue the journey with eyes that can wonder, with hearts that trust, and with hands ready to reach out to others with love – regardless of the season.

May God grant you grace sufficient for every season...

Ginger+



UMW Meetings

Most circles do not meet in July and August and will resume meetings in September; however, the Koinonia Circle *will* meet during the summer months. **An invitation to attend any of the circle meetings is extended to all women.** For specific information, please contact Christin Vare.

EXECUTIVE Board: No meeting is scheduled in June. (*Next meeting is August 28.*)

AGAPE Circle: Thursday, June 2, noon at Rio's in Annapolis for our June luncheon. Carpools will form at the church at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Jane Anderson.

MARTHA Circle: Friday, June 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor (Room 102). We will have our regular business meeting followed by viewing the final portion of the film, "Pray the Devil Back to Hell."

EVENING Circle: Monday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m., dinner at The Killarney House on Central Avenue in Davidsonville. Any questions, please call JoEllen Thompson.

SUSANNA WESLEY Circle: Wednesday, June 15, dinner at Paladar in Annapolis. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. to carpool.

KOINONIA Circle: Monday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor (Room 102). We will finish our book, "Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Flawed Women Loved by a Flawless God." We will also make plans for summer meetings. **Babysitting is available during this circle.**

Thank You for Making Book Sale a Success! Doves are Celebrating 50th Anniversary

Thank you, St. Matthew's, for your continuing support of our annual book sale. With your book donations and purchases of donated books, we raised money to help support our mission projects.

A little birdie (a dove?) has told us that former St. Matthew's members, Marcella and Neil Dove, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2011.

Now, get busy on reading all the books you bought at the sale so you can recycle them at next year's sale!

— St. Matthew's United Methodist Women



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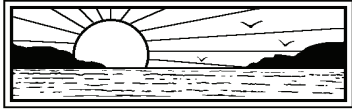
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Shirley's Reflections

"I believe God led me to come and serve with you, and now I am trusting that God will direct me in my future plans."



Second Chances

I don't believe there is a parent who hasn't seen his child given a second chance at life. Sometimes the new chance happened when the beloved child was very young—perhaps a near drowning in a neighbor's unattended pool or a child contracted a horrible illness for which there was no easy cure. Many parents have prayed and hoped for a teen's second chance when they handed the car keys to the new sixteen-year-old driver—since sixteen-year-olds are more than six times as likely to be involved in a crash compared with drivers older than sixteen. It would be difficult to regard Arizona's Representative Gabrielle Giffords who survived her shot in the head as not receiving a second chance for her life. A few years ago our daughter hit two or three deer on a side road. Her car was totaled, but she wasn't harmed in any way.

What second chances have you experienced? Why does God give us these second chances? I believe God has a purpose for us beginning with the time when we were still nesting in our mother's womb. As the Psalmist declares in 139:13, "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." It is our responsibility to find God's purposes for our lives. I believe the most fundamental purpose for each of us is to accept God's undeserved love through the resurrected Christ and then to honor God by living a life of love and service. You might say God "grows on us," and as we mature

Sharing Songs and Saying Thanks

During the 11:00 a.m. worship service on June 12 church school children will share some songs they've learned. Church school teachers and officers as well as UMYF counselors will be thanked for their ministry this school year. Church school classes will end on June 12 and resume September 11.

we realize that God is truly more essential to our living than anything or anyone. When we are given second chances I think we are given the opportunity to reexamine where we are in our relationship with God. Are we demonstrating our love for God by the values and priorities we live? Is there more we could be doing to demonstrate our love for God? Words are not enough in our relationships with spouses, children, or friends. We want assurance that a person means their words of affection by the way they treat us. I think God, our loving parent, is delighted when we acknowledge our dependence on him and actively pursue doing God's work in the world.

I see St. Matthew's Church as a dynamic and caring force radiating God's love through its regular acts of worship, education and service in many parts of the world. It has been my privilege to serve with the staff and members for nearly seventeen years. I am grateful for the opportunity to labor with you as we have attempted to pursue the life of Christian discipleship through this energetic church. I believe God led me to come and serve with you, and now I am trusting that God will direct me in my future plans. I will continue my volunteer ministry in the United Parish of Bowie and my teaching piano students to experience satisfaction in musical expression. God willing, he will reveal to me another church position where I may continue to experience the joy of sharing with others the risen Christ and the claim of God upon each of our lives.

We cannot fully belong to someone unless we acknowledge that relationship. God has claimed each of us for himself and his purposes. As Paul has so succinctly declared in Romans 14:8 "so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Amen.

In faith,
Shirley Bickel

Youth News

– Jen McClurg, Youth Director

It's hard to believe that we're coming to the end of our year! June 5 will be "Minute to Win It" night for the high schoolers and "Welcome 5th Graders" night for the middle school. All fifth graders are invited to join us on June 5 at 6:30.

The last day of Sunday School for middle school and high school will be June 12. We will celebrate with an ice cream party. Both UMYF groups will meet up together at the picnic on June 12 - bring a dish to share.



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Are You Ready to "Shake It Up"?

It's time to carry out God's recipe for mission and service to Him and our community. "Shake It Up" is the theme for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please join us for this wonderful week on **July 25-29 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.** (note the change in time for this year).

Whether you are an adult willing to serve and/or have a child between the ages of 3 through 7th grade, we want you! Please join us for some creative cooking, arts & crafts, recreation, and much, much more. We will be celebrating each night with a different Biblical festival. Our activities and Bible study will focus on the festival for that evening.

We are taking a fresh approach and we need your help. VBS requires a community effort, so here's your chance to make a difference in the lives of our children. Please contact Christin Vare or Karen Hastings to join the team to "Shake It Up" VBS style!

Use the registration form on page 6 to register your child(ren).

Did You Know???

What is the Angel Gang? What does it do? Who can belong to the Gang?

Find the answer elsewhere in this newsletter.

Family Ministry News

Family Ministry invites all families to join us at the church picnic (*see additional information on page 1*)! Bring a dish to share and we'll provide fun things for the kids to do. We will be in a shaded area so hopefully it won't be too hot even for our littlest members.

Children's Church will end on June 12. A big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who made Children's Church happen this year!

Home Communion Available

If you or a family member becomes unable to attend church and wishes to have communion brought to them at home, please contact Linda Cooper or let the church office know. With prior notification, communion can be brought to you on the first Sunday of the month when we traditionally celebrate communion at church.

We have several individuals who have volunteered to serve as Home Communion stewards. Others who would be interested in serving in this ministry of taking communion to homebound members may also call Linda Cooper to volunteer.



Home Communion is available by request



Altar Guild Open to New Members

St. Matthew's Altar Guild is looking to expand their group! Please consider joining this fun group who works to make the Sunday services and holidays a visual pleasure for our congregation! Meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday, September through May at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Judy Shickel, Chair, or Sharon Heidenreich, Co-Chair, if you are interested or would like more information.

Pastor's Bible Study on Hiatus June 7&14

Please note: The Pastor's Bible Study will be on hiatus June 7 and June 14. Lessons will resume on Tuesday, June 21, at 9:45 a.m. in Room 126.

Life Changes

Deaths:

Bill Eicher, husband of Ruth;

Diane Walton, wife of Don

Trudie Robertson, mother of Julie Modlin



Newsletter
DEADLINE

Please note – The next issue of the Circuit Rider will be a *double* issue covering news for **July and August**. Articles are due by **Wednesday, June 15**. Articles for the September issue are due by **Thursday, August 15**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – REGISTRATION FORM

July 25 – July 29 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Ages 3* through 7th Grade

Registration Date _____

Name of Child _____ Birth Date ____/____/____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ e-mail _____

Grade Completed in June _____ Preschool Age _____

List types of group activities your preschooler has experienced: _____

St. Matthew's UMC Member? _____ Other Church Name _____

Name and Telephone Number of Person to Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

Please place form in VBS box in Narthex.

**Three by September 1, 2010 and potty-trained.*

(Rev. 05/11)

Disciple is Coming to Sunday School

The Disciple Bible study program is coming to Sunday School in the fall. For the first time, this comprehensive study of Scripture will be offered in a shorter meeting format during a time convenient to most of us – when we are already at church. The overall length of each course (anywhere between 30 and 34 weeks) will remain the same. Two courses will be offered:

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study uses biblical language and images and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible. The principal Scripture for each session follows the chronological movement of the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem.

Jesus in the Gospels invites participants to look at Jesus in each of the four Gospels and ask the question, "Who is the Jesus that you see?" This study will deepen discipleship through better understanding of the biblical texts and their message.

Contact Irene Schneider or Ray Denmark for more information.

Did You Know???

(Answer to Question on Page 5)

The Angel Gang began in 1997 as a support group for cancer survivors. Soon, the group's focus turned outward to thinking about others and not just their own problems. Donna and Frank Lane became the group's "Chief Angels". Other people joined the group – some had had cancer, some did not.

The group has evolved over time to a unique combination of people who pray – for those who request prayers and for members and friends who are ill. It sends out cards to people who are submitted on the blue prayer request cards or from Rev. Ginger or Sharon Heidenreich, office administrator. The Angel Gang sends out bags to those that

The Web of Life – Interactive Program

The Environmental Stewardship Group will sponsor an interactive presentation to the congregation on Sunday, June 5, after each service in Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

There will be five stations where attendees may learn about critical areas of environmental use from global to personal perspective. High school students will assist in the presentations. The group will have several computers where attendees can calculate their "footprint" on the planet.

From the beginning, God expected us to be stewards of His creation, to care for the earth and its inhabitants. Due to our "evolved" way of living, neglect and damage to the ecosystem has created hardships in increasing areas of life. But we can learn more earth-friendly ways of living for the sake of our children and for the sake of God who has given us this gift to share.

For further information, please contact Elizabeth Buckner.



Learn about critical areas of environmental use on Sunday, June 5

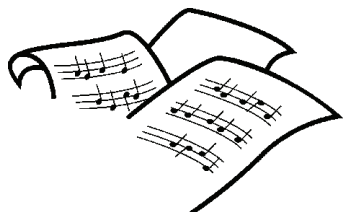
need a lift in their spirits. These bags may contain a bear or a cup included with the Angel Gang logo on it.

The Angel Gang meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 126. *Everyone is welcome to join.* There is no agenda, no fees. While it is true that most of the Gang has health issues, that is not a requirement for membership. The one requirement is the ability to pray for those who are ill. Rev. Ginger leads the group on most Tuesday mornings after Bible study. Oh, yes, another requirement for membership is the ability to laugh at just about anything. After all, laughter heals.

– Kay League, proud Angel Gang member



What is St. Matthew's Angel Gang?



After many years of concerts and fundraisers, the Tavia Wyatt Piano will be here!

Music News and Notes

– Isaac Borocz, Music Director

New Piano to Debut in Sanctuary

After many years of raising funds, our faithful Kawai piano in the Sanctuary will be replaced by a Steinway. The piano will arrive over Memorial Day weekend and make its debut at worship soon afterwards. A dedication recital is being planned for later this year. Many thanks to the many who have contributed over the years to the Tavia Wyatt Piano Fund to make this acquisition possible.

Music Season Wraps Up June 19

The music season at St. Matthew's will end on Sunday, June 19. On that day, the Chancel Choir, accompanied by strings, will present Vivaldi's famous *Gloria* in D major.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in our worship

music program this year for their time and talent in sharing their gifts with all of us.

All Choirs Looking for New Members

The Gloria Ringers, Chancel Choir, and SpiritMove are always looking for new members. I am still hoping to find a pianist to accompany the Chancel Choir as part of a regular rotation of accompanists. Also, the children's choir would benefit from more adult participation; please let me know if that is something with which you would like to be involved. "Wanna be" bell ringers should step forward – if there is sufficient interest, a beginner bell choir will be formed so new and/or inexperienced ringers can be trained.

If you are interested in one or another of the musical groups, please get in touch with me.

St. Matthew's Housing Corporation

St. Matthew's Housing Corporation (SMHC) accepted our first resident in October 1991 after two years of intense organizational work by members of our church with the City of Bowie, Prince George's County Government, State agencies and the Governor's office. SMHC grew out of an Advent letter-writing project spearheaded by the church Social Concerns Committee. With participation in Warm Nights and an in-church sheltering program in place, we saw the need to go to the next step and address the subject of affordable rental housing for the working poor. Congregational advocacy was encouraged via a letter-writing campaign to the Governor. During Advent, sample letters were made available each Sunday morning on a table in the narthex along with stationery. Committee members were present to share information. Persons could copy, adapt, or create their own letter of appeal, and more than 100 letters were sent to the Governor. This is a significant level of interest in a public concern to a politician, and the Governor's office contacted St. Matthew's to see what we were interested in doing.

Finding strong grass-roots support, the Governor's office began to reach out to the faith community state-wide with what was initially called the "Shelter One" program, envisioning that every house of faith in the state could institute a program to *shelter one* homeless working family. Members from St. Matthew's participated in organizational meetings in Baltimore and Crownsville (Offices of DHCD, the Department of Housing and Community Development), and representatives from the Governor's office came to St. Matthew's to meet with members of the congregation. The organizational impetus at St. Matthew's was led by Rev. Bob Paulen.

– Linda Cooper, President, SMHC



Communications Notes

St. Matthew's now has its own cloud in the internet heavens. The people in our church are on the go—so we need a way to stay in touch no matter where we are.

In order to accomplish our tasks quickly and efficiently, St. Matthew's is now part of Google Apps. Google Apps is “cloud computing.” Rather than having all of our data stored on a server within the church, it's all located on Google's own scalable server environment. Google Apps includes email, calendaring, document sharing, instant messaging, video and groups. This means we can now share our assets faster and get more done to serve our church and each other.

The St. Matthew's “cloud” is split into two parts—one for the use of the whole congregation and one for the internal use of the leadership and committees.

We will begin monthly technology training starting in June. There will be general technical seminars to help you get familiar with our system and the opportunities it presents to tell your story—photo sharing, blog building and other easy ways to communicate using these awesome tools.

Schedules will be announced on the website and in the parish notes—so be looking for it and be brave. Remember, technology is your friend! —George Wood, Communications Chair



Cloud computing will allow committees at St. Matthew's to easily share documents

From Our Board of Trustees

St. Matthew's will never be in the dark again, thanks to the efforts of Dan Blades in getting money from the county for the Disaster Response Program to obtain and install a generator. It will be installed near the storage building and will automatically come on whenever the power fails. This is another step in gearing up to help those in need whenever a disaster strikes the area.

After a lot of work on our Marne Lane house, it looks like new inside thanks to the lead role by Barry Schuliger and help from the trustees—painting, new blinds, plumbing and electrical updates, carpets cleaning, and dealing with leaded paint around some of the windows. Thelma Harvey was able to rent it within weeks after finishing the work—and at an increase in rent.

You may have noticed that the dumpster in the parking lot belongs to a new contractor, Affordable Trash, and represents a savings of about \$90 a month.

The sanctuary roof has been re-shingled along with the addition of more flashing to

address the chronic problem we've had in recent years with leaks into the rear corner of the sanctuary. The cost was about \$12,000.

We are in the process of making a modest increase in the height of the wall around the playground to stem the erosion of wood chips.

Our grounds need regular attention in order to look good. This involves pruning bushes and trees, removing dead foliage on perennials, fertilizing, watering, and improving overall designs in selected areas. Dozens of members have devoted many hours during April and May to continue having first class grounds for which the church has received various beautification awards. All should know that Jessie Smith has been very instrumental in designing and caring for our grounds for many years.

If you have an issue regarding our buildings and grounds we invite you to share it with us. And, of course, you are invited to attend our meetings. Please let me know in advance so we have room for everyone.

—Howard Waterworth, Trustees Chair



Trustees REPORT



Mission News:

Operation Classroom

Our church will be sending a UMVIM Team to Liberia in March 2012. Our work is yet to be determined. We have six team members and are looking for six more. We are limited in the team number of volunteers due to lodging accommodations. If you are interested in joining the Team please contact Bill Greaves or Irene Schneider.

Note from St. Matthew's Outreach HUB

We can **no longer accept donations of computer monitors** unless they are flat screen. We do not have the storage space, nor a good means to transport them to arrive unbroken.

UMCOR Updates

Please pray for those in need and those that are in servant ministry to the needs. Updates on current projects of the United Methodist Committee on Relief can be found on their website at www.umcor.org. You will find the latest information about the Spring tornadoes and flooding, the Imagine No Malaria campaign, and UMCOR's efforts in Japan and Haiti.

Help Ensure a Better Life for Others

For many farmers and artisans, selling into the fair trade market is the difference between feeding a family or not, sending their children to school or not, accessing clean water, and many other basic necessities they can't take for granted. By making your purchases from fair trade distributors, you help to ensure a better life for farmers and artisans globally.

In addition, your support of the UMCOR Coffee Project provides income to UMCOR.

Coffee that is fairly traded leads to better health and better lives for farmers throughout the world. We can help them earn a fairer share of income, obtain access to credit and technical support, and gain a trading partner they can trust. This is truly good coffee for a good cause!

Did You Know?

- Coffee is the second most heavily traded commodity in the world.
- 20 million people depend on coffee for their livelihood.
- The chain of events that leads from the coffee farm to your cup is long and expensive. The benefits to the small farmer are few; many are trapped in poverty.

UMCOR supports fair trade. They encourage us to send a signal that we want an economy that is just and sustainable. You can participate by purchasing from the St. Matthew's Coffee and Tea Buying Club on the first Sunday of each month.

The UMCOR Coffee Project links congregations with small farmers and their families through fair trade. Consider a gift basket of fairly traded coffee, tea, cocoa, or chocolate as Christmas presents or on other occasions. It is a way to help while enjoying fellowship and an excellent cup of coffee. In



Order Fair Trade Coffee

- Email us at coffeandtea@stmatthews-bowie.org
- Stop by the table by Fellowship Hall between services on any Communion Sunday

Progress Report on Bowie Family *as of May 12, 2011*

In December 2010, our Missions Committee and our Disaster Response Program (DRP) formed a Joint Task Force to decide how best to aid a Bowie family in despair. It was decided to loan the family the amount necessary to keep their house from being foreclosed after a property tax sale had gone through. A loan of \$12,762.25 was disbursed on December 28 to pay the property tax bill and foreclosure was avoided. These funds were disbursed from Restricted Fund Balance Accounts – DRP (83%), Bowie Family Fund (9%) and Mission Fund Raisers (8%). As of May 12, 69% of the loan has been repaid by the Bowie family and through county tax credits and rebates. The balance of \$3,963.36 is continuing to be repaid by the family in monthly increments of \$350.

<u>Income:</u> Monetary Gifts & Tax Refunds, 2010/2011:	\$7,315.05
<u>Expenses:</u> 2010/2011:	\$4,902.87
<u>Balance:</u> Bowie Family Fund	\$2,412.18

Organizations Providing Services and Materials

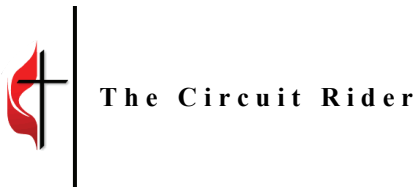
We are deeply appreciative of the support of the following individuals and organizations, which have generously given of their time and free or reduced services and materials.

AP Gutters and Guards, Bowie	Ebenezer UMC, Lanham
A.W. Industries/Serta, Lanham	Greater Mount NEBO AME Church, Bowie
All-American Home Improvement, Annapolis	Jiffy Plumbing & Heating, Hyattsville
Alsides Vinyl Supplies, Baltimore	Knights of Columbus, Bowie
Bowie Baysox	Local VIM Team: Ebenezer UMC, Sykesville;
Bowie Interfaith Clergy Association	The National Korean UMC, Silver Spring;
Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund	St. Matthew's UMC, Bowie
Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council	Local Volunteers – Leroy Gonzales, Chet Baskin, Larry Morgan, and Joey Altomare
Bowie Lions Club	Prince George's Department of Social Services
Bowie United Methodist Church, Old Bowie	Pennoyer Group
Capital City Plumbing, Annapolis	Safeway, Bowie
Cardigan Kitchens & Bath, Bowie	Salvation Army, Hyattsville
Christmas in April	St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Upper Marlboro
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Bowie	St. Matthew's UMC, Bowie – Congregation,
City of Bowie Department of Public Works	Joint Task Force, UMW, Shelter Committee & Office Administrator
Community Christian Presbyterian Church, Bowie	Temple Solel, Bowie
Cornerstone Assembly of God, Bowie	Western Pest Services, Gaithersburg
Eastern Flooring, Landover	

On behalf of the entire Joint Task Force, we ask that you keep this family in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from many setbacks in life and we continue to bring them to safe ground. Having a new living environment that is safe and functional has provided new hope for this family. Your gifts of generosity are greatly appreciated and your continued support has made a transformational difference in the lives of 11 family members. We have learned many things working on this project, and the best has been to see a **community unite in support** of a poor family struggling to survive. May God continue to lead us in servant ministry to our neighbors! Thank you.

– Irene Schneider, Chair, Missions Committee





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Time Dated Material
Please Deliver Promptly

Lectionary Readings for June

These are the Scripture Readings, one or more of which is read each Sunday. The sermon will be based on one of the readings. Reading ahead of time will help you prepare for worship.

June 5 - 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

June 12 - Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

June 19 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

June 26 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

PENTECOST

June 12



FATHER'S
DAY

June 19

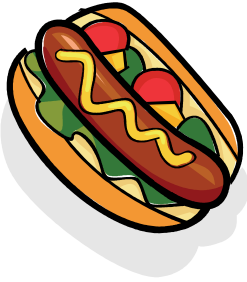
Church Picnic!

Sunday, June 12

12:30-3:30pm

Allen Pond

(Group Areas 5 & 6)



The church will provide:

Hot dogs, Drinks, Paper Products

Please bring a dish to share!

Suggestions:

Fruit Salad, Veggie Platter, Pasta Salad, Desserts

We will have children's games and activities!

Please come join us!

(If it rains, we will meet instead in Fellowship Hall)

Just a reminder to parents:

No child care is provided - please stay and enjoy the day with your child!