



# The Circuit Rider

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church



## Holy Week Observances at St. Matthew's

### Holy Week Meditation Stations, April 18–22



During Holy Week, we will have several meditation stations set up in the sanctuary that will allow you to reflect on different stages of Jesus' suffering as he prepared for the crucifixion and resurrection. We invite you to stop in as many times during the week as you would like in order to prepare for Easter. The sanctuary will be open as long as the church is open and the meditation stations are self-directed. For more information, contact Jen McClurg in the main office or by email at jenmclurg@gmail.com.

### Palm/Passion Sunday Worship, April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



This special worship service will embody the sharp contrasts of Holy Week. In the Entrance with the Palms, we will experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. As we experience God's Word through dramatic word and symbol, we confront and respond to the story of Jesus' passion. The passion narratives in scripture are highly unified and dramatic, and it is powerful to experience the story in its wholeness before we reflect at greater length on its various parts during Holy Week.

### Maundy Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

"Maundy" Thursday, from the Latin *mandatum novum* ("new commandment"), focuses on the institution of the Lord's Supper and on the commandment in John 13 in which Jesus, after washing the disciples' feet, tells them to "do as I have done to you."



Worship will provide an opportunity for us to respond to these commandments through washing one another's hands and sharing, at the prayer rail, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir will share special music for the occasion.

### Prayer Vigil (follows Maundy Thursday Service through 6:30 p.m. Friday)



Prayer Vigil is a time when we enter into continuous prayer—beginning with the arrest of Jesus through the crucifixion. It is our hope to have a person or persons continually in prayer within the Sanctuary starting Thursday evening, April 21, at 8:30 p.m. through Friday, April 22, at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

### Good Friday Service, April 22, 7:30 p.m.



Larry Schackley's cantata "No Greater Sacrifice", published in 2010, will form the centerpiece of our Good Friday Service. Recounting the events of Holy Week through Scripture and music, this touching work offers a fresh look at the sacrifice of Jesus for the life of the world. Our worship will also include congregational singing and prayers.

### Easter, April 24, at 6:30, 8:30, 11:00 a.m.

An Easter breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall following the 6:30 a.m. service. Music at the 8:30 and 11:00 services will be provided by the Chancel Choir. Children's church school will be held as usual at 9:45 a.m. (see article on page 5).



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### Opportunities to Help:

- Little Nursery and Preschool Nursery (Every Sunday)
- Bowie Food Pantry



## Rev. Ginger's Pastoral Ponderings



*"Our task is to continue to listen and trust and stay on the path.."*

*Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing" ...So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. -Genesis 12:1-2,4*

Setting out on a journey when you don't know where you're going to end up is something that most of us would never choose to do. It's anxiety-producing and generally seems irrational if not downright insane. And yet, when you think about it, our lives are just such a journey. We don't really know where we're going to end up. Even those of us who are intent on maintaining control of things, on keeping our routines routine, cannot determine the twists and turns of life. We can't control who wanders into our lives or how we will feel about things. We can't control the actions of others or the shifting sands and plates of the earth. And so we live our lives in the midst of a great deal of uncertainty and vulnerability. Our routines and controlling tendencies are, at their most basic level, attempts to shield us from the reality of our vulnerability.

So why in the world would we ever *choose* to do something that is inherently risky and uncertain? Well, like Abram, we may wander off from everything that is safe and known because we are seeking to go where God is calling us to go.

If we're willing to set out on this journey, we cannot be sure of where we will end up; and we never know when or how the Christ might meet us on the road. Our task is to continue to listen and trust and stay on the path. Because while we won't know exactly if or when we might encounter Jesus and while we won't know where our lives with God may lead, the one thing we can know – thanks to Jesus – is that through our willingness to travel the way of the cross, new life will spring forth in ways and places that are beyond our wildest dreams or imagination.



As we move through the season of Lent and into the season of Easter, we at St. Matthew's continue to worship, plan, serve, play, sing, study, pray, and give in wonderful ways – *many of them new*. There are new people and ideas springing up all around us. There are new ways of communicating and sharing ministry. There are exciting new developments in so many areas of our shared life. I pray we will remember that we set out on these journeys together, choosing to wander off from what is safe and known because we seek to go where God is calling us to go. To seek God by following the path of Christ, at its core, is about our willingness to take the risk of walking together through the wilderness places, over great high mountains, and – yes – even occasionally finding ourselves together in moments of new life in the promise-land.

May God grant us traveling mercies for the journeys ahead...

Rev. Ginger+



## UMW Meetings

**An invitation to attend any of the circle meetings is extended to all women.** For specific information, please contact Christin Vare. Please bring a friend(s) to the Lenten Brunch on April 9 and be sure to stop by the used book and jewelry sale on April 3 and 10! If you can help at the book sale, call Pat Bond.

EXECUTIVE Board: will meet on Sunday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor.

AGAPE Circle: Thursday, April 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room 222 at the church. Please bring 18 of an item for the college students; we will pack the boxes to send to them.

MARTHA Circle: Friday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the church in the Parlor (Room 102). We will view the DVD "Pray the Devil Back to Hell." **Babysitting is available during this circle**—please contact Linda Harbaugh if babysitting is needed.

EVENING Circle: Monday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor at the church. Hostesses are Ruth Miller and Jane Miller. We will begin our new study book *Three Simple Rules* by Reuben Job—see Mary Lou Billings to purchase a book. **Visitors are welcome!**

SUSANNA WESLEY Circle: Wednesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jill Carr.

KOINONIA Circle: Monday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor (Room 102). **Babysitting will be provided.** We will discuss Chapter 6 in our study book, *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*.



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## United Methodist Men Planning Mtg

All men of St. Matthew's are invited to help rebuild our United Methodist Men's group at a meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 9, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 222. Come hear what programs ideas are being suggested for various times of the year. Come and share what you would like to see happen. Also please feel free to share any ideas you might have, if you are unable to attend, with Galen R. Menne. Thanks!

## All Women Invited to Lenten Brunch

All women of St. Matthew's are invited to attend a Lenten Brunch on Saturday, April 9, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a delicious meal and fellowship followed by a program of music, devotions, and a keynote speaker. The program will end by 11:30 a.m.

There is no charge to attend; a freewill offering will be taken. Babysitting is provided. For further information, please contact Christin Vare.



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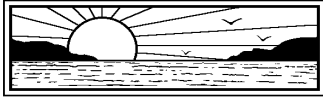
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## Teaching Our Children about Easter



*Shirley's Reflections*

If you shopped for an Easter card lately you've had to scan many, many picturesque greetings about springtime flowers and bunnies before you could find maybe two or three cards with any message about the cross and Jesus' resurrection. In our homes we purchase candy, color eggs, and hide baskets for our children's delight. Where is the true message of Easter and what are our young ones absorbing about Easter?

Of course, the most effective way of communicating to our offspring the Easter message is to live with Christ at the helm of our lives each day. Kids catch our priorities and who is important in our lives. However, all of us use words as well as actions to convey our ideas and values to our dear children. Can we plan now to have some conversations with our children and grandchildren about why we celebrate Easter? The following are some discussion starters for riding in the car, at the dinner table, or at bedtime. If you bring up the topic, most children will be interested and you can help your child celebrate the marvelous reality that Jesus Christ rose from the dead, is alive and with us now!

1. Who raised Jesus from the dead?

Only God could do that. Remember how Jesus brought Lazarus from the dead and back to life (John 11:1-46). Well, God is more powerful than death, and God brought Jesus back to life again (Luke 24).

2. Who saw Jesus after he rose from the dead?

Some of the women who had been following him plus his disciples met and talked with Jesus.

3. What is the most important part of Easter?

Jesus is alive and with us now even though we can't see him. Jesus' spirit lives in people like you and me. Whenever we ask Jesus to forgive us for what we have thought, said and done that made him sad (sins), and invite Jesus to come into our hearts, Jesus will come and live in us. He'll give us power to think and act in ways that pleases God our Creator and Father. That's one of the joys of coming to church—we experience Jesus' love through grownups and kids who care for one another and for us.

4. What does it mean to say that Jesus was raised from the dead?

Death is not the end. God is more powerful than death and more powerful than evil. We can look forward to a new kind of body after we die. This new body will be without imperfections and pain. The new body will last forever and will live with God in his home, heaven. (I Corinthians 15:35f).

— Shirley Klotz Bickel, © 2011

**Ad Board Meets on April 27 at 7:00 pm**      **COM Will Meet on Wednesday, April 6**

The Administrative Board of St. Matthew's will meet on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The meeting is open to all church members.

The Council on Ministries will meet on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, following the Lenten service.



## Youth News

On April 8-10, both youth groups will be attending our Retreat at West River. There will be no UMYF meeting on April 10. On April 3, our middle schoolers will be playing Sardines and on April 17 they will experience the Holy Week Meditation

## Holy Week Events for Children

*Palm Sunday, April 17*



*Church school* children will wave palms and greet Jesus in the sanctuary as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Along with the palm-

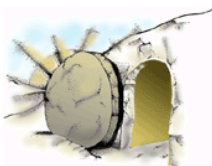
waving, children will have the opportunity to bring very good used sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts and spring clothing for children. These gifts of clothing will be thrown on the path for Jesus to walk on. Later the clothing will be given to House on the Hill behind Sacred Heart Church. People in need can come to House on the Hill for clothing for their families or themselves.

Family Ministry will be sponsoring an *Easter Egg Hunt* for families



with children through fifth grade *after the 11:00 service on Palm Sunday*. We will meet in Fellowship Hall for "bunny snacks" and Easter Crafts before we head out to the playground for our Easter Egg Hunt. We hope you will all join us! (If we have inclement weather, we'll hide and find our eggs inside the church.)

*Easter, April 24*



On Easter Sunday, church school children will go to the tomb to look for Jesus. Later they will see a video about Jesus' resurrection.

– *Jen McClurg, Youth Director*

Stations. The high schoolers will continue with their play practice.

There will be no youth church school or UMYF on Easter Sunday. We hope you enjoy the holiday with your family.

## Youth Dinner Theater on May 1

Save the date! On May 1, our youth will present "Promedy" for their annual dinner theater. Come watch as the student body leaders at Lowzund High bicker and argue about various prom themes. They finally decide to combine all of their ideas into one to create a medieval-futuristic-under-the-sea dance. Tickets will be on sale April 10 and 17 after each service. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 13 and under. All proceeds will help support our Appalachia Service Project trip.

## Did You Know????

Who was the first female ordained minister in Bowie?

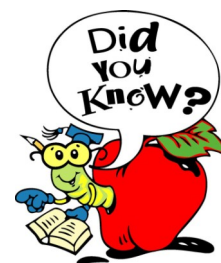
*Find the answer elsewhere in this newsletter.*

## Disciples Corner

Our Thursday evening class on "A Course in Miracles" will resume on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in room 126. The class will meet every other week until June 23 at which time we will decide as a group whether to continue through the summer. Our study will be on the first 100 lessons in the Work Book for Students. If you have any questions about the course, please contact Irene Schneider; all are welcome to join.



*All youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome*





## Easter Flower Orders Due by April 17



The Altar Guild is offering flowers to beautify the Sanctuary this Easter. Donations may be made in honor or memory of a loved one or special person.

Lilies	\$ 9.00
Azaleas (pink or white)	\$14.00
Hydrangeas (pink or blue)	\$16.00

Special flower envelopes and donation forms are available on the table in the narthex. Please fill out the form (**print**

**clearly**) including the type and color of plant and the dedication message. Enclose the donation form (**VERY IMPORTANT**) and check made payable to St. Matthew's in the envelope. Leave the envelope in the offering plate or in the drop box outside the church office.

Deadline for ordering will be Sunday, April 17. If you have any questions, you may contact Sharon Heidenreich at 301-262-1408.

## Used Book Sale to Benefit Missions

Don't forget the UMW Used Book Sale on April 3 and April 10 after each service. Bring your good readable books—no textbooks, yellowed paperbacks, or old cookbooks, please. Let us resell the books that you purchased last year. Leave your books in the coat room bins. The books you donate are considered non-cash contributions and are tax deductible. Ask for a receipt. The proceeds go toward various UMW mission projects.

*See you at the sale on April 3 and 10!*

## "New to You" Jewelry Sale

WANTED: Items for another jewelry sale—and we are including purses and scarves! The next sale will be held in conjunction with the UMW's April 3 and 10 book sales. Items may be left in the coat room at St. Matthew's in a box provided for that purpose.

Spring is a great time to purge items you've grown tired of. Then, come to the sale and pick up some "new to you" additions. The proceeds of the sale will be used to help defray the cost of the church's 50th anniversary history book. If you have any questions, please call Linda Harbaugh or Kay League.

## Bowie's Religious Heritage Celebrated

On April 20 at 7:00 p.m., Belair Mansion will host "Remembering Bowie's Religious Heritage," part of Bowie at Belair's 50th anniversary. Pastors and congregations are invited to this ecumenical event to share their memories of their churches. Bowie is blessed with many churches, so we are asking you to condense your religious oral history memories to three minutes. No fee, no reservations, but kindly let Beth Lingg know of your attendance, so we can set up enough chairs at the mansion!

## Holocaust Remembrance Day

"Never Again: A Holocaust Remembrance Day Gathering", sponsored by the Bowie Interfaith Clergy Association, will be held on Sunday, May 1, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Barnabus' Episcopal Church. After a light supper, a 28-minute documentary chronicling the journey of two Holocaust survivors as they revisit the Auschwitz concentration camp will be shown. The video will be followed by a panel discussion and open conversation. The church is located at 14111 Oak Grove Road in Upper Marlboro.





## Environment Group Information Table

The Environment Table outside Fellowship Hall is where information about the environment is available most Sundays. Books on pertinent topics can be borrowed. Articles on environmental issues and information about local or global events may be taken to read.

The city of Greenbelt has a very active organization. I go there often to pick their brains. Greenbelt is a model of "greenness" to admire and be inspired by. The city is one of 3 surviving of the original 25 communities planned to be earth-friendly.

If I can be of further assistance, let me know. You are always welcome to attend our meetings on the third Wednesdays (except in *April* – call for time and place).

– Blessings, Elizabeth Buckner

## My Sincere Thanks

My sincere thanks to the congregation for all of the cards and kind expressions of sympathy since my dad passed away. What a comfort to be part of such a loving church family.

– Pat Bond

## “Did You Know?”

*Answer to question on page 5:*

Rev. Linda Coveleskie, who was appointed our Associate Pastor in July 1978, came to us from Trinity United Methodist Church in Cumberland. She stayed with us until June 1983, when she transferred to Calvary United Methodist Church in Gamber, MD, as pastor. Rev. Coveleskie led a large group of youth at our church with 200 youngsters on the mailing list!

– Kay League, Historian

## DRT Team-Building and Dessert Potluck

The Disaster Response Team will hold a Team-Building and Dessert Potluck in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 10, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Brian Moe, Director of Homeland Security for Prince George’s County, will be our guest speaker.

Everyone is invited to join us to learn about emergency preparedness in our county, get to know what our DRT program has accomplished and is up to, enjoy wonderful desserts, and learn how each team is planning to carryout this vital church program.

Please RSVP by April 3 to Dan Blades. If you are not on a Disaster Response Team yet, and have thought about volunteering, or want to learn more about emergency planning – bring a dessert and join us!

## It’s Spring – Time to Spring into Service!

Do you have talents that can be put to good use in the church? Do you want to learn new things and find out about talents you never thought you had? Are you pressed for time but would like to help out at least for one day? Join us for the second annual *Spring Into Service* day on May 21.

*Saturday, May 21*, is your chance to take part in “making a difference” in revitalizing our church building, helping prepare kits for UMCOR, learning about and taking part in environmental stewardship, and many other opportunities. Where would you like to share your time and talent?

Opportunities will be available for you to go beyond what you thought you could do.

Plan to join us on May 21 by taking part in the growing movement where we believe actions speak louder than words!





### News from Your Missions Committee

## With Your Help, We Can End Malaria by 2015



April 25 is known globally as **Malaria Awareness Day** and is the opening day for St. Matthew's to begin our yearly campaign. In 2010 we set a goal of contributing 500 nets which we almost succeeded in doing. We sent 434 nets falling short of our goal by only 66 nets, so the challenge is on to make up those 66 nets and 500 more. *We can do it!*

We are making progress; a child dies every 45 seconds from Malaria instead of every 30 seconds. Watch our church web site for updates, send your donation made payable

to the church or mark your giving envelopes with Fund Code #217 Nothing But Nets in the memo line.

You can read more about Nothing But Nets on our web site at [www.stmatthews-bowie.org/missions/international-missions/nothing-but-nets-campaign/](http://www.stmatthews-bowie.org/missions/international-missions/nothing-but-nets-campaign/).

*– In gratitude for your support,  
Irene Schneider and Bob Fuller,  
Nothing But Nets Project Leaders,  
Missions Committee*

## UMCOR's Response to Japan Disaster

"Our emergency relief and long-term rehabilitation in Japan will involve our long-term mission partners with whom many of our missionaries and other mission personnel already work," said Thomas Kemper, general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries, of which UMCOR is a part. "Japan is a highly developed nation, and we will depend heavily on our partners to help us focus our resources in areas of greatest need."

UMCOR is also investigating collaboration with Global Medic, an international organization with the capacity to provide emergency clean water in crisis situations.

All United Methodist mission personnel, missionaries, and volunteers were accounted for on the morning of March 13, but questions lingered over the possible implications of radiation from damaged nuclear reactors. Global Ministries gave all personnel permission to evacuate at their own choice. The agency has a total of almost 20 related professionals in Japan.

Virtually all United Methodist work in Japan relates to ecumenical partners,

including the United Church of Christ in Japan, the Korean Christian Church in Japan, and the National Christian Council in Japan.

Reports from missionaries and mission partners continue to be received in an almost steady stream of email. Several reports indicate that new Wesley Center in Tokyo, related to United Methodist Women, was not damaged and is able to care for a group of now homeless people. However, the Asian Rural Institute, a major mission partner north of Tokyo, sustained considerable damage. Global Ministries uses the institution for the training of persons from Asia and Africa in sustainable agriculture.

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has asked for aid to the disaster in Japan. UMCOR Pacific Relief Fund Code # 206 has been set up at St. Matthew's to receive your donations to this relief effort. Our church web site is set up to keep you informed of UMCOR progress and calls for support. You can also donate directly to UMCOR from our church web site and still have our church receive credit for the donation.

*– Missions Committee*





## News from Your Missions Committee

### Mission Central to Visit St. Matthew's!

Members of St. Matthew's Missions Committee will be meeting with Rob Visscher, Mission Central Executive Director and others from Mission Central, Mechanicsburg PA on Wednesday afternoon, April 27, here at our church. They want to learn about our Mission Outreach and Disaster Response HUB operation, meet everyone involved, and see our storage facility being arranged for Project C.U.R.E (a provider of donated medical equipment and supplies, internationally). On April 27, Mission Central will also be bringing their truck, and want to take back any donated items we have collected by then.

So, if you are doing your Spring Cleaning, here are the items needed:

- Computers, printers, mouse(s), key boards, monitors (under 20" diagonal);
- Clothing (in good condition), shoes;
- Small home use medical equipment (i.e. walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs);
- Furniture (in good condition, and not gigantic), pots and pans, books.

Please contact Bob Fuller to make arrangements to drop donations off at the church. To arrange to have items picked up (Bowie or Crofton area only), contact Dan Blades or Bob Fuller.



## Mission Central: 2010 Operations Report

Last year was a year of tremendous growth, in large part to the work of 22 HUBs. St Matthew's UMC is the only HUB in Maryland, and we truck supplies and UMCOR kits every other month to Mission Central in Mechanicsburg, PA.

**Supply Outreach:** Mission Central sent out \$5,303,243.79 worth of supplies worldwide. All in-house ministries, including Mission Central, sent \$10,691,563.06 worth of supplies local and worldwide.

### UMCOR Kits Outreach

- Africa: Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone - 15240 Health Kits; 1180 School kits
- UMCOR: Sager Brown, LA - 50,575 Health Kits
- Nicaragua: 2658 Health Kits, 578 School kits
- Haiti Outreach Inc.: 15,328 Health Kits
- New England Conf.: 504 cleaning buckets
- WV Conference: 216 cleaning buckets
- Dominican Republic: 792 Health Kits; 3872 School Kits; 423 Layette Kits

### Shipments

- Three shipments for Project Cure
- Bowie MD HUB- sent supplies to Liberia via Mission Central
- Three shipments via Haiti Outreach Inc. and UMCOR to Haiti
- Union Mission WV- ship every two weeks via partnership with Bethesda Mission
- Jubilee House Nicaragua
- Ghana
- Rosebud Sioux Project
- World Mission Nicaragua
- Jamaican Outreach
- Riley's Toys - three shipments
- AAA/Sierra Leone Initiative

– Bob Fuller



## Trustees REPORT



### From Our Board of Trustees

Just when we think we are catching up on repairs and maintenance of our many buildings, Mother Nature strikes – this time blowing many more shingles off the sanctuary roof onto the lawns and hanging in the trees and bushes below. For each of the past two years we trustees replaced missing shingles after strong winds. But the time has come to remove all shingles – some are original with the building in 1973, and replace with new heavier weight shingles. It will be expensive but we cannot afford to have water dripping onto the sanctuary pews below.

The Marne Lane house has been painted, repaired and redecorated so it looks very nice inside. Please tell us if you know of someone who would like to rent a 4-bedroom home next to the church.

All but one of the exterior doors was replaced many years ago. The remaining door, near the kitchen, has been failing to close and latch properly leaving the building vulnerable to unwanted persons after hours. A new double door unit costs about \$3,000 installed. But Clyde applied his skills to the old door so now a new one is not needed.

The Appalachia Service Project conducted its annual training for some 60 persons from the region at our church this year. They were fed and stayed overnight in our classrooms. The ASP paid us their standard rates totaling \$2,300 to cover costs. But our costs were far less. So the Trustees accepted half this amount, returning the balance as a contribution toward this important program in which our youth participate.

Some of you know our church has received several grounds beautification awards from various county agencies over the years, thanks in large part to the leadership and dedication of Jessie Smith. In fact, she has

over many years planted much of what you see around our buildings and in the garden, including some trees now 40 feet tall!!! But maintenance never ends. We have invested many hours so far this spring. If you can help this summer and fall, please let Jessie or the front office know of your interest in gardening. We want to continue to have the best-landscaped church in Bowie.

We can all be proud of the history of our congregation and its contributions to the welfare of persons not only in Bowie, but also to other places in the US, and even overseas. We have a written history by Louise Haiflich but, unfortunately, it ends with 1984. Now I am happy to report that our historians Kay and Mike League have offered to bring our history of service to ourselves and others far away, up to date.

We must always be looking into the future of the adequacy of our facilities.

Accordingly, the Trustees considered some ideas from the Greenspring Energy Company as we may someday install limited solar as a means to help the environment and reduce energy costs. Elizabeth Buckner heads our environmental committee and walked our facilities with their rep that resulted in the report.

There are many other 'in the future' projects to be considered but for which funds are not currently available. Barry Schuliger developed an unfunded list of projects which includes some 15 items ranging in cost from \$5,000 to \$35,000 each. Among them: improve the security system, resurface the parking lot, fix woodchip erosion in the playground, update our kitchen, purchase new grand piano, fix water drainage problems behind the church, finish our organ, and many more.

Our meetings are open to all so you are welcome to join us.

*-Howard Waterworth*



## Welcome New Members' Class

**Clarence Goldsborough**

Joined by Reaffirmation of Faith

**Melvyn H. Goldsborough (Mel)**

Joined by Reaffirmation of Faith

**Elva Heaton**

Transferred from the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Clemens, MI

**Clifford Knoll (Cliff)**

Joined by Reaffirmation of Faith

**Darcie Gingell-Manosa**

Transferred from the Church of Christ Uniting, Kingston, PA

**Martin McKenney**

(Retired United Methodist Pastor)

**Usher Moses**

Transferred from North Appold United Methodist Church

**Archie O'Brien (student)**

Joined by Confirmation

**Stacye Palmer**

Joined by Holy Baptism and Profession of Faith

**Christine Shultz (Christy) student**

Joined by Confirmation

**Kathryn Shultz (Katie) student**

Joined by Confirmation

**Peggy Smith**

Transferred from St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Linthicum Heights, MD

**Susi Smith**

Joined by Profession of Faith



## Life Changes

**Deaths:**

*Daphne Sexton*, mother of Chris Burkes;

*James (Jim) O'Donnell*, brother of Kathleen Walton;

**Baptisms:**

*Stayce Palmer*, a new Exploring Covenant Member, who joined St. Matthew's on March 13, 2011.

## Bowie Food Pantry 2010 Facts & Figures

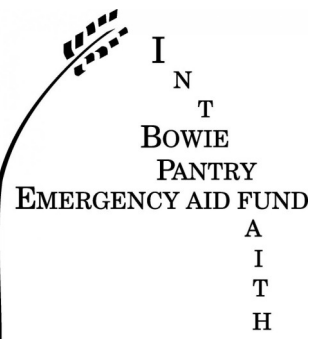
The Pantry had 2,365 client visits. This was an average of 16 clients every day we were open. The number of client visits was very close to the number in 2009.

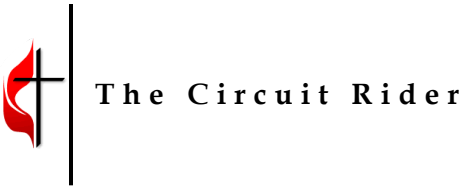
The Pantry provided about \$267,000 in food to clients. This was a small decrease from 2009, and could have something to do with a change in the method of valuation.

The Pantry provided more than \$44,000 in financial assistance to Bowie residents. Housing and utility assistance made up the largest part of the financial assistance.

Volunteers who work at the Pantry reported working 2574 hours, a significant increase from 2009. There are also several volunteers who work behind the scenes, whose time is not included.

The congregation at St. Matthew's has done their part: \$2, 714 and *hundreds* of bags of food were donated! In addition, \$1,500 was given from the church's Mission budget.





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**Meditation Stations**

9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
April 18-22

**Maundy Thursday**

7:30 p.m. Service  
followed by Prayer Vigil  
April 21

**Good Friday**

7:30 p.m. Service  
April 22

**Easter**

6:30, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
April 24

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## Lectionary Readings for April

*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.*

**April 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

**April 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

**April 17 - Palm Sunday**

Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

**April 24 - Easter Sunday**

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4;  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10