



The Valley Echo

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ

October 2012

From the Pastor

Sticks and stones will break my bones, but names will never hurt me.

How many times have you heard this? Do you believe it? I understand it, but I disagree with its message. Words are powerful. In the Bible, Jesus says to the man with the unclean spirit, "Come out of the man you unclean spirit," and the man was healed (Mark 5:8). To the dying daughter of the Jairus, Jesus said, "Little girl, get up," and she did. To the deaf man in Mark 7, Jesus, touches his ears and says, "Be opened," and the man regains his hearing.

Words are powerful. Telling a child he or she is stupid or fat, sticks with that child. Calling a child, "chunky monkey," will not be forgotten soon. Being told you will not succeed, can shape a person's life. Words are incredibly powerful. They can shape our attitudes and our beliefs. And our

attitudes and beliefs will affect our behaviors. Doubt this? Look at the Orioles. This year is so spectacular because they have shed their "loser" image and one would likely admit this has empowered them to win more games. I believe being called winners, makes winning even easier.

So . . . there are changes coming to St. Matthew's in the coming year. And I urge us to be careful about the words we use. It is all too common to talk about churches and church life in terms of survival. It is all too common to think of a move from a full time pastorate to part-time as a failure. This scares me.

Churches should not be about survival. Jesus does not say, "Go and survive," or "Go and do what you can." Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, . . ." (Matthew 28:19) The Bible speaks about life and service

and mission. Churches are the Body of Christ in our world and we are called to share the GOOD NEWS."

Churches have existed in many different shapes and sizes. Churches, or perhaps we should say congregations, have existed in houses and cathedrals. They have had multiple professional paid staff and they have had all volunteer staff. But churches have always worshiped and served God. This is what makes church a church.

So to St. Matthew's, I say, "Be a church," and "Go, make disciples of all nations – but start at home and here in Carroll County." Be strong, use your many gifts, and serve God. Care for your children, and teach them the Gospel. Don't worry about survival. Live.

Peace,
Pastor Dale

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Committees/Groups-
Wellness- Mary Emma Bowen, Parish Nurse
F.A.I.T.H.- Lynn Walter
Fall Fest - Betty Cree
ABC Singles - Mary Emma Bowen
Consignment Sale - Vicki Huber-Geiman

Message From the Council President

Dear Fellow Congregants,

At the Special Congregational meeting, we the Church Council informed everyone about the upcoming conversion from a Full Time Pastor to a Part Time Pastor. Because our Income has not been enough to cover our operating budget for some time now, we have decided to make the transition nine months earlier than was originally projected to help to save us some money. The last day for our Full Time Pastor's Position will be Sunday, April 7, 2013.

The Faith Committee has been diligently working on our Profile and has it almost completed. We are also putting together a Search Committee that will be tasked with looking at the Profiles that we receive for Part time Pastors. It is our goal to make this transition as smooth as possible, and hope that it will help us in our effort to revitalize. We the Church Council, feel that St. Matthews has revitalized spiritually but we are trying to find the best way to keep the church going financially.

Thank You,
Your Council President,
Allen Dutterer, Jr.

Special Thank You!

What a great weekend of fellowship and camping! A special thank you to the Elders; for their dedication to organize this wonderful weekend in honor and memory of Rev. Charles Stanfield, who loved to camp with the church members. Thanks for all of us who camped or joined us for a pot luck dinner on Saturday evening. Everyone had a good time.

Musician Wanted

St. Matthew's is in need of an organist/keyboardist/choir director or any combination of musicians. It is difficult to find musicians, but we have discovered that it is word of mouth or a friend of a friend that helps us to find someone. We are very flexible with the position. If you know someone who may be interested, please refer them to Pastor Dale.

A Cleaner Carroll County

Mark your calendar for October 6, 2012 at 9:00 am for a beautiful autumn walk.

We will meet at the church at 9:00am to break up in groups and pick up trash along Hughes Shop Road between Stone Road and Baugher Road. It will only take about one and half hours or less, depending on the number of walkers. Come and enjoy making our community a cleaner place to live.

Youth Group Begins

Our youth program will begin on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012, immediately after worship. A simple lunch will be served and then a fun activity. Please bring clothes to change or wear play clothes for church. All youth are welcome to attend from Miss Deanna's class on up. Pending the age groups, we are hoping to divide the group for age specific activities. Please let Miss Susie (410-848-2187) or Miss Donna (410-848-0010) know if you can come, so we have enough lunch.

Fall Fest Parking

As we continue getting ready for Fall Fest, we pray for good weather for the car show. Last year we had 112 entries which filled the lower lot and required us to close the Richard Road entrance to park cars. This year in preparation for a larger turnout, the lower parking lot, the paved kitchen lot area, and the Richardson Road entrance drive including the 14 parking spaces connecting the two lots will be coned off and reserved for show vehicles. Fall Fest helpers are asked to park in the church parking lot and walk or make arrangements to be dropped off at the firehall.

In the event of rain, we do not expect a large show turnout and the kitchen parking lot and Richardson Road entrance will be opened to all.



Wellness Committee

Be Prepared!

As fall approaches us, it is a good time to recheck your medicine chest and make sure you are prepared. Make sure you have cough and cold medication on hand, as well as soothing hot tea, honey and good old chicken noodle soup. It is amazing how those old time remedies help make you feel better.

Part of being prepared is to check with your doctor about getting the recommended flu vaccinations. No, the vaccination does not give you the flu. Yes, it is possible to still get a type of flu, even if you received the vaccination. The vaccination is formulated for the type of flu that researchers predict to be the “problem flu”. If another strain becomes active, the vaccination may not help. Who should get the flu vaccination? Children, those over 55 years of age and those with medical problems should get the vaccination. Every year people are hospitalized and some die from complication of the illness. So, be prepared and get your vaccinations!

Special Worship Services

October 7, 2012 –Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering and World Communion Sunday

October 21, 2012 –Bluegrass Sunday

October 28, 2012 – Reformation Sunday and celebrate a baptism

November 4, 2012- All Saints Sunday- We had nine members of our congregation go home to the Lord. This is the Sunday that we specifically remember each of them...

Richard Bentz - January 17, 2012

Walter Thomas Lee - January 30, 2012

Louise Stem Zepp - February 25, 2012

Glenda L. Warehime - March 19, 2012

Kathryn W. “Kit” Baker - March 30, 2012

John A. “JB” Baker - April 19, 2012

Pauline E. Zepp - April 21, 2012

Mary “Jane” Haines - June 28, 2012

Thelma G. Weishaar - July 23, 2012

Church Camping Weekend



Drummer Boy Camping Resort

After a long hiatus, the Elders decided in memory of Rev. Stansfield, to plan a church camping weekend. We had 7 camper [sites] and 3 cabins. Friday night started off with a little excitement. Several church members came to the aid of an injured camper until the ambulance arrived. Thankfully not one of our campers. Not to be outdone, Betty Cree managed to find a lost little camper. Luckily, he was reunited with his family in a short time.

The Saturday night potluck meal was well attended. 36 people were there including little Jacob Geiman, who had his own meal. When darkness fell, we were treated to “Toy Story 3”. For the

adults who card to stay up later, we watched a classic “Three Stooges” movie. On Sunday morning we held our church service around Mike Smith’s campfire. Mike was gracious enough to let everyone use his site for most of the group gatherings. I think we may have restarted an old tradition. I’m sure Rev. Charlie would be proud.

~Ketti Dutterer



Our Youth at the Maryland State 4-H Fair



Taylor & Kaitlyn Blizzard

Congratulations to our youth who participated in the Maryland State 4-H Fair. Some of their winning entries were...

Egg Production Heavyweight B - (Hen) 1st Kaitlyn Blizzard

American Plymouth Rock Barred - (Pullet) 1st Jordan Blizzard

American Wyandottes Golden Laced - 1st Taylor Blizzard

American New Hampshires - (Hen) 1st Jordan Blizzard

English Orpingtons Buff - (Hen) 1st Kaitlyn Blizzard

Other Misc. Araucanas Blck Red - (Pullet) 1st Jordan Blizzard

Sheep- Market Lamb Rate of Gain - 2nd Elsie McKenzie

Sheep - Market Lambs - 8th Elsie McKenzie

Swine - Showmanship - 6th Phyllis McKenzie



**Dog Obedience -
Junior Pre-Novice Champion
1st Jordan Blizzard & Daisy**



Phyllis McKenzie of Pleasant Valley was named Miss Maryland Agriculture 2012 at the Maryland State Fair.

Phyllis is a graduate of Francis Scott Key High School and the Carroll County Career and Technology Center in

Landscape Design and Construction, and plans to attend Carroll Community College in the fall of 2013.

A Wakefield Valley 4-H Club member since five-years-old, she now serves as its club president. She has also served in various offices for the Francis Scott Key FFA Chapter and as the 2011-2012 Maryland FFA state secretary.

"I am very excited to serve as the 2012 Miss Maryland Agriculture and to have the opportunity to spread the word about agriculture to the public and inform the younger generation about agriculture and its importance to our state and the nation," said Phyllis in a press release.

McKenzie was awarded with scholarship and cash awards valued up to \$13,000. As Miss Maryland Agriculture 2012, her responsibilities will continue throughout the year, as she will participate in a number of activities representing Maryland agriculture.

Operation Christmas Child

We have decided to once again have our Sunday School participate in Operation Christmas Child. This is a project which fills shoe boxes with small gifts for children. We have collected some items but still need quite a bit. Our goal is to fill at least 40 boxes. The following is a list of items suggested for the boxes:

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise, extra batteries, slinky, etc.

School Supplies: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pads sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Hygiene items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other items: T-shirt, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

We will be filling the boxes the first Sunday in November, so please have all donations in by October 28th. If you would like to donate any of the above items, you may place them in the box in the hallway near the office or in the Sunday School area, or give the items to any of the Sunday School teachers. As always, we do appreciate your generosity.

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

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A = Acolyte
U = Usher

L = Liturgist

G = Greeter

Worship Service - 10:45 a.m.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Upcoming Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Robert Humbert	3 Melvin Starner	4 Marshall Keeney Wellness -Noon	5	6 Madeline Scott Trash Pick-up Hughes Shop Rd 9 am
7 19 th Sunday after Pentecost - Green (27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time) A - Celia Fausnet & Ryleigh Geiman L- Donna Geiman G- Clara Belle Brown, John and Jean Means U - Mike Smith, Justin Geiman, Mel Starner Bob Smith N - Linda Fausnet, Hayden Shaw Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering Youth Group Following Worship	8 Church Council 7:00 p.m.	9 Hayden Shaw	10	11 Apple Dumpling Making 8:30 a.m. Fall Fest Set-up 6:30 p.m.	12 Kitchen Food Prep 8:30 a.m. Fall Fest Set-up 6:30 p.m.	13 Fall Fest 9 am - 3 pm
14 20 th Sunday after Pentecost - Green (28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time) A - Ryleigh Geiman L- Lynn Walter G- The Barnette Family U - Dick Smith, Betty Cree, Marybell Flohr, Ketti Dutterer N - Danielle Ogle, Sean Metcalf	15	16 Celia Fausnet Linda Fausnet	17 Newsletter Deadline - 2:00 p.m.	18  SINGLES	19	20
21 21 st Sunday after Pentecost - Green (29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time) A - Bayleigh Geiman L - Sharon Chapman G - The Krotee Family U - Carolyn Smith, Deanna Geiman, Jolene Wagner, L. Walter N - Emily Barnette, Jake Barnette Bluegrass Sunday	22 Donald Bowersox	23	24	25 Wendy Bowersox Carolyn G. Smith	26 Jeff Geiman	27
28 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost - Green (30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time) A - Grant Shaw L - Susie Gist G - Pat Desautels, Betty Gragg U- Donna Geiman, Betty Gragg, Susie Gist, Betty Cree N - Cindy Beach, Bayleigh Geiman Reformation Sunday	29	30	31	Anniversaries Allen & Ketti Dutterer - October 8, 2989 Donald & Angie Bowersox - October 13, 1962 John & Doreen Means, Jr. - October 17, 1987 