

The Valley Echo

St. Matthew's United Church of Christ May 2013



Contact Information

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Gerald (Gerry) C. Hanberry
301-788-6546

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Fall Fest : Betty Cree

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Interim Pastor's Column --- The Rev. Dr. Gerald (Gerry) C. Hanberry...

I love adventures, especially new adventures in the life of the local church. Indeed, doing something "new" in the local church is exciting in itself; yes, and sometimes a rare occurrence.

Thus, I can say, I am excited about my new work and ministry with you, the people of St. Matthew's UCC, as your interim pastor. Indeed, I have a passion for "doing something new in the name of Christ." And we are doing something new in exploring ways of sharing a pastor amongst two churches without the two churches being in the old-fashioned "two-church charge" mode of operations.

I have served as the interim pastor at Emmanuel (Baust) UCC since September, 2011, on a part-time basis and will join with you at St. Matthew's also on a part-time basis. In effect, I will serve 60% time at Emmanuel (Baust) and 40% time with you. I will be fairly flexible in my schedule during the week but much more structured on Sundays for worship. Basically, 40% time is approximately two days during the week and part of Sunday mornings.

For the period May 5 – September 1, Sunday morning programs will remain at your regular times (SS at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m.). The folks at Emmanuel (Baust) normally shift from 10:30 a.m. worship to 9:00 a.m. in the summer; therefore, they have decided to make that shift a month earlier than usual so that both churches might coordinate worship in a sequence that will allow for me to lead worship and preach at both Sunday worship services. This minor shift in worship schedule at EBUCC allows us all to move into this new adventure with rather limited change during the first four months of my ministry at both churches.

I also have a passion for helping churches be the very best church they can be for the gospel. That is one of my objectives for ministry – to help you be the very best you can be. I also believe it is your work to help me be the best interim pastor I can be. We will explore this shared goal as we work together.

This shared interim pastoral ministry will allow both St. Matthew's and Emmanuel (Baust) churches to explore and experiment with whether and how to share a pastor and even other resources. One of the objectives for this experiment is to increase the pool of potential candidates for your "settled" pastor as you move toward calling a new pastor for the church. This is based on the assumption that two churches, with part-time pastor positions available during the search and call process, and located near each other can increase the pool of candidates for a "full-time" work for a We will explore this possibility as time goes on.

More importantly, together, you and I will carry out the precious and important ministry of Jesus Christ in your community. We will do this with care and compassion and with honesty and passion. This will be our mutual adventure. And in the words of Philippians 3:14, we will "press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus."

Faithfully, Pastor Hanberry

P.S. In another article in this newsletter [page 2] you will find my contact information.

Christian Education News

It is almost summer and time for our change in Sunday

School. On June 2, 2013 we will begin our inter-generational Sunday School- sort of a one room school house. 2013. We will combine all of our classes for the summer for some fun and a chance to give our regular teachers a much needed



break. It is a good time to have young and not so young together. Hope you can join us.



We are making plans to work with Baust UCC for our Vacation Bible School. More information will be coming.



June is also the time we recognize our graduates. If you know of anyone graduating this year, college or high school, please let Susie Gist know, 410-848-2187.

Crop Walk



The Carroll County CROP Walk was held on April 21, 2013. It was a beautiful spring day for the 5 mile hike to raise money and awareness for Church World Service, Carroll County Food Sunday, Access Carroll and Shepherd's Staff. There are so many folks who are hungry and in great need of basic necessities, this is a great way to help. St. Matthew's had a small group of walkers, but with the others we raised over \$8,000.00. Thanks for your support.

Save the Date

The Church Picnic is scheduled for June 23, 2013. Make plans to join us for a delicious picnic, great fellowship and games.



Interim Search Committee Report

The Interim Search Committee (Ketti Dutterer, Lynn Walter and Donna Geiman) completed its task and the Council has agreed that Pastor Gerry Hanberry will serve St. Matthew's as our part-time interim. Pastor Gerry is not a stranger to some of us, as he served Glade UCC when we teamed up with them for our House Blitz in 2001. Currently, he has retired and is serving as a part time intentional interim at Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ.

We felt that God was opening up this door for us. Both Baust and St. Matthew's are at about the same place with searching for a part-time pastor. If we search together, the pool of candidates for our new called pastor will be larger. Each church is searching for a part time pastor, together it makes a full time position. As we pondered how this would look, times of worship we thought would be challenging. God opened another door-Baust's Consistory decided to go to their summer schedule in the beginning of May. This gives both congregations several months to work out worship times. As we move forward, let each of us be open to the new possibilities that God has in store for us.

Pastor Hanberry's Approach to and Policy for Pastoral Care

Confidentiality in all communications with people in the church is my policy – always. In other words, "what is shared with me, stays with me."

If a person in the church is ill or in the hospital or going to have surgery, I will always ask, "what do you want me to share with the church about your illness, your surgery, etc., if anything?" I, of course, will honor your request and preferences.

Some folks prefer that their illness or a hospital stay be kept private. Others are more open to sharing with the congregation or desire prayers from the church community. I prefer to follow the wishes of the individual or family directly rather than responding to what one might call "hear-say." Folks in the congregation may share whatever they choose; however, my policy requires that I speak directly with the person or a primary family member before I share news about a person's life circumstances.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime via my cell phone (301-788-6546) to request a visit, to share a health issue or a pastoral care need. Given the flexibility I will have in serving two churches (St. Matthew's and Emmanuel (Baust), I will be in a good position to respond to your pastoral care needs as they arise.

St. Matthew's Veterans



In honor of Memorial Day (May 27th), we recognize members and family of St. Matthew's who have served our country.

T/5 Samuel O. Bankert - 115 Station Hospital, WWII, 3 years of service.

S/SGT Donald Bowersox - 104th Armored Cavalry PARNG, 1962 - 1971.

Coxswain Henry Lloyd Brown - U.S.Navy, U.S.S. Prinston. 1/3/44 - 5/46.

Alfred George Brown - U.S. Army 1950 - 1953, Served in Korea, 28 months as prisoner of war.

Harry Geiman - U.S. Army, WWI, Served as motorcycle messenger. Purple Heart recipient.

Edward P. Geiman - US Navy, Served on USS Enterprise aircraft carrier as Boiler II, known as the "Sunshine Boys' during WWII.

SP4 Michael C. Gist - MD National Guard - 110th Artillery, 1970 - 1976.

T5 Wilbur Haines - 629 Tank DES, February 1941 to September 1945, "I got 5 Battle Stars in Battle of Bulge overseas 17 months"

SGM James M. Mora Sr. (Sr. Supply Supervisor) HHC 29th ID(L), Ft. Belvoir, VA, 1979 – 2003

Earl Myers - Navy, Gunners Mate 3rd Class, 1944 - 1946. Destroyer 701 USS John W. Weeks. Received 4 Battle Stars in the Pacific.

PvT Leon Chas Myers - Special Trng. Platoon Mechanic, 2/19/41 - 2/26/42. 1st Armored Division at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Richard S. Smith - E-5 (2nd Class Aviation Machinist Mate- Jet) (ADJ-2), U.S. Navy. 4 years of service.

Seaman Scott L. Smith - 1944 - 1946. Served aboard Aircraft Carrier USS Bon Homme Richard.

John E. Wagner EMI - U.S. Coast Guard, 1967 - 1971, Electrician's Mate, Petty Officer First Class.

PFC Richard M. Warehime - 1942 1946. US Army Air Force, Signal Corps - Radar Operator.

1st Sgt. Kenneth S. Yingling - Veteran of Army Southwest Pacific Forces in WWII. Co-Founder of the US Army Reserve Center in Westminster in 1956, for a total of 38 years of combined military service.

Melvin S. Zepp, Private First Class - Company C 319th Infantry Regiment US Army, 1944 to 1946.

(Please contact the church office with any additions or corrections to this list. Thank You.)

Memorial Day Service

The traditional Community Memorial Day Service held at Pleasant Valley Cemetery is scheduled for Sunday, May 26th, at 2 p.m. Prior to the service



those who wish may walk the approximate one half mile distance from St. Matthew's Church in Pleasant Valley to the cemetery. The walk will begin promptly at 1:45 p.m. at the church. Walkers are asked to bring flowers to place on the graves. The Pleasant Valley cemetery Association will give

participants flags to carry that will be placed on veterans graves. Those who wish may bring lawn chairs for the service.

This service has been held every year for approximately 80 years and was started by the Patriotic Order Sons of American (POS of A). This was a lodge similar to the Elks and Masons and the group was located in Pleasant Valley.

In the 1920's the Pleasant Valley Band was organized at the Pleasant Valley High School and played its first performance at a Memorial Day service. Members from this group later became part of the Wm. F. Myers Band, Westminster, which will provide music at the cemetery as they have for many year.

For the safety of those walking, the Pleasant Valley Fire Company will provide equipment to accompany the walkers and the band.

In case of rain, the service will be held at St. Matthew's Church in Pleasant Valley and the walk will be canceled.

A Time of Remembering and Learning

Pastor Lois Ann was with us in worship on April 14, 2013. She led us in a brief time of learning; she asked the congregation- what have we learned from our past pastors? We wanted to share the responses with everyone.

We have learned that Pastors differ in their talents. We have learned that relationships between pastors and congregations can be challenging. We have learned that communication is very important. We have learned that to build a relationship takes time. We have learned that we should reserve judgment and remain open minded.



Father's Day Dedications

Honor or memorialize your Father, Grandfather, or a special man in your life by putting their names in the St. Matthew's Father's Day bulletin! Just fill out the form below and donate \$1.00 for each entry. Please place your form and money in the "Father's Day Dedication" box located on the table in the entrance hall.

To ensure that your dedication is printed in the bulletin, please have your money and names in by Sunday, June 9th. Donations from the Father's Day dedications will be used to help local Missions.

Please Print Legibly

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Silver Run Community Food Pantry

located at

St. Mary's Evangelical Lutheran Church

3978 Littlestown Pike Westminster

(Carroll Food Sunday Affiliate)

(Distributed from Parish House located directly behind Church, Mayberry Road Entrance)



1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Non-Perishable Food Items Distributed.

All Are Welcome!

Donations Accepted!

Email: foodpantry@stmaryselc.org

The Shepherd's Staff Crab Raffle



Proceeds raised will provide personal care essentials in support of the <u>Blessings Closet</u>, two visitors write,

"With hours cut at work it really helps out."
"Only one parent is working right now so it is hard to get all of the...supplies [we need]."



Purchase Raffle Tickets for Your Chance to Win

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STEAMED CRABS

(In the form of a gift certificate redeemable until September 30, 2013)

Old Bay Seasoning, Dozen Corn, Watermelon, Case of Soda, Paper Towels and Mallets.

(A GROCERT CARD GIFT CERTIFICATE WILL BE ISSUED FOR FOOD PRODUCTS.

Call 410-857-5944 for Tickets

Drawing held Noon, Thurs. June 6, 2013 Winner notified by telephone.

Kid's Corner

The Work of the Holy Spirit

"But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come." John 16:13 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 16:12-15 (NIV).

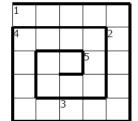
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- To show the way by leading, directing, or advising
- To express your thoughts, opinions, or emotions orally
- A statement proven to be or accepted as being true
- To receive a sound using your ears
- God coming to us without human body; The Holy ____

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

St. Matthew's helps to earn money for organizations from the trash we throw away. We are continuing to collect **Box Tops for Education and Campbell's** product label for Hoffman Homes for Youth. These very simple labels or proof of purchase seals help to buy athletic and technology equipment for the school. We have collection containers in the entry way between the sanctuary and the office.

We also collect **cancelled stamps** for use at Homewood at Plum Creek. In the same area you may bring your old batteries for recycling. These may be little things, but they all add up to help the environment.

TACO BUFFET

All You Can Eat



Saturday, May 4, 2013 4 - 7 p.m.

at Benjamin's Krider's U.C.C. 208 Krider's Church Road Westminster

\$8.00 Adults \$4.00 Children (5 -12 years old) Under 5 eat free

Crispy Tacos (corn shells) or Soft Tacos (flour tortillas) with all of the fixings

Spanish Rice and Black Beans

Drinks & Mexican Desserts Included

Silent Auction Items and Door Prizes (Piñatas)

Worship News

For the first three Sundays of my time with you as your Interim Pastor, I want to focus the our worship services and their respective sermons on our getting to know each other and on your having a sense of who I am as a preacher. We will, of course, have more time to get to know each other in all the ways that's possible and in all the ways that's an honor for me in serving with you in these transitional days of your life together at St. Matthew's UCC. In some ways, the question before us is: "So, Now What Do We Do Together? In the most general sense of that question, I would propose this answer: "We Seek to Know What God is Doing with Our Lives." We will address this as our theme for these three Sundays of May, 2013. So, I hope you will invite a friend or neighbor and join us for worship.

~ Faithfully, Interim Pastor Gerry Hanberry

➤ May 5, 2013 – Sixth Sunday of Easter, 10:45 a.m.

Theme: "Getting Started with Ministry; Getting to Know Each Other"

Scripture: Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 67; Luke 6:37-38 Sermon: "A Basket of Grain"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

➤➤ May 12, 2013 – Seventh Sunday of Easter, 10:45 a.m.

Theme: "Getting Started with Ministry; Getting to Know Each Other"

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, & 10; Psalm 62:5-12; and Mark 1.14-20 Sermon: "What are we called to do THIS

Time?"

➤ May 19, 2013 -- Pentecost Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Theme: "Getting Started with Ministry; Getting to Know Each Other"



Missions

Strengthen the Church Offering

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking."

On Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost – we will be receiving the Strengthen the Church special mission offering. Directed to local Conferences, Local Church Ministries and the Stillspeaking Ministry, Strengthen the Church gifts help visions become reality. Invest in the vision!

An offering envelope has been attached to May's newsletter. Mission offering may be mailed to the church office or placed in the Sunday offering plate. Additional offering envelopes are available on the table in the entrance hall and will also be included in the May 19th worship bulletin.

Camping Trip

We are planning to return to Drummer Boy campground in Gettysburg, PA this fall for our church camping trip. Going camping after Labor Day seemed to work well last year, so the tentative date for the camping trip is September 13-15, 2013. A sign-up sheet will be put out soon to see how many campsites we need. More details will follow in the coming months.

Stewardship Notes



Our role as God's steward is one of many dimensions - grateful, responsible, self-sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. By generously giving of ourselves, we discover joy in Christ. "...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

During 2013 we will highlight the 10 Stewardship Principles.

Obey Responsibly to glorify God as a faithful proclamation of God's word. We acknowledge our faith and show our faith in the gospel for the glory of God and for the building up of the body of Christ. This takes courage. It involves our life-long obedience, including the ways we treat our families, other, and ourselves.

"...you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ."

2 Corinthians 9:13

Home Visitation

If you know of someone who might benefit from a pastoral visit at home please contact Mary Emma Bowen,RN, Parish Nurse or Betty Gragg, who are working together to make sure everyone is seen as needed.



Prayer Concerns

There is now a prayer concerns book on the table in the entry hallway. You may place someone on the prayer list by writing in the book. Anytime Mary Emma Bowen, Betty Gragg or the church office receives a prayer request, they will write it in the prayer concern book. People will be listed on the prayer list for 30 days. You may continue to have a person listed by writing their name again in the book, contacting Mary Emma, Betty Gragg, or the church office.



Go Green for 2013



Help save resources by joining St. Matthew's email list, you'll be notified monthly when the newsletter has been posted in PDF format to our website, and a paper copy will no longer be printed and mailed for your household.

To join for 2013, please send an email to office@saintmatthewsucc.org requesting the electronic newsletter or complete the form below and place in the offering plate.

Attention: Church Office

My family wishes to receive the newsletter electronically and not have a paper copy.

Family Name:		
Email Address:	 	

Please check if you would also like to receive the weekly announcements electronically.

Worship Plan for May 26th - June 30th

Theme: Micah's BIG Question: "What Does the Lord Require of Me?

The FUTURE of the church, any church really, but especially churches in transition like St. Matthew's UCC, is always about VISION. Some have discovered that "adopting a simple verse of scripture as a vision statement can be a powerful reality for the church; especially if this verse of scripture is embedded into the mission of the church. Micah 6:8 is one of those powerful verses to seriously consider as the mission of the church, anytime, but especially during a period of transition: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" In "The Message," this verse



reads this way: "But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously."

This verse suggests some serious spiritual questions we might ask ourselves in these anxious and challenging times are:

How am I to come before the Lord? How can I deepen my spiritual life, my spiritual practices? If I say I am a Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ, what then shall I do? Indeed, what is expected of me?

In worship during the six Sundays, May 26-June 30, 2013, we will explore how this verse of scripture can be our vision and mission for the future and how we might deepen our spiritual connections to ourselves, to each other and to the community and world.

Invite a friend and join us for worship May 26 - June 30, 2013

[⊥] May 26, 2013 – 1st. Sunday After Pentecost (Trinity Sunday)

Theme: Micah's BIG Question: "What Does the Lord Require of Me? --- An Introduction

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 107:1-9, 43, Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: "The Vision: Walking, Doing and Loving"

June 2, 2013 – 2nd Sunday After Pentecost (proper 4)

Theme: "Micah's BIG Question: 'What Does the Lord Require of Me?' - Walking Humbly" Part 1

Micah 6:1-8; Deut. 10:12; Ps 80:1-2, 8-19; Luke 9:57-62

Sermon: "Being on the Way"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

June 9, 2013 – 3rd Sunday After Pentecost (proper 5)

Theme: "Micah's BIG Question: 'What Does the Lord Require of Me?' - Walking Humbly" Part 2

Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 30; and Luke 10:1-12

Sermon: "The Spiritual Walk: Sometimes, the Journey is the Destination"

June 16 – 4th Sunday After Pentecost (proper 6)

Theme: "Micah's BIG Question: 'What Does the Lord Require of Me?' - Doing Justice"

Micah 6:8; Ps 82; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: "Doing"

¹/₁ June 23 − 5th Sunday After Pentecost (proper 7)\

Theme: Micah's BIG Question: "What Does the Lord Require of Me? -- Loving Kindness" Part 1

Micah 6:1-8; Ps 86; Matthew 5:7, 43-48

Sermon: "Loving" "Immortal Love, Forever Full" #166 (B) Stanzas 1-4)

June 30, 2013 – 6th Sunday After Pentecost (proper 8)

Theme: Micah's BIG Question: "What Does the Lord Require of Me? -- Loving Kindness" Part 2

Micah 6:1-8; Ps. 16; and Matthew 6:1-4

Sermon: "The Vision and the Mission: Love Makes the Church and the World Alive"

May 2013 Birthdays, Anniversaries, Upcoming Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Anniversaries Scott & Becky Wagner - 5/1/2010 Bill & Linda Fausnet - 5/5/2001 Timothy & Heidi Riddle - 5/10/2008 Jeff & Donna Geiman - 5/14/1977			Becky Walter Choir Practice - 7 p.m.	Wellness Committee - Noon	3	4 Evan Barnette Tanner Barnette
Clara Belle Brown 6 th Sunday of Easter - White A - (Not available at the time of printing.) L - (Not available at the time of printing.) G - (Not available at the time of printing.) U - (Not available at the time of printing.) N - Linda Fausnet, Hayden Shaw	6	7	Choir Practice - 7 p.m. Brownie Troop Meeting	9 Nancy Wagner	10	Helen Selby Jean Means
12 7th Sunday of Easter - White A - L - G- U - N - Sue Mora, Jenny Mora Mother's Day	13 Phyllis McKenzie Church Council 7:00 p.m.	14	Newsletter Deadline - 2:00 p.m. Choir Practice - 7 p.m.	16 Brandon Baublitz A C SINGLES	17 Noah Fausnet	18
Delbert Green Day of Pentecost - Red A - L - G - U - N - Cindy Beach, Baleigh Geiman Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offering	Allen Dutterer	21	Angie Bowersox Choir Practice - 7 p.m. Brownie Troop Meeting	23	24	25
Joe Rohrback The Holy Trinity - White A - L - G - U- N - Danielle and Vickie Green Memorial Day Service - 1:45 p.m. Walk, 2:00 p.m. Service	27 Memorial Day Observed	28 Michael Gist Taylor Blizzard	Nichole Green David Geiman Choir Practice - 7 p.m.	Colby Smith	31	