

## August 2010 Newsletter



### UMM Cookout Monday, August 9 6:30 p.m.

The United Methodist Men's meeting for this month will be a cookout at Milt Miner's residence,

which is a mile east and a mile north from the New City intersection. Please bring your own meat to grill and a dish to share.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



### ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

August 29th

The Wildlife Sanctuary  
(outside of Chatham)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU  
THERE!**

You are invited to the Annual Church Picnic. Come and enjoy the Good Food, Friends and Fellowship. Fried Chicken, drinks and table settings will be provided. Bring your favorite dish to share and your favorite game to play (bats and gloves, washers set, ladder golf, bad-mitten, bubbles, bingo, etc.

*The most important work you and I will ever do will be within the walls of our homes.*  
*Harold B. Lee*



### **Sugar Creek Welcomes Back**

**Jim and Shirley Tubbs**  
Sunday, August 15  
8:15 a.m. & 9:45 a.m.  
Services

Jim and Shirley Tubbs have been involved in full-time concert ministry for 26 years. They pray the message in their music will minister to both mind and heart, and that you will hear a harmony that goes far beyond their singing... Mark your calendar and plan now to attend one of these services.

### **Volunteer Mission Event St. John's Breadline Saturday, August 21 at 2 p.m.**

The Sugar Creek Missions Team needs 12 volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in taking part in this mission opportunity there are 2 ways to sign up, the connection card in your Sunday bulletin or contact the church office (office@sugarcreek.org or 483.2270). Information sheets are available in the church foyer.

#### **What can I expect when coming to volunteer at the Breadline?**

The mission of the Breadline is to see that a good meal is provided to needy individuals in a clean, hospitable and positive environment. You will be helping by serving food on the line, doing dishes for the guests, or cleaning the dining room. Your main job is to come with an attitude of service and compassion, with a willingness to do these 3 simple things:

1. SMILE
2. Be willing to make eye contact with the guests as a form of affirmation and presence.
3. Be willing to offer a kind word to our guests.



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st	Sally Behl	18th	Jay Davis Jr.
1st	Terry House	18th	Jerry Suchomski
1st	Caelan Parker	18th	Angela Stelte
2nd	Mindi Tuxhorn	19th	Joe Frazee
3rd	Becky Lucas	19th	Jason Henry
3rd	Jason Sharp	19th	Brittany Lindsay
3rd	Brad Johnson	20th	Phyllis Brooks
4th	Brian Cowgur	20th	Andrew Swain
5th	Lovell Legg	21st	Charlotte Clark
6th	Charlotte House	22nd	Jenna Horn
7th	Rinda Osborn	23rd	Jeffrey Ondrey
7th	Mary Jane Boblitt	24th	Angel Lael
10th	Chuck Sharp	25th	Jaime Ledferd
10th	Kari Bowen	25th	Lily Kurfman
12th	Mike Barnard	26th	Sarah Clem
12th	Patty Broers	27th	Megan Brown
13th	Clara McNew	28th	Rosa Bryan
14th	Marcia Mackay	29th	Melissa Osborne
14th	Sarah Bockemeier	29th	Steffani Scanlan
14th	Olivia Craven	30th	Donna Beatty
14th	Cole Craven	30th	Bobbie Ballard
15th	Kory Tobias	30th	Kerry McDonald
18th	Billy Legg	31st	Linda Davis

# AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2nd	Bill & Audrey Moore
3rd	Denny & Sharon Dowson
4th	Jerry & Linda Suchomski (30th)
5th	John & Lucy Anderson
5th	Karl & Sarah Bockemeier
6th	Keith & Corinna Baker
14th	Roger & Phyllis Brooks (50th)
17th	Bill & Carolyn Bryan
18th	Barry & Jennifer Smith
19th	Harry & Barbara Deffley (60th)
19th	Dave & Judy Brubaker
20th	Keith & Bonnie Horn
22nd	Matthew & Carrie Woodcock
23rd	Ted & Jean Chase
24th	John & Charse Kessler
25th	Charles & Mary Ann Young
29th	Chuck & Lois Frazee



## 60th Wedding Anniversary

The Deffley family ask that you join them in celebrating the 60th wedding anniversary of Harry & Barbara Deffley on

Saturday, August 21, 2010 at

1:00—5:00 p.m. at Sugar Creek United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

R.S.V.P. Mary Deffley Kurfess (301) 219-1183  
1708 Justin Drive, Gambrills, MD. 21054

*In lieu of gifts, the family asks that you bring one of the following canned items as a donation to the Chatham Food Pantry: peanut butter, jelly, tuna, baked beans, Spam, rice, canned fruit or canned vegetables.*

## AUGUST MEETINGS

### Worship Team

Monday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.

### Nurture Team

Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m.

### Staff Parish

Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m.

### Education Team

Monday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.

### Stewardship Team

Monday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.

### Missions Team

Monday, August 9 at 7:00 p.m.

### Trustees

Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m.

### Caregiving Team

Monday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.

### Evangelism Team

Monday, August 17 at 6:30 p.m.

### Finance Team

Monday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.

### Leadership Team

Tuesday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m.

*If mountains can be moved by faith,  
is there any less power in love?*

*Frederick W. Faber*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

A very special thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make vacation bible school a success this year. We could not have done it without all of your hard-work and dedication. We averaged over 35 kids a night and brought in 2,183 diapers for Kumler Outreach Ministries.



The United Methodist Men of Sugar Creek need your help! On a quarterly basis the men choose a local outreach to support. This quarter they will be taking donations for Ronald McDonald House of Springfield. Donations may be dropped off at the church beginning July 25 through September 26. Look for the display in the church foyer.

### RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. The treatment may last a day, a month, or even longer. It's a long time to be away from home, or to divide a family. Ronald McDonald House offers families a way to stay together, in proximity to the treatment hospital, and be comfortable and cared for during their stay. Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. At every House, families can enjoy home-cooked meals, private bedrooms and playrooms for children.



### ITEMS NEEDED:

Hamburger Helper



Chicken Helper

Tuna Helper

Canned Meats

(tuna, chicken, ham, etc)



Dish Soap

Paper Towels

Aluminum Foil/Cling Wrap

Kitchen Countertop Sprays

Travel Size Toothpaste

Tooth Brushes

Shampoo

Razors



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will meet on Monday night, August 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the church conference room. Our District Representative, Susan Hawbecker will talk with us. Our Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for 2011. Dessert will be furnished.

All ladies are welcome!

### JOIN THE KITCHEN CLEAN TEAM!

We need eight good women for our kitchen clean team for August. We will be cleaning out the refrigerators, and cabinets, defrosting the freezers, cleaning the stove, coffee maker and vents. We will meet on August 11th at 8:30 a.m. Please contact Jeannette Miner or the office (Phone: 483-2270 or Email: office@sugarcreek.org) if you will be able to join our team.

*God puts each fresh morning, each new chance of life, into our hands as a gift to see what we will do with it.*

# Pastor's Pen

*"We love because he first loved us." ---1 John 4:19*

It's hard to believe that it is August already and school is just around the corner. The busyness of most of our lives will kick into high gear as the new school year begins. There will be school activities, church activities, scouts, sports, family...well; I know you get the picture. As we prepare to enter into this time of rabid activity, I pose this question; Where will we fit Jesus into our days and weeks ahead?

I am presently reading Bishop Robert Schnase's book "Five Practices of Fruitful Living". It is a follow-up book to "The Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation" that our leadership studied at the beginning of the year. This most recent of Bishop Schnase's writings applies the Five Practices to the individual attempting to live a Christ like life, i.e. the life of a disciple.

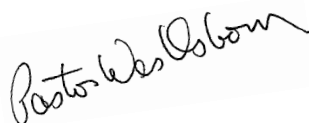
The first chapter is on Radical Hospitality. Radical Hospitality for the individual is our opening up of our entire selves to the grace and goodness of God. Schnase quotes theologian Paul Tillich who wrote, "Accept that you are accepted." The practice of Radical Hospitality, says Schnase, "involves our saying Yes to God's love for us, a willingness to open our lives to God and invite God into our hearts. It involves our capacity to receive grace, accept Christ's love, and make room for God in our lives." (pg17) He then quotes Tillich who asked "Do we know what it means to be struck by grace?"

What a provocative question. Do we truly know what it means to have God's grace strike us, to jar us into a new way of thinking, to make us aware of a new way of living out our lives that is contrary to our way of thinking and living before we said Yes to God? Have you thought of the coming of God's grace, your receiving that grace and your journey that is ongoing in that vein before? It is truly enlightening.

Towards the end of this first chapter Bishop Schnase writes: "Many of us approach the spiritual life the way we would an interesting hobby or constructive pastime, like fishing, gardening, golfing, or belonging to a book club. Being Christian comprises a small part of our identity. We attend church when it's convenient, we pick up some helpful insights and enjoy the people, and we serve on committees to help the organization run smoothly. Church, religion, and the spiritual life provide some benefit; but we remain puzzlingly remote from real interior work, mystery, or notions of grace." And this is where he gets to the heart of the matter for most of us. "Practicing religion in this way *confirms* something about ourselves rather than *transforming* the nature of who we are. Religion is not really a power for living; it is an appendage to an otherwise harried and hectic schedule. Religion is more about attending church than following Christ." (pg38)

As we approach the busy days and weeks ahead, I pray that you consider your need to be more than church goers or good deed doers. Life is too short and the hours in the day too few to fill them with obligatory "doing". Open yourself up anew each day to the grace of God that reshapes our thinking and changes our priorities. Let the grace of God transform your very being and lead you in truly following Jesus Christ, wherever He may lead you.

Grace and Peace



# FUNDING GOD'S MINISTRY

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

The practice of generosity describes the Christian's unselfish willingness to give in order to make a positive difference for the purposes of Christ. Extravagant Generosity describes practices of sharing and giving that exceed all expectations. It includes sharing, sacrifice, and giving in love and service to God and neighbor. Reach out and share, invite, and give your love!

**Through your giving you can make a positive difference.**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Jan-June 2010</b>	<b>Jan-June 2009</b>
Total Income	\$168,741	\$188,264
Expense		
Missions and Benevolence	16,948	11,522
Conference Obligations	14,778	18,780
Program Expense	32,545	28,050
Salaries (Pastor & Staff)	117,178	105,498
Utilities & Cleaning	17,175	18,351
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$198,624</b>	<b>\$182,201</b>
Net Income (-loss)	\$(29,883)	6,063
Crop Sales	\$15,113	
<b>Building Fund</b>		17,864
Contributions	14,006	

**THANK YOU** for your gifts to fund God's ministry.

*"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity."*

2 Corinthians 9:11

### FAMILY CAMPOUT AT RAMSEY STATE PARK



September 17—19

Fishing, boating, shared meals, fellowship or relaxing around the campfire. Sugar Creek Campout has something for everyone! Make sure to sign up on the Sunday Stub if you are interested in joining us for a great camping "get-a-way" weekend! For questions or more information contact Mark Freeman 691-1575, Butch Moroney 585-9175 or the church office 483-2270.