



The Bethesda UMC Weekend Update

WASH MORE FEET!

May 18th, 2008

Today



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Today in worship we are recognizing all high school, college, and graduate school graduates (see insert for a complete listing). The graduates and their families are invited to attend a reception in their honor at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex. We hope you'll join us in wishing them well.



TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

before we take a break for the summer. *Thanks to all our Sunday School teachers for their dedicated service this past year.* Don't forget, our summer worship schedule begins next week with a combined worship service at 10:00 a.m. in Greenwich Park followed by a farewell fiesta for our custodian, *Mario Sandoval*.



YA.COM SUNDAY SCHOOL - Join us

today as 10:00 a.m. in Room 207 to discuss how the recent disasters in Myanmar and China might impact ongoing issues of food & creation care and what our role is as Christians.

THE KOINONIA CLASS is concluding their video series entitled "*In the Dust of the Rabbi.*" Join us at 10:00 a.m. in Room 205.



YA.COM PICNIC - All young adults are

invited to join us for a picnic today at Hains Point. We'll meet after the 11:00 a.m. service to carpool over to East Potomac Park for lunch, walking, throwing the Frisbee or paddle boating over at the Tidal Basin. For more information, see Rev. Jenny.

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT: STOMP, BREAK & POKE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Tonight with the help of adult leader, *Bob Gillette*, we will take on a little self-defense, Aikido style. Bob is a 5th degree black belt and has 26 years of experience in this style of martial arts. Bring \$2 for a light supper and dress comfortably. We'll meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

HIGH VOLTAGE 4th and 5th graders will meet tonight from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Julie Chapin's house (5114 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda/please ignore the 'DO NOT ENTER SIGNS' in the neighborhood as they do not apply to weekends). We will have our end of the year party with a cookout and outdoor games.



Worship in the Park & Farewell Fiesta!

Next Sunday, May 25th, 10:00 a.m. in Greenwich Park

* Limited seating available

Bring a chair or blanket for worship

* *Bring a side-dish and/or dessert* for our potluck picnic and farewell celebration for

Mario Sandoval

* *Volunteers needed* to set-up and clean-up
Contact the church office if you can help

* We are also asking for *contributions* for a farewell gift for Mario. Checks may be mailed to or dropped off at the church or given to *Carol Cave*, SPRC Chair (payable to BUMC, mark "Mario" on the memo line).
Help us to send Mario off with our love!

This Week



THE MEN'S GROUP is having a Work Night at the church for our 3rd Wednesday of the month gathering this week. Come help move shelves and books in the Library and pews in the Chapel in anticipation of the elevator construction work that begins June 2nd. The early shift will begin at 7:30 p.m. and late shift will pick up at 9:00 p.m. so come when you can.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS: Want to take great pictures this summer? Professional photographer *Mark Sincevich*, will be offering a class *this Wednesday night, May 21st, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.* in Room 207 as a continuation of our focus on the arts. The suggested donation (\$25) will help support our youth workcamp teams. *Sign up on your attendance card today.*



CHARGE CONFERENCE: This week, the Church Council approved the purchase of the property at 8205 Custer Road for the future needs of the church. There will be a called Charge Conference *next Sunday, May 25th at 11:15 a.m.* in the Sanctuary to ratify or amend this decision. All are welcome to attend; leaders may vote.

YOGA CLASS - Come stretch, strengthen and relax in a free vinyasa-based yoga class that is being offered **Thursday evenings in May from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.** in Founders' Hall. All fitness and yoga levels are encouraged to participate. Bring a yoga mat if you have one and dress in comfortable clothes. The classes will be led by BUMC member, *Laurie Schott*.

Upcoming Events



WE'RE HEADED TO WEST RIVER for our All-Church Retreat over Labor Day Weekend (August 29th - 31st). *Vivian McCarthy*, our District Superintendent, will be

leading us through our theme, *Xtreme Faith*. This is a great event for children, youth, and adults. The setting is fabulous (right on the water), it's tons of fun, and a great way to grow together. Pick up a brochure and sign up today.



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION - We hope you'll make plans to join us in worship on **Sunday, June 1st at 10:00 a.m.** as we welcome 31 youth into membership of our church. Following the worship service, the Confirmands, along with their friends & family, will continue the celebration at the B-CC Rescue Squad. This is a special day in the life of our church and we hope you'll be there to share in the joy.

Youth

MAY 25TH: SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC - No UMYF tonight, but hope to see everyone at the **Farewell Fiesta** for Mario with all the usual food, fun, and activities!



JUNE 1ST: CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION - All youth are invited to join in the celebration at the B-CC Rescue Squad following the worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will be a DJ, games, and lots of good food. Please RSVP to Ameer at fansfam@aol.com if you're planning to attend.



JULY 28TH - AUGUST 1ST: MISSION LAB AT VBS - VBS is just around the corner and youth are needed to work alongside our adult volunteers as we serve the children of our community. Following VBS each morning, youth will have lunch and head out for 5 different service projects. Our day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m. This is a free program for youth and is open to teenagers in our community. We are asking families to consider making a \$20 donation/participant to help cover our transportation costs. Youth volunteers need to register at online by July 21st (go to our website & click on the link).

Children



SIGN UP FOR VBS: WE'RE AT 159 & COUNTING! Vacation Bible School is coming to BUMC **July 28th - August 1st**. Our theme this year will be *Power Lab*:

Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power. All children ages two through 5th grade are invited to be part of the fun. Sign up is available on-line for both participants and volunteers (there is a link on our website, www.bumcmd.org). You can also pick up a hard copy of the registration form by contacting the church office.

This and That



M&M's FOR MISSION - Last week the youth gave out tubes of M&M's as part of a fundraiser for this summer's work camp trips to Ohio and Belize. We hope you

enjoyed the candy and had a chance to fill your tube with a donation. We have 73 youth and adults headed to work camp and a waiting list of hopefuls. The youth have been doing fundraising all year, we have budgeted \$10,000 to support this effort, but because of the numbers, we will need additional funds to support this mission outreach. If you have a heart for what our youth are doing and want to make a special contribution this year, we'd really appreciate it.

Remember in Prayer

Members: *Betty & Sam Cooper, Connie & Bob Creveling, Tammy Villines, Sam Turner, Edith Sann, Cheryl Fanning, Jo Williams, George Bell, Louisa Magruder;* **Friends & Family:** *Esther Weisslitz and Fran Land (mother & aunt of George Wesley), Jovel family (friends of the Chapin family), John Hoffman (Sue O'Hara's friend), Tim Martin (Melissa Warrington's brother), The Benford family (Rev. Jenny's friend), Alexander Kirwan (Pat & Karen Kirwan's nephew), Margery Spriggs (Penni Spriggs-McDonald's mother), Sue Wentzel & family (Sue Andrews' coworker), Diana Ley (Mabel & Dick Filer's daughter), Devon Purzycki (Sue Well's 5-year old nephew), Anne Lumpkin (Sue Andrews' aunt), Glenn Lunden (friend of the Nevans-Locke family), Natalie Dupree & family (friends of Debbie & Bob Gillette), Margaret Jagger (Craig Jagger's mother), Gretchen Nahrwold (Tammy Alexander's mother), Sherry Breckenmaker (Debbie Gillette's sister), Pauline Shaw (Alison Chacon's mother), Sue & Judy Captain (Jill Captain's mother & sister), Teri Peel, and Nick Caffas (nephew of Debbie & Bob Gillette).*



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