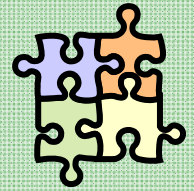


Staying Connected . . .

For the Week of March 7, 2010



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This Sunday, March 7 Gratitude Sunday – Holy Communion, Prayer
Devotional Distributed

March 14 Scout Sunday – Celebration 100 years of service.

Looking Ahead

March 21 Ministry Emphasis Sunday – Everyone at Liberty Grove is encouraged to wear t-shirts from previous LGUMC activities (i.e. WorkCamp, MorningStar Camp, Missions trips, Mother’s Day Program, etc.) for the Ministry Emphasis Celebration. Don’t have a t-shirt but have a polo shirt with Liberty Grove on it, wear that. Show your enthusiasm by wearing your most colorful t-shirt to this church service.

March 28 Palm Sunday/Commitment Sunday

IMPORTANT TO KNOW . . .



Daylight Savings Time – don’t forget to set your clocks 1 hour ahead on next Sunday, March 14th.

THIS WEEK AT LIBERTY GROVE!



Sunday 3/7

Choir Practice, Sanctuary 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
MYF (see news briefs). 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Disciple Bible Study, Room 107 6:00 p.m.

Monday 3/8

Administrative Council, Room 109 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 3/9

Miriam Circle, Room 105 10:00 a.m.
Building Committee, Room 105 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday 3/10

IMPACT Youth Bible Study (at the Burgess Home) 7:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee, Room 105 7:00 p.m.
Handbell Practice, Sanctuary 7:30 p.m.

Thursday 3/11

Choir Practice, Room 210 7:30 p.m.

Friday 3/12 – Saturday 3/13

MYF Lock-in begins Friday 7:00 p.m. ~ end Saturday 7:00 a.m.



The Christians who tithe will be surprised by the amount of money we have for the Lord's work. When we have surrendered ownership of the tithe to God, all that remains is the joy of seeing a need and being able to fill it. – "Bring to the storehouse a full tenth of what you earn so there will be food in my house. 'test me in this,' says the Lord All-Powerful. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need.'" – Malachi 3:10



CHILDREN & YOUTH INFORMATION . . .



Youth Group (MYF) Update! – This Sunday at MYF (6-8 p.m) is a "High School Only Night." So if you're in Grades 9-12, come on out and fellowship with friends as we take a look at Workcamp and a variety of other service offerings and activities. Plus, dinner will be served (probably pizza, as we are still waiting for our church kitchen to be up and running again). ☺ AND . . . the info sheet and permission slip for next weekend's MYF Lock-In (which includes a trip to Baltimore's 1st Mariner Arena for the Baltimore Blast Christian Youth Night - with a concert after the game!) are now on our webpage and in the youth Sunday School rooms! For details about anything MYF-related, just check out the MYF webpage (go to www.libertygrovechurch.org, and then click on the Youth Ministries link).

Send your Children/Youth to a Christian Overnight Camp This Summer!

REMINDER! – It's that time of year again when parents/guardians make summer plans, and we don't want you to overlook the wonderful, God-filled overnight camps available from the BW Conference of the United Methodist Church this summer - everything from sailing to sports to Senior High, to singing and music to fishing, bicycling to backpacking, creative arts to soccer, and from basketball to high adventure and discovery! Camps are available for children and youth from as young as **entering** 2nd grade (3 day "mini-camps") through 12th grade and with choices between 3 area campsites - all within an hour's drive: Camp Harmison, Manidokan, and West River. West River's OPEN HOUSE is *March 21st* and *April 18th* from 3:00-5:00 p.m., Manidokan also has a Summer Preview/Open House on April 11th from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. this will give you and your child an opportunity to see the campus and ask any questions you might have. Our church offers partial and sometimes full scholarships for children and youth on a first come, first serve basis but campers must be registered by mid April 2010 and you must inform M'Liss Dematatis of your camp registration at mliissdematatis@hotmail.com or 301 384 7938. If you prefer, you may also register online at their NEW website: www.bwccampsandretreats.org where their 2010 brochure is available for downloading. We will display their **brochures around church** as soon as we receive them. In the meantime, ask M'Liss or Mr. Don! Summer camping is a wonderful way for your child to have fun as well as to grow spiritually in a safe, Christian environment, and **many** of our congregation's children and youth have attended year after year. Just ask us!



CHURCH ACTIVITIES . . .



MIRIAM



Miriam Circle NEW! – will meet at the church at 10:00 on Tuesday, March 9th. All the women of the church are invited to attend. If it snows . . . No meeting. Please contact Lindell Hanna at 301-572-5123 if you have any questions or for more information.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES . . .



Mission Needs

Mission Opportunity!!! REMINDER! - Once again Liberty Grove has the privilege of hosting Chinese students who are studying at the University of West Virginia as they tour DC on their Spring Break. This year's dates are March 27-30. This is a fabulous opportunity to participate in one of our Missions Programs without having to leave your home! We need 10-12 families who are willing to provide a bed, breakfast and a ride back and forth to the church for 1 or 2 students. Many of our Liberty Grove families have participated in this Mission over the years and have found it to be very rewarding. Please contact Sue Brunsell (301-879-4764 or susanbmd@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer or you would like more information.

B-SHARP UPDATED! — Volunteers are needed for our B-SHARP program! Please see or call Kathy Magid 301/476-9621 for more information or to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

7:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Mon 3/8; Thur 3/18; Fri 3/19

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Tue 3/9; Wed 3/10; Thur 3/11; Fri 3/12; Mon 3/15;
Tue 3/16; Wed 3/17; Thur 3/18; Fri 3/19



Nursery Workers - UPDATED!



NURSERY WORKERS

Date Infant Nursery(11:00)

2/28 Tara Breedon
3/7 VOLUNTEER NEEDED
3/14 Kellen Healy & Nikki Nuama
3/21 Tara Breedon
3/28 VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Toddler Room(11:00)

VOLUNTEER NEEDED
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Devin Healy & Nina Nuama
VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Eileen Ulrich

There is a sign-up sheet in the Nursery for childcare volunteers to cover the 11:00 a.m. services. Contact Christine Knisley, at jack176631@comcast.net, or 301/490-5355, if you'd be willing to participate in this quiet but important ministry.

***Parents: The Nursery uses a pager system identical to that used in many restaurants. You are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy worship while your children are safely cared for. The pager is assigned to each child, and if there is a need, it will 'buzz' and alert you so you can return to the nursery to attend to your child.*

Colesville Meals on Wheels REMINDER!— need your help! As you may know, your local Meals on Wheels runs solely on the power of their volunteers. Right now we really need you! We are in need of a person to be our Thursday Coordinator, a Publicity Chairperson, and we are always in need of drivers and deliverers. If you wish to volunteer or wish to have service for yourself or someone you know, call 301/384-7440 between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. or leave a message anytime. Thank you.



NEWS AND NOTES . . .



DONATE



"Therefore, from the day we heard this, we do not cease praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding..." Col 1:9

It may sound simplistic, but have you ever asked yourself, "Why do we pray?" Have you ever wondered, "Why it is so important?" The answer can be summed up in a single word: *relationship*.

Think about it for a moment. How difficult would it be to develop or even maintain relationships with our spouse, kids, friends, and peers, anybody — if we couldn't talk to them or communicate in some way? It would be pretty tough, wouldn't it?

Well then, wouldn't it be just as tough to develop and keep a relationship with God if we didn't or even couldn't talk to Him? Fortunately, as His children, that is not the case. We have prayer. In fact, Jesus, in His wisdom, even taught us how to pray. Even so, we must recognize that the Lord's Prayer is only the beginning.

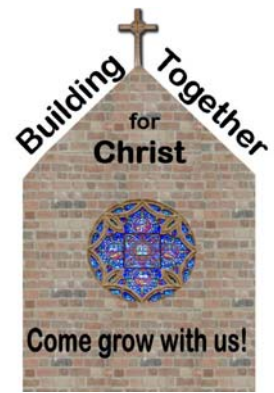
We are never limited to just the Lord's Prayer. We can and should speak to God throughout each day of our life — in the car, on a boat, at the office — anytime and anywhere.

It is only through prayer that we can discuss with God those things that concern us, the things that may be challenging us most. After we pray, we are often able to set those troublesome things aside or gain insight into how to make them work out better. It is an amazing process, prayer.

Still even more amazing is what follows. When we earnestly speak to God, He reveals new insight into our individual situations. When those little insights seem to work out for the better, we come to trust God more, depend on Him more.

In the end, trusting God is what real faith is all about. It sets us free. And, faith found only in the freedom it provides is essential when we are asked to make the kind of decisions that are the most difficult to make, including decisions about how, as one body in Christ, we can help grow our church for Christ.

Pray for our church. Ask God for the insight into how he wants you to help.



Liberty Grove Softball Team Forming!

Liberty Grove is currently putting together a roster for our co-ed softball team in the "super casual, all fun, over-18" spring adult league (not really the name, but you get the idea). Even if you cannot commit to every game every week, we'd still love to have you on the roster for when you are available to play! This is a co-ed league, so that means we need guys and gals on our roster! There will not be practices, and everyone who plays will have to adhere to two very stringent rules: #1 - Have fun and #2 - Don't get hurt! That's it. (And even if you don't have a mitt, I'm sure we can find one for you!) This is all about a little fun, a little fellowship, and a little fresh air. For info, contact the player/manager Justin Riffin as soon as possible at 240-460-4704 or at

KINGOFCRASH@aol.com

OUR STAFF

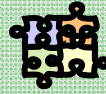
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| Ministers | All of Us |
| Rev. Jeff Jones | Pastor |
| Don Hauprich | Youth & Children's Ministries Director |
| Ted Markle | Music Director |
| Sean Kelley | Junior Church Coordinator |
| Shirley Santilhano | 9:30 Service Worship Leader |
| Claudia Ramirez | Building Security |
| Jessica Zamora | Nursery Attendant |
| Christine Knisley | Child Care Coordinator & Toddler Room Attendant |
| Rochelle Graf | Office Administrator |
| Kathy Magid | B-SHARP Director |

HELP NEEDED REMINDER! -

Selma Weems is looking for someone to live with her and accept room & board, plus a small monetary amount to help her with household chores and some personal needs. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Selma at 301/421-9425.



OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS . . .



Please remember in your prayers the following people and their families:

Denise (friend of Barbara Jensen) – undergoing breast cancer treatment for the next 6 months

Tammy (Cheryl Olavarria’s niece) recovering from surgery

Doris Brown – fell and fractured her 3rd vertebrae, is in Wilson Health Care & Methodist Village in Gaithersburg, Room 118

Russell Danaher (Judy Danaher’s brother-in-law) – health issues with Lyme disease, still takes medicine for it, has his good days and bad days

Ruth DeShazor – problems with her arm, leg, and back

Marshall Donnelly (Judy Danaher’s nephew) – was moved out of ICU and into acute care, is progressing, was able to touch his nose when he reached for it.

Vivian Hines (friend of Barbara Bergere) – has numerous health issues

Bea Iglehart – having a difficult time with cancer treatment

Betty Leach (Judy Danaher’s mother) – is home and doing better. Has some good and some bad days.

Linda Miller (Judy Danaher’s cousin) – her cancer has spread to her kidney, not doing well

Lisa Rados (friend of Judy Danaher) – Prayers for her knee pain

Doug Sampson & family (friends of Judy Danaher) – health issues with his father, his cancer has spread

Brian Shuster (friend of Dorothy José) – is having problems with the healing of his stitches. The doctors are calling it a mersa (mrsa) infection. Many prayers are being asked for in helping the doctors find a solution to this dilemma. Although this may be a bump in the road, the family genuinely appreciates your continued prayers.

Michael Smith – diagnosed with recurring colon cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy

Onna Thorton (Marcy McAdoo’s mother) – recuperating after eye surgery

Selma Weems – Daily struggles of living alone

Jen Xanten – responsibilities of caring for her mother

Bill Yates (friend of the extended Humphreys family) – has returned to NIH for treatment of melanoma, please pray for strength throughout the process.

In Iraq – Bobby Green; **In Afghanistan** – Lindsay Jones (Pastor Jeff’s niece);

In the Persian Gulf with the Coast Guards – Bryan Mullinax (Barbara Bergere’s great nephew)



Please be in prayer for the success of the upcoming campaign and the campaign leaders

Please call Virginia Gilbreath at 301/384-2132 or the church office (301/421-9166) with prayer concerns, updates, or requests. When you ask for prayer for someone other than yourself we assume you are doing so with their permission. It is also requested that updates and/or changes to those currently on the prayer list be shared weekly.



Birthdays this week

- 07 Kevin Barnes
Katie Fisher
- 08 Corey Albright
Sherri McMahon
Kunal Pandit
Ashlyn Smith
- 09 Diane Carpenter
Brian Heidik
Omar Merchant
Danielle Snyder
Debbie White
- 10 Todd Growney
Christine Kalle
Keith Kaylor
Stefanie King
Eloise Park
- 11 Kevin Magid
Lorraine Poole
- 12 Nicholas Bazis
Rachel Burns
Beth Cole Hofmann
Fred Tinetti
Cyndi Wright



NO Anniversaries this week



Sunday School Attendance & Offering

February 28th

| | Camp Scholarship Offering | |
|------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Attendance | Offering | |
| Children | 52* | |
| Youth | 43* | |
| Adult | 46* | |
| Total | <u>141*</u> | <u>\$118.00</u> |

*Includes teachers