

# The Happenings!

Pleasant Grove UMC  
June and July 2014

## Notes from the Pastor

I have just returned from the Annual Conference of Baltimore-Washington UMC. It is an exciting time when all of the Methodists in the District of Columbia, Maryland and parts of West Virginia gather in Baltimore for several days of worship, tending to the business of the church and ordaining new pastors. The theme for this 230<sup>th</sup> meeting in Baltimore – was "Building Bridges." As Christians we are to build bridges from our churches to the communities.

Your church is in the bridge building business. We extend ourselves in service to various parts of our community on Baltimore County. We have just finished a program with Rebuilding Together Baltimore (it used to be called Christmas in April). Ten folks from Pleasant Grove UMC worked in the Mid-Govens area of Baltimore City repairing the home of Mrs. Miller. Our hands have gotten dirty and callused in the name of Jesus. And several more projects are planned for the summer.

Bridge building means taking the love of Christ into the world. The UMW has created countless dresses and shorts for the children in Haiti --- this is where the Christian action is.

Wouldn't you like to become a part of this outreach? If so, contact us.

Dick

## A Reflective Prayer

Lord, Jesus, we ask that you open our hearts and hands to serve you. Give us the necessary boost to say – "Here I am, use me."  
Amen.

## Worship

Recently in worship, Beth Hannon our Director of Music has been demonstrating the amazing quality and diversity of a Yamaha Clavinova digital piano/organ. Our old organ has been broken for a long time and is not repairable. With the suggestion from Beth and the Vision Committee, the Church Council has agreed to consider purchasing a new instrument. We have one in the Sanctuary so that the congregation can appreciate the power of modern music technology.

Also, we are gathering quotes from several suppliers to update our obsolete and cankerous 25 year-old sound system.

And the Trustees are examining the possibilities of painting and refurbishing the sanctuary.

It is imperative that PGUMC continue to repair, replace and upgrade our worship facilities so that new visitors and longtime members see the beauty of the church that remains a beacon on the hill to all who want to praise the Risen Christ.

**Altar Care** – On each of the major worship days in 2014, members are setting up special altars that reflect the theme of the day and the personal touch of the families. Be prepared for some creative and exciting new designs on our altar.

## Education

Sara Taylor's class for the young children revolves around stories from the Bible which are enhanced by music, games and crafts. Sara and

her daughters are very dedicated to the Christian education of the young children.

**Older Children** class led by Helen Kemp is looking into digging deeper into the events and stories about the life of Jesus. Crafts are becoming key to helping the youth explore and develop their faith.

Both classes meet in the Sanctuary for the opening portions of worship and then depart at 10:15 to the Tracey Building for their classes.

## **Adult Class**

The Adult Class is finishing up a video based study of Romans 8. This is a key chapter about commitment and hope. In July the class will take a break for several weeks.

## **Future Happenings**

At 5:30PM, Sunday evening, July 13<sup>th</sup>, PGUMC will join Reisterstown UMC for dinner and worship at Emory Grove. Pastor Dick will speak at the 7PM worship service. Please consider coming and being with our friends of RUMC.

### **July 20<sup>th</sup>–July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Baltimore County Christian Work Camp. John Lambert will have more information about the project after June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Sarah's Hope:** In 2014, we are continuing with the reading to the Pre-K children at Sarah's Hope in Reisterstown. Usually Tuesday –Thursday at 10AM for ½ hour. Make a commitment for one day a week. To sign up, please contact Helen.

Awesome treasure is waiting to be found, so we're asking you to way anchor and join us for this three day tour to SonTreasure Island, where kids discover God's love.



We're looking  
for **YOU!**  
at our 2014  
**Weekend Vacation**  
Bible School  
Ages 3 yrs.  
to  
grade 5

**Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 AM to Noon**



**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 AM to Noon**



**Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**9 AM to Noon**

**"SonTreasure" Island is**  
located at:  
**Pleasant Grove UMC**  
**15300 Dover Road**  
**Reisterstown, MD 21136**  
(Near Boring, MD)

Phone: 410-429-5080

**Website:**  
PleasantGroveUMCMD.org



This is your passport to  
**SonTreasure Island, where**  
kids discover God's love!

On Fri., June 27<sup>th</sup>, Sat., June 28<sup>th</sup>, and Sun., June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to noon come and dig for treasure at our weekend Vacation Bible School. There will be cool stories! Fun crafts! Great music, dancing and delicious snacks! Then on Sunday, at 10:30 AM the kids will put on a most excellent closing program that includes a power point show. All this and no charge!

During VBS we want to show God's love to other boys and girls too. Did you know that every 60 seconds Malaria takes a child's life? Through a program called, "Imagine No Malaria", we're asking you to partner with us to provide treated bed nets to keep children and families from dying of this preventable disease in Africa.



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