

Good News from Good Hope!



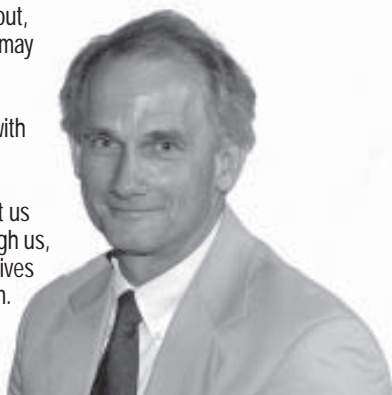
Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
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It's (Almost) Time to Move!

It's time to move! In Numbers 10, we read: "On the twentieth day of the second month of the second year, the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle of the Testimony. Then the Israelites set out from the Desert of Sinai and traveled from place to place until the cloud came to rest in the Desert of Paran. They set out, this first time, at the Lord's command through Moses... The cloud of the Lord was over them by day when they set out from the camp. Whenever the ark set out, Moses said, 'Rise up, O Lord! May your enemies be scattered; may your foes flee before you.'" (Numbers 10:11-13, 34-35)

We anticipate that during this month the Lord will move us and, with His providential hand, lead us to a new location. Just as the Israelites depended upon His cloud of glory for direction, protection, and success, we too are dependent on the Lord. Let us pray that the Lord would lead us to our new location and, through us, expand the knowledge of the Gospel of His Son and enrich the lives of those who know Him and those who would come to know Him.

It's time to move. Let us go. Let us keep our eyes open to His leading, and let us follow Him. ❖



Getting Closer and Closer Every Week...

by Steve Gerwin, Building Committee

Work is progressing rapidly at the church property on Route 216, and, with the grace of God, we will be in our new home soon. The best news is the ever-increasing numbers of volunteers who are showing up on Saturdays and even during the week. Since school has let out, some of the youth have been stopping by on weekdays to help out. There are many details that need attention during these last few weeks, and having a few hands to pitch in during the week makes a significant difference.

By the time this letter arrives, we hope to finally be "out of the mud" with final paving of the road and parking area. The back sidewalk will soon follow. We continue to finish up the tree planting with staking and mulching. The Boy Scouts, with help from some church members, finished planting the reforestation area in the back—that means 462 trees planted, staked, and mulched. This will be a great forest someday! On the exterior of the building, finishing is taking place with final plaster, paint, and floor. The ladies of the church have been painting up a storm inside these last few weeks and doing a fine job.

Mechanical systems are also being finalized. If you appreciate fine craftsmanship, take a look at the mechanical room in the lower level, where **Jim Rowan** and company have put in a work of art. Equally impressive are the floors that **Glenn Taylor** is installing. He can make an uneven nasty sub floor as smooth as glass—yet another thorough craftsman. And as for a cover photo for *Architectural Monthly*, check out **Matt Malanoski's** handiwork on the timberwork at the entrance to the building—outstanding! As we are building a house of God, it is appropriate that the craftsmanship should be at its best. This group of craftsmen is remarkable. And as always, work will take place every Saturday, rain or shine, until the building is finished—hope to see you there! ❖

Focus on Our Missionaries: Jill De Vere, Formerly in Kiev, Ukraine

This is a letter of great gratitude for your generous support throughout the years, which has allowed me to follow God's call to serve Him in Ukraine. Thank you for the many prayers for His will to be done in the church-planting efforts and in my life. Living in Ukraine and being a part of the church-planting effort was an amazing experience that I will be grateful for my entire life.

As of September 1, 2006, I will be taking a leave of absence from Mission to the World. Much prayer and thought has gone into this decision, and God has given me great peace throughout this process. I am grateful for those of you who knew and prayed, and your continuing prayers will be greatly appreciated. Mission to the World has graciously allowed me to go through a transition period until September 1st. I would appreciate it if you could continue supporting me, both prayerfully and financially, through that time.

In the meantime, I am applying for a teaching job in Suffolk, Virginia. Lord willing, I will be able to travel during the summers to do short-term missions trips. Maybe in the future, this will lead to another adventure of being a career missionary with Mission to the World! We will see how God leads.

Love in Christ,
Jill De Vere



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Join us for Worship at 9:30am and Sunday School at 11:00am each Sunday.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Youth Group - 6:00-8:00pm	3	4	5	6 Youth Group Kickball, Ultimate Frisbee & Rita's 7:30-9:00pm	7	8 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
9 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Youth Group - 6:00-8:00pm	10	11 Session/Deacon Meeting at Wallers' House - 7:30pm	12	13 Youth Group Laser Tag at Shadowland 7:15-9:00pm	14	15 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
16 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Communion To Be Served Sunday School - 11:00am Youth Group - 6:00-8:00pm	17	18	19	20 Youth Group Hershey Park Day 8:00am - 9:00pm	21	22 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
23 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Youth Group - 6:00-8:00pm	24	25	26	27 Youth Group Pool Party at Jim & Theresa Rowan's 7:30-9:00pm	28 Info for August newsletter due to Kate Haber today!	29 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
30 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am	31	1	2	3	4	5 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am



All volunteers are welcome to pitch in at the new church property!

Lots of July Youth Group Events!

The middle and high school youth groups will meet for a wide variety of social activities on **Thursday nights** during the month of July—kickball and ultimate frisbee at Burtonsville Elementary School, followed by a walk to Rita's for Italian ice on **July 6th**; laser tag at Shadowland (9179 Red Branch Road, Columbia) on **July 13th**; Hershey Park Day on **July 20th**, departing from and returning to Craig and Wendy Higgins' house (2407 Starcrest Drive, Silver Spring); and a pool party at Jim and Theresa Rowan's house (12459 Route 216, Highland) on **July 27th**. Please contact **Craig or Wendy Higgins** for more information about any of these events.

In addition, **Craig and Wendy Higgins** will host the youth group at their house (2407 Starcrest Drive, Silver Spring) on **Sundays, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd** from 6:00-8:00pm for a time of fellowship, music, and Bible study. All middle school and high school students are welcome!