

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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Don't Miss the Annual Church Retreat to Camp Hemlock!

by Mark Hegerle, Fellowship Committee

Come one, come all to the third annual Camp Hemlock church retreat! We're heading to the camp in wild and wonderful West Virginia on Friday, October 11th through Sunday, October 13th. We'll start with s'mores and singing around an **Allen Bailey**-signature bonfire on Friday night, enjoy hiking, time for quiet devotions and good fellowship, and as many activities all day Saturday as you'd like to participate in, not to mention the best camp food you'll ever eat! Camping Friday and Saturday nights is in a heated lodge or rustic cabins (your choice), all with electricity and beds (you bring the sheets, blankets, and/or sleeping bags). We'll conclude the weekend on Sunday with morning worship and then head home after lunch. Monday, October 14th is a federal holiday, so you can get to all of your weekend chores then! (If you can't make it to the retreat, Good Hope will also have morning worship as usual at Briggs Chaney Middle School.)

All of the food and fun comes at a low price of \$60 per family, \$40 per couple, or \$20 per single. Please see **Theresa Rowan** to sign up, if she hasn't caught up to you already, or e-mail her at trowan@mrisc.com. If you are coming, this is what you'll get:

Meals: Friday—arrival meal and s'mores; Saturday—breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus a snack; Sunday—breakfast and lunch. **Activities:** Lots for all to do, devotions, and Sunday worship. **Amenities:** One room and enough beds per family, all bathhouse and dining paper goods.

And here's what you need to bring: Warm clothes (the mountains are a little cooler than DC), 2 pairs of comfortable shoes, towels and personal toiletries (including shower soap and shampoo), bedding (only a mattress is provided), bug spray, flashlight, personal snacks or special foods (labeled and placed in the kitchen), and any fun things you'd like to do (football, soccer ball, baseball glove, etc.—last year jigsaw puzzles were big). Also, bring along a pumpkin and any carving tools or patterns, if you'd like to join in the carving fun.

And here's how to get there: Take I-495 (Beltway) West to I-66 West (about 20 miles) to I-81 South (65 miles) to VA Route 55 West (second Strausburg exit—4 miles) to WV 259 South to Wardensville (25 miles) to left on Trout Run Road (don't speed in Wardensville—1 mile) to Camp Hemlock entrance on the right side of Trout Run Road (3 miles). Can't wait to see you there, even if it is just for the day on Saturday! ❖

Focus on Our Missionaries: *The Huber Family in Kiev, Ukraine*

Greetings from Ukraine! The Huber family has been swamped by various new responsibilities recently, and we would appreciate your prayers. Lauren will be taking up new positions in team finance and administration until we can get our regular administrator back (who is currently in the States, raising support to come full-time). Please pray for Lauren, as she will now be doing finance for both the team and the seminary. She is sharp with a heart to serve, but she has never had any formal training in these areas. It is a real challenge for her, and I know she is feeling a bit overwhelmed, but there just isn't anyone else who can do it.

I am busy with leading our team. Frankly, I am really enjoying the new role. I am terribly busy and have not yet gotten systems running, but I am grateful to be at the helm and in the midst of the battle to see God raise up churches in this city. We conducted a 2-week seminary session at the end of September with 16 new students, which is more than I expected! All together, we have about 36 seminary students now. They will all be taking Hebrew together and then will be splitting up to take Early Church History for the new group and General Epistles and Revelation for the old group. Their wives joined us for a seminar and then a worship service and convocation on September 21st, which was a special time for everyone.

Here are two specific requests for you in addition to those I have mentioned above:

1. Our birth team, a subset of the Kiev team that I lead, is in place to begin the groundwork for a second church plant in the city. We have settled on the region and will be having a 2-day strategy planning session on October 10-11. Some Bible studies have already been started. We need courage, and we need insight as we seek to reach out into this brand-new work. Our target is for a first worship service on Easter Sunday.
2. As the team leader and vision keeper, I am already planning for the next (third) church plant and personnel for it. Work on the third church would begin a year from year, Lord willing. Please pray that God will raise up the right Ukrainians and Americans for this work. I am in the midst of discussions with several key folks even now—Lord, send forth the laborers!!!

Eric for the Huber family

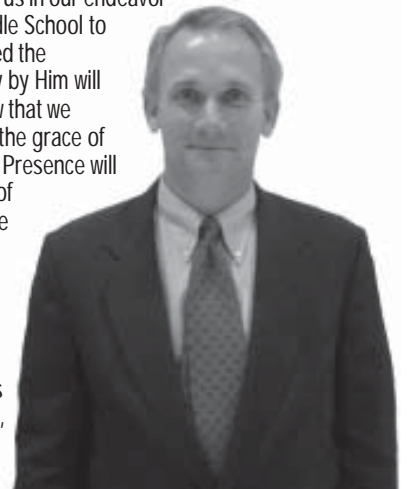
In Need of the Presence of the LORD

Moses had been given the daunting task of leading the children of Israel from Egypt to the promised land. After the debacle of the people making and worshipping a golden calf while Moses was on Mt. Sinai, he was concerned with how he would accomplish his God-mandated task. Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but You have not let me know whom You will send with me." The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:12, 14) The LORD had given Moses his faithful aide Joshua. Yet the LORD wanted Moses to realize that his greatest need was the LORD Himself. Moses' response to the promise of God's Presence was, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." (Exodus 33:15)

On October 20th, we will have a congregational meeting. As a result of this meeting, we hope to chart a clear understanding of what it will take to move us further in our pursuit of a new church home. As Moses acknowledged his dependence upon the Presence of the LORD, so let us reaffirm this as well.

Moses realized that the Presence of God would not just assure the ability to move from one location to another. He added, "How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all other people on the face of the earth?" (Exodus 33:16)

We certainly need the LORD to help us in our endeavor to move from Briggs Chaney Middle School to Fulton, yet in a greater way we need the Presence of God in our lives. Only by Him will anyone in Fulton and beyond know that we become pleasing to Him through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Only by His Presence will we be distinguished as followers of Christ. Only He can enable us to be salt and light. And only He can put the love of Christ in our hearts so that we might be compelled by it to love others, whether they are Christians or not. As we anticipate our congregational meeting, let us pray that the LORD will meet with us, be with us, and chart our way with His Presence. ❖



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Join us for Worship at 9:25am and Sunday School at 11:00am each Sunday.
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Sunday School Teachers, Who Are You? by Kathy Haber, Sunday School Correspondent

Some years ago at a Ladies' Retreat, our friend **Linda Fortney** shared her testimony. She began by relating a story that her mother tells. Once when Linda was a little girl, she was watching a Shirley Temple movie. Shirley lived in an orphanage, and the headmistress was a cruel woman. At one point in the movie, the headmistress was treating Shirley harshly. Linda stood up, pointed at the television, and yelled, "That's my Sunday school teacher!"

In contrast to this cruel headmistress, our church has been blessed with caring, creative, conscientious, and skillful teachers. Who are they, and whom do they teach?

- **Bill and Marcy Davis** manage the nursery, recruiting volunteers and keeping it stocked with toys and supplies.
- **Victoria Chandler** and **Karen Crago**, our newest teachers, are dedicated to our smallest children. They teach the Toddler class.
- **Amy Higgins**, who has taught our little children for many years, and **Kate Haber**, who began helping in this class almost as soon as she began attending our church, teach the Preschool class.
- **Tracy Young**, who organizes the crafts for all the children at Vacation Bible School and has years of teaching experience, teaches the Primary class, grades 1-3.
- **Joanna Lyon**, who always includes a fun science experiment to reinforce her lesson, and **Kathy Haber** teach the Junior class, grades 4 and 5.
- **Becky Haber**, who enjoys the Middle Schoolers, and **Barb Petro**, a veteran Bible Study Fellowship teacher, teach the Middle School class.
- **Ron Higgins**, who plans extra-curricular events with his students, teaches the High School class.

Not only does our church enjoy a solid Sunday school program, but we also have the benefit of other means of Christian nurture for our children.

- **Chris Waller** writes and directs the annual Christmas play. She also takes on much of the responsibility to make sure our children and neighboring children have the opportunity to attend Vacation Bible School.
- **Jack and Chris Waller** open up their home to very active Middle and High Schoolers on Sunday evenings. They host and teach the Youth Group Growth Group.
- And many others have helped us. **Theresa Rowan** has faithfully ordered and delivered our curriculum for more than ten years. **Chris Waller**, **Wendy Higgins**, **Carol Taylor**, and **Tim Rowan** had the responsibility for teaching Sunday school classes for many years. A long time ago, **Glenn Taylor** taught the Preschoolers, and **Michelle Black** provided much appreciated help in that class more recently.

So thank you all for your faithful, nurturing work. Thanks to you, young moms and visitors, friends and long-time members can bring their children to Sunday school, confident that they will receive good care and sound instruction. And we can all be thankful that if a villain appears on TV, no one will cry, "That's my Sunday school teacher!" ❖

Communion Schedule

The sacrament of communion will be served as part of our worship service on Sunday, October 6th. Please take time to prepare your hearts for this.

Men's Basketball

Men's basketball will resume for the fall in October for all men in high school or beyond. Please mark your calendars now for Thursdays, October 17th and 24th from 8-10pm at Briggs Chaney Middle School. Bring a friend!

Ready, Set, Teach! Roundtable

This curriculum training event will take place on Friday, October 18th, 5:30-9pm at Severna Park Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Please call **Kathy Haber** at (301) 622-2216 if you are interested in attending.

Ladies' Fall Luncheon

Ladies, don't miss this annual event, held this year on Saturday, October 26th from 12-3pm at The Inn at Brookeville Farms for \$20. Please RSVP by October 20th to **Tracy Young** at (301) 879-8357.

Keep Your Eyes on the Mail Before Upcoming Congregational Meeting

by Ian Macdonald, Building Committee Chairman

The construction and financial arms of our building committee are working feverishly to put together a thorough status report for our congregational meeting, which is scheduled for October 20th. Prior to the meeting, you will be receiving a mailing to prepare you for the presentations and discussions that will take place at the meeting. Rather than stealing the thunder of **Jim Haber**, **Bill Davis**, and **Peter Haber**, who are working so hard on the pre-meeting package, let me just say that I left their planning session very enthusiastic about the prospects of a new church home! In the interim, we ask only that you prayerfully prepare yourself for the meeting and more specifically that you pray for:

- The efforts of Jim, Bill, and Peter.
- **Karl Riedel** having: (1) the time to draw the plans; (2) a successful meeting with Howard County regarding the floor load; and (3) good meetings with **Matt Malanoski**, **Jim Rowan**, and our structural engineer.
- **Theresa Rowan** as she works on an estimate of the current value of our property.
- The Lord's blessing on all of our efforts.

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