



Moore's Messenger

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Summer 2007
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Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church
392 Blake Road Elkton, MD 21921

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Join us for the last night of QUEST!

Thursday, July 26th 6-7:30 p.m.
at Moore's Chapel
Grades K-6
Video Game/Dance Night



Vacation Bible School "Take the Plunge"

August 12-16, 2007

Sun. 6-8:30 p.m.
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MOORE'S CHAPEL

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FALL DINNER DANCE & SILENT AUCTION
TO BENEFIT THE BUILDING FUND



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 29, 2007
6:30-11:00 P.M.

BENTLEYS RESTAURANT
902 EAST PULASKI HWY.
ELKTON, MD 21921

PLEASE SEE PAGE 11 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Pastor's Pen

by Rev. KyungMo Koo



Children's Ministry at Moore's Chapel: A Bright Future

In Matthew 18:1-5, the disciples asked who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. They are asking that among those who can compete for greatness, who takes the top spot in heaven's all-star ranking? Without reply, Jesus took a child and said that unless they became as this little child, they would not even get into the Kingdom at all. Jesus' response was quite sensational and a totally unexpected answer. In Jewish culture children were considered to have no rights or significance and were powerless in society.

When Jesus said that the kingdom of Heaven is composed of those who are like children, what did he mean? I don't think that it means only children can go to heaven. What my understanding of Jesus' saying is that children have the wonderful qualities that make them the symbol of those who are citizens of the Kingdom. What are the qualities Jesus was thinking about? What is it about a child that Jesus liked and valued so much? They have the innocent minds, simplicity, and absolute trust toward God, which is needed to enter the kingdom of heaven.

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to the elementary school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with thunder and lightning. The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school,

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and she herself feared that the electrical storm might harm her child. Following the roar of thunder, lightning – like a flaming sword – cut through the sky.

Full of concern, the mother quickly got into her car and drove along the route to her daughter's school. As she did so, she saw her little girl walking along, but at each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up and smile. Another and another followed quickly and with each the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile. When the mother's car drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and yelled to her, "What are you doing? Why do you keep stopping?" The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty. God keeps taking my picture."

What a cute, and at the same time, inspirational story! As we have seen in this story, children who have learned about the Bible and Jesus so well, have, through their simple and innocent faith, introduced us to Jesus anew. Because of children's innocence and absolute trust toward God, Jesus said that children were nearer to God than anyone else here. A child's simplicity and innocent mind is, indeed, closer to God than anything else. He did not mean that heaven is only for children, but that people need childlike attitudes of trust in God. It is life's tragedy that, as we grow older, we so often grow further from God, rather than nearer to him. It is important not only to treat children well, but also to teach them about Jesus. We have to introduce our children to Jesus.

Moore's Chapel has been doing well in children's ministry. Through Vacation Bible School held every summer, the children are introduced to who Jesus is and what the Bible means to them. Classes for ages 3- 14 are offered and an average of 35 students attend each night. We have many teachers, assistants, volunteers, some of them for all week, and some for part of the week. We end the week with a closing program where the children present what they had learned. We celebrate children's Sunday every year where they have the opportunity to share what they learned in Sunday school with parents and church family. Some of our children have joined the Youth Praise Band and they have learned how to worship God through their talent and have experienced the joy of praising God. The Quest program held during the summer provides another opportunity for our children to know God in a way that is fun and exciting.

I believe the children's ministry has the full support of the congregation because children represent the future of Moore's Chapel. However, as we build our new classrooms and gym, we now have even more responsibility for future children's ministry because God expects more and better ministry from those who have

the means and facilities. We have plans for a teacher training program one weekend this coming fall and we hope to participate in a Children's Ministry Conference in the near future. As pastor, I strongly believe the teacher training is a key element for successful children's ministry.

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me, too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Like this little girl's point, we are responsible for making our children and grandchildren much better than we are in Christ. We are responsible for reaching out to children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are accountable for introducing our children to Jesus Christ as early as possible. We have the responsibility to help our children cultivate their relationship with Jesus. This responsibility requires us to form them into not only good citizens but also faithful Christians.

For this, it is not enough to provide teacher's training, a variety of programs, and fun filled lesson plans, but it also requires active involvement of parents and the support and prayer of the whole church. We, as parents, Sunday school teachers, and church families, must never overlook the children whom God places into our lives and ministries. I dream and pray that Moore's Chapel will be a haven for children's ministry around the community, and a model for other United Methodist Churches. Remember, the kingdom of Heaven is not only for adults, but also for children. No child is too small to God.

In Christ's Love,



Rev. KyungMo Koo



SALUTE TO VETERANS DANCE

We are still getting lots of positive feedback from the May 24 Memorial Day Salute to Veterans Dance held May 24 at Rising Sun Banquet Hall. Through ticket sales and the silent auction our Thursday night dance raised more than \$1,100 for the building fund.



The next dance will be a gala to be held September 29th at Bentleys in Elkton. MieMie Strickler is chairing this dance. Now that ground has been broken we need every hand to help and every heart to pray as we raise funds to pay the bills for this project.



Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church would like to recognize the following people upon their successful completion of "Disciple 1 – Making Disciples Through Bible Study":

- Marsue Lewis**
- Craig Lewis**
- Linda Lutz**
- Lora Strauss**
- Ray Ramberger**

Disciple 1 is an intensive 34 –week journey through almost 80% of the Bible, with the Holy Spirit as the guide. Completing the course requires time, commitment, study, and prayer.

Congratulations

Poem Read by Mrs. Gloria Holt (Laity/Clergy banquet)

Author Unknown

“Dead or Alive”

Live churches are constantly changing.
Dead churches don't have to.
Live churches have lots of noisy kids.
Dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live churches expenses always exceed their incomes.
Dead churches take in more than they ever intend to spend.
Live churches are always planning for the future.
Dead churches worship their past.

Live churches are intense & earnest about worship.
Dead churches aren't.
Live churches move out in faith,
Dead churches operate totally by human insight.

Live churches support missions.
Dead churches keep it at home.
Live churches focus on people.
Dead churches focus on buildings.

Live churches are filled with tithers.
Dead churches are filled with tippers.
Live churches dream great kingdom dreams.
Dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches evangelize.
Dead churches fossilize.

*Poem was printed in the Conference newspaper.

Waisted for God

By Jane Bellmyer

“I will dance, I will sing to be mad for my King
Nothing Lord is hindering this passion in my soul ...
...and I will be even more undignified than this
though some may say it's foolishness...”
From the song Undignified by David Crowder

I don't know why but I love music. If I hear music I have to move. Nowadays that is a sure-fired way to embarrass my children because, let's face it 48-year-old moms don't look cool when they dance. One of the watershed moments of my newfound Christian faith in 1997 was learning that there was dancing in the Bible. And music! It was sheer joy to hear the range of music available to lift my soul and make my feet move. Glory hallelujah!

One of the first convictions I had in 1997 was to get rid of all my music that has less than wholesome lyrics. I had some pretty salacious stuff. I cleaned out my collection. Then I was lost. Okay Lord, now what do I listen to? I did not yet know about the burgeoning contemporary Christian genre of music. A dear friend presented me with R.I.O.T., a new CD by Carman at that time. She thought it was a praise and worship disk. It was techno-rap. I stuck it in my CD player and I was hooked. I shouted Thank You Lord! and listened to this disk constantly for the next month while I studied the artists and decided what I wanted next. Now my tastes range from Paul Wilbur and Don Moen with their Messianic praise and worship to Family Force 5 (their style is similar to the Red Hot Chili Peppers) and of course, TobyMac.

So it goes without saying that music is part of my life. It is one of the reasons why I have to come to church Sunday morning. The music draws me like a magnet. It's just not Sunday if I am not reduced to tears somewhere along the way. The notes touch my ears and the words touch my soul.

I've told you all that to tell you this.

One of the many rituals in my life is what I call the “Annual Clothing Migration.” By June 1 I had taken my summer clothes out of storage and was putting the winter ones in the zippered bags for their turn in the basement. This is the time that I ask myself if I even wore that sweater, or that pair of pants. If the answer is no I get rid of it. Then I usually try on all the summer clothes to see what fits.

This year I did not have time. On a particular Sunday I grabbed a pair of lightweight summer pants from the storage bag, yanked them on and rushed out the door to church with the kids in tow.

The music started. I stood and started to move, and sing. This was one of those mornings that Ross is grinning ear-to-ear, Jen is looking heavenward and smiling, and Christine is studying the congregation as the pews fill. April meanwhile is hopping up and down to the beat ...and so was I.

Uh oh.

Halfway through the second song (must have been Days of Elijah) I realized my pants, which should have been on my waist, were low on my hips. What is in a pair of pants, neatly folded in a zippered plastic bag, sitting in an unheated basement for six months that kills elastic? I tried not to look obvious. I placed my hand in a way that should have held them in place. They dropped lower.

It made me think of that song by David Crowder called Undignified:

*“I will dance, I will sing to be mad for my King
Nothing Lord is hindering this passion in my soul ...
...and I will be even more undignified than this
though some may say it's foolishness...”*

In 2 Samuel chapter six the story is told of David bringing the ark of The Lord to his house. It was quite the party with dancing and singing.

13 When those who were carrying the ark of the LORD had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf. 14 David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before the LORD with all his might, 15 while he and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouts and the sound of trumpets.

David was the King of Israel by this time. The ark was being brought from one city, where its presence brought

Waisted for God - continued

blessings upon that city. He danced with abandon, out of joy and love for God.

Uh oh.

The daughter of his enemy wasn't looking at the joy on his face, or the blessings of his household. She wasn't looking for the cause of that abandon. She only saw a man dancing, wearing just an ephod (that's a shirt of that era worn by the priests).

She wanted to steal his joy, and make David as miserable as she.

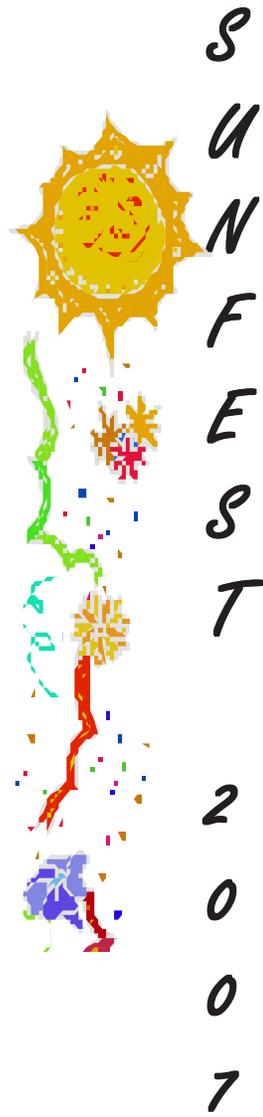
And as my pants tried to fall down I lost track of the worship, and the music I love, and the message and the Spirit. It was as if something pulled my plug.

I can't tell you what the sermon was about, or whether there was communion. I became focused on my ephod...the waistband of the pants I wore to church. Then I realized I have too many distractions. Not just in church, but in my entire relationship with God.

Sitting there as worship came to an end I suddenly thought of "Undignified" and wondered what would happen if I suddenly began to dance with abandon. What would people say if I did that? Would they join me? Would they laugh at me? Would they join my children and hide under the pews? Would my pants stay up?

The picture in my head made me want to burst out laughing. Thankfully the music started again. I grabbed my waistband with one hand and raised the other in thanks to a God who quietly asked me "are you holding on to Me too?"

David didn't let one person stop him from worshipping his God. And I didn't let worn out elastic stop me.



The Moore's Chapel SunFest float idea was conceived by Lois Taylor and built by Lois and Gene Proctor. The Youth Group provided the smiling faces that rode the parade route in Rising Sun June 2, 2007. The church then hosted a booth which gave away more than 150 penguin crafts and untold numbers of penguin temporary tattoos to promote the upcoming Vacation Bible School "Make a Splash With Jesus" program. We have been receiving registrations from those brochures handed out at SunFest, according to VBS chair Jen Arter.

Bible Study

Moore's Chapel would like to recognize those who have successfully completed Disciple III - "Remember Who You Are"

- Jon Wiese
- Nancy Wiese
- Sam Pierce
- Fay Pierce
- Lois Taylor
- Sallie Teague
- Trixie Waddell
- Judy Fox

- Tom McDade
- Sue McDade
- Harry Phillips
- Marsha Phillips
- Debbie Chadwick
- Joe Cox
- Ross Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mission Moments 2007

On May 6th another team of nine from Moore's Chapel went down to Trinity UMC in Gulfport, Mississippi to continue to help with the rebuilding efforts for the victims of hurricane Katrina.



can see much progress but there is still plenty to be done. Trinity reports that there are still 25,871 temporary housing units in service in Mississippi alone.

Our team was split up and worked on different job sites this time. One team put sheathing on a new house that was under construction when Katrina hit.

The other team worked with a group from California on a house for a single mother with two beautiful little girls. Her youngest daughter is 14 months and has never lived anyplace except their FEMA trailer. Nine year old, Kendall was so excited over the prospects of having her own bedroom again she asked to help and she was painting right along with us.



Our combined teams were able to complete two bedrooms right down to the carpet and closet doors and the family could spend the night in them when we left the job on Friday. They were so grateful. We hear over and over, "we were about to give up hope and then you all came to help us".

Trinity's motto, "Building Hope, Rebuilding Lives", continues to be actualized with positive rebuilding steps on almost 600 homes. They have hosted over 4,940 volunteers and these volunteers have



logged over 650,000 hours. I was amazed at the map that showed all the states that sent volunteers.

As always it was a blessing to be there and meet and work with the other volunteers. There is an instant bond as we are all there for the same reason, to be the hands and feet of Jesus. There is a sense of urgency as we know we only have one short week to help make a difference in the lives of the wonderful people of the Gulf Coast who have been through so much.



Sue McDade
Missions & Evangelism Co-Chair



Palm Sunday Project

Mandy Wyatt was grateful for the generosity of the Moore's Chapel family from the Palm Sunday Campaign. Several weeks ahead of Palm Sunday the congregation was challenged to take home a rubber glove and fill it with loose change, becoming "the hands of Christ."

Three weeks later the gloves came back and we blessed Homefront Christian Outreach with \$1,100. Homefront Christian Outreach reaches out to Oxford and Elkton giving out food and clothing to those in need. Go to www.homefrontchristianoutreach.org to learn more about this vital ministry.

Summer

Youth Schedule



July:

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| Sun. | July 22 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Experiencing God Bible Study |
| Tues. | July 24 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Youth Praise Band |
| Thurs. | July 26 | 6-7:30 p.m. | QUEST Video Game/Dance Night |
| Sat. | July 28 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Experiencing God Bible Study |
| Tues. | July 31 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Youth Praise Band |

August:

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| Sun. | Aug. 05 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Experiencing God Bible Study |
| Sun. | Aug. 12 | 6-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School |
| Mon.-Thurs. | Aug. 13-16 | 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Vacation Bible School (helpers still needed) |
| Sun. | Aug. 19 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Experiencing God Bible Study |
| Sun. | Aug. 26 | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School/Church Picnic (see page 10 for more info.) |
| Sun. | Aug. 26 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Experiencing God Bible Study |

September:

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| Sun. | Sept. 02 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Experiencing God Bible Study |
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Any questions about youth activities please contact Jen Arter
at youth@mooreschapel.org.

PHONE/INK FUNDRAISER

Have any of these items laying around collecting dust? Don't throw them away!!!

Items may be in working condition or not,
we are collecting the items listed below to benefit our Youth Group!

A collection box is located in the back of the church.

Cell Phones
Ink Jet Printer Cartridges
DVD Movies & Video games
Portable DVD Players
Laptop Computers
MP3 Players
X-Boxes, Sony Playstations, Wii
Digital Cameras & Digital Video Cameras (DVRs)
Digital Picture Frames
Portable Navigation & GPS Devices (Garmin, Magellan, Tom-Tom)

**Moore's Chapel
Congratulates
the class of
2007**



Chelsea Underwood

Daughter of Michael and Shirley Underwood of Elkton, MD. Chelsea graduated from Rising Sun High School. While at RSHS, she was the varsity cheerleading captain and a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Tiger News Network. She was also involved in studio art, the honors drama program and musical theatre productions. She plans to attend Frostburg State University this fall to pursue a major in mass communications.



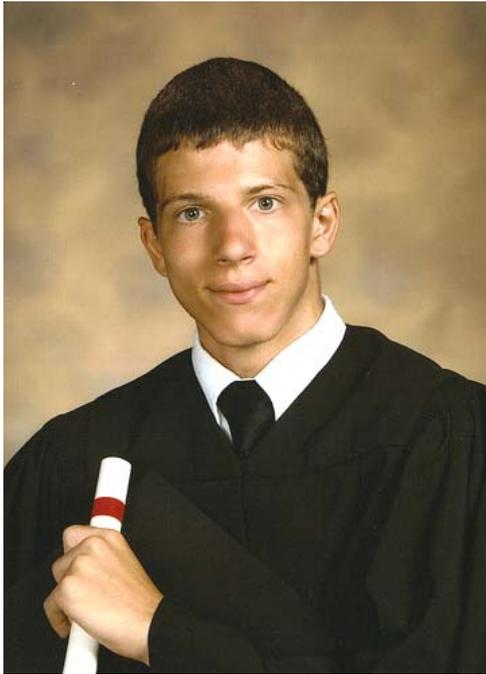
**Alex Luff
graduated from
Elkton High School
June 2007.**

**Congratulations
Alex!!!**

Daughter of Michael and Shirley Underwood of Elkton, MD. Shelby graduated from Rising Sun High School. While at RSHS, she was an anchor for Tiger News Network. She was very involved in the choir, band, honors drama program, and musical theatre productions. She participated in all-county solo ensemble and all-state solo ensemble, receiving superior ratings. She plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan College this fall to pursue a major in vocal performance and a minor in musical theatre.



Shelby Underwood

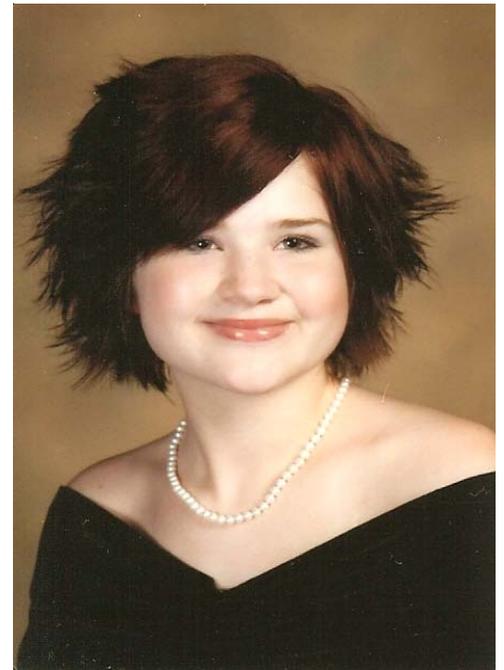


Colin Weaver

Colin graduated June 9, 2007 from Rising Sun High School. Right now he is in a time of discovery, exploring the options for his future. Please join Colin in the prayer that God will reveal to him what His will is for his life.



Mary graduated from Rising Sun High School on June 9th. She will be attending the Art Institute of Philadelphia in the fall to major in Fashion Marketing.



Mary Mendenhall

**Danny Norman
graduated from
Elkton High School
June 2007.**

**Congratulations
Danny!!!**

**WELL DONE
Grads**

Coming events

Red Robin Fundraiser
Wednesday August 1, 2007 5-8 p.m.



Who doesn't like to eat out?
Why not go out to eat and help raise money for Moore's Chapel Building Fund at the same time!

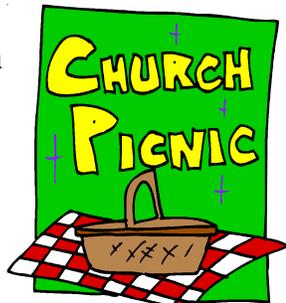
It's Easy!!!

All you have to do is come to Red Robin Restaurant in Glasgow, DE on Aug. 1 between 5-8 p.m. Bring our flyer with you to show you are coming for Moore's Chapel and Red Robin will donate 20% of the proceeds to our building fund. **(It's very important everyone must have the flyer before arriving to the restaurant)**, please contact mphillips@mooreschapel.org to have the flyer e-mailed to you or call 410.398.7245 and we will get one out to you.

Hope to see you for dinner!

Moore's Chapel
Sunday School/Church
Picnic

Sunday August 26th
10:00 a.m.



At cherry grove pavilion on Wilson Road,
bring your favorite picnic dish
to share and a chair.

MOORE'S CHAPEL ANNUAL



Don't throw it away!
Save your spring/summer cleaning treasures!

Moore's Chapel will again be holding their annual Yard Sale on September 7th and 8th, 2007 at the Calvert Grange Hall. The proceeds of this event are used to support mission projects.

Item donations are needed to
make this event a success.

Last years yard sale raised close to \$2,000 and hopefully this can be increased this year. Storage will be available at Walnut Springs Farm beginning July 16 for anyone wanting to donate non-clothing items prior to the day of the sale. There will also be a bake table and lunch available during the sale. If you do not have any items to donate, donations of baked goods are also being requested.

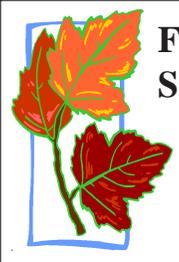
Please contact Molly Brumbley with any questions or to arrange for storage or item pick up.

Home Coming

Moore's Chapel
Celebrating 136 years
1871-2007

Sunday October 28, 2007
10:30 a.m. (combined service)

Rev. Greg Hill, Moore's Chapel's former pastor will be here to celebrate with us as our guest speaker! Chuck Boyd "One Voice" will join us as our special music along with our Choir and Praise Band. Lunch will follow the Worship service.



Fall Dinner Dance & Silent Auction September 29, 2007 6:30-11:00 p.m. Bentleys Restaurant Elkton, MD

Nonalcoholic Event
Music from the 50's, 60's, & 70's (DJ)
Reserved Seating \$35 per person

Seat Reservation & Contribution forms please mail to:
Moore's Chapel Dinner Dance 2007
392 Blake Rd. Elkton, MD 21921
Last day for reservation is Sept. 6, 2007

Please contact Mie Mie Strickler with any questions:.

Special Summer Singers for the 11:00 a.m Worship Service



- 07/22 - Megan Lehr
- 07/29 - Ginny Lehr & Nancy Lehr
- 08/12 - Singing Cousins ~
Suzanne Lamborn, Nancy Lehr,
& Bob Logan
- 08/19 - Alison DiFilippo
- 09/02 - Katie Moore



Fall Dinner Dance & Silent Auction - Seat Reservation

Please reserve _____ seats @ \$35/person
 No. of Entree choices: _____ Salmon with Champagne sauce/Jumbo
 Shrimp or Chicken Marsala _____
 Name: _____
 Phone # _____
 E-mail: _____
 Guests names: _____

We need many contributions and donated items to make this silent auction a success. Please take part in this vital fundraising effort by making a contribution such as a gift certificate, basket of goodies or items to be featured in the silent auction. Your tax deductible contribution of goods or services will help ensure that we carry out our mission of service to the community. All contributors will be recognized in the Program Booklet. We are also soliciting business ads for our booklet. This Souvenir booklet will serve as a nice remembrance of the event.

Fall Dinner Dance & Silent Auction - Contribution Form

I/We will be happy to contribute _____
 Value of Gift: \$ _____ Phone # _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Please indicate how you wish to be recognized in the program
 booklet: _____

 Donor Signature: _____
 *You will receive a letter acknowledging your contribution as your
 tax receipt.



If you would like to receive our newsletter via e-mail please contact Marsha Phillips at mphillips@mooreschapel.org and we will gladly add you to our list.
Thanks!

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

FALL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES TO
MARSHA PHILLIPS AT
MPHILLIPS@MOORESCHAPEL.ORG.



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Snacks
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Story Time

Ages 3 through 8th grade

**August 12-16, 2007
Sunday 6-8:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

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**For more information please call 410.398.7245
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