



MOORE'S MESSENGER

OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS

THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pastor's Pen
By: Rev. KyungMo Koo

Moore's Chapel 2009

The church is not an organization, but an organism, that is vitally connected as one body and which receives its nourishment, guidance and direction from the Head, Jesus Christ. The Church is not simply a building, not an administrative committee, but the gathering of the people of God and one body of Christ. The church is a living organism, rather than a structured organization. Like any living organism, the church must do one of two things: grow or die.

God has blessed Moore's Chapel in many ways and Moore's Chapel, as a living being, is a growing congregation. Not only have we matured in inspirational worship services, mission and ministry, and family style fellowship, we have also increased in membership, attendance, and budget. We continually

work together as a team; we meet together, worship together, serve together, sing together, share our heavy burdens of life together, and of course, eat together. Moore's Chapel is the living, moving, growing, and transforming body of Christ.

While, in 2008, we celebrated the successful completion of our new "Underwood Educational Building," this year, we set up new rules and regulations for it; we started our "Second Pledge" drive in the beginning of March, and led many fundraising events. For the last three years, we successfully finished our "First Pledge"; A total of 69 family units pledged \$396,000 and we over received \$400,000. We started our "Second Pledge" drive in the beginning of March. A total of 46 family units faithfully pledged \$250,000 for the second capital campaign and are doing well in receiving pledged money (over \$100,000 received so far). We have been paying "interest only" and we will start "principal and interest" payments in April 2010. Even through financial difficulty, we decided that we would increase our budget to over \$200,000 for 2010. It is hard to imagine that we were a small congregation with a budget of \$17,000 in 1982.

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Praise & Worship Night February 28, 2010



Join us for a covered dish at 5:30 and a service of music and message at 7 p.m. The Itzel Family Singers will be returning to Moore's Chapel with their mixture of traditional and contemporary music for all ages. The Reverend Perry L. Williams, Senior Pastor of University UMC, will bring the message. Don't miss this opportunity to gather in fellowship to praise and worship God. Think of this night as a spiritual winter treat!

**The United Methodist Women are providing the drink and dessert.*

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God has allowed us to have a variety of missions and ministries, and many opportunities to serve people near and far. Just like every year, 2009 at Moore's Chapel was very full and well rounded as we sought to serve God and to love Jesus Christ in many ways: through worship, mission, Christian education for all ages, Bible studies, and a variety of Fellowship events. If I had to pick an activity that really marked our growth in mission and ministry of 2009, it would be "The Bible in 90 Days."

"The Bible in 90 Days" is essentially a Bible reading program in which we read through the entire Bible, book by book, for 90 days. Throughout the DVD lectures in one of four weekly small group meetings (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday), we learned the background, history and authorship of each book, its time frame and major themes, and discussed the crucial lessons God wants us to learn. We also shared how this week's Bible readings affected our daily lives.

Additionally, my Sunday sermon during this period of time came from the reading assignment of each week. This format gave us consistency and integrity. More than 50 people participated and most of them finished their difficult and lengthy reading assignment each day. We successfully completed this spiritual formation program from Jan. 11 to April 12, and the feedback and participation was more than we could have imagined.

Life and death are a part of the circle of life, and even though we have lost friends like John Wood, we have also gained new lives, like Ethan James Elliott and Owen James Yates. God has added more new faces and families this year and promises that we will continue to grow with the additions of new families in the future. Moore's Chapel received 11 new members through the Baptism and Confirmation Class. Scott and Eileen Butler, Jane Wood, Mary Ibrahim, Larry Dixon, Mark Walters, Andy and Jodi Wahlund, Lana Hammel, and Fred and Stacy Cost.

This year we had four high school graduates. Alison DiFilippo, Calvin Mlynarik, GaHye Koo, and Adam Huller. They are soon-to-be teachers, artists, musicians, engineers, soldiers, diplomats, businessmen, and much more, who will grow and share God's love and grace with the world. We were able to celebrate two baptisms, McKenna Elliott and Scott Butler; three weddings, Megan and Dave Wiecek, Ross and Lana Johnson, and Larry and Lisa

Dixon. We are glad that we could witness these special events as a church family.

Since Moore's Chapel currently has four active military personnel (Matthew Harvey, Fred Cost, Kelly Hannum, and Jason Lehr), and it is a great blessing to have them as part of our church family; it was a privilege to hear their living testimonies in Christ from the pulpit; Fred Cost on Memorial Day and Kelly Hannum on Veteran's Day.

When we reflect on the year 2009, we can humbly say that, as a team, Moore's Chapel did another wonderful job. Gratefully, Moore's Chapel never hesitated and said, "It is too big of an assignment for us to carry," and was not opposed to new things by saying, "We've never done it that way before!" We always depended on God's power and provision, and encouraged each other by reminding ourselves, "This challenge will be a good opportunity for us to grow." And we open our hearts and minds to God's plan and ask, "Heavenly Father, how can we glorify you through this?" I am very proud of Moore's Chapel as a pastor and am blessed to be one of its family members.

When we look back on what we did this past year, we should not be satisfied with only what we accomplished or stop at just celebrating how great of a job we did. Instead, we will always look ahead and move forward in seeking to become more faithful followers of Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, in the time and place where God has put us. I believe our best years for Moore's Chapel are yet to come as we mature as Christians, and as we learn to make even more use of our talented laity, and as we learn to use our facilities to draw people to church and from church to Christ.

God wants Moore's Chapel to continually grow. We will grow up in every way in Christ, who is the head. He makes the whole body grow and build itself up in love. Under the control of Christ, each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love. We have hope in Jesus Christ that Moore's Chapel will continue to grow as a living being. We pray that our loving God will continually bless Moore's Chapel's mission and ministry this coming year of 2010. Amen.

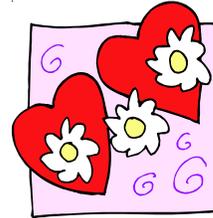
In Christ's Love,

Rev. KyungMo Koo



SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday School Valentine's Party
Saturday February 6, 2010
10 a.m. - 12 noon



Please bring valentines to exchange.
We will be making valentines, having cupcakes, snacks, and drinks.



“SOUPER BOWL” SUNDAY SOUP AND POTATO LUNCH

Sunday February 7, 2010
Following the combined 10:30 service
Donations accepted to benefit the Building Fund

Make plans to attend the annual Soup and Potato Lunch immediately following the 10:30 service on February 7, 2010. The menu will include 5-6 soup selections, chili, baked potatoes, drinks and dessert.

Donations of soup are needed. If you would like to provide a soup selection please see or contact Molly Brumbley at 410-459-7448.

**BEEF & PIG ROAST
SATURDAY MARCH 6, 2010
3:30-7:00 P.M.**

**ADULTS \$12
CHILDREN \$5 (10 & UNDER)**

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Are you giving the church free money yet? I'm talking about iGive.com! It's a free site, that will track your online purchases through various companies (Amazon, Lands End, Zappos, Shutterfly & many, many, more) and donate back a percentage of each purchase to the church. What's really nice is that it also provides you a record for tax purposes of these donations and will serve as a write off for you next year. The church receives free money & you get more deductions!

The link to join is either here:

www.iGive.com/MooresChapelBuildingFund

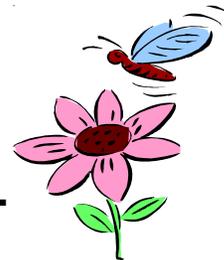
Or email me for a link directly & we'll get \$5 for your first purchase! My email address is: alhannum924@gmail.com

Since March 2007, the church has received \$240 of building funds but I know this can be greatly improved!

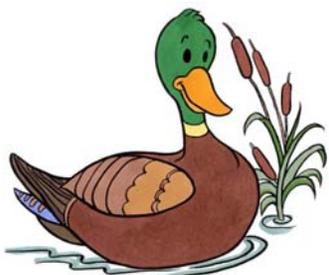
Thanks ~Amy Hannum



Cabin Fever
March 13, 2010
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Snow, ice, bitter cold. Don't you long for the warm weather, being able to go outside and enjoy the sunshine and a gentle breeze? Find your cure at Cabin Fever March 13 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Moore's Chapel. Inside (and even outside) the Underwood Educational Building you will find great ideas where you can go outside and play. We have an eager group of participants including Cecil County Master Gardeners, Delta Waterfowl, Ducks Unlimited, Elk Neck State Park, Lums Pond, Cecil County Tourism, Cecil Bird Club, Maryland Saltwater Sport Fisherman, Nottingham Park, Woodlawn Wildlife Habitat, and Anita C. Leight Estuary Center. There will be lots to see and do, so come in your play clothes. Admission is free. Lunch and refreshments will be sold for the benefit of the youth group mission trip to Galveston, Texas.



If you have questions or want to be involved contact Jane Bellmyer at 443-553-8420.



Christmas Cookie Rules...

1. If you eat a Christmas cookie fresh out of the oven, it has no calories because everyone knows that the first cookie is the test and thus calorie free.
2. If you drink a diet soda after eating your second cookie, it also has no calories because the diet soda cancels out the cookie calories.
3. If a friend comes over while you're making your Christmas cookies and needs to sample, you must sample with your friend. Because your friend's first cookie is calorie free, (rule #1) yours is also. It would be rude to let your friend sample alone and, being the friend that you are, that makes your cookie calorie free.
4. Any cookie calories consumed while walking around will fall to your feet and eventually fall off as you move. This is due to gravity and the density of the caloric mass.
5. Any calories consumed during the frosting of the Christmas cookies will be used up because it takes many calories to lick excess frosting from a knife without cutting your tongue.
6. Cookies colored **red** or **green** have very few calories. **Red** ones have three and **green** ones have five - one calorie for each letter. Make more **red** ones!
7. Cookies eaten while watching "Miracle on 34th Street" have no calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.
8. As always, cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breaking causes calorie leakage.
9. Any cookies consumed from someone else's plate have no calories since the calories rightfully belong to the other person and will cling to their plate. We all know how calories like to CLING!
10. Any cookies consumed while feeling stressed have no calories because cookies used for medicinal purposes NEVER have calories. It's a rule!

**So don't feel bad about those Christmas Cookies you have eaten
and bake more next year now that you know the rules!!!**



Youth Schedule

Youth Leader Jen Arter 717-434-6179

(All youth activities held at the church unless otherwise specified)

January

Sun. Jan. 31 5:00-6:00 p.m. Go Higher
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Elevation-practice for youth service

February

Sun. Feb. 7 9:30 a.m. Youth Service 10:30 a.m. Students arrive by 9:30 a.m.
 No evening activities

Sun. Feb. 14 4:00 p.m. Prepare dinner for rotating shelter
 5:30 p.m. Serve Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Games with guests

Fri. Feb. 19 6:00 p.m. Set up for Snowflake Dance

Sat. Feb. 20 6:00-11:00 p.m. Set up, Dance, & Clean up Snowflake Dance. Dance is 7-10 p.m. Open to all youth grades 6-12. Cost \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Tickets available from youth group.

Sun. Feb 21 5:00-6:00 p.m. Go Higher
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Elevation-bring your family tree

Sun. Feb. 28 5:30 p.m. Covered dish dinner
 7:00 p.m. Worship Service-special guest Rev. Perry L. Williams and musical guest the Itzel Family Singers.

March

Sat. Mar. 6 3:30-7:00 p.m. Pig Roast - volunteers needed to help serve

Sun. Mar. 7 5:00-6:00 p.m. Go Higher
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Elevation-10 Ways to Raise a Good Parent

Sat. Mar. 13 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. Cabin Fever-youth in charge of food sales

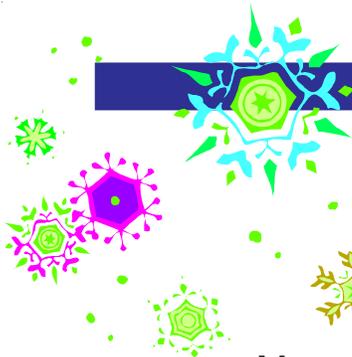
Sun. Mar. 14 5:00-6:00 p.m. Go Higher
 6:00-7:30 p.m. Elevation-Family Pain

Sun. Mar. 21 5:00-6:00 p.m. Go Higher

6:00-7:30 p.m. Elevation

Fri.-Sun. Mar. 26-28 Proposed date for Spring retreat to North Bay (cost & time TBA)

Friday April 16th - 2nd Annual Youth Chicken BBQ Dinner - do not be left hungry, order your dinners early. New this year is a yard sale from 4-6pm. Please ask your friends and neighbors for donations for the yard sale. We would be happy to pick up items now and store then for the sale. (All sizes of Clothes are welcome)



Snowflake Dance

**Saturday February 20, 2010
7-10 p.m.**

Moore's Chapel - Underwood Educational Building

For students in grades 6-12
\$10 per person \$15 per couple

Music by A Perfect Beat

Proceeds benefit the youth mission trip to Texas.

For tickets please see any member of the youth group
or call Jane 443-553-8420.



Reminder, we will have one Worship service

February 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

**This is the annual Youth Service
followed by our Soup & Potato Lunch**

We hope to see you there!

Spring newsletter deadline is March 14, 2010.



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Cabin Fever

Free Admission

**Saturday March 13, 2010
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Held in the Moore's Chapel-Underwood Educational Building.

Find great ideas where you can go outside and play.
We have many participating groups.

Please see page 4 for more information.

