

Announcements

February 12, 2012

We welcome our **guests** and thank you for joining us in worship today. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex. Our ushers can answer any questions you may have about our service or facilities. You are invited to join us following the service for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

A **Nursery** is provided on the lower level in **Room 5** during the church service. A **Cry Room** is available for parents and children in the Wesley Room, which is off to the right of the lobby (atrium) and through the double doors (as you walk toward the doors of the sanctuary). The dial to turn on the sound is to the left of the door as you enter the room.



Birthdays being celebrated this week include Sean Cleary, Lisa Cole (Feb. 13), Mark Lichtenstein (Feb. 14), Hal Gaut, Augustus Mondragon (Feb. 15), Amy Kleinberg (Feb. 16), Brad Cole, Joe Ralli (Feb. 19). To all of you from all of us: Happy Birthday!

The Adventure Group—This Tuesday, Feb. 14 we'll be discussing Chapters 7 & 8 in the book "Just Do Something" by Kevin DeYoung. This book deals with a liberating approach to finding God's will in your everyday life.

MCP Prayer Chain—If you have need of prayer partners, we have over 100 ready souls willing to stand with you asking God for His help. All you need to do is email or call Susan with your prayer request. **If you would like to receive our prayer requests and updates please email Susan102@aol.com to be added to our list. Together we can do great things! Please join our prayer team.

Adult Sunday School—We'll be on break until late March. At that time we will start on Revelation 10.



Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:15 a.m.—9 9:30 a.m.—187 11:00—20

Stewardship Update as of 2-5-12:		Are you up to date on your pledge?
Our Pledge since 1 July 11	\$231,526.00	We need your help to keep up with the church bills.
Actual Contributions	\$226,951.00	
Amount We Owe our Church	- \$4,575.00	Thank you for your support!
Our Mortgage Retirement Fund Contribution for 2011/2012 - \$4055		

Wellness on Wednesdays—has returned. We start with devotions, balance, and gentle stretching followed by guided meditation at 10:50. We have special guest speakers at 11:00. This Wednesday, February 15, Mark Simonson of Symmetry Ventures will speak to us about "Shoestring Philanthropy: How to Make a Difference." Please join us for all or part of our WOW activities.

A Message From the Office—Over time, but especially lately, things have been disappearing from the church office. In the past year, two pairs of scissors have gone missing from Ethelyn's desk drawer. A blue handled pair marked MCP Office went missing some time ago and a very sharp black and red pair that our plant caretaker uses to trim plants went missing over last weekend. Additionally, Monday we noticed that a tape dispenser is now missing from the copier room. We don't have a problem with items being borrowed but if so please return them to where you got them. Thank you!

Banner Team—will meet Tuesday, February 14 at 11:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring your lunch and scissors.

Nursery News—Parents of infants and toddlers we now have a paging system for our nursery! When you drop your child off in the nursery on Sundays you'll be given a pager. If the nursery staff feels your child needs you, they'll call your pager. It will light up and vibrate to let you know that you are needed in the nursery. We hope that this will give you an added sense of security.

Our EG Group—will be meeting **today**, Sunday, February 12 at Shadowland for some Laser Tag. Our games will begin at 2:00 p.m. but arrive early so we can get paperwork taken care of. You'll need to fill out a permission slip before playing! Cost is \$13.50 for two games. Snacks will be provided after the games.

Pancake Breakfast—Please join us on Sunday, February 19 for a pancake breakfast. Youth and members of our ASP team will be serving up pancakes, and other goodies from 8:30-11:00 a.m. This is a fundraiser to benefit youth missions, which includes our mission trip for ASP.



Wednesday Evening Adult Study—There will be no adult study sessions for February 15th or 22nd. We encourage anyone who usually joins our Wednesday evening study sessions to consider joining Rev. Rick in his Lenten study on Romans that will begin February 29th. More information about this study is given under Lenten News.

Help Create the Butterfly Banner—The Banner Team requests your help in creating a new butterfly banner to be displayed at Easter. We want every family in our church to take a felt butterfly home, decorate it and return it to be added to the banner. Please stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall to choose your butterfly, pick up directions and see some samples to get some ideas. Butterflies may be picked up today or February 19th and must be returned by March 4th to be included on the banner. Questions? See or contact Jeanne Reilly, derwoodreillys@comcast.net or 301-330-0203, or any Banner Team Member.



Baptism Today—Today we celebrate the baptism of Daniel Patrick Cleary. Daniel is the son of Kelly and John Cleary and brother to Sean Cleary who was baptized here in July of 2008.

Hospitality Thanks—Today we are honored to have the cub scouts of pack 178 leading the flag ceremony for Scouting Sunday. Additionally, the scouts and their families are our hosts for our coffee hour this morning. A special thank you goes out to them!

Summer Camp Brochures—are now available on the table in the narthex. The United Methodist Church owns three local camps and offers a variety of different sleep away camping opportunities for children, youth and even grandparents! Pick up a brochure or go online at www.bwccampandretreats.org.

Cards for St. Jude's Ranch—Children at St. Jude's make new greeting cards out of old. They remove the card fronts and attach new backs to them. Collecting cards and sending them to St. Jude's is a great way to "go green" and help the children who live there at the same time! Please make sure the card fronts are clear of writing. No Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards can be accepted. More information will be in the February newsletter. You'll find a collection box on the table in the narthex.

"Creativity, Longevity and Brain Health"—is the subject of Brooke Grove Retirement Village's next Living Well free seminar. Michael Patterson, a brain health educator, will be discussing the creative brain and why engagement in creative activities can help ward off dementia and cognitive decline. The seminar will be held at the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at 18131 Slade School Rd. on the Sandy Spring campus of Brooke Grove on Wednesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. preceded by a complimentary light supper at 6:30. Please RSVP to Toni Davis, 301-924-2811, option 3 or tdavis@bfg.org by February 13.

Youth News

Youth Midweek Hangout—Feb. 15 & 29. Join us on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. This is open to all youth. Come and go as you please and just hang out. Meet in the teen room.

Youth Enlightening Gathering—today, Sunday, Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. We have live music, videos, games and tons of fun. This is a free event for all youth. Come and join us and our friends from Grace UMC and St. Luke's Lutheran as we talk about connecting with God. You don't want to miss this!

Pancake Breakfast—next Sunday, February 19th the youth and ASP team will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 8:30-11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We need helpers for this event that will benefit youth missions (including ASP). Come help serve.

ASP Meeting—next Sunday, February 19 at 4:30.

Enlightening Bible Study—next Sunday, February 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join us for music, games and a chance to dig into God's word with our student-led Bible study.



Lenten News

Lenten Sermon Series—Starting Sunday, February 19 and through Palm Sunday and Easter, we will be focusing on the Gospel of Mark. In order to cover the entire book in seven weeks, we will have to take several chapters per week. February 19th's sermon will be an introduction to Mark's Gospel and his call to discipleship. Members will be encouraged to read through the entire Gospel during the season of Lent.

Lenten Devotionals—are available on the table in the narthex. Pick one up for daily inspirational reading that will start on Ash Wednesday, February 22.

Ash Wednesday—As is our tradition here at MCP, we will once again be having a sacrificial meal of soup, salad and bread at 6:30 p.m. followed by our Imposition of Ashes service at 7:30 p.m. If you will be participating in the meal, we ask that you bring either soup, salad or bread. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex.

Lenten Bible Study—Starting Wednesday, February 29 we will be offering an eight week study of the book of Romans. The group will meet from 7-8 p.m. This is a short-term Disciple Bible Study which will give participants a sense of how the long-term Disciple Bible Study series works. If you are interested in this study, speak to Rev. Rick or sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex.

Worship Notes

Large Print Hymnbooks and **Hearing Assistance Devices** are available during the service and can be obtained from one of the ushers. **Large Print and Regular Bibles** for worship are located in the bookrack in the narthex.

Copies of past **sermons** and **bulletins** are available on the table in the atrium.

New Nametags – If you need a new nametag, please sign up on the list located on the bulletin board hanging in the hallway as you enter on the lower level.



Altar Flowers – Wouldn't you like to observe someone's birthday, anniversary or memory by giving flowers in his/her name to grace the altar? Simply sign up on the sheet in the fellowship hall **at least one week prior** to the date you wish, including your name and the purpose for the dedication. Then give us cash or a \$40 check to MCP clearly marked "for Altar Flowers" and we make a flower arrangement to suit you. After the service, the person giving or receiving the altar flowers may take them home.

