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A Monthly Newsletter of Asbury United Methodist Church
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Three Sunday Worship Services

8:45 a.m., Traditional ~ 10 a.m., Contemporary ~ 11 a.m., Traditional

Many Thanks for Compassion Gifts, Hope Totes and Health Kits

The members and friends of Asbury have been exceptionally generous in responding to the needs of the community and beyond.

The Lenten Compassion love offering has already received more than \$2,300 which will be solely used to help those in the community and our church with utility bills, rent, medicine, food, transportation and the like.

Nearly 50 Hope Totes were collected to help the homeless at the Sunday Breakfast Mission.

And, the United Methodist Women have once again been successful in collection Health Kits for the Delmarva Rural Ministries.



YES!

United Methodist Women Plan Special Events

Asbury's United Methodist Women are planning a special **General Meeting** on **Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7 p.m.** in Friendship Lounge. The guest speaker for the evening will be **Nancy Franks**. Nancy's topic is "Being a United Methodist Deaconess". The meeting is open to all of the ladies of our church and their friends. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. We hope to see you there.

UMW Dates for Your Calendar

June 5, 2008 – 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
Strawberry Festival
September 13, 2008
Spa-Tea-Da
November 22, 2008
Christmas Bazaar

We also have a new mission project that we will be doing in October, a "pajama ministry". You will be hearing more about this later in the year.

We have a busy year planned and we're looking forward to everyone enjoying it.

Regina Meeker

**by Jesus
...for the "Show Me" People**

1. Appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18)
2. Appearance of Jesus to the other women (Matthew 28:9-10)
3. Appearance to two on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12,13; Luke 24:13-32)
4. Appearance to Simon Peter *(Luke 24:33-35; 1 Cor. 15:5)
5. Appearance to disciples without Thomas (Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)
6. Appearance to Thomas and the disciples (John 20:26-31; 1 Cor. 15:5)
7. Appearance to the 7 disciples at the Sea of Galilee (John 21)
8. Appearance to over 500 in Galilee (Mark 16:15-18; Matt 28:16-20; 1 Cor. 15:6)
9. Appearance to James, the brother of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:7)
10. Appearance to disciples with another commission (Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8)
11. Last Appearance and the Ascension (Luke 24:50-53)



**Children's/Youth Choir
Continues to Grow**

All children and youth, ages 7-13 are invited to join our new choir. Gwen Keohane rehearses Sunday afternoons at 4:15 p.m. in the church sanctuary. If you're interested or would like more information, please call Gwen at 383-8002.

Holy Week Attendance

Maundy Thursday...64
 Way of the Cross Walk...24 (including One infant)
 Good Friday Tennebrae...53
 Easter Sunrise...53
 Easter (10 a.m.)...301

A Challenging Quotation

"Stop criticizing God's creation."
...Joel Olsten

Think about what this means for your life, for your family, workplace, school and church. Try it a day at a time.
Pastor Tom



**Worship Schedule
for April...**

Wednesday April 2 Renew!
Holy Communion

Sunday April 6
Holy Communion

Wednesday April 9 Renew!

Sunday April 13
Boy Scout Welcoming

Wednesday April 16 Renew!

Sunday April 20
New Members Welcoming
Mission Minute – Pecometh

Wednesday April 23 Renew!

Sunday April 27

Wednesday April 30 Renew!



Sunday Services:
8:45 a.m.; 10 a.m.; and 11 a.m.

Renew! 6:30 p.m.

All services held in the sanctuary.



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 302-328-4141

Camp Pecometh

We have available brochures describing the many and varied camping experiences for our children and youth. Camp Pecometh is a nationally certified Christian camp located just south of Chestertown, Maryland on the Chester River, operated by the United Methodist Church. The brochures are available through the church office, from Michelle Wright or online. If you are interested, please register as early as you can.

More Disaster Relief Team News

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A special "THANKS" to everyone who has supported our fund raisers to raise money for our new scholarship fund. The Disaster Relief Team will be awarding a \$500 scholarship in June to a deserving individual in our church family.

Our scholarship fund will be an ongoing effort, so we will gladly accept donations at any time. Envelopes will soon be available in the church pews for your donations. If you would like to give a donation "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one, please give the name of the person being honored or remembered, plus your own name.

PLEASE NOTE: Janet Jackson's e-mail address has changed since the first printing of the scholarship applications. Her new e-mail address is: jet14jan@verizon.net. Application forms with the new e-mail address are available on the mail table in the back of the church for a limited time.



Vacation Bible School will be offered June 22nd-26th, 2008. Come and join us as we learn in God's Big Backyard!

FAMILY MINIATURE GOLF DAY TO HONOR DADS

Save **Sunday, June 8th** on your calendar and plan to spend the day having a good time with "dear old Dad"! The Disaster Relief Team is planning a "family miniature golf day". (Also save Sunday, June 22nd, as the rain date.) Watch for more details about this event in upcoming newsletters and bulletins.



Let's have some fun together!

STORAGE CABINETS NEEDED!

The Disaster Relief Team desperately needs one or two free-standing cabinets (with shelves and doors) for storing supplies. If you, or anyone you know, have any cabinets to donate, please call Janet Jackson at 302-366-1538.

FROM THE NURSE

Possible Changes to Organ Donation in Delaware

I have shared with you before about my brother who received a kidney transplant and the importance of speaking with your loved ones about the possibility of being an organ donor so that at a moment of crisis, the decision can be an easier one. Making your wishes known through a living will is convenient and can relieve your loved ones.

I need to make you aware of pending legislature in our State House of Representatives. Currently in committee, House Bill No. 302 will change the current practice of designating on your license that you want to be an organ donor. The Gift of Life currently has to ask families to be donors, often during traumatic events. They have the authority to access Delaware Motor Vehicle records to confirm if someone has designated themselves as a donor. At time of renewal or getting your license in the first place, you now have to agree to be an organ donor.

House Bill 302 would make it automatic that everyone is an organ donor UNLESS you opt out when you get your license/renew. This exemption would be on your license. Wording in the Bill "Unless an individual responds that they do not want to be considered a possible organ and tissue donor, they will be deemed to have consented to organ and

tissue donation, with such consent sufficient to satisfy all requirements necessary. No further or additional consent is necessary for such anatomical donation. The Organ Procurement Organization (OPO) shall have access to the foregoing donor information 24 hours a day through the DMV computer database."

I share this pending legislation to make you aware of the possibilities. This bill will potentially increase the available organs and save many lives. But you have to be aware that you will need to think clearly about being a donor and decide if you really want to be one. The decision will be taken out of your hands if you do not sign the exemption form at the DMV when you renew your license.

Organ donation is a great and loving thing. Please talk with your family and loved ones about your decision and be ready for this legislation to be passed – target date is September 1, 2008.

...Beverly Barker

Help Wanted... No Experience Needed

- ▶ Video team members who will help to video tape worship services and other church events.
- ▶ A church statistician who will record attendance at all church functions.
- ▶ Children's sermon presenter, especially for the 11 a.m. service

Please phone the church office for more information (328-5649).

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**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
Of New Castle County**
invites you to attend the
**DELMARVA RURAL MINISTRIES
COFFEE, BAKE SALE & PROGRAM**
to benefit the
Rural Farm Workers
Friday, April 11, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.
Marshallton U.M.C.
(994-7466)

Directions: From Route 41, take Old Capitol Trail toward Limestone Road. After traffic light and bridge, turn left on Stanton Road. The Church can be seen from Old Capitol Trail. The church is handicapped accessible (with a new elevator).

Please bring:

- **Baked goods** to sell (or cash to buy)
- **Health kits**, consisting of the following: toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, bar of soap, comb (shampoo & deodorant are optional) wrapped in a medium weight bath towel, tied with a pair of shoestrings or a ribbon or placed in a large clear zippered plastic bag. Children's kits may also include a child's toothbrush, coloring book, crayons, and a book. Additional dental floss, toothpaste, and toothbrushes are appreciated for use in the Dental Clinic. If you have questions, call Peg at 798-5483.
- **Offering.** (Please make checks payable to "CWU of New Castle County, DE." The entire offering and bake table

proceeds go to Delmarva Rural Ministries.)

CWU 2008 State Assembly
April 19 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Christ Episcopal Church
State & Water Streets
Dover, Delaware
Continental Breakfast
Catered Luncheon
\$16 per person
Speaker: Flora Bordley

Please register by April 9th. Make checks payable to "CWU" and send to Mrs. Notre James, 4 Nicole Court, Hawks Nest, New Castle, DE 19720.



Pastor Begins Preparation for Sermons

Starting in late May, Pastor Tom will begin a summer sermon series focusing on the parables of Jesus. Parables have often been described as Jesus' way of teaching about lessons of life and living in God's kingdom.

Pastor Tom would like your help; here's how. If you have a favorite parable and

would like to hear a sermon on it, please send him a note with the parable scripture reference.

The Disaster Relief Team presents a

SAFETY AWARENESS FUN-FAIR

Saturday, May 31, 2008
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



The Disaster Relief Team has lots of neat stuff planned for all ages...exhibits, demonstrations, and handouts for adults and seniors...games and prizes for the kids. Scrubby Bear will be there to show kids of all ages the proper way to wash their hands and help them avoid getting sick from germs. Stop by and look inside a real ambulance and check out a real fire truck. We'll also be handing out Identi-Kid kits for parents to fingerprint and store a DNA sample of their children, which will be helpful to police in case the child is lost or abducted.

Hotdogs, beverages, chips and soft pretzels will be sold. Let's all have fun while learning how to BE SAFE AND BE

PREPARED! Be sure to put the date on your calendar....more details later!

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Mother's Luncheon **Saturday, May 10th, 2008** **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Once again, the Disaster Relief Team will be celebrating Mother's Day with a luncheon. Honor all the special ladies in your life, and show them how much you love and appreciate them, by treating them to a delicious lunch. Tickets are only \$5 per person and will only be sold on Sunday, April 27th and Sunday, May 4th. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 4TH**, so don't wait until the last minute to buy your tickets. Come and join us for a wonderful time of honoring Moms of all ages with food, fun, and fellowship.



Flowers for Mom

(While Supplies Last)

The Disaster Relief Team is having a **PANSY SALE** during the month of April ...until the pansies are all gone.

Cost is \$7 per pot or 3 pots for \$20. Cash or checks will be accepted. Please make checks payable to Asbury U.M.

Church and write "Disaster Relief" in the memo area.

