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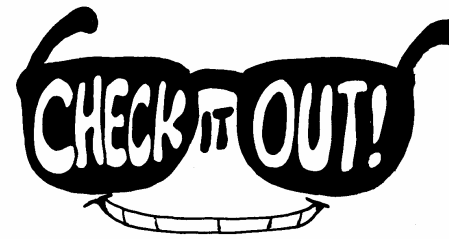


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Three Sunday Worship Services

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



30 years!

Appalachia Service Project News

Did you know that this year is the 30th year that Asbury Church has participated in the home rebuilding mission known as Appalachia Service Project?!!!! *(David Miller has not really been on ALL those trips. ...When Asbury first got involved with ASP, David was just too young to go! ☺ ed.)*

This year our ASP team of 25 volunteers will be leaving on July 5th for Dickinson County, Virginia. They will be staying at Clinchco Elementary School in Clinchco, Virginia. The team has worked the entire year raising the necessary funds for this project. The biggest fundraiser is coming this month, Separation Day in Old New Castle.

Separation Day is a birthday celebration for Delaware. It is the anniversary of the separation of "the lower three counties on the Delaware" from Pennsylvania and from England. There will be a parade beginning at 11 a.m. on June 14, in Old New Castle. Events in Battery Park include a beautiful baby contest, magic show, and reenactments of the historical events being remembered. There will also be rides, all day bands, children's activities, non-profit info booths, food, evening concerts and even fireworks! Why not bring a blanket to sit on and plan to spend the day in the park?! Give the car a rest and have fun close to home!

How YOU can help ASP...

Asbury's ASP Team will have a food stand in Battery Park on Separation Day, **June 14, 2008**. Volunteers are needed. The team requests that those who are willing to help serve for two hours. Help is needed from **11 a.m. until 10 p.m.** At 9 p.m. a clean up crew is needed to tear down the stand and load vehicles.

Willing workers, please email David Miller at Boxofrain@comcast.net.

From the Child Care Center

Asbury Child Care is proud to announce that, for the third year in a row, we received a full-compliance from the Office of Child Care Licensing. We were issued our annual license for May 2008 – April 2009.

April and May have been very busy months for the Child Care Center. On April 7th, our children participated in the St. Jude’s Trike-A-Thon. They raised over \$1,000 to help children with cancer. By raising this money, we were able to provide 5 children with one day of treatment. Great job kids!

We also held a spring dance and a teddy bear picnic. We had wonderful parent participation for both events.

On May 9th, we held a Mother’s Day luncheon for mothers and other caretakers who play such a huge role in the lives of the children. We had 32 out of 36 families participate in the luncheon.

May 18th was our pre-school graduation ceremony. After the ceremony, the graduates and their families enjoyed cake and refreshments.

We are very excited to work with our families, children, and teaching staff. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting summer!

*Angela Kirkley, Administrator
Danielle Clemens,
Administrative Assistant*

Congratulations, Disciple II Class !

The following persons have recently completed the Disciple II, 32 week Bible Study, “Into the Word, Into the World”: Bennett and Liz Cole, Cindy Hahn, Pam Lewis, Debbie Moore, Debbie Shephard, Pam Stevens, and Sue Taylor. The course covered the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. The class met for 2 ½ hours each week, beginning in September, 2007.



Ghana Emmanuel Church Welcomed

On Sunday, May 18, 2008, the pastors of the Ghana Emmanuel Methodist Church and Asbury UMC officially signed An Act of Hospitality. The document describes the conditions under which the Ghana Church and Asbury will minister in the hopes that the Ghana Church will grow and be chartered as a United Methodist Church with their own building and property. A copy of the Hospitality covenant was sent to the District superintendent and Bishop.

Hymn Sing:

Some Old, Some New

On Sunday, June 15, you’ll have the opportunity to sing some of your favorite hymns and learn some new, unfamiliar hymns and praise songs.

There was a great deal of interest, enjoyment and inspiration from our last hymn sing. Thus, the Worship Team has planned another time of worship to lift up some of the great hymns and praise songs. We might also hear some testimonies, regarding the music. Don’t miss it; bring a friend!

June Worship Schedule

Sundays,
8:45 a.m.; 10 a.m.; and 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 1
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 8
Father’s Day

Sunday, June 15
Annual Conference ; Hymn Sing

Sunday, June 22
Summer Sermon Series:
“Lessons for Life”

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302-328-4141

A Pastoral Reminder... From Rev. Donnachie

It would be very helpful that if you miss a couple of weeks or more from church due to illness you contact the church. Please don’t ever feel that the pastor is too busy to give you a call, have prayer with you or make a visit with you. You may call the church office at 328-5649 or Pastor Tom at 650-4231.

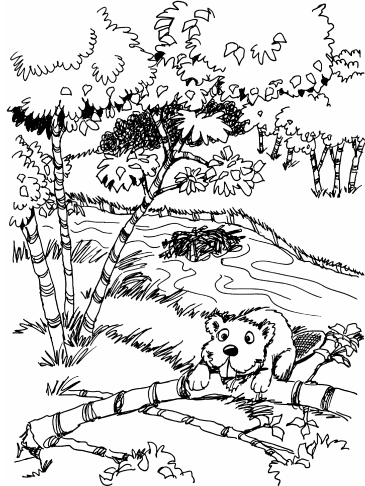
Important Dates from the United Methodist Women

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

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held earlier than in previous years. The dates are the evenings of June 22 through June 26 6pm to 8pm. This year's theme: **God's Big Backyard**. Registration information will be available soon.

If you would like to help in any way, please call the church office for more info at 302-328-5649.



The following is a list of supplies that are needed for VBS. If you can donate any of these items, please do so.

- 1 lb. empty butter containers
- empty cool whip containers
- flat marbles
- glass beads with holes
- small river stones
- marigold seeds
- potting soil
- paper towels
- juice boxes

Both your help and your donations will be appreciated.

Who will you invite to come to Vacation Bible School this year?

Family Faith Night With the Blue Rocks

Friday, June 27th, 2008, 7:05 p.m.

...a unique night that brings together area churches and faith groups for a night of fellowship and fun during a Blue Rocks home game.

Included with your ticket purchase is a special post-game concert by the Christian rock band "Sum of One"!

Family Faith Night will take place on Friday, June 27th and will feature player testimonials and faith-based music.

For more info call 302-888-2583 or visit www.bluerocks.com

FROM THE NURSE



"June Bugs"

I am sitting at my computer, looking out at the rain pouring down. I know that the rain is great for the ground water levels that dry up as summer grinds on. I know that the rain is good for the crops that the farmers are diligently working on. I know that the rain is needed to clear the pollutants from the air, thereby helping those with respiratory conditions breathe easier.

But, come on – rainy days can be depressing. Gray. Chilly. Damp.

So why do I call this report "June Bugs"? I started thinking about how the wild creatures handle this type of weather. Where do birds go? How do spiders cope with windy days? What happens to the creepy crawly bugs when they get flooded? So I looked up bugs and came across the June bug. It's a beetle that, of course, will eat all your beautiful buds and flowers and veggies.

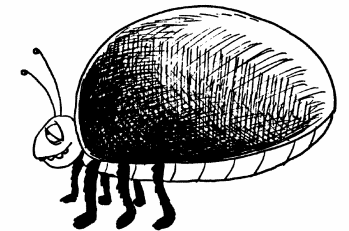
But guess what? The June bug has medicinal powers and can be a major plus for those surviving in the woods. A chemical analysis of the bug shows that it is full of edible fats and proteins.

When toasted, the taste resembles molasses. Not that I'm going to roast any this summer!! The bug also can be made into a powder that, when added to water, becomes a drink perfect for those with anemia and dehydration.

So the next thought I had was—if God has put such diversity in this small creature, how much more diversity has He placed in me and you!!! He has given us sunny days to do all the things we need to be busy with. But He has also given us these rainy days to make us stop, stay inside and maybe reach for our Bible to find out something about God's love for us.

I hope that you have a great summer. Take the time each day to thank God for every minute of it. Thank Him for the sunny days as well as the rainy ones. He has wonderful things planned for you. They may be hidden to you now, but He will give you the talents to do what He wants. The June bug is ugly and small but can do good things. Be a June Bug.

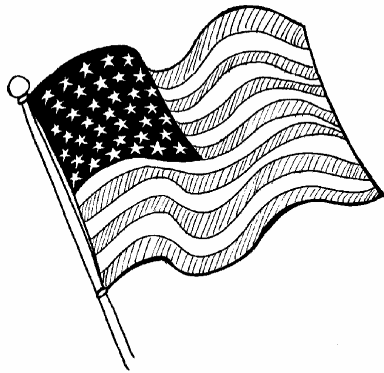
Beverly Barker



June 14 is Flag Day!

I used to work with a man who was born on Flag Day – and proud of it! He said there wasn't a better time of the year to be born. I have to agree that the weather in the middle of June can certainly be some of the best of the year.

This year Flag Day coincides with Separation Day in Delaware. (See article on page 1 for information on the day-long celebration in Old New Castle.) After many rainy weekends in May, this editor is hoping that June 14 will be a sunny day this year.



The following article was submitted by Pat Pannichelli. It is being reprinted as received, with hope that it will cause you to reflect on the many blessings we share as Americans. Let's all give thanks to God and have a happy "Flag Day", rain or shine. M.E.C.

Why the American Flag Is Folded 13 Times

Have you ever wondered why the flag of the United States of America is folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran? Here is the meaning of each of those folds and what it means to you.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of all the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or outside the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the

soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

Asbury's Military Ministry

The Military Ministry would like to say

**Welcome Home,
Sgt. Joe Baker!**

We're so glad you are home.

We also want to let folks know that, thanks to your generosity, we have sent three boxes of Nerf balls to Iraq. (That's almost 100 balls!)

The next meeting of Asbury's Military Ministry is June 7 at 10 a.m.

Debbie Moore

Have you seen our new website??

Check us out at

www.asburyumcde.org.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please email Becky at

asburyweb@gmail.com.

We have some blank pages on the website, so if you are a committee head and your page is blank, please email Becky so your page can be updated.

