



THE SPIRE



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October 2010

The Fantastic Fall Bazaar is coming Back!!



The terrific fall bazaar is just a month away! It's will be happening Saturday, November 13 8am-1pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Last year's co-chairs Linda (GiGi) Porter and Angie Campbell

have recruited even more help this year! And these folks think big! Their plans include a huge variety of both food and gift items. Smart shoppers can avoid holiday hassle by stashing frozen entrees and baked goods in their freezers and gathering great gift items. You can pre-order a variety of terrific foods.

In addition to great food, Melissa and Marty Waugh are collecting valuable items for a silent auction. Or perhaps some of the treasures appearing in the white elephant sale are what you need for a special gift. Mari Smallshaw and Belva Shelor are overseeing an assortment of handcrafted items. Susan Hall will have plants to sell while Paula Howell and Kathleen Nuckles offer baked and canned goods.

Such big plans need help from each of us with the essential three P's: preparation, promotion and purchases. In how many ways can you help?

Solicit silent auction items from local businesses or consider offering an item of value that you no longer use. Have a vacation home or a special skill? It can be worth quite a bit to someone else. Be creative, then contact the Waughs at 384-4707. And don't forget to corral the white elephants that roam most homes freely. Please, just new or slightly used items of value. (Save the other stuff for a spring yard sale!)

And get busy with your favorite handicraft projects. Do you knit, crochet or needlepoint? Or any of that other stuff that many of us can't do? Please let Belva

or Mari know what you are creating so they can plan for plenty of table space!!

As you preserve, pickle or can, set aside a few jars for Paula Howell and Kathleen Nuckles. Then get out your favorite recipes and plan to whip up goodies for the bake sale.



We anticipate an awesome array of breads, cakes, cookies, muffins, tarts, pies and more, including your specialties.

We will need everyone to help prepare frozen casseroles for our pre-orders. Recipes are available by email or plan to join one of the Casserole Cooking Extravaganza Evenings!! We are hoping to sell a lot of casseroles, so we need a lot of cooking help. A fun way to get the cooking done is to utilize our outstanding church kitchen to make a casserole assembly line! If you'd like to be part of one of those fun evenings send Casserole Czars Chris Howell and Carl Gravely an email (or you can phone...do people still do that?). The email for all casserole related questions, orders, etc. is casseroleczars@gmail.com.

With the advent of frost, houseplants being brought indoors! With many being re-potted and divided, please set aside a few choice ones for the bazaar. Contact Susan Hall, 238-7986, if you have questions or to let her know what you've got!

And after Preparation comes Promotion!!

See the pre-order form included in this Spire? It's for your orders, but please don't stop there! For a successful bazaar, we depend on your circulating these forms widely. Get more by picking up as many as you wish in the church office. Persons on Centenary's e-mail list will receive a copy, which can



Dear Friends –

We are coming into the last quarter of the year and I must report to you that we are in danger of not paying 100% of our apportionments to the denomination. There is still

time to turn this around, but we all must act now.

Please prayerfully consider a special “Second Mile” gift to Centenary at this time. If you’ve been away this summer, please also catch up your tithes and offerings as you are able.



A Little Bit of Jesus

A Story of Stephen Ministry in Action

At age 28, John thought of himself as invincible. A former high school football player, he was a single man with a good-paying job. He was healthy and was enjoying life. Everything seemed to be going well for him.

But over the course of three years, it all eroded away. First he lost his job when the company he worked for was bought out and the plant closed down. Six months later he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Still without a job, he moved back in with his parents to conserve expenses. A year later his father, with whom he was especially close, died of a heart attack. His mother's deteriorating health declined faster, and she soon entered a nursing home. "Things had been going so well for me. Then the rug was pulled out from under me. Not just once, but again and again. I felt like there was a big hole in my life," John recalled.

One day, while visiting his mother at the nursing home, John ran into one of the deacons from his church. At the time John saw it as a chance encounter, but looking back he now sees God's hand in it. Reflecting on that seemingly accidental meeting, John said, "I really didn't know him that well, but we struck up a light conversation. I normally keep things to myself, but suddenly I let go and told him everything that was happening."

As it turned out, the deacon was also one of the congregation's Stephen Leaders. He told John about

We soon shall be starting our stewardship campaign for next year and the Stewardship Committee will be working to raise the necessary money for our ministry. When you are asked to estimate your 2011 giving, I challenge you to step out in faith and increase your giving.

I appreciate all that you do and continue to do, but I must challenge you now to help in overcoming this shortfall.

Grace and Peace,



Stephen Ministry and soon matched John with a Stephen Minister named Bob.

"I had second thoughts at first, but I quickly found Bob to be very easy to talk to. He listened to me and understood what I was going through. He offered support and encouragement and really helped me get through some tough times," said John.

"One of the biggest things I was lacking was self-confidence. By accepting me for who I was and ministering to my needs, he helped me regain confidence I once had."

John began taking computer classes at the community college to gain some new occupational skills. He also became active in a local multiple sclerosis support group. A marginal church member to begin with, he now attends worship regularly and is active in the singles ministry. His life is back on track and he is once again looking forward to the future.

John is convinced that God brought Bob into his life. "He was just what I needed at that time," said John. "We have since closed out our Stephen Ministry relationship, but we still get together from time to time as good friends."

"I want to encourage anyone who has a need to consider a Stephen Minister. They're not there to judge you or tell you what to do. They help you by listening and understanding your needs. They keep things confidential and give you the spiritual support you need to fill whatever the hole in your life may be. It's a lot like the care and acceptance I read about Jesus giving in the Bible. A Stephen Minister has a little bit of Jesus in him."

Centenary's Stephen Ministers are ready to be the listening ear you or someone you know needs. Contact Alice Wilkinson through the church office.

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Bazaar (continued)

then be printed and distributed or simply forwarded to those who may be interested. Do mention the October 17 return date. Please distribute pre-order forms to as many persons as possible.

And please invite people to visit the Fellowship Hall on November 13 to see all the great items available, definitely too numerous to mention. Tell all your friends to bring their friends! Suggest they treat themselves to a breakfast biscuit and coffee and/or to a Brunswick Stew lunch. CUMC chefs will welcome them to the "Corner Café" where good food will energize them for more shopping.



Emphasize the joys of having frozen quarts of Brunswick Stew and dinner entrees in the freezer as the basis of a special meal, when you need food to carry to a friend, or when you are simply out of time and need

to quickly prepare dinner. Same goes for baked goods which can be frozen, then used to delight your family or serve as a welcomed gift.

And then it is time for Purchases!!!

Now is the time to complete your own pre-order form and to mark your calendar for attending the bazaar November 13. Your purchases will give you a wonderful head start on holiday preparations in your kitchen and on collecting a number of nice gift items. Family and friends will enjoy the same benefits when you have extended that invitation to them.



For those who may be away that day or are unable to participate, why not consider writing a check marked "bazaar?" In that way you will have gone straight to the heart of the matter, helping

Centenary end the year with greater fiscal stability.

If you have ideas, questions, want to volunteer - please contact the leaders listed above or call the office 846-4601. Most of all - be part of the fun!!!

*Centenary's Marvelous
Mature Methodists present*



*The Sights
and Tastes
of Autumn*

Tuesday, October 19

10:30 am Depart from CUMC parking lot.

(See Earl Simpson to reserve a seat on our church van)

11:30 am Lunch at Otter Creek Restaurant on the Blue Ridge Parkway. (Dutch treat)

After lunch, a short drive to Morris Orchard in Monroe for apples & other seasonal favorites.

2:30 pm Estimated return

Enjoy wonderful Fall Fellowship with us!

Silent Auction Baskets

We need each Sunday School class (also circles and other groups) to put together a themed basket for the Silent Auction (like we did last year). Examples of themes for the baskets are: spa, books, coffee, family fun, movies, car repair, romantic evening for two, sports, etc.

Folks should contact Melissa at mwaugh@trainikins.com to let me know what their group is planning to donate, and all donations should be placed in the Bazaar room.

It's Pecan Time Again!!

By Mary Jane Layne, *Head Nut*

Our friends at Schermer Pecan in Glennville, GA have sent us another tempting brochure listing the best of their 2010 crop for our enjoyment. The Centenary UMW will again be selling the delicious big fresh halves and pieces to eat right out of the bag or use in holiday (and every day !!) baking. The price has gone up slightly to reflect the rise in wholesale costs. This year the cost of a one pound (16 oz.) bag of either size will be \$8.25 delivered to your door. These bags make a nice gift just as they are. Orders may be given to Ann Harper and Mary Jane Layne or called in to the church office before October 18th. Pecans stored in a refrigerator will keep for nine months. In the freezer, they will keep for more than 2 years. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up on these high quality nuts and help UMW mission projects.

Applying Bible Principles

Suppose that God allowed you to have one wish. Without limit, you could have anything you desire. You could have unlimited wealth. You could have perfect health and live 1,000 years — or more. You could — like Solomon — have great wisdom. Whatever you want, you may have it. But you only get one wish. What would you choose?

Sad to say, many people would choose great wealth and material possessions. Unfortunately, that would not be a good choice. Listen to the counsel of God as expressed in this contemporary translation of Proverbs 27:20 through Solomon, one of the richest people who ever lived — “The eyes of man are never satisfied.” The behavior and attitude which always wants more has a name: Greed, and it demonstrates itself in our lives as though we were at an auction. If we have \$5, we want \$10; if we have \$10, we want \$20; if we have \$20 we want \$30. Solomon went on to say in Ecclesiastes 5:10, “The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain.”

A better choice would be to ask for God’s perspective on life and all that life entails. When we see life as God does, we realize that everything belongs to Him, that we are just managers and stewards, and that only what is done for Him will endure for eternity. When we have God’s perspective, we will be able to say with the Apostle Paul, “. . . I have learned to be content with whatever I have.”

When we have God’s perspective, we will accept with a spirit of peace and restfulness whatever He entrusts to us. And when we have God’s perspective, we will put into practice the truth of Hebrews 13:5 — “Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’”



Bishop Kammerer Invites Conference to Fast and Pray

Bishop Charlene Kammerer is inviting the Virginia Conference to join her in a weekly time of fasting and prayer through Dec. 31, to ask God to work within us for the future of the church. Bishop Kammerer will be fasting and praying each Thursday evening through Friday; others are invited to join her at that time or another time of their choosing. This will be a time to refrain from meals and ask God’s Holy Spirit to work within us and provide direction. Those with health concerns that do not allow skipping meals are encouraged to find other ways to seek God’s direction.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month.

We’re going to be circulating a card to thank our District Superintendent Larry Davies for his leadership and ministry to the 91 churches of the Lynchburg District.



Important November Dates

Our **2010 Charge Conference** will be on Sunday, November 14, 6–8pm. Similar in structure to last year’s charge conference, we shall be joined by the congregations from Peakland, Boonsboro, and Cove United Methodist Churches. Centenary will be the host church this year.

Centenary will be the host church for our **Annual Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service** on Thursday, November 25, 9:30am. We need volunteers to greet, usher, sing and provide refreshments following.

“Backpack for Kids' Sake”

Program Underway

This new program for Lynchburg Area at-risk school kids will provide nutritious food over the week-end when school resources aren’t available. Please see the display table in the church narthex with a sample backpack and types of foods provided. You can help by filling out a commitment card – cost per child: only \$200 a year. Sponsored by the Lynchburg District UMC, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Gleaning for the World, & area churches.



Become a Fan of Centenary United Methodist Church!

**2010 Operating Budget
through September 23, 2010**

Receipts:

Pledged Offering	147,816
Prior Year Pledge	324
Unpledged Offering	22,887
Loose Plate Offering	1,191
Church School Offering	2,076
From Rustburg UMC	3,000
From UMFS	2,400
Miscellaneous Offering	473
Easter Offering	3,568
Shortfall-Budget	50
Interest Income	200
From Memorials	4,787
Total Receipts.....	\$188,774

Expenses:

Apportionments	-23,209
Pastor Support	-56,790
Program Support	-8,510
Building & Grounds	-52,578
Office Support	-13,410
Staff Support	-65,307
Total Expenses.....	\$219,804

Benevolence Receipts

Outside of Budget

Stephen Ministries	975
Fellowship Fund	1,154
Sager Brown	1,077
JIFF	1,546
Pennies with a Purpose	562
VIM	50
Local Benevolences	140
Meals for Haiti	530
Conference Offerings/Kits	192
UMCOR	2,549
Operation Teddy Bear	454
TOTAL	\$9,229

MEMORIALS



In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Bryant

Darlene Bryant

In Memory of Hazel Coleman

Joe Reed

In Memory of Sue Almond

Joe Reed
Frances Allen Circle
Mary Jane and Charlie Layne

In Memory of "Toady" Bibb

Mary Jane and Charlie Layne
Doris and Terrell Moseley
Ida and Bill Powell



**Roof Repair
Needed for Jackson
Street UMC**

The Lynchburg District clergy started an offering to help Jackson Street UMC repair and replace the shingles on their roof. Jackson Street UMC is one of the oldest churches on our district and has a rich history of providing spiritual leadership within the African American community as well as the city of Lynchburg.



With the help of volunteer labor, district funds and a continued offering from the clergy and other members of our district we are already close to having the necessary funds. If you would like to add your support to this project please call Fran Briley at our District office - 434-832-0401. They are also seeking volunteers to assist in doing the actual roofing. If you can help please call the Rev. Alex Duncan at 757-232-7135 (cell) or 434-846-5819 (church).



Stewardship - September 2010

Operating Budget

August 29	3,253
September 5	5,907
September 12	14,890
September 19	3,174

Year End Budget Concerns

Preliminary number crunching shows that we may end 2010 in the negative by \$25,000 or more. How can you help?

- ✓ Pay 100% of your 2010 pledge
- ✓ Give beyond your normal Sunday gift
- ✓ Spend less in your Work Area
- ✓ Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray, Pray.....

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After 25 Years, the Final SHARE Program Distribution

The SHARE (Self-Help and Resource Exchange) food and community service program held its final Distribution Day on September 25. The Board of Directors of New River Community Action (NRCA), which sponsored the local SHARE program, took action at its September 16 meeting to end the project due to declining participation and rising operating costs.

A grass-roots self-supporting program with no government subsidies, SHARE was open to families of all income levels. The program's business model required high numbers of participation to make wholesale food purchase on the open market affordable. With the development of discount food stores, SHARE programs

around the United States experienced declines in participation, with most programs closing their doors over the past ten years. NRCA's program also experienced declines in participation from a high of 110,000 total packages distributed in 1998-99 to a low of 44,000 distributed in 2009-10. According to NRCA's Terry Smusz, "Even with declining purchase numbers, our program's low operating costs - a small but dedicated staff and strong volunteer support - kept it financially viable until recent years. The high cost of trucking contributed to increased expenses. Unfortunately, declining participation resulted in reduced revenues that could no longer keep up with program costs."

"Many of our participants were senior citizens, some of whom would qualify for food stamps, but they chose to participate in SHARE because of the program's self-help and volunteer service values. SHARE brought together people of all income levels in efforts to stretch their food dollars and build community."

Centenary will explore the Angel Food Ministries as an alternative program. Your feedback is desired. Call or email Paula and Chris Howell.

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UMCOR Mission Team Prepares for Work

By Chris Howell, *Mission Team Member*

Sure – there's a lot to DO before 15 people set off on a 9–day journey to a place that is several states away. Bags to pack...work arrangements to be made. Some of the team will have pets to board or get sitters for...or husbands...or wives... But in addition to all of that *stuff* – the team is also preparing themselves for service. To paraphrase a recent sermon – to make the commitment and show up for work.

While getting ready for the journey ahead – I can't help reflecting on the team I was a part of two years ago. And the experience itself. In 2008 we were a team of eleven. Kind of a ragtag group – lawyer, pilot, psychologist, train dude...youngish to maturish...an eclectic mix of interests. We left as individuals – we returned as a team.

Working together. Not just the work at the UMCOR warehouse or at Sager Brown. We worked together from the time we had to cram ALL THAT STUFF into the van!! We worked together climbing in and out at meal and rest stops!! One night we worked as an incredible team to get the van out of the world's smallest parking space!! We became family (and those of us who are family...we became friends!).



A mission trip is about more than getting work done. Getting work done is a great thing! And trust me – we WILL work hard!! But a nifty side effect of the process...we get a chance to be a part of a team. A group of people with a common goal. All pulling together in unison.

And here's an awesome truth: whether you are part of the group that climbs in the mini–bus on October 30 at 7am or not...**you are a part of the team** too!! We could feel the prayers of the members of Centenary, especially while getting out of that parking space!! We were proud to present kits sent by CUMC.

Meals on Work Day to Benefit Sager Brown Mission Team

Breakfast and Lunch will be available on Saturday, October 9 during the Church Work Day. Breakfast will be served by the Youth and the menu will include French Toast and Breakfast Casserole. If you enjoy the meal – you are invited to tip big!!

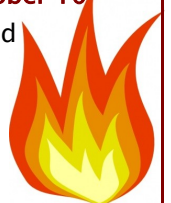
Lunch will be served by members of the Mission Team and they are keeping the menu quiet. Paula Howell suggested that the harder you work in the morning – the better lunch will be. Lazy persons may have to eat gruel. One mission team member indicated that she was holding out for Beignets and Jambalaya. She asked not to be named.

Everyone is invited to participate in the meals, even if they aren't working. But in that case, you have to wash your own dishes!

Property Committee Notes

Property Committee Chair Carl Gravely is excited to announce that AHU #5 (air handling unit 3rd floor education wing) has been replaced!! The Wesley Chapel Sunday School Class can return to their 3rd floor home!

Just in time for the **Annual Fire Drill October 10** during Sunday School! Remember to proceed to the rear parking lot following the Escape Routes posted in each room. Practice is important in case we ever have a real crisis!



We were happy to eat the nice snacks provided for us. We loved hearing how people were enjoying our email reports every day. You were there. You just aren't visible in the photos.

Of course one of the ways that the team felt your support was financial. Hey, van rentals, fuel and lodging cost money! And we are a frugal bunch! No staying at the Ritz...we are talking budget lodging! So – if you feel led to help us not only get out of town...but back...you can make donations. Mark your checks Sager Brown Trip.

Most of all – we want you to be in prayer with us for God to be present in our work in service to others.

CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BAZAAR
1501 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Centenary's fabulous cooks are taking pre-orders for the following freezer-ready items. Avoid holiday hassle by stocking up now on these family favorites. Curbside delivery available* but why not visit the Fellowship Hall to take advantage of the silent auction, crafts, plants, baked goods and other treasures?

Orders due by October 17.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>\$Total</u>
<i>NOTE: Frozen casseroles will have heating instructions - available this year in both Family and Half Sizes</i>			
Brunswick Stew Old Virginia specialty including both chicken and pork	\$7.50/qt.	_____	_____
Ham and Potato Casserole Sour cream based sauce, cheddar cheese topping	\$8 Family size \$5 Half size	_____ _____	_____ _____
Pasta Bake A variety of cook's best pasta dishes – pick your favorite	\$8 Family size \$5 Half size	_____ _____	_____ _____
Chicken Enchilada Casserole With flour tortillas, enchilada sauce, mushroom soup, cheeses	\$8 Family size \$5 Half size	_____ _____	_____ _____
Sausage Breakfast Casserole Holiday tradition with mild sausage, eggs, bread and cheese	\$8 Family size \$5 Half size	_____ _____	_____ _____
Garland's Homemade Spaghetti Sauce Long slow cooking melds flavors superbly; includes ground beef	\$5.50/qt.	_____	_____
Assorted Cookies Everyone's homemade favorites	\$2.00/doz.	_____	_____
Apple Butter Made from Virginia apples and spiced just right	\$6.00/18 oz.	_____	_____
TOTAL:			\$ _____

*Wish to pick up order in TO GO Carside Service Area: YES NO

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Orders can be emailed to casseroleczars@gmail.com

October 2010

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	Friday	saturday
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3 Noon: Children's Council & Education Team Meeting (P)	4 10 am Art Class 7:00 pm Church Council (FH)	5	6 Happy Birthday Tom Webb	7 10:30 am Line Dancing 5:30 JIFF 7:30 Choir	8	9 8 am Clean-Up Day at Centenary
10	11 10 am Art Class	12 8:30 am Wesley Chapel Class Breakfast @ Famous Anthony's (Lakeside Dr.)	13 10:30 am Frances Allen Circle @ Helen Simpson's ; Co-hostess : Susan Burleigh 6pm Youth	14 10:30 am Line Dancing 5:30 JIFF 7:30 Choir	15 Happy Birthday Elizabeth Campbell	16 10 am Youth Participating in Alzheimers Memory walk @ Riverside Park 5-7:30 pm Birthday Fellowship for Elizabeth Campbell
17 Pennies with a Purpose 6 pm Stephen Ministry	18 10 am Art Class	19 11:30 am MMMs	20	21 10:30 am Line Dancing 5:30 JIFF 7:30 Choir	22 November SPIRE Deadline Email: centenaryspire@hotmail.com	23
24 <hr/> 31	25 10 am Art Class 7 pm Missions	26	27 6pm Youth	28 10:30 am Line Dancing 5:30 JIFF 7:30 Choir	29	30 Missions Team leaving for Sager Brown Day of Difference Trunk or Treat

Each Sunday:

9:30 am Sunday School **10:30 am** Fellowship Time 3rd Floor **11:00 am** Worship in Sanctuary