

United Methodist Church of Savage

# The Messenger

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August/September 2009



**The United  
Methodist  
Church of  
Savage**

**Church:**

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**Church Office:**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday -Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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Pam Mullay

**Our mission statement:**

*Our purpose is to introduce people to Jesus Christ, to mature them as Christians, to teach and empower them for ministry in the church, and to support them as they do evangelism and mission in the world.*



*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35.)*

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Thank you for graciously welcoming me as your pastor. I'm enjoying worshipping with you and meeting you at the "meet & greets" and at the Savage UMC meetings and events. Where do you sense God's Spirit leading us? I welcome the opportunity to listen and meet with you. My cell phone is 410-294-2818 and my personal email is [umcmdcity@aol.com](mailto:umcmdcity@aol.com).

The above scripture (which I'll preach on Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>) highlights the challenge between feeding our "stomachs or our hearts." We can focus on filling our stomachs with "comfort food," (homemade chocolate chip cookies are my weakness) or filling our hearts with the love of Christ. I pray that we take the time to feed on the "bread of life Jesus brings." We can become more loving and more caring.

As plan for the Fall with Sunday School promotions, Charge Conference (Oct. 24, 9am @ Severna Park UMC) church membership growth, mission, choir, youth group, church meetings, the 2010 budget, and building improvements let us exemplify we are Christian disciples in all that we do. Where can you share God's love?

Douglas Fox, pastor

## Community/Savage United Methodist Cooperative Parish Covenant

Beginning July 1, 2009 the Community UMC & Savage UMC congregations and leaders will endeavor to grow our mission through vital worship, inclusive love and service as we follow Jesus Christ. We will share one pastor and support the ministries of each congregation. We will celebrate and expand cooperative work. Our first cooperative ministry is the *Zimbabwean Pastors' Support Mission*.

*Pray for God's guiding Spirit for Community UMC & the UMC of Savage.*

## Cooperative Parish African Partner

The Rev. Aaron M. Monyama is our new Cooperative Parish ministry partner in Zimbabwe. Community UMC & the UMC of Savage have committed to pay his \$25 monthly salary. Pastor Monyama serves the Marange Mission Centre School. He writes, "At the school where I am serving, children are failing to get support from parents, HIV and the AIDS pandemic is a major challenge in my ministry where many are either affected or infected."

His wife is Evelyn and their four sons are Christopher, Joyful, Blessing and Wisdom. If you are able to "pay his salary for one month" please contribute to Savage UMC, designated for "Zimbabwean Mission."



## Trustee's Corner

Over the last month, we've repaired a major water issue in the Sanctuary basement that has been plaguing the church for years. Shortly after any rain, water would begin pouring in along the front foundation near the front sump pump. The water infiltration would then continue for several days. Taking the opportunity during a recent thunderstorm, I photographed and video recorded not only this infiltration but water streaming out of the rubble stone foundation visible at the back of the Sanctuary. Water was also discovered coming in from the foundation behind the rear sump pump.

After the rain stopped and conducting an investigation, the problem was traced to a sink hole on the west side of the Sanctuary near the organ. It seems two previously installed rain leaders systems had been leaking underground, saturating the surrounding soil. The hydrostatic pressure built up with the water looking for an escape. It found it through the rubble stone foundation which dates back to 1888 when the Sanctuary was built. The water flowed through the rubble stone channeling the water to the front and back of the church. It found an escape when it found the basement dug out by the men and Boy Scouts back in 1944.

I'm happy to report the rain leaders (an underground pipe system which "leads" water from rain downspouts to a discharge point) have been replaced. The new rain leader system is made of thick-wall PVC pipe up to six inches in diameter. Discharges from both basement sump pumps have also been tied in. With glued joints to form a leak-proof system, this rain leader system should last for generations. Unfortunately, it came at a cost of nearly \$4,000. *Please be generous.*

Current projects center repairing the basement. Accessing the water infiltration required removing several walls including a cinder block wall behind the front sump pump. This wall has been repaired and other walls are being replaced. A new storage room is being constructed to hold the kitchen supplies used during festivals. Shelving has been constructed to store both costumes in the prop room and Christmas decorations in the basement storage room.

Over the next few weeks, volunteers are needed to organize Christmas decorations, craft supplies, Sunday School supplies, costumes, music, and all manner of other material. **We will be putting out a call for see-through storage bins.** Preference will be to ask folks to donate funds for as many bins you can afford. These funds will be used to purchase like stackable bins. Of course, any bins you may have laying around unused would not go unused for long if donated. I would also like some volunteers to conduct an inventory of church property. We need to create a inventory to include serial numbers and photos for insurance purposes.

Many thanks to all who have donated time and materials to the repair efforts thus far. We have made considerable progress over the last several months and continue to do so. With repairs to the Bell Tower and rain leaders behind us, we hope to begin working on more visible projects to improve our curb appeal. The Camp Hope campers have recently jump started this by repainting the inside of the Bell Tower. Once they return from Camp Hope, they will be taking up their paint brushes once again. *Please show your support.*

*Dennis Brown*



## Junior Youth Group Happenings...

The Junior Youth Group will start meeting again in the fall. All youth in fifth through eighth grades are invited to attend. The meetings will be held from 5-7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month (except for October) in the Faith and Ministry Center (unless otherwise noted.) Here is the schedule for the remainder of 2009:

September 20-Ice Cream Social/Bingo Game

October 25-Laser Tag Event (more details to come)

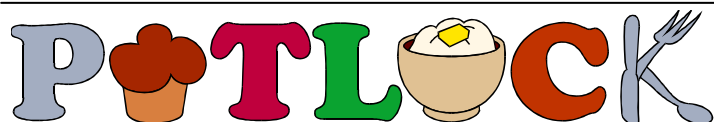
November 15-TBD

December 20-Christmas Party/Gift Exchange (family members are welcome to attend)

In 2010, the youth group will take part in the Spaghetti Dinner and will again host the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We will also do our annual amusement park trip to Knoebel's Grove in Elysburg, Pa.

Jim and I are looking forward to a great year with the youth group. If your child is entering the youth group for the first time in the fall, please send me your email address (pam.mullay@verizon.net) so you can be added to the youth group email list. We do all of our announcements in church and via email. We appreciate those who respond to emails since it helps us with the planning process throughout the year.

*Pam Mullay*



On September 27, 1959 our Fellowship Hall's cornerstone was laid! Were you there? Let's celebrate 50 years of education, mission, fun and fellowship that's happened in our building on Sunday, September 27, 2009 with a potluck luncheon. Mark your calendar and bring a dish to share with others.

If you have photos or any other information documenting the building of the hall, please give them to Pastor Fox or Pam Mullay.

## Mentor Recruitment Campaign

The Interactive Instruction is looking for volunteers to take part in their mentor recruitment campaign.

*Step Up:* Become a mentor today.

*Show Up:* The gift of time is priceless.

*Wake Up:* The beautiful mind of a child.



For more information, contact:  
Institute for Interactive Instruction, 8730 Cherry Lane, Suite 16,  
Laurel, MD 20707

301-776-4294; [www.iiiinc.org](http://www.iiiinc.org)

## Cooperative Parish

### Vacation Bible School Canceled

The Cooperative Parish Vacation Bible School has been canceled. If anyone is interested in taking the lead with planning a Vacation Bible School for next year (2010), please let Sharon know. With a leader in place, we can put together a committee of volunteers to make planning and executing easier.

This is also a great way to bring new people into the church. Please consider volunteering.



## We Want You...

to recycle. Everyone has junk mail, newspaper, magazines, etc., that they need to unload. Get yourself in a ritual of recycling on a weekly basis. All week long put all paper recycling in a paper bag and then bring the bag with you to church on Sunday. The Abitibi recycling bin is located in the far corner of the parking lot behind the church. This is an easy way for our church to make money.

## Farmers Market

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. on the grounds of Community UMC, 300 Brock Bridge Road, Laurel, MD 20724.



## Sunday School News

We are still in **need** of a preschool Sunday School teacher to help out John and Sheri Vollmerhausen. This would be a great position for a recent high school graduate or college student. If you are interested in working with children from preschool through first grade, please contact Jim Tolliver.



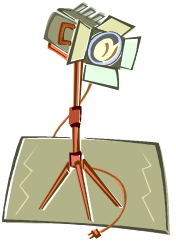
### Why I like SUMC

I like my church because everyone is always willing to help each other. For example on Work Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., people are willing to give up their Wednesday nights to come to the church and make the church better and safer.

I also like SUMC because the people are kind. When we had to trade pastors from Pastor Craig to Pastor Fox no one complained about changing pastors even though it was sad. I know we will enjoy Pastor Fox as much as we like Pastor Craig.

I also enjoy the fun activities that we have, like game night on Monday nights hosted by the Mullay family. They make those Monday nights fun. I enjoy all the games they have. These are only some reasons why I like my church.

*Holly Brown*



### New Member Spotlight

You may have heard her in church. Little Madelyn Grace taking part as best she can during service. A giggle here, a squeal there. Always managing to put a smile on the faces of the rest of the congregation as we look over to see who is making such cute noises and delighting us all.

Madelyn, who will be 2 on Halloween, has been coming to SUMC for the past year with her parents Stacy and Willie Rubin. According to Stacy, they picked SUMC to be their home church because of the community aspect within our church. She says she can see how everyone is very accepting and supportive.

Stacy is originally from Bradford, PA, and moved to Maryland to pursue a career in teaching after graduating from Houghton College. She is currently in her ninth year of teaching and is a third grade teacher at Gorman Crossing Elementary School. Willie works as a software engineer and is originally from Rockville and a graduate of the University of Maryland.

The Rubin's have been married for three years and live in Bowling Brook Farms with a cockapoo named Gogi. Feel free to ask Stacy about the meaning of that interesting name!

*Editor's note: We are so happy to have all of you with us at SUMC. It will be so nice to see Madelyn grow up within our church.*



### Scheduling

Before scheduling an event in the church sanctuary, the fellowship hall or the Faith and Ministry Center, please contact Sharon to confirm the space is available.

Community UMC also has space available. Both the sanctuary and fellowship hall hold 125 people. To schedule at Community contact Karen Hiepler at 410-674-778. Community also has a soccer field which can be booked through the Maryland City Recreation Council at 301-725-7711.





### From the Editor

I'm bored! Many of us have heard our kids say this over and over again, especially in the summer. Just the other day, my daughter Killian said I'm bored and I want to go to the pool. Of course this was in the middle of the workday for me, so my witty retort was, "put on your bathing suit and clean the tub." Two birds, one stone I thought.

In my honest opinion, kids these days (I know I just aged myself here) don't know how good they have it. When I was a kid (yep, that's another one), we didn't have electronic games, cell phones or even cable where I lived. We lived in the country about 30 minutes from the closest town. We had to be creative back then. I played with paper dolls and Barbie dolls for hours on end. I dreamed, play acted (don't get any ideas Cami) and wrote in my diary. It was a different time back then.

Now we have scheduled play dates and summer camps. Every minute of their day needs to be perfectly scheduled to elude us from hearing that awful phrase, "I'm bored." Well I am fighting back. Every week, Killian comes to Work Wednesday with us to help clean up the church. We have already had a great time at the family game nights and have done so many fun things with the youth group. The church and all of our events have kept our family so busy over the past year.

Our church has a cure for boredom. In addition to cleaning and sprucing up the church, we need to find a way to increase our membership. Please bring friends with you to events, youth group, Sunday school and to worship services. We have a heavy load to take care of right now and the more people that are involved the easier things will be.

God bless!

*Pam Mullay*

## Christian Lending Library

Want to read a great Christian book? Check out the new Christian Lending Library located in the kindergarten room. The library, put together by Sheri and Mo Vollmerhausen, is a collection of their own Christian books and also the books from Bob and Jeannette Vollmerhausen's collection. There are two bookcases set up in the Kindergarten room downstairs. If you are interested in taking out a book to read, be sure to sign the book out on the sign-out sheet. If you would like to donate a book to the library, contact Sheri or Mo.



## Game Night

Our final two game nights for the summer will be held on Monday, August 10 and August 24 from 7-9 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come out for a fun night of fellowship. We won't be hosting game nights during the school year. Game nights will start up again in June of 2010 as a fun summer event at the church.



The **deadline** for the October/November newsletter is September 25.

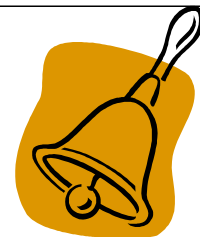
Send anything you want included (announcements, photos, etc.) to [pam.mullay@verizon.net](mailto:pam.mullay@verizon.net). We are trying to reduce the amount of copying in conjunction with the newsletter. If you want your newsletter emailed to you, send an email with your name and email address to [pam.mullay@verizon.net](mailto:pam.mullay@verizon.net).



## Bell and Adult Choir

Bell and Adult Choir starts on Thursday, September 10! Come right after dinner at 6:10 p.m. and learn how to play the bells! Our organist, Beatriz, is the director, and she directs and plays the bells just as well as she plays the organ and piano! Stay for another hour of fun-filled music and laughter, and join the adult choir!. Sing your favorite songs and some new ones on Thursday nights at 7:15 p.m. Join us in the choir room for fun and music. And, listen to our Beatriz tickle the ivories!

For more information, please contact Karin Book at 301-490-7229 or email [mullenp@his.com](mailto:mullenp@his.com).





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*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*

Date	Scriptures	Hymns	Sermon title & theme
<b>August 2, 2009</b> <i>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Communion</i>	Psalm 51:1-12 John 6:24-35	315, Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 620, One Bread, One Body 618, Let Us Break Bread Together 420, Breathe on Me, Breath of God	<i>"Jesus is the Bread of Life,"</i> Jesus said, "Don't labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life (John 6:27.) We want full stomachs but Jesus wants us to have transformed hearts.
<b>August 9 2009</b> <i>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35,41-51	384, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling 367, He Touched Me 396, O Jesus, I Have Promised 580, Lead on, O King Eternal	<i>"Hotheads or Warm Hearts,"</i> Jesus' detractors murmured and complained when he said, "I am the bread of life." Jesus invited all to eat from his living bread and live forever.
<b>August 16, 2009</b> <i>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name 154, verses 1,2,3 155, verses 4,5,6 467, Trust and Obey 452, My Faith Looks Up to Thee 98, To God Be the Glory	<i>"Choosing a New Way,"</i> Choose the way of the world? The way of selfishness? No! Choose to follow Christ with care, compassion and service.
<b>August 23, 2009</b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	545, The Church's One Foundation 418, We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder 513, Soldiers of Christ, Arise 295, In the Cross of Christ I Glory	<i>"Dressing for Success,"</i> Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Eph 6:1.) Suit up to become an ambassador for Christ.
<b>August 30, 2009</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</i>	James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-23	64, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 133, Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 430, O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee 436, The Voice of God is Calling	<i>"Traditions &amp; Change,"</i> The Pharisees were shocked that disciples didn't follow specific hand washing rituals. Jesus said it wasn't rituals that turned folks wrong; it was the evil in their hearts.