

United Methodist Church of Savage

The Messenger

SUMC....the place to be!

October/November 2009



**The United
Methodist
Church of
Savage**

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9050 Baltimore Street
Savage, Maryland 20763

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Office Hours:

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

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.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 looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for *God all things are possible*" (Mark 10:31.)

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

"For God all things are possible!" We in the Cooperative Parish are fortunate to be blessed with generous members and leaders. By depending on God our ministry will continue to grow spiritually, in resources and numbers. At our Charge Conference, to be held on Saturday, October 24, 9 a.m. at Severna Park United Methodist Church, 732 Benfield Road, Severna Park, MD 21146, we will celebrate 2009, set ministry goals and elect leaders for 2010. Thank you for sharing your spiritual gifts! Leaders and parish members are asked to attend.

- At both churches new Sunday School students have been promoted and new teachers are on the job!
- The 50-year-old United Methodist Church of Savage's Fellowship Hall has been rededicated.
- Community United Methodist Church's Farmer's Market and up-coming Fall Festival on Saturday, October 17 from 9a.m.—2 p.m. have provided outreach to our neighborhood.
- The 2009 parish goal of \$300 for the Zimbabwean pastor's salary support has been surpassed!
- Much progress has been made on the 2010 budgets.
- New church directories will be available.

When we rely on God and follow Jesus' commandments all good things are possible. "Thank you for the vitality and positive ministry that's happening in the Community/Savage United Methodist Cooperative Parish.

Douglas Fox, pastor

Cooperative Worship planning October – November 2009

Material is subject to change as the Holy Spirit intercedes.

Date	Scriptures	Hymns	Sermon title & theme
October 4, 2009 18th Sunday after Pentecost <i>World Communion Sunday</i> <i>Special UMC offering</i>	Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 10:13-16	2223, They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love, FWS* "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" "Jesus Loves the Little Children" 89, Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 474, Precious Lord, Take My Hand 2074, Shout to the Lord, FWS 473, Lead Me Lord 399, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	<i>"Jesus Loves the Little Children,"</i> God's love is a big, world-wide love. We celebrate being one in the Spirit with all Christians. <i>"For God All Things are Possible"</i> (Mark 10:27.) "Want to hear God laugh? Tell God your plans!" Instead of telling God what to do, allow God to change us!
October 11, 2009 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Mark 10:17-31	152, I Sing the Almighty Power of God 2108, O How He Loves You and Me, FWS 77, How Great Thou Art 181, Ye Servants of God	<i>"Why I am a Christian?"</i> <i>"What Church means to me?"</i>
October 18, 2009 20th Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday	Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35 UMH 826 Mark 10:35-45	452, My Faith Looks Up to Thee 2022, Great Is the Lord, FWS 368, My Hope Is Built 110, A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	<i>"Be Specific,"</i> Jesus asked blind Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" He answered, "Let me see again." Are we clear about what we need from Christ? Do we ask?
October 25, 2009 21st Sunday after Pentecost	Psalm 34, UMH 769 Mark 10:46-52		

* "Faith We Sing," United Methodist supplement hymnal

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November 1, 2009 <i>All Saints Day, Communion</i> Daylight Savings time ends. Set Clocks Back	Revelation 21:1-6 John 11:32-44	711, For All the Saints, vs. 1-4 706, Soon and Very Soon 2254, In Remembrance of Me, FWS* 733, Marching to Zion	<i>"All Things New,"</i> Jesus called dead Lazarus from the dead. God's Spirit can make all things new! God unbind us and call our congregation to new life!
November 8, 2009 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Mark 12:38-44	469, Jesus is All the World to Me 2282, I'll Fly Away, FWS* 427, Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 87, What Gift Can We Bring 719, My Lord What a Morning	<i>"Bring It!"</i> The poor widow put everything she had into the treasury. Jesus lifted her up and taught us about sacrificial giving. How well have we learned that lesson?
November 15, 2009 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8	2140, Since Jesus Came into My Heart, FWS 655, Fix Me Jesus 512, Stand By Me	<i>"God Will Change Us,"</i> With God's laws written on our hearts we can begin new lives.
November 22, 2009 <i>Christ the King Sunday</i>	Revelation 1:4-8 John 18:33-37	157, Jesus Shall Reign 2088, Lord I Lift Your Name on High 325, Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus 715, Rejoice the Lord is King	<i>"Jesus Shall Reign,"</i> The church year ends. Celebrates Jesus as our king. Do we let him rule our lives?

*Community UMC & The UMC of Savage join area churches for
Sunday Evening Thanksgiving Worship, 6pm
at Bethel Assembly of God, 9001 Vollmerhausen Road, Jessup, MD 20794*

ADVENT BEGINS

November 29, 2009 1st Sunday of Advent <i>United Methodist Student Day special offering</i>	1 Thess. 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36	211, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 2098, The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy, FWS 171, There's Something About That Name 221, In the Bleak Midwinter	<i>"Waiting in Thankfulness,"</i> Jesus said, "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down" (Luke 21:34.) How patient are we? Will we allow God to be in charge?
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Junior Youth Group Happenings...

The Junior Youth Group met in September and had a fun time playing bingo and enjoying ice cream. Our next event is a laser tag event which will be held on Sunday, October 18 from 4:45–6:45 p.m. Cost is \$5 per youth. Pizza will be provided by the youth group. RSVP is needed by October 12.

The junior youth is open to all youth in grades 5 through 8.

Pam Mullay



Rock 2010 will be held on January 22-24 in Ocean City, MD. Any youth in grades 6 or above interested in attending should contact Toni Vollmerhausen.

Halloween Costume Party

Our annual Halloween Costume Party will be held on Sunday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in helping coordinate the games and prizes should contact Jim Tolliver.



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Christmas at Uncle Phil's is currently looking for the following items to be donated for use at the next Uncle Phil's Diner production:

- Medium - large plastic food containers
- Shiny red wagon - (new or like new)
- Pink lady jackets
- Silver Christmas tree
- Pitch pipe

Please volunteer to help us in one of the remaining positions:

- Flyer coordinator
- Prop coordinator
- Costume coordinator
- Decorating coordinator
- Clean-up coordinator

If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Cami Wise.



Burke Family Concert

The Burke Family Concert will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 6 p.m. at Hammond High School. Entry into the concert is a canned food item. This is a great event for the family. Please be sure to put this on your calendar. The Burke Family is amazing to watch.

Thanksgiving News

If you know of a family in need of a Thanksgiving basket, names are being collected at Bethel Assembly of God. They plan to deliver the baskets on Tuesday, November 24. For more information contact Valerie Stewart at 301-498-3344.



The Thanksgiving Community Worship Service will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 6 pm at Bethel Assembly of God.



Fall Festival

Our Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Crafts and baked goods are needed for the event. Please contact Pat Riley for more information.

Sunday School News

Adult Sunday School classes are held from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. each Sunday.

All adults are welcome to attend.



Elizabeth House

The Elizabeth House Teams can always use a hand if you are free on the second Friday of each month from 6-8 p.m. Contact Team A (Sue Dixon) or Team B (Dave Carlisle or Diane Brosius) if you would like to volunteer.

Why I Like SUMC

There are many exciting groups at Savage United Methodist Church. Here are some of the reasons why I like SUMC. Sunday School is a way to learn about God and Jesus and his life. I enjoy visiting the shut-ins and learning about them and worshiping with them. And I like playing games in class with my friends. In youth group we do many fun things like going to Knoebel's Grove in PA; and I enjoy the social events like the breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the spaghetti dinner. Ms. Pam, Mr. Jim and Ms. Toni make youth group fun and exciting!!



I also enjoy being a part of the dramas at SUMC. Uncle Phil's diner was a BLAST! My favorite part was being a nerd. I was also a weed in State Road 47. I am looking forward to playing a jock named Johnny "The Rocket" Fultz, in the Christmas at Uncle Phil's No Room at the Diner.

Ryan Carter

Coffee Hour

We are still looking for volunteers to step up and host a coffee hour at least once every six months. There are a few spots remaining this year. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can host.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Family Hosting</u>
October 4	Mullay Family
October 11	Lagola Family
October 18	Stout Family
October 25	Stewart Family
November 1	White Family
November 8	please volunteer to host
November 15	Flossie Dougherty & Gladys Vollmerhausen
November 22	please volunteer to host
November 29	please volunteer to host
All Sundays in December	please volunteer to host



Do you have an idea for something new to do in the church? Do you have a great new way to fund-raise? Do you want to volunteer to take over and start up Vacation Bible School, or be part of a committee?

We need everyone's help if our church is going to grow and prosper. Please consider what you can do and how much time you can devote to our church. Please contact a member of the administrative council with any new ideas or for more information about volunteering within the church.



From the Editor

What amazes me about our church is whenever someone walks up to the pulpit announcing a need, our church comes through with flying colors. I have personally asked for donated items for events and found the church's responses phenomenal.

There are a long list of needs for our church right now. One of our greatest needs is the one for **more** members. We need everyone to recommend our church to others. A great way to show off our church to prospective members is to bring friends and family members to our events and services.

Secondly, we **need** volunteers. We need everyone to step up and take part in helping out for events and on committees. You've heard the saying "many hands make a lighter load." Well, it's true! If each person volunteers to do one task in the church, it will take the load off of those who are doing many things and also prevent burnout from those people. If you don't know where your help is needed, check with anyone from the ad council or keep an eye out in the newsletters to see where help is needed!

Our last area of help is needed each week during the Wednesday Work Night from 6-9 p.m. There are a ton of jobs that need to be done around the church. See Dennis Brown if you are interested in helping.

I know that everyone will step up and help and I am excited to see all of the things on this list that we can accomplish over the coming months.

God bless!

Pam Mullay

Calendar of Events

October 17—Junior Youth Group Laser Tag, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m.; \$5 per youth member

October 21—Burke Family Concert at Hammond High School, 6 p.m.

October 24 — Annual Charge Conference at Severna Park UMC. 9 a.m.

October 25—Halloween Costume Party, 6:30 p.m.

November 14 — Fall Festival, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 22—Thanksgiving Community Worship Service. Bethel Assembly of God, 6 p.m.



Work Wednesdays

Over the next few months, we will doing more repairs and a thorough cleaning of the church both inside and out.



Every Wednesday at 6 p.m. we will conduct a work night to help get through the long list of things that need to be taken care of throughout the church. Consider volunteering your services to help out.

Contact Dennis Brown at browndw@verizon.net for more information.



The **deadline** for the December newsletter is November 21.

Send anything you want included

(announcements, photos, etc.) to 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.



Bell and Adult Choir

Bell and Adult Choir is held on Thursday nights. Bell Choir is at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall and Adult Choir is at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. Any and all are welcome to join.

For more information, please contact Karin Book at 301-490-7229 or email

mullenp@his.com.

In addition, Cami Wise is interested in looking to see if any children are interested in forming a children's bell choir. If you have a child interested, contact Cami directly.





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Saturday Workday Date Set

The next Saturday workday will be Saturday, October 17th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Workday is not just for those who like saws, hammers, and hammer drills. One of the major issues we need to address before winter sets in is to weatherseal the outside trim work. We need to scrape, caulk, and paint, in particular, the Fellowship Hall windows. Some window panes also are in need of new glazing. But wait, there's more! Now that the bell tower has been tucked pointed (and has had plenty of time to dry out), we can also scrape and paint the Narthex wall.

If you prefer working outside, landscaping is needed around the church and Faith and Ministry Center. We need to clear out the overgrowth and replace landscape timbers. On the old playground side, we need to pull up the old timbers for the sand box and dismantle the slide (for insurance liability reasons). If anyone would like the slide, please send me a note (first come, first served - donations to the church are appreciated).

Perhaps the biggest task of the day will be removal of the mulberry trees behind the Boy Scout shed. The Boy Scouts will hopefully be on hand to assist. We will have a chipper on hand to address the branches and the pile of brush accumulating in the parking lot. Speaking of the parking lot, I hope to have a load of gravel delivered to fill in the holes.

But workday is not just all about hammers, paintbrushes and chain saws, we will have plenty of other tasks to keep you busy. ***(Students can earn community service credits during this event!)*** In particular, we are looking for volunteers to inventory and photograph church property of value. Our insurance policy is up for renewal and we need to ensure we have adequate coverage. In addition, general cleaning and de-cluttering is always in demand.

Sign-up sheets will be available over the coming weeks. Donations will also be needed for materials and for the chipper rental. If you can donate, please drop an envelope in the offering plate marked "workday". Donations received above and beyond what is needed for this event, will be applied to the building maintenance fund.

Dennis Brown