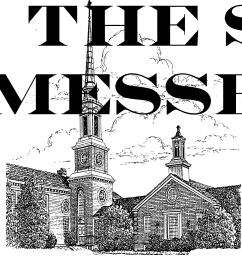


THE SPRINGFIELD MESSENGER



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Love Through the Ages

The Sweetheart Dinner is becoming an annual tradition at SUMC, and our youth are once again preparing for a memorable evening of good food, great company, and memorable music. This year our theme is “Love through the ages,” and we will be treating you to songs and memories from years gone by. Maybe even the year you first looked into the eyes of your sweetheart. We’d love to know when you fell in love and what music played in the background.

At Valentine’s Day we celebrate the joy and goodness of love between two people. Yet our Sweetheart Dinner recognizes and supports a love that is even bigger, stronger, and forever. God pours out love...creating, reaching out, redeeming, calling into community, giving strength we never imagined. God’s love is the starting point and power for every act of love.

This summer, SUM Youth will be sharing God’s love through Mountain T.O.P. in Tennessee. The total cost for this opportunity to live love will be about \$10,000. Sweetheart Dinner is our major fundraiser to cover these costs. So, please come. Celebrate love. And give our youth the chance to know—and to share—a love that is bigger than we could ask or imagine.

Suggested donation: \$15/person; Free childcare provided.

All proceeds support youth mission and ministry.

Please contact me with any questions at (703) 451-2375; pastorelaine@sumc-cares.org.

Peace,
Pastor Elaine



FINANCE CORNER – FEBRUARY 2012

“Why We Apportion”

Congratulation SUMC!! I am thrilled to report that SUMC was able to once again, pay 100% of our Apportionments for 2011. Apportionments represent our church's contribution at both the District and Conference levels to support a wide variety of important missions and ministries beyond Springfield, VA. Together, we can accomplish so many things that would not be possible by any single church alone. Here is an explanation of Apportionments recently published in the United Methodist *Interpreter*.

“Apportionments are our first mile of giving. They are the framework for our connectional ministry and mission. When we give generously through our local church, our congregation can pay its apportionments. And through those apportionments, we support these causes:

- World Service Fund: The financial lifeline to a long list of Christian missions and ministries through the denomination.
- Africa University Fund: When we support the Africa University Fund, we are meeting Africa's vital needs. Africa University graduates work in many areas such as agriculture, health care, and church growth and development.
- Ministerial Education Fund: Allows the United Methodist Church to continue its commitment to recruit and educate quality pastoral leadership.
- Black College Fund: Helps the 11 United Methodist-related historically Black colleges and universities to maintain solid and challenging academic programs, strong faculties, and well-equipped facilities.
- Episcopal Fund: Our bishops - an integral part of the spiritual and administrative leadership of The United Methodist Church - are supported by this fund.

- Interdenominational Cooperation Fund: Enables United Methodists to have a presence and a voice in the activities of several national and worldwide ecumenical and interreligious organizations.
- General Administrative Fund: Attends to the business of the United Methodist Church by ensuring trustworthy systems of oversight and financial accountability.”

- Angie Sawyer
SUMC Finance Chair



ENDOWMENT MOMENT

We may have a desire to leave a gift to our church, but when we are gone will our will be known?

Obviously, we must make plans to ensure that our wishes are carried out. Unfortunately, many people have not made these plans.

First, we must assure that all those dependent on us are taken care of when we no longer can do so. Our families are a special responsibility. But we must also meet our responsibilities to God and to our Church.

We can help those who come after us - help assure the future mission of our church - by leaving a gift from our bounty, large or small, that God has given to us. Gifts can be unrestricted or to specific programs of our Church.

When you prepare your will, or the next time you revise it, please consider naming our Church Endowment Program for an amount, whether large or small. If you have already done so, let us know if we may use your name to encourage others to do so.

One generation shall laud God's works to another (Psalm 145:4)

For additional information, please contact Larry Ayers, Fred Mears or any other Endowment Committee member.

SUMC CEMETERY SITES TO BE SOLD

SUMC has four remaining cemetery sites for sale at The National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Virginia.

The Endowment Committee of the church has decided that the value in these sites can be put to better use if the plots are sold and the proceeds invested in endowment funds for future needs and programs of the church. We are very anxious to make these sales. If you have an interest in one or more of these sites, please contact any member of the Springfield United Methodist Church Endowment Committee. Remember, buying your site in this manner will not only help to meet your need but will help the church as well.

For information on the above please see or call Fred Mears (703-821-8736) or Larry Ayers (703-569-5139).

- Fred Mears



FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS

Each week, our altar is adorned with a beautiful, live floral arrangement. Did you know you can make a tribute to a loved one, which will be printed

in the bulletin, as part of donating to the Flower Program? Contributions are \$35 to cover the cost of the arrangement and you can sign up simply by choosing a date and writing your tribute on the poster located in the Narthex. Be sure to annotate your check as a contribution for the Flower Fund. Our Flower Fund is supported by these donations, so please consider making a floral tribute in honor of or in memory of a loved one this year.

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet on Sat., February 4th, at 8:00 am in the Social Hall.

UMWOMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet on Monday, February 6th, at 1:30 pm in the Library.



All Circles meet
each month
in the SUMC Parlor.

**United Methodist Women's Circles invite you
to visit any or all of them in February!**

Elizabeth/Dorcas Wed. Feb. 8th 10:00 am

Anna Harrison Mon. Feb. 13th 10:00 am

Faith, Hope & Joy Tues. Feb. 14th 10:00 am

Esther Ruth E-Circle Online

Janita McGregor, MDMJTM@aol.com

For info: call Jean Mosteller, 703-644-0339.

~ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ~

BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive Committee needs volunteers to help with the quarterly blood drives held at Springfield United Methodist Church. We rotate making appointments from a list of known donors to schedule them for the upcoming drive. At the blood drive (next drive is Monday, February 6th), we set up the social hall and, upon their arrival, register the donors. This is a valuable and rewarding service to the Red Cross and our community. If you're interested and would like more information, please call Antonio Peralta at 703-644-2849.

SOUND TECHNICIANS

The SUMC Sound Technicians are looking for one or two more people to join our ranks. Training is provided. Schedule is flexible. Average workload is one Sunday a month. Includes a reserved, padded seat with a great view of the sanctuary. For more information and to volunteer, contact Randy Ingalsbe, Paul Mosteller, Jay Barr, Ed Durham or Clint Hall.

TELLERS

Our Teller team is extremely shorthanded. This is a great opportunity for anyone looking to serve the Church in a new way. All you have to be able to do is count to 10...the other Tellers will teach you the rest! Even if you just want to try it for a while, your help would be greatly appreciated. You can stop by the Office and speak with any of the Tellers on Sunday or you can call Angie Sawyer at 703-921-9189 if you would like more information about volunteering for this important role in the Church. Thank You!



SANDWICH MINISTRY

We provide sandwiches weekly to feed the homeless. The regular church operating budget does not cover the weekly cost of this mission project, so we depend on donations. **Any amount** is welcome and will help cover the costs of this important ministry. Please write "Sandwich Ministry" on the offering envelope or your check. For contributions of \$100 or more, sign up on the Sandwich Ministry Sponsor's Board and your dedication will be printed in the bulletin. **If you would like to help make sandwiches, please join us on Sundays at 9:15 in the kitchen. We have lots of fun and welcome helping hands!**

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WE GIVE THANKS

Dear SUMC and members,

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for everything you've done for me. Thank you for your good prayers and thoughts, without them I may not still be here today. My heart and love goes out to Pastor Larry and all of SUMC.

Thanks also to all for the quilt. I appreciate the love and compassion you all threaded each stitch with.

Sincerely,
Bryan Shirley

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets for tea and genteel conversation in the Parlor, usually on the third Sunday of every month. New



readers are always welcome. **Schedule:**
February 19: *Age of Innocence*, Edith Wharton.



MUSIC MINISTRY

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHOIR SCHEDULES

Bell & Vocal Choirs

4:00 pm Heavenly Brass (Grades 7-12)

5:00 pm Youth Vocals (Grades 7-12)

5:30 pm Joyful Ringers (Grades 4-6)

6:00 pm Joyful Ringers (Grades 2-3)

6:00 pm Cherub Vocals (Grades K-1)

6:15 pm Junior Vocals (Grades 2-6)

6:25 pm Rainbow Ringers (Grades K-1)

All choirs end at 6:45 pm

Timbrel Ringers rehearse Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm and **Sanctuary Choir** rehearses Thursdays at 7:30 pm.

New singers and ringers are always welcome.



~ COLLECTIONS~

ECHO

Current ECHO needs include: vegetable oil, sugar (2 lb. bag/box), flour (2 lb. bag), powdered milk, tea, coffee, laundry detergent, dish detergent, king and queen sized blankets (new or used, clean and in good condition), boy's sweatpants sizes 6-16, men's sweatpants in small or medium, large saucepans.

ECHO is closed for most federal holidays and when Fairfax County Schools are closed because of weather.

ECHO is currently in need of volunteers for Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00 pm to greet donors and help lift and move donated clothing, food, etc. Receiving donations is a very happy job, and ECHO only asks for a commitment for once or twice a month. If you would like to find out more about this job, or any other volunteer needs, send an e-mail to echoadmin@Verizon.net.

Please continue to put all non-perishable food donations in the basket in the Tower Room.



SHOE DRIVE FEBRUARY 5-26

A pair of used shoes allows a poor child to attend school and allows an adult to get a job. A

pair of shoes also promotes better health through a reduction in soil borne parasites as well as infections from cuts. Your donation of good used shoes will make a BIG difference in the lives of the poor in Honduras, the second poorest country in the western hemisphere.

- All types of good used shoes are very much needed... dress, casual, athletic, children's, adults', heels, sandals, etc. Men's shoes are the most needed, especially work boots.
- The main limit is size. We can only use up to size 11 for men and up to size 9 for women.

- Shoes can be dropped off between February 5th and February 26 in the Tower Room.
- Please place the shoes in the plastic trash bags provided. Just be sure that only pairs are brought and that pairs go together in the same bag. Tying laces together is helpful but not necessary as long as pairs are together.

This shoe drive is sponsored by the Springfield United Methodist Women and will benefit ART FOR HUMANITY - Helping the Poor to Help Themselves (www.artforhumanity.org). Art for Humanity is an all-volunteer charity with no paid staff, warehouses, offices, etc. This past year they delivered approximately \$740,000 worth of humanitarian aid with a budget of only \$89,000.



FISHING RODS AND REELS COLLECTION TO BENEFIT FOOD FOR THE POOR

Fishermen - Your old gear can change lives!

Lord of Life is collecting those rods and reels that have been gathering dust in attics, garages, and basements for donation to the south Florida-based Food For The Poor (FFP). FFP is a highly rated charity that serves the destitute in 17 countries. Haiti and Jamaica are very poor, but they are blessed to be surrounded by the sea. The greatest need for FFP's Fishing Village program is salt water rods and reels, but all gear, except fly rods, are accepted.

During the month of March, a collection point will be set up in the church. Functional rods and reels only, and leave any line on the reels. No tackle (hooks, lures, sinkers, etc.) please.

Fast Facts - Fishing Villages

- Currently Food For The Poor has 37 operational fishing villages in Haiti and 17 in Jamaica.
- Food For The Poor supplies destitute coastal villages with fiberglass boats with outboard engines, global positioning systems (GPS), fishing tackle, 100-quart coolers, safety

equipment, a gear shed with freezer, a generator and powerful solar light for the village common area and training in deep-sea fishing.

- Fishing villages transform communities by offering residents hope and an opportunity to improve lives. For more information about Food For The Poor's fishing villages visit:
<http://www.foodforthe poor.org/about/work/spotlight-fishing.html>

Forbes Magazine — In a survey of the 200 largest U.S. charities, Food For The Poor was ranked the fifth-largest recipient of private support. Food For The Poor's charitable commitment ratio was an impressive 97%. *Forbes* magazine reported an average of 86% for this rating measure, which shows how much of an organization's total expenses are applied to its charitable purpose, excluding management, overhead or fundraising. Food For The Poor's fundraising efficiency ratio of 98% contrasted with an industry average of 90%. (November 2011)

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Brent Andberg, Chantilly campus
brent@andberg.org

For more information, please contact Dick Lind at richard.lind@cox.net or 703-569-0014.



CHRISTIAN WEEKDAY PROGRAM

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (I John 4:7) LOVE is our theme for the month of February, but the emphasis is to help children express that message on a daily basis through deeds and kind words. We invite everyone to join us along with Pastor Larry in Children's Chapel on February 14 and 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The children will sing "Joy, Joy" as they learn about God's love and how

He shows them daily how important they are to Him.

Wouldn't it be great to roll out of bed and wear your pajamas to school or work! We are celebrating Bedtime Stories February 7-10. The children will wear pajamas, bring their favorite stuffed animals, enjoy a pancake breakfast, and hear their favorite bedtime stories in Music & Motion with Karen Hamilton.

Parent - teacher conferences will be February 29 with time for each family to meet with their child's teacher.

The Parent Advisory Council will host a Small Business Fair on March 2 in the Social Hall during the hours 11:15-1:30. This fair gives CWP parents who own a small business the opportunity to share their information with the rest of the CWP and SUMC community. Stop by the fair to support the small business owners.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school term begins February 1 for Springfield United Methodist Church members and returning CWP families. Open registration for the public began on February 6. Fees and tuition are as follows:

Registration Fee:	\$85
SUMC members:	\$45
Activity Fee: (All registrants)	\$35
Monthly tuition for 2 days/week:	\$185
SUMC congregation members:	\$167
Monthly tuition for 3 days/week:	\$290
SUMC congregation members:	\$261
Monthly tuition for 5 days/week:	\$420
SUMC congregation members:	\$378

CWP Extended Day also offers before and after school care for children enrolled in the morning program. Please contact the CWP office at 703-569-3479 if you are interested in enrolling.

In God's Love,
Cathy, Juanita, and Patti

February 2012

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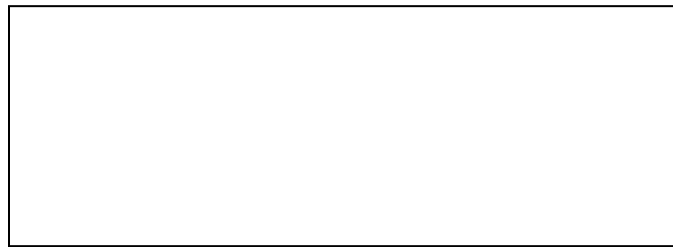
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A sign-up sheet is on the clipboard table or contact Antonio Peralta
at 703-644-2849 for information or to schedule an appointment.