

Haven't joined a small group yet? No problem! There's still plenty of opportunity to join in. Check them out:

Wednesday Morning Small Group:

Small group focused on Bible study, prayer and outreach projects.
Weekly -- meeting Wednesdays—10:00-11:15am

Next meetings Oct 7, 14, 21 etc

Location: Rouzie's Chapel fellowship hall
Contact: Barbara Bauserman, 804-449-6350 or bobbemc@aol.com

Spiritual Blabbermouths:

Small group for sharing spiritual insights, challenges, questions and joys encountered in our daily faith journeys
Bi-weekly -- meeting on every other Friday night—7-8pm

Next meetings Oct 9, Oct 23 etc

Location: flexible – Beaverdam/Ladysmith area
Contact: Colleen McGrath, 804-366-4833 or e.colleen@gmail.com

Monday Night Small Group:

Small group Bible study of the book of James
Monthly --- meeting on Mondays (3rd or 4th) - 7:30-8:45pm

Next Meeting Oct 19

Location: Beaverdam UMC front classroom
Contact: Martha Slayton, 804-449-6337

Green Bay Snackers:

Small group for Bible study and spiritual growth
Monthly --- meeting on Third Thursdays—7-8pm

Next meetings Oct 15, Nov 19 etc

Location: The Flint's home (21090 Green Bay Road; Beaverdam)
Contact: Martha Flint, 804-449-6480

Non-conformists:

Small group for those who don't want someone else to tell them what to believe but would rather figure it out for themselves -- thinking beyond the faith box and having meaningful, yet challenging discussions
Monthly -- meeting on Second Thursdays—7:30-8:30pm

Begins Oct 8 (and then Nov 12, Dec 10 etc)

Location: 1st month at the Pangburn's home (16442 Tyler Station Road; Beaverdam)
Contact: DeAnn Pangburn, 804-449-6123 or oakgroveva@embarqmail.com

Wood Ministry Small Group:

Working to split, cut and stack firewood for those in need, followed by a fellowship luncheon

Weekly -- meeting Wednesdays—9:00am-Noon and then lunch

Next meetings Oct 7, 14, 21 etc

Location: Rouzie's Chapel UMC
Contact: Dick Lear, 540-894-9919 or rblear1@gmail.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

After doing some canning this past few months, I thought how close this process is to God's process.

We pick the "ripe" fruits or vegetables from the vine, we sort it, wash it, prepare the vessels to store it in, then put the jars under pressure for a chosen amount of time before we can use the fruit or vegetable.

God's process is a lot like this. He first chooses us, we go through the cleaning process (asking God for forgiveness for our sins) and we are chosen as a vessel; thus we are His jars. We are put through periods of testing, this is the "pressure" canner. After His chosen time, we are ready for His use.

Just as we use the foods that we have prepared to nourish our bodies, God uses us to nourish the hearts, minds and bodies of our neighbors throughout the world.
(Matt. 25:34-36)

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SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP DATES & LOCATIONS



From "The Friendship Book"

*Make your day a masterpiece
And do your very best,
Put your whole self into it
With energy and zest.
Look up and laugh, be positive
Say "yes" to this new day,
Turn problems into challenges
To spur you on your way.
Welcome opportunities
That knock upon your door,
As stepping stones to better things
And learning something more.
Be bold, be strong, have confidence
To hold on and come through,
So make this day a masterpiece
And to yourself be true.*

By Kathleen Gillum

2009 Lay Schedule

Date	Oct. 4	Oct. 11	Oct. 18	Oct. 25	Nov. 1
Scriptures	Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12	Hebrews 4: 12-16	Hebrews 5: 1-10	Hebrews 7: 23-28	Hebrews 9: 11-14
Greeters	The Dougherty's	Peggy Morris	The Calderon's	Peggy Morris	The Umbels
Lay Reader	Anissa Dougherty	Anissa Dougherty	Colleen McGrath	Carole Umbel	NEED VOLUNTEER
Children's message	Dutch Dorschel	NA	NA	NA	Dutch Dorschel
Ushers	The Calderon's	NEED VOLUNTEER	The Calderon's	The Umbels	NEED VOLUNTEER
Financial assistant	Flo Calderon	DeAnn Pangburn	NEED VOLUNTEER	Carole Umbel	NEED VOLUNTEER
Nursery during Worship	Kate Cook	The Pangburn's	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER	NEED VOLUNTEER



OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Scott Stallings	2 Penny Dorschel	3 Michael Jones
4	5 Admin Council	6	7 Cindy Wright Dutch & Penny Dorschel—Ann	8	9	10 Heritage Day Jason Gladden
11	12	13	14	15 Christina Jones	16	17
18 Dutch Dorschel	19	20 Gary & Pam Troxell—Ann Rob & Christy Monolo—Ann	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Christy Knicely	29	30	31



From District Lay Leader – Larry Tubbs – District newsletter

What if all of our churches were vibrant, active places where people wanted to be, not just on Sundays but all week long? **What if** we rethink church? Not in the terms of what it is, but what it could be. What would it look like? What would it feel like?

And **what if** we could offer the world a dramatically new vision of church, a vision that inspires hope, faith and action? The word “Open” in “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors,” would no longer be an adjective that describes, but a verb that directs, so that together we open hearts, open minds and open doors.

The United Methodist Church agency on communication is focusing on RETHINK church. Through four areas of focus—growing congregations, developing leaders for the church and the world, addressing poverty, and fighting disease—the United Methodist church is indeed, RETHINKING CHURCH, Outbound, Unbound, Active.

This was one of the classes offered at the School of Congregational Development that was held in Evanston, Ill., July 29 to August 2. I selected a ministry track called turning around existing churches which had an intense choice called “Actual insight for reaching people through new and existing churches.” My workshops’ titles were *Lay People as New Church Missionaries* and *RETHINK church*.

It was a long five days but I enjoyed the gathering of 600 other United Methodists from around the country and elsewhere. What was amazing is that the group was very diverse in racial and ethnic makeup and also diverse in gender and age. From what I could tell, it looked as though laity comprised about 10% of those attending.

I would share that several Web sites are available to you and I would recommend that you visit them (www.umcom.org/RETHINKCHURCH.org, www.10thousanddoors.org, www.Find-a-Church.org, FAC@UMC.org, www.umc.org/ChurchMarketingPlan, not to mention You tube and Hulu.

I am now trying to compile all of my notes to share with those who might be interested.

Please reread the following scriptures and remember your baptism.

Matthew 16:24, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, Micah 6:8, Matthew 28:19-20

Needs for Upcoming Cuba Trip

Bill Perry and Rob Monolo will be going on another international United Methodist Volunteers in Mission trip to Havana, Cuba, in early December. They will be working at a seminary. The team leader, Nick Elliott, who visited our Charge in 2006 has asked the team to help with medications to take with them. Last season’s hurricanes worked havoc on the island. One of the team members has access to pharmaceutical supplies the team plans to take. If you would like to contribute toward these medical supplies, you can include it in a check to either Beaverdam UMC or Rouzie’s Chapel and note on the memo it is for the Cuba trip.

For the women of our Charge, we have found on previous trips that our Cuban sisters love getting donations of cosmetics and costume jewelry you may have and are not using. You can give them to Bill and we will pack them with his luggage.

Mississippi Bishop sends ‘thanks’ for Katrina relief help

Virginia Bishop Charlene Kammerer recently received this note of gratitude from Mississippi Bishop Hope Morgan Ward regarding the ongoing recovery effort from Hurricane Katrina and the financial gifts and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) work teams that have gone to the area from Virginia Conference churches:

“As we mark the fourth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, we give thanks for you and for the partnership of the Virginia Conference in recovery. The United Methodist churches of Virginia were here early on and have sustained their interest, generosity and commitment to our long recovery. We continue to remember your partnership and your generosity through the 2008 Annual Conference offering. We are all deeply grateful for all the ways you have blessed our lives.

Please extend our thanks to the conference staff, mission and UMVIM leaders and the entire conference for their perseverance. Through the connection of The United Methodist Church in response, over 13,000 families are back home in Mississippi. The work continues and we look forward to seeing many of you as we press on in this good work.”

Penny and Dutch Dorschel have **discovered a continuing need** by Hospice of Virginia for afghans/lap covers/shawls for their patients at the IPU at Retreat Hospital and also for patients who are still at home with their families. If you would like to donate any of these items that you have knitted or crocheted, please let Penny or Dutch know. The afghans need only be about 3- to 4-foot square. Also, Penny will organize a knitting/crocheting circle to meet once or twice a month if there is interest in such a thing. Please let her know at either prdjcdjr@embarqmail.com or 449-6649. Thanks.

Rouzie's Chapel—MISSIONS

- Candy drive for children in Iraq. Please limit your contributions to individually wrapped hard candies (such as lollipops, tootsie rolls, twizzlers, etc.) and because of the heat, chocolates should be avoided. Barbara Bauserman will collect these goodies and see that they are delivered.
- W.H.E.A.T. will accept anything we donate but Rouzie's Chapel has been asked to concentrate our efforts on jars of jelly and canned meats.
- Compassion International:
- Don't forget to support Jennifer and Axel, our Sunday School's adopted children by depositing your spare change in the blue Compassion International Can in the church's entrance.
- Blessing Box:
- Rouzie's has a Blessing Box to collect used men's clothing in good condition and assorted toiletries that can be given to the men at New Life for Youth Ranch.
- PLEASE ONLY MEN'S CLOTHING & TOILETRIES.
- Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes:
- Filled shoeboxes should be returned to the Church no later than November 8. They will be taken to Beaverdam Baptist the week of November 16th for distribution.
- Beaverdam Heritage Day:
- Saturday, October 10: Rouzie's will have a booth and provide free drinks.
- Administrative Council Meeting:
- Sunday, October 11 after noon potluck.
- Brunswick Stew:
- Saturday, October 24. Orders should be turned in to Martha Flint no later than October 18.
- Charge Conference:
- Sunday, November 1, at 3 P.M. at Beaverdam UMC.

Rouzie's Chapel Construction

The October 1 target completion date to complete Rouzie's Chapel construction may have to slip a week or two. The interior doors from the narthex to the sanctuary were damaged in shipment and had to be returned to the manufacturer and rebuilt. The narthex doors put the interior work schedule behind two weeks, but Wind River Homes is doing everything they can to complete the project as quickly as possible. As you can see from the latest picture the windows, doors and siding have been installed and it really looks like a church. The congregation is thrilled with the way the church looks and the progress that has been made so far. Sheetrock was hung in the new narthex the week of 14 September. The initial taping and finishing was done on Friday September 18. The walls and ceiling will have to be sanded and finished two more times before the painters will arrive. The back door to the chapel and the interior door from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall were both replaced with wheelchair compatible 36 inch wide doors and new siding was installed around the back door. The sanctuary and narthex gutters and downspouts have been installed with a drainage system moving the water away from the church.

The cabinets for the information and library center are complete but will remain at the manufacture until it is time to install them. The carpet colors have been chosen and the rooms measured for the carpet installation. All of the electrical fixtures have arrived but will not be installed until after the painters are complete. Wind River will be trimming out all the doors while the wall finisher and painters complete their portion of the construction. The stained glass for the circular window is half way done but its design has not been revealed to the congregation. We hope that the stained glass will be complete and installed in time for the dedication ceremony planned for November 22, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Plans for the dedication ceremony will be in next month's Circuit Writer.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Scott Stallings	1
Paul Flint	3
Jaxson Hawkins	7
Paula Stanley	11
<i>John & Vernell Jones</i>	16
John Jones	19
<i>Ken & Karen Roach</i>	19
<i>Walter & Shirley Jones</i>	26



Hi Girls and Boys,

This month I was going to talk about manners but the Pastor Claudia gave me an opportunity I could not turn down. So I will do my letter on manners another month.

John 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast" and John 21:13 Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish.

Around these parts civic groups advertise and have salt fish breakfasts and that is fish and bread. To some that may not be very tasty but to others that is like steak and eggs.

Pastor Claudia is starting a new series using taste, smell, feel and hear senses. It really should be a good series and so we thought one of the things JuG might do is bake bread for both Rouzie's Chapel and Beaverdam Communion Services. (Don't worry Marian I have learned a little since I baked that brick for you.)

Before you start making bread the same as living the life of a child of God you have to have a recipe and ingredients. One loaf of Comunion Bread takes prayer and the following:

1 1/2 teaspoon of yeast
2 1/2 tsp of milk
2 cups of bread flour
2/3 tsp of salt
1 1/3 tablespoon of sugar
1 egg
2 1/2 tbs of melted butter
2/3 cup of hot water

JuG Letter Youth Updates

Living your live as a Child of God takes prayer and the following:

1 Bible to be read and used daily.

Parents, Teachers, and Leaders to be respected, honored, listened to and learn.

School and Church to be enjoyed and a place to appreciate and feel comfortable in.

Home a place to be warm, comfortable, fed and loved.

1 Father to love, 1 Jesus to be your savior, and 1 Holy Spirit left behind to lead you.

4 Cups of Patience at least this on a daily basis to deal with possible disappointments.

1 ton of love in your heart for your fellow people. (in other words to love one another)

1 Chunk of desire to serve your fellow beings (in other words to serve one another and God)

The results should be good bread and a good person after you knead, let rise, pray, knead, let rise, pray, knead let rise and pray a third time and then bake.

Have a great month girls and boys.



BUMC Church family,

I want to say it has been awesome to see the early success of Sunday School. It has been a great time to interact with all of the youth and share with them as well as with the older youth. It has also been cool to see them bringing their friends and helping to grow this youth group even more.

In other news, I want to just give a quick update for what to be on the lookout for in October. First, we have Beaverdam Heritage Day on October 10th, at this event we hope to fundraise for both our youth and for a partner youth group in Kolkata India. Also, a cool opportunity is coming up the weekend of October 25th-28th. The church Sarah and I worked with in Kolkata, Agape Church, is sending their pastor and wife here to the states and they will be sharing with Barry Lane's church in North Carolina. It will be an awesome time of revival and a chance to hear of the awesome work going on in India.

Finally, we hope to take some of the fall to settle into the routine of small group during the week, and Sunday school, and are looking into some small event in November. Also, I am working on the youth budget and events for the new year.

I look forward to sharing all the new plans and ideas with you over the next few months and seeing where God takes us.

God Bless, Sean and Sarah

Dear Church Family,

Most of us have heard of sensory overload. I've been having sensory uplift and abundance – but not overload at all. Saws buzz, hammers pound and machinery hums (sound), walls go up and sheet rock appears (sight), sawdust accumulates and fresh-cut wood seasons (smell), fingers can fit through holes where locks will be and new thresholds are established (touch) all leading to being able to IMAGINE the taste of sweet fellowship and experiencing safe, secure accessible entrances to Rouzie's Chapel. Yes, as I write this, the new narthex is being completed and provides sensory uplift and abundance in wonderful ways.

What is amazing is that all of this time of construction is to provide better access to worship experiences that should make our physical construction sensory experiences pale in comparison. If we think a new narthex looks, feels, sounds, smells and tastes wonderful – what does our worship beyond the narthex do for us?

That is precisely what we will be looking at on the West Hanover Charge in October and early November – the sights, sounds, touches, tastes and smells of worship. All of our senses which were created

by God should be used in our worship of God – and can be.

Come this Sunday and let's start tasting, touching, smelling, hearing and seeing God's powerful abundance in our midst.

Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the LORD is good. Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in Him."

With transforming hope,
Claudia

DON'T FORGET

Beaverdam UMC'S New Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:30-10:00am

Gathering Time/Assembly for children ages 0-18 in Youth Classroom
Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 – 10:45am

Ages 0-2nd grade – Sunday School class in new nursery (left of sanctuary front)

3rd -6th grade – Sunday School class in Children's Classroom (orange/blue)

7th – 12th grade – Sunday School class in Youth Classroom (green/yellow)

Young Adults – Sunday School class in room off of sanctuary entrance hall

Adults – Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall

11:00am

Morning Worship Service with Nursery available

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