

Circuit Writer

Dear Church Family,

As I write this article for the October newsletter, I have just finished the September 25, 2011 prayer list adding the families of Lanny Woolfolk and Patrick Monolo along with asking for prayers for Peggy Morris who is in ICU. My heart aches for the families who grieve so deeply and for our dear Peggy who is struggling to re-gain her strength and stamina.

Yet in all three of these circumstances: the death of a community leader who was not able to hold tightly enough to hope, the young man who was just hitting his stride in life and has gone on to be with the Lord and the older, lifelong member of Beaverdam UMC who has shown faithfulness to God and to her community; in all of these I have seen the Lord's hand and the love of a community of believers. In the midst of struggle and of deep grief, the church has been there ... reaching out its hand and reminding those in pain that they are not alone.

This, my brothers and sisters in Christ, is what God meant the church to be. We weep with those who weep and we rejoice with those who rejoice and in life and in death – we are the body of Christ redeemed by His blood for the world.

The Apostle Paul knew what he was talking about when he penned it this way: *"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad."*
(1 Corinthians 12: 12, 25-26)



Prayer for BUMC's Visioning Process:

During the month of October, our leadership will participate in a Vision for Ministry event to discern God's vision for our church's future. Rev. Michael Shirley, a ministry consultant with Four Seasons Ministry, will be our resource leader. Please keep the leadership in your prayers during this time of discernment.

Charge Conference:

Charge Conference is the annual meeting of our charge where we celebrate the ministry we have participated in during the past year and set goals for the year to come. At that time we also adopt the upcoming year's budget for each church, vote for those who will serve in leadership positions during the new year and set the pastor's salary and benefits.

This year we will welcome our new Richmond District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Jones, to our churches. The Charge Conference will be held together with Rouzie's Chapel and Beaverdam United Methodist Churches. We will meet **Thursday, October 20th at 7:30pm at Rouzie's Chapel UMC** (21089 Green Bay Road; Beaverdam). Everyone is welcome to join in this night of sharing God's wonder in our midst.

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With transforming hope,
Claudia



Which Do You
See?

By Max Lucado
"The Lord will be
your confidence."

Proverbs 3:26 NKJV

The temple builders and the Savior seekers. You'll find them both in the same church, on the same pew – at times, even in the same suit. One sees the structure and says, "What a great church." The other sees the Savior and says, "What a great Christ!"

Which do you see?

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Lay Schedule 2011

Date	Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6
Greeters	The Dougherty's	Peggy Morris	Alex Isbell & Jessica Mallory	Alyssa & Mary Ann Stamey	The Shaffer's	The Dougherty's
Scriptures	Acts 2:1-13	Acts 15:1-21	Romans 10:5-15	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Philippians 4:4-9	Philemon
Lay Reader	Anissa Dougherty	Carole Umbel			Colleen McGrath	Anissa Dougherty
Ushers	David & Mary Ann Stamey	Peggy Morris & Flo Calderon	The Calderon's		The Shaffer's	David & Mary Ann Stamey
Financial assistant	Julie Durando	Flo Calderon	Julie Durando		Carole Umbel	
Nursery during Worship	Youth as needed	Alex Isbell & Jessica Mallory	Billie Raines	Youth as needed	Youth as needed	Youth as needed

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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2
Penny Dorschel

3
Jason Gladden

4
BUMC Admin
Council 7:30

5

6
5 talent academy

7
Scott & Angela
Mallory
Dutch & Penny
Dorschel
David & Mary
Ann Stamey

8
Heritage Day

9
Jazmyn McLaren

10
Jason Gladden

11

12

13
Autumn Shaffer
WHEAT meets
7:30 Zion
Christian

14

15
Visioning Event

16

17

18
Dutch Dorschel

19

20 West Hanover
Charge Conf.
Pam & Gary
Troxell
Rob & Christy
Monolo

21

22
Brunswick Stew
at Rouzie's
Chapel

23
Alan & Autumn
Shaffer

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28
Christy Knicely

29

Jocelyn McLaren

30 Community
Hymn Sing
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BUMCY



In September, we kicked off our first BUMCY night with the showing of a Louie Giglio film showing the youth how great our God truly is. Please ask the youth about “Laminin”, an interesting part of our body. You will be shocked! BUMCY also attended a youth rally for Richmond Metro Workcamp in order to get them excited about the upcoming year.

For October, BUMCY will have a booth at Heritage day. We will have corn hole, a guessing game, our angel fundraiser and lots of pictures; so please support these youth! During our BUMCY nights in October (the 6th and the 27th), we will be beginning to explore spiritual disciplines and how we can further the formation of our relationship with God. It will be a creative approach to learning what some of the disciplines are and how we can apply them in our walk with God. Also, on the 14th of October, BUMCY will be going

bowling! Please begin to think about what your role could be in the youth attending the Conference Retreats in November and December (one for middle school and one for high school). We will need sponsors and chaperones, so pray about this over the next few weeks.

Rent-a-youth is in full motion! If you have a task outside/inside your house or need a babysitter, talk to Ashley about getting the youth to help you out! All we ask for is a donation to go towards our future mission trips and our youth room. Also, check out our angel hymnals on Heritage day and in this newsletter to see how hard these youth have worked putting them together. Orders will be taken now if anyone is interested!

Grace and Peace,
Ashley Harper

Do I have to go to church to be a Christian?

That is the question raised during a recent worship service I attended while on vacation.

We all know Paul was the first missionary and this question, although not in the same words, was asked of him in Galatians.

Faith is the sole condition to being a Christian. But what is ‘church’? Church is not the building but it’s who we are!

A lot of people think church is made up of rules and regulations, but that’s not the case. The church is the bride of Christ and we are the church. Jesus said ‘where two or more are gathered, I am there’. Attending church service is joining other Christians in worship.

We read about all the different parts of the body and how they work together. The church is the same—if one part (YOU) is missing the church does not function as well.

So..the short answer is no, attending church service does not make you a Christian. However, you are considered a very important part of the church and are missed if you are not there.

See you in worship service!

Carole



The Friendship Book, 2011

“I expect to pass through this world but once – therefore, if there be any kindness I can show or any good thing I can do to any fellow human being, let me do it today; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

William Penn



Dates to Remember:

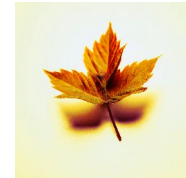
Annual Charge Conference - Rouzie's Thursday Oct. 20, 2011 at 7:30 P.M.
(Rouzie's UMC & Beaverdam UMC only)

Rouzie's Brunswick Stew Day - Saturday, October 22, 2011 Start taking orders

Thanksgiving Day—Thursday, November 24, 2011

Festival of Lights—Begins at Mr. B's Park, Friday, November 25, 2011
(Day after Thanksgiving)

First Sunday of Advent—Sunday, November 27, 2011



Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry

Shoeboxes provided by Samaritan's Purse will be distributed October 2, 2011 and will be due back the first of November. We will provide most of the school supplies. Personal items, tee shirts, flip-flops, toys, stuffed animals, caps, etc. make great gifts.

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.

needs our help both with financial donations and with the following food pantry items: canned meats, pasta sauce, jelly, bread, Breakfast foods, soup, Brunswick Stew, Ravioli and similar "meals". Dried beans and rice.

Compassion International:

Don't forget to support Eylon and Axel, our Sunday School's adopted children by depositing your spare change in the Red Boot in the church's narthex.

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!

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS:

Rouzie Lay Schedule—October 2011

Scott Stallings	1	Date	Oct. 9	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6
Paul Flint	3	Scriptures	Acts 15:1-21	Romans 10:5-15	I Corinthians 1:1-9	Philippians 4:4-9	Philemon
Jaxson Hawkins	7	Greeter	Barbara Bauserman	The Flint's	The Lear's	The Marsh's	The Duke's
John & Vernell Jones	16	Lay Reader	Jim Duke	Barbara Bauserman	Bev Duke	Jay Marsh	Martha Jones
John Jones	19						
Ken & Karen Roach	19						

West Hanover Wood Ministry (WHWM) Update



Well, we have had our first shot of cool weather and rain to start the fall season. I see some of the early trees, like dogwood and maple, are starting to change color. It won't be too long before the wood stoves and fireplaces will be providing some or all the heat for our families' homes. If you burn wood, make sure your chimney is clean before starting your first fire. You never can tell if a bird or animal has made a nest in your chimney during the summer.

We are starting the year off with 25 core families. A core family is one who has a need for firewood and is associated with one of the Churches' in our wood ministry. As the weather gets colder we will be adding families that have been referred to us from Hanover County Community Resources, West Hanover Emergency Action Team (WHEAT), Department of Social Services (DSS) and our churches. So far the four wood yards have delivered a total of 21 loads of wood.

Todd Barker, who heads up the wood yard at St. Peters' UMC in Montpelier, recently hurt his back. He is a fire fighter and works wood ministry on his off days. Keep Todd in your prayers. While Todd is out the other wood yards will be covering his families. The Fork Church purchased a used log splitter off the Richmond area Craig's List this summer. According to Dan Schmidt the splitter is just like new. Funds from our 2010 BBQ Chicken Dinner went to pay for most of the splitter. The new Fork Church splitter will add significant capability to their team.

Beaverdam/Rouzie's equipment has been used a lot this summer. We estimate that we have over 125 truckloads of wood in our wood yard to start the new season. Our splitters have needed a lot of repairs to keep them in top shape. Jack Perrigo, from Rouzie's Chapel, knows how to repair small engines and he had to do a major overhaul on one of our splitters this summer and saved us a lot of money. The hydraulic shuttle valve on our other splitter had to be replaced this summer too, which cost nearly \$400.00 to replace. Thanks to your generous donations and funds from the BBQ Chicken Dinners, we are able to keep our operations going. Our next big expense will be to put additional gravel in the Rouzie wood yard to improve traction on wet days.

Cutting and splitting has been our major focus for the last six months. However, our objectives are now changing to delivering wood. Fredy Calderon, from Beaverdam UMC, will be coordinating Saturday deliveries for the Beaverdam/Rouzie's families. If you would like to help deliver wood contact Fredy 804 357-5504, axc609@gmail.com, or Dick Lear 540 894-9919, rblearl@gmail.com, to get on the e-mail or telephone distribution lists. You don't need a truck to help with deliveries. When the call goes out for deliveries, come to the wood yard and we will team you up with someone who has a truck. Thanks in advance for your help.

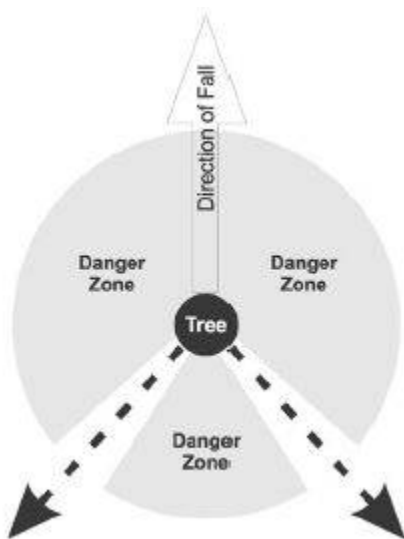
Be Prepared Before You Start Cutting!

Plan Your Escape Route

First, assemble other necessary tools and supplies: wedges, ax, large hatchet or maul, properly mixed fuel, bar oil, bar wrench, chain file with protective handle, minor maintenance tools, and a first aid kit. It makes for a bad day when you pinch a saw, run out of fuel or need to tighten or sharpen a chain. Carry the chain saw to the cutting site by holding it at your side with the bar pointing back. This will prevent you from falling on the bar if you trip. Always look carefully at what is around you and what may be endangered by a falling tree. Size up the tree from several directions to determine its lean, any excess branches on one side, broken or lodged material in the tree, and ice or snow in the branches. Look for tall dead tree trunks, leaning trees, and trees hung up in other trees within a distance equal to two tree lengths from the tree you are cutting, because they may fall at the same time as the tree you are cutting. Based on these observations you should be able to estimate the most likely direction the tree will fall.

Develop a clear picture of what you intend to do, estimate the most likely direction the tree will fall and be able to plan two escape routes. Be sure the escape routes are free from obstructions.

Never move directly opposite the direction of tree fall as the tree trunk can jump back. Never turn your back completely on the tree as you retreat and wait at least 30 seconds after the tree hits the ground to return.





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Hi Girls and Boys,

We are going back to the Old Testament for this one. Isaiah, son of Amos, was considered the best of the writing prophets and most of his writings went from 700 B.C. until his death around 681 B.C. The verse I am using this month was probably written in his later years. Isaiah in the particular verse that I am using was mostly writing about deliverance and restoration of Israel. The chapters and verses for this period was 40:1-48:22.

Chapter 44: 19 - "No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, half of it I use for fuel; I even break bread over its coals,Shall I bow down to a block of wood?"

The wood fairies are back and have started delivering!!!!

Have you thought how many fairies it takes for a load of wood? Do you even care? Well, I do.

First of all, we are led by two coordinators: Freddy and Dick Fairy.

Sometimes there is a need for big loads to come into the wood yards, and this is delivered usually by large truck or trailer.

If we go cut and split wood in the field, this is usually done by 9 or 10 and the same number make deliveries to those in need.

A couple of months ago, I was helping to split a large tree at Lake Anna and another time in back of the Parsonage. I looked up only to see this squirrel fairy with a chain saw making his way to the end of these huge trees. The skill it takes to use the chain saw is like Isaiah's skill to write his prophecy.

So far, God has blessed us with a supply of trees to cut and has blessed us to go about this activity with minimal injuries. There are two exceptions to that.

Keep in mind that JuG fairy is about as clumsy as an elephant walking across a gymnastic beam. JuG fairy put his hand where it should not have been and another fairy split his thumb with the splitter. The second time, JuG stubbed his toe on a log, breaking the big toe.

There is a huge blessing in this ministry not only to those the fairies deliver to but also to those that serve this team of fairies. When we deliver a load that we sweated over to someone that is not at home or not expecting a blessed load of firewood, God is at work. Even when they are at home and we make a delivery, God is at work.

You, too, can join the wood fairies. Until next month, remember God loves you and so do the wood fairies.

JuG

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