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CRESSET

February 2012



Send a card to a relative,
friend, and/or shut-in!



Sunday, February 12 - Scout Sunday

Sunday, February 12 is Scouting Sunday and both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop and their families will be our guests. Members of our Scout Troop will be helping in the worship services. Following our 11 a.m. worship, there will be a covered-dish luncheon held in McClay Hall. (Meat and drinks will be provided.) Following the meal, in our other fellowship hall, the Pinewood Derby will be held. Please plan to attend and support our scouts!

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lenten Season. On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, the church will be open at **6:00 a.m. & 12 Noon** for the imposition of ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The evening service will be at **7:00 p.m.** During this service we will have the imposition of ashes and will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. (See *Worship Schedule on Pg. 6 for more details.*)

Lenten services will continue on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The theme is "Walking with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem." Members of our Sunday School classes will be assisting with the services as follows: 2/29; 3/7 - Wesley Fellowship; 3/14 - 220 Cafe; 3/21 - Christian Friends, & 3/28 - Scripture Gleaners.

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“Sunday, February 5, 2012

Please bring canned soups and/or change for cash donations. Canned soups and donations will be given to the Interfaith Community Food Pantry. The youth will be collecting after each service.

* * * * * *Communion will be served on Sunday, Feb. 5* * * * * *

From the Heart of the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus! In case you have not noticed, in just a few weeks we will begin the season of the Church Year known as Lent. It officially begins on the day known as Ash Wednesday, a day set aside as a special time of repentance. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 22.

As I write this edition of "From the Heart of the Pastor," I am making plans for the Lenten Season. While I do so, I have come to realize afresh that in many circles today there is a great misunderstanding concerning Lent and the purpose behind this important season of the Church Year. Many people think it is a special time of the year to give up some meaningless activity or a time for dieting while continuing to be able to live like the devil the rest of the time. But that is not what the Lenten season is all about.

Lent is a season during which we, as the disciples of Jesus, walk with Him as He makes his way to Jerusalem and to Golgotha where He died on the cross for us. It is a time when we meditate on the passion of Jesus and reflect on the life and death of our Lord. However, it is not only a time when we meditate upon Christ's death. It is also a time when we as the followers of Christ allow the Holy Spirit to work in us in fresh ways and we die spiritually with Christ.

This means the goal of Lent is not just for us to gain a greater knowledge of what Christ has done, as good a goal as that is. The purpose of Lent also includes for us to identify with the passion and death of Jesus in our own lives. In other words, we are to pick up our cross and follow Him. We are to die to self and give up the necessity of having our own way all the time. We are to allow the work of Christ's death and resurrection to take effect in our lives and we are to live for Christ. And as we do so, it will mean a growth in our relationship with the Living Christ and our character becoming more like His, and that is good news!

To help us in our spiritual journey, God gives us some important disciplines for us to put into practice along the way. These include: prayer, fasting, self-denial, as well as reading and meditating upon God's Holy Word. As your pastor, I would encourage us all to observe a holy Lent by spending time using these disciplines as part of our daily lives. I would also invite each of you to be a part of our Sunday morning worship services as well as the specially planned Lenten services which will be held on the Wednesdays during Lent.

It is my prayer that as we journey through Lent and make our way toward Easter, we will grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus, and we will call others to join us in our journey! Have a great Lent and may each of us experience new life in Christ!

*In His Grace,
Pastor Hal*

A WORD ABOUT THE UPCOMING CONFIRMATION CLASS

Plans are being made for the upcoming 2012 Confirmation Class. This class will be for all 8th, 9th, and 10th graders who are wanting to confirm their faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The class will be taught by Pastor Hal Atkins and will be held at the Church on Sunday afternoons beginning at 4:00 p.m. The class will be held over a thirteen week period with the members of the class confirming their faith on Pentecost Sunday, May 27th, during the 11:00 worship service. There will be an introductory session to the class which will go over the requirements. This will be held on February 26th, and prospective confirmands and their parents are asked to attend. If any questions, please contact Pastor Hal Atkins at 301-729-0052 or 240-362-7402.

NURSING HOME & ASSISTANT LIVING

You might like to remember these people with cards, visits and prayers:

Eugene James, Lind Moore: Golden Living Center, Winifred Rd., Cumberland, MD 21502.

Tom Oglebay, John Kifer: Lions Manor, Seton Drive, Cumberland, MD 21502

Sara Winebrenner, Egle Nursing Home & Rehab Center, Room 218, 57 Jackson St., Lonaconing, MD 21539

Walter Hoffman, Wilma Bizaro: Devlin Manor, 10301 Christy Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502

Maxine Marsh, Room 207A, Frostburg Village, One Kaylor Circle, Frostburg, MD 21532

Audrey Cannon, St. Vincent de Paul, One Tarn Terrace, Frostburg, MD 21532

CARDS AND PRAYERS

For our *out-of-town* cards and prayers:

Betty Oliver: 332 Bonnie Brook Rd., Butler, PA 16002.

Florence Miller: 5305 Wye Creek Drive, Frederick MD 21703-6938

Lucille Whisker: c/o John Platt, 7 Old Mill Court, Palmyra, VA 22963

Charlotte Coheley: 6074 Southern Oaks Drive, Winterhaven, FL 33886

PRAYER PHONE TREE – NEW INFORMATION

Please contact Gayle Yost at nanaspets@gmail.com or 301-777-1304 (home) or 301-697-6168 (cell) if you have a prayer request to share or if you would like to be a pray-er!

A Word From Your Pastor About Pastoral Care...

As your new pastor, I want you to know that I am committed to give you quality pastoral care. For me to be able to do this in an effective and caring way, I am calling on each of you to give your assistance. How can you help? You can help me give quality pastoral care by letting me know when you are in need of receiving a visit from me. Such times will include when it is necessary for you or a family member to spend some time in the hospital due to an accident or surgery, or when there has been a death in the family. I use the word "include" because I do not want to limit your calling for pastoral care to emergency experiences due to hospitalization or death. I truly want you to know that anytime you have a need and you feel it is important for you to call me. You can. I greatly appreciate your help in this important matter, and I will be expecting your calls!

For your information, you are able to reach me at the following numbers:

301-729-0052 (church), 240-362-7402 (home), or 301-268-6785 (cell)

Thanks!

Pastor Hal

OUR NEW VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

Vision: *“To be a living example of Christ’s love.”*

Mission: *“To celebrate in worship, grow in faith, serve the community, and share our story for the glory of God. All are welcome here.”*

BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY
Come Together in Faith and Proclaim God's Love and Mercy
(2012 Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society)

1	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	11	John 5:19-47	21	Psalms 23
2	1 Corinthians 14:1-25	12	John 6:1-24	22	Psalms 51
3	1 John 2:1-17	13	John 6:25-71	23	John 13:1-20
4	1 John 3:1-18	14	John 7:1-24	24	John 13:21-35
5	1 John 4:7-21	15	John 7:25-52	25	John 14:1-31
6	John 3:1-21	16	John 8:1-30	26	John 15:1-17
7	John 3:22-36	17	John 8:31-59	27	John 15:18-16:15
8	John 4:1-42	18	John 9:1-41	28	John 16:16-33
9	John 4:43-54	19	John 10:1-21	29	Mark 12:28-44
10	John 5:1-18	20	John 10:22-42		

With love and the promise of eternal life...



Our condolences to Pastor Hal and family on the loss of his aunt, Nellie Hanna, who resided in Florida.

Congratulations to...

Matthew & Elizabeth Anne Cosner

who were married on Jan. 14 in Fort Myers Beach, FL

Matthew is the son of Randy & Carol Cosner



Congratulations to...

Cathy Anne Renner & Frederick "Craig" Schlottmann

on the announcement of their upcoming spring wedding.

News from

Communion

*"As we are fed
others..."*



Committee...

Meals Monthly:

'e, we should feed

*Please remember in your prayers
2012 those serving our country.
February.....Meals in a Can*

Newsletter Information

If you have any information for the monthly newsletter, please contact Kathy Cecil by leaving a message on the church phone at 301-729-0052 or 301-729-8792 (home). Articles can also be emailed to kathy.cecil@

Union Rescue Mission

If you would like to help, please email, please address above

We will be serving meals at the Union Rescue Mission twice a month:

- On the second Thursday of the month, we will be serving at 5:00 p.m. and then lead the evening worship service following the meal.

- MarchPeanut Butter and Jelly
- AprilHygiene & Paper Products
- MayCanned Fruits and Veggies
- JuneMacaroni & Cheese
- JulyCereals, Boxed Meals & Ramen Noodles
- AugustCanned Tuna, Chicken, Canned Meat
- September.....Pancake Mix & Syrup
- OctoberSugar & Flour (2 lb. bags of flour preferred)
- November.....Soup & Crackers
- DecemberSpaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Please remember to bring in your donations monthly!



220 Cafe - Looking for Photos

The 220 Cafe is in the process of creating a DVD welcome video. We are looking for any pictures which promote church activities (i.e. picnics, services, events, Sunday school, summer activities, or any other pictures that involve the church and its members). To keep it up to date, we are looking for pictures within the past two years.

You may either mail the pictures to the church c/o 220 Cafe, email them to photos@cresapumc.org, or you may drop the photos off in the church office.

If you would like your picture returned, please provide a phone number and contact name.



Thanks to everyone who donated to our "Mitten Tree" by adding lots of hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens of all shapes and sizes!

All donations will go to the local Salvation Army.

Worship Schedule for February 2012

Feb. 5, 2012 – The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany
 On this first Sunday of the month as part of our worship we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Pastor Atkins will also have anointing oil available for

Feb. 22, 2012 – Ash Wednesday
 Today is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. On this day we will have the imposition of ashes and be reminded of our mortality

those wanting to be anointed. This will be done at the altar while Holy Communion is being served.

Message Text: Mark 1:29-39

Message Title: **“The Servant’s Compassion”**

Feb. 12, 2012 – The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany (Scouting Sunday)

Today is Scouting Sunday and both the Cub Pack and Scout Troop and their families will be our guests.

Members of our Scout Troop will be helping in the 11:00 Worship Service. Following our worship, there will be a covered-dish luncheon held in McClay Hall. Following the meal, in our other fellowship hall, the Pinewood Derby will be held.

Message Text: Mark 1:40-45

Message Title: **“The Servant’s Cleansing Power”**

Feb. 19, 2012 – Transfiguration Sunday

Today is a special day in the Church Year. It is the Last Sunday After the Epiphany known as Transfiguration Sunday. On this Sunday we are celebrating the transfiguration of our Lord on the Mount. Transfiguration Sunday appropriately occurs before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season because it gives us a transition between the Seasons of Epiphany and Lent. It is a time which is filled with Christ’s glory in anticipation of the resurrected glory yet to come.

Message Text: Mark 9:2-9

Message Title: **“A Summit Meeting with Jesus”**

and our need of repentance before God. Along with the imposition of ashes the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

6:00 a.m. – The Church Sanctuary will be open to those who are on their way to work and would like begin the day celebrating Ash Wednesday. We will have the imposition of ashes and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

12 Noon – The Church Sanctuary will be open and we will offer the imposition of ashes and serve the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served.

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service
At this time we will have a worship service together. During this service we will have the imposition of ashes and will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Feb. 26, 2012 – The First Sunday in Lent

Message Text: Mark 1:9-15

Message Title: **“Jesus Is On the Move”**



The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

*The book selection for February:
"Home Another Way"
by Christa Parrish*

**Administrative Board Minutes
January 23, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Administrative Board was held on Monday, January 23, 2012, at the church with Keith Beeler presiding. The meeting opened with the reading of a devotional and a prayer by Rev. Atkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Correspondence: A thank you letter was received from the Interfaith Food Pantry for the monetary donations of \$215.96 and 200 bags of food. Lynn Davis noted that she had an additional check for the food pantry in the amount

of \$463.05 for the remainder of the year, which Pastor Hal indicated he would deliver to them. (This letter will be included the February *Cresset*.)

Treasurer's Report – A copy of the Treasurer's Report detailing the account balances as of Dec. 31, 2011, was presented as follows: General Checking \$15,021.06; Building Fund (total two accounts) \$14,821.71; Sunday School \$5,113.34; Memorial Fund \$18,399.25; Property Development \$13,155.10; General Certificates (3) \$14,351.21. For a total of \$80,986.08. All apportionments have been paid for 2011. For 2011, the total expenses were \$147,815.28; less total income of \$142,295.66, result in an income deficit of (\$5,446.07).

Old Business: None

Committee Reports:

Council on Ministries - Jamie Woodring reported the following:

- Feb. 12 - Scout Sunday - Scouts will participate in the services. A covered-dish dinner following 11:00 a.m. service., followed by the pinewood derby.
- Jan. 29 - Youth will be involved in the services.
- Council on Ministries meeting dates will be changed to the 4th Monday of the month at 7 p.m.; every other month when there is an Administrative Board meeting, they will meet at 6 p.m.
- Confirmation Classes will begin on Sunday, Feb. 26 - 4 to 6 p.m. Confirmation Sunday will be May 27.
- Feb. 5 - Souper Bowl Sunday - monetary donations and soup will be collected by the youth following the service.
- ROCK - Reservations were cancelled this year due to lack of proper preparation. All money from the Bon Ton Coupon sales will remain earmarked for next year's ROCK registration.
- Lenten Services - Sunday School classes will again be asked to assist with the Wednesday night services as follows: 3/7 - Wesley Fellowship; 3/14 - 220 Cafe; 3/21 - Christian Friends; and 3/28 Scripture Gleaners. Four individuals are need to participate in each service.

Board of Trustees - Tom Cecil reported that the agreement for the rental of the parsonage had been completed with Coldwell Banker; however, information will be shared by them with all real estate agents for any possible rental interest.

New Business: A request was made to update the signage throughout the church, especially for the rest rooms. This item will be forwarded to the Trustees for consideration.

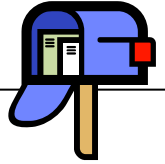
Pastor's Report - Pastor Hal reported on the following:

- Christmas services went well; reaffirmation service was well received in January and will continue each year.
- More help is needed to serve at the Union Rescue Mission
- A concert is being considered with Eddie, "The Messenger."
- Confirmation classes will include grades 8, 9 & 10.
- Pastor Hal will be teaching a lay speaking class in the spring.
- Pastor Hal is working with the scouts, teaching a "God & Country" badge.
- Work will begin on the Smart Action Goals involving the lay speakers and evangelism.
- Acolyte training will be conducted in the future.
- Leadership Days - Pastor Hal would like to see at least 10 attend next year.
- Plans are being made to provide additional training for Sunday School teachers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cecil, Recording Secretary

From the Mailbox...



Jan. 12, 2012

Dear Pastor and Members:

The Interfaith Community Pantry, Inc. would like to thank your church and its members for your support. During 2011 your church and/or your church groups and individual members gave the following donations: Monies: \$215.96 & Food: 200 bags.

Through your donations of food and/or money, the pantry was able to serve the many individuals and families that were referred to us who were in need of emergency food. During 2011 the pantry received 1,861 referrals, representing 5,260 people. Those served this year received 34,439 items of food and 13,893 items of miscellaneous food items. Miscellaneous items, such as laundry detergent, bath soap, paper products, toiletries and knitted hats were also donated and were distributed to the clients receiving food. People also received vouchers for perishable food that amounted to \$28,340.

The pantry has been in operation since the early 1960s with the help from churches, organizations, and individuals. The pantry has no paid employees, yet we are able to operate the pantry five days a week from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. with the help of many volunteers. The volunteers from the area churches give of their time to keep the pantry open week after week.

Again, thank you and your members for their continued support.

*Sincerely,
The Executive Board of the
Interfaith Community Pantry*

February



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	
8:30 & 11:00 Worship Every Sunday 11:25 Kids' Church 9:45 Church School Every Sunday			1 10:00 AM - Bible Study	2 7:00 PM - Exercise	3 11:00 AM – Adult Fellowship – Canceled until April 2012	4
5 Communion (Meals in a Can) <i>Super Bowl Sunday</i>	6 4:30 PM - Exercise	7 5:30 PM – Handbells (Youth) 6:30 PM – Choir 7:30 PM – Bell Ringers (Adults)	8 10:00 AM - Bible Study	9 9:00 AM - Ushers' Bkfst at Ponderosa 5:00 PM - Union Rescue Mission (lead worship) 7:00 PM - Exercise	10	11
12 Scout Sunday (& Covered-dish luncheon)	13 4:30 PM - Exercise	14 10:00 AM – UMW 5:30 PM – Handbells (Youth) 6:30 PM – Choir 7:30 PM – Bell Ringers (Adults)	15 10:00 AM - Bible Study 7:00 PM - Book Club	16 6:00 PM – Worship Comm 7:00 PM - Exercise	17	18
19 Acolyte Recognition	20 <i>Cresset Deadline</i> 4:30 PM - Exercise	21 5:30 PM – Handbells (Youth) 6:30 PM – Choir 7:30 PM – Bell Ringers (Adults)	22 10:00 AM - Bible Study Ash Wednesday Srvs: 6 a.m., 12 Noon & 7 p.m.	23 7:00 PM – Hugs on the Homefront 7:00 PM - Exercise	24	25 2:00 PM - Union Rescue Mission
26 1st Sunday in Lent	27 4:30 PM - Exercise 7:00 PM – Council on Ministries	28 5:30 PM – Handbells (Youth) 6:30 PM – Choir 7:30 PM – Bell Ringers (Adults)	29 10:00 AM - Bible Study 7:00 PM - Lenten Srv.	February is Black History Month		

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