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News Briefs

(Hughes UMC) -- A Special Charge Conference is scheduled for **Sunday, June 7, 2009**, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service for the purpose of voting preliminary approval for the church to make a provision of land to Hughes Neighborhood Housing for an expansion of their facilities. Rev. Hawes will preside. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

(Hughes UMC) - **Sunday Worship Schedule Unchanged For Summer:** Please note that, unlike in some past summers, there will be no change in the Sunday worship schedule this year. The contemporary service will continue to be held at 9:00 and the traditional service at 10:30 throughout the summer.

Child care will be provided during both services for children up to three years of age, and the summer education program Kids' Interactive Worship Experience (KIWE) will be provided for children age 3 through third grade during the 10:30 service.

(Hughes UMC) - The deadline for UMWScholarship Applications has been extended from May 15, 2009 to July 15, 2009. See the **See News Briefs, page 6**

Reflections On A Year

Has it really been nearly a year since Nancy and I pulled up to the parsonage with the dog, cats and all our belongings? The time has flown by. I am enjoying getting to know you, church ministries and traditions, and our community. Hopefully, you agree that it has been a good year of getting to know one another and building a partnership between pastor and laity.

Camp Hope, Funfest, Marketplace, Rummage Sales, Shepherd's Table, Blood Drives, Small Group Studies, ROCK, Life Skills and other ministries have continued and/or been enhanced this year. Worship services have provided memorable moments, especially the 60th Anniversary, Christian Education Sunday, 2 cantatas, Living Last Supper, Easter, several dramas/skits and Youth Sunday. It has been especially good to welcome the children regularly in worship and to praise the Lord together with the members of El Buen Samaritano on several occasions.

Some new ministries have begun or are in the process of being planned. The Way of the Cross on Good Friday was a meaningful way to remember Christ's suffering and witness to our faith. Quiet Days in Advent and Lent allowed us to slow down for a few hours to discern God's presence. The Health Screening and Fair served the uninsured of our community and the Prayer Shawl Ministry has been a blessing both to the knitters and the recipients. Building a relationship with Woodside UMC has been meaningful. Plans are underway for a "Summer Sampler" series of informal worship and fellowship events on Wednesday evenings. It has been a very good year!

Although we are moving in the right direction, we have more to accomplish for Christ in this time and place. You have read here and in other venues some of my thoughts about moving forward. We will continue to seek and plan a variety of spiritually vital worship experiences at both services. The finance committee has worked hard to communicate our financial needs and there are signs our financial situation is stabilizing. The Discipleship Adventure Group has begun work



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ALL CIRCLE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON: June 2, noon.

See the church bulletin for more information. All Women of the Church are invited. Whip up your favorite dish (enough for 6 people) and join in. We will meet in the Social Hall at noon. After lunch Velma Murphy will show slides she took in Cambodia and Vietnam. Then Ellen Durigg will lead us in singing. We will also be collecting items for the Montgomery Ave. Women's Center (see Eloise Woods for list of items they need).

Executive Committee: 10:00 a.m., June 1, in the Parlor.

This is the last Executive Board Meeting until Aug 31, 2009.

Friendship Circle: Noon, May 5, in Social Hall. Hostesses: Lucy Wells and Carol Haworth

Loyalty Circle: 6:30 p.m., June 3, Pot Luck at Betty Campbell's home.

June Trip: The UMW will visit SERV Center in New Windsor, Maryland on **June 17.** Contact Ellen Durigg for additional details

If you would like to attend the "School of Christian Mission" (July 17-19), please notify Ellen Durigg (301-933-6273).

Executive Committee: 10:00 a.m., August 31, in the Parlor.

for your prayers, cards, and phone calls of encouragement and concerns. As always, our Hughes family is so caring and loving.

What a beautiful Easter season was celebrated here at Hughes. Everyone involved should be so proud. What a wonderful time of year.

I am so glad I was able to enjoy it too. Thank God there were no broken bones and MRSA did not show its ugly head again.

Thanks again, you all are so wonderful.

May God bless you and keep you in the hollow of His hands, as He did me.



Lydia Skinner wrote: Thanks to the Hughes members for the birthday cards and greetings sent to my mother, Gladys Boyle, on her 100th birthday, Easter Sunday! She is enjoying the cards as we read a few each time I am with her.

A special thanks to Dottie Anderson and the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful orchid shawl presented to Mother by Rev. Hawes. She held it close and just snuggled right into it.

Sharon, Donald and I appreciate your thoughtfulness and caring for our grandmother and mother.

Again, many thanks and God Bless!



Earl and Marian Fox wrote: Many thanks to Pastor Ken and Carol Whitney for their visits, and for the help provided to us recently. Also, thanks to Rebecca Olmstead, Charles Frye, and Don Hoage for their much appreciated help. And thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the shawl that Earl received.

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Thank yous

Joan Gartrell wrote: I have so many people I would like to thank for their help, after my "Up Close and Personal" encounter with the hard surface of a parking lot. Was that a surprise!

So many people came to my aid after the fall and in the weeks to come.

A special thank you to our children Kathie, Tim, and Bob, who stepped up to the challenge of Mom's phone calls. It's two weeks before Easter and like Rev. Ken said, you don't realize all you the things you plan to do until something happens and you can't do them.

Kathie who helped in the emergency - she was great; Bob helped get the items together for the Living Last Supper and he brought them upstairs; and Tim,

delivered them and the cross drape to the church, and also brought Mom to the hospital. Our children don't know how we need them as we age. Ours stepped up and we're so proud of them.

Jan d'Hedouville helped to put the wreaths together, and pushed me to get them finished. She even helped to measure and cut material. It's hard doing some things one-handed. Jan also delivered them to the church. And Velma Murphy oversaw the hanging of them.

Ken Steward, as always, did a wonderful job with draping the cross out front. So many people in the community look for this each year and we pray that it makes them aware of this holy season.

All of these folks responded to my phone calls for "help". Thank you all so much.

A special thank you to all of you

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to create, clarify and/or refine our mission, vision and values, as these are vital to focusing our growth as the body of Christ. Church growth, not to pay the bills, but for the growth of God's kingdom must be our primary focus in the next few years. Telling our story as servants of Christ through media, marketing, advertising and word of mouth will allow the neighbors to see and hear the vitality of our faith community. The Christian Education department is reviewing ways we can reach out to teachers, students and parents of local schools. Each church committee and member has been asked to consider how Hughes can be a more welcoming congregation. Inviting others to follow Jesus, whether through the ministries of Hughes or another community of faith, is the work of each baptized Christian. Spread the word to your friends, neighbors and colleagues about what is happening here!

As we enter the summer months and embark on family and personal vacations, I pray we all find time for rest and relaxation. After such a busy year we need time to recharge physically, mentally and spiritually. Please remember that God never takes a vacation and continues to mold and shape us, even as we slow the pace. So, have a blessed, safe summer and may God continue to bless our partnership and our ministries for years to come!

What Are You Doing With Your Spiritual Gifts ?

In recent sermons and the "Get Out of the Boat" study groups, we've heard Jesus' parable of the talents – of how three different servants reacted to their master presenting them with significant gifts. Jesus envisioned all His disciples (then and now) using their diverse gifts and talents to glorify and serve God. What are YOU doing with YOUR gifts? Which servant are you most like? Are you one who uses a gift or one who buries a gift out of fear?

The Gifts of the Spirit are key elements of the foundation on which strong, vibrant churches build and grow. If too many gifts are buried, how can a church invest them? How can the Master reward/grow the church if individual gifts are hidden away? Have you been using your gift(s) to help draw people to the Master – to invest in His work? Did you invest your gifts in God's work at some time in the past, but now choose to rest on those past accomplishments? Do you even know what gift(s) you have been given by our Master? When you have professed your faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit bestowed God's gift(s) on you; whether you know what they are and whether you choose to use them is up to you. And just as the servants who were given talents, you too will need to answer to the Master when He returns.

If you have any doubts or desire some help to answer the above questions, please consider attending a Spiritual Gifts study. We are looking for feedback on different schedules to determine which might meet your needs. Soon you will find a Sunday Bulletin insert with which to indicate your preferences; please fill one out and return it.

Who should participate in a Spiritual gifts study?

- Anyone who has an interest in learning more about their individual Spiritual Gift(s);
- Anyone who is concerned about the current vitality of Hughes Church;
- Anyone who is currently serving in a ministry group or in any other Church position;
- Anyone who already is very active and busy with church "work";
- Anyone who would like to get more involved in doing God's work;
- Anyone whose spiritual needs or expectations are not being met;
- Anyone who is searching to understand God's call on their life;
- Anyone who feels hesitant about volunteering for more "work" but has a heart for God.

America Is Aging: Better Living Through Chemistry

By Ken Whitney, Clinical Pharmacist

The subject of this month's article came at the suggestion of a Hughes UMC parishioner. Menopause is as predictable as death and taxes. It occurs between the ages of 45 and 54, and results from a significant decrease in estrogen as women age. The symptoms of menopause are variable, ranging from insignificant in some women to debilitating in others. Some women suffer more of the symptoms than others.

A full discussion of menopause, its causes, symptoms, and treatment is beyond the scope of this article. For more information I suggest the internet site WebMD.com. Enter the word menopause and then click on the heading "Menopause Guide". There you may find answers for many of your questions, as well as strategies other than medication.

There are numerous medications and supplements to alleviate symptoms of menopause. Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) was once the mainstay of treatment, as it was thought to alleviate symptoms while protecting against osteoporosis, heart attack, and stroke. However when medical studies found that it increased the risk of breast cancer in some women, and increased the risk of heart attack and stroke in some older women, many abandoned the use of this strategy. This abandonment has left many women seeking beneficial strategies for treating their symptoms. Some of these strategies work well for some women, but none of them work

well for all women. Therefore, a woman may have to try a number of different strategies before finding one that works for her. So, what to do?

A new strategy for using HRT may be the answer for some. A consultation with a physician well versed in treating menopausal women may result in the determination that certain risk factors are low



or not present, and that the new HRT strategy may be of benefit. It involves treating women with the lowest hormone dose possible to control symptoms over the shortest period of time, and is employed at lowest risk when the woman is early in menopause. The added benefit of this is a reduction in the risk of developing heart disease, hip fracture and osteoporosis, and diabetes.

The following are strategies which some, but not all women have found helpful. Some of them have side effects which may negate their usefulness. Some women find

benefit from plant estrogen which can be found in soy products and black cohosh. The amount of estrogen varies among the different products available, and it may be difficult to determine how much of these products to take, and how safe it is at that dose.

Some medications which are approved to treat other disorders have been successfully used in some women to treat hot flashes. SSRI antidepressants (Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, etc.) or Effexor have been used successfully in many cases. The blood pressure drug clonidine and the anti-seizure drug gabapentin have also been found useful. However, side effects may limit their usefulness in some patients, and they should be used in the lowest dose which is found effective for the individual. Men may benefit from these medications to treat hot flashes caused by low testosterone.

The backbone of prevention of osteoporosis is adequate calcium and vitamin D intake. There are many prescription medications available if more aggressive treatment is needed. Suggestions from my article published in April may be of benefit in treating insomnia.

**HUGHES FAMILY
DEATHS
May 8
Marguerite Bryan**

Questions of Faith

A Summer Sermon Series

Pastor Ken is planning a summer sermon series on our deep questions of faith. Please offer your input by responding to the questions below. Topics and/or scriptures which are most frequently raised will form the basis for our worship services this summer. Please return this form to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

A Question I would like to ask God:

My biggest doubt or struggle with faith:

A Scripture Passage I wish the pastor would preach on:

Looking for Some "Young Love" this Summer?

If you enjoy spending time with young children, then we have just the volunteer opportunity for you! Our summer Sunday School program, Kids Interactive Worship Experience (KIWE), needs teachers starting June 7. Materials, ideas for activities, and craft projects are provided for a one-room-school style class for children 3 years old through third grade. The Sunday School time parallels the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, with the children starting in the Sanctuary with their parents, then leaving with the teacher after the "Children's Message". All children older than third grade are encouraged to participate in worship with their families. The KIWE program runs through Labor Day weekend so anyone interested in working with these children can have one or more chances of experiencing that special loving relationship with the very young. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Education Wing and you can talk to Janet Habersham, Director of Christian Education, or Sharon Skinner, Chair of the Education Committee, if you have questions.

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May Caller for all the details. For more information please call Liz Brigham (301-681-5351)

(Hughes UMC) - The Fun and Fellowship Group will be having more "Movie Days". They will all start at 10 a.m. in the Parlor. The following movies are scheduled:

Thursday, June 25: "Calendar Girls"

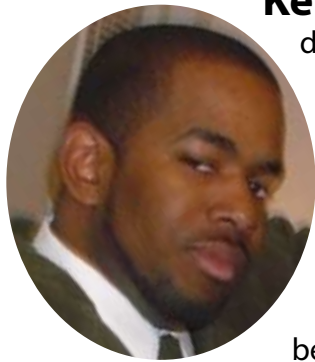
Thursday, July 23: "The Family Stone"

Thursday, August 20: "Message in A Bottle"

Come and bring your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions please call Jan d'Hedouville (301-983-9542) or Liz Brigham (301-681-5351).

(Hughes UMC) - **Funfest is Coming:** Mark Sept. 26th on your calendar so you can be part of the fun. Count on a dunk tank, moon bounce, children's games, pie tasting and, of course, great food and entertainment. Planning is underway, but you can still be a member of this elite group by calling Frances Badman (301-946-0228, FranBadman@aol.com) or Linda French (301-989-8853, linda.french@wap.org) New ideas and energy are always welcome.

Hughes College Graduates



Kevin Brown graduated from the University of Maryland College Park with a degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology. While at school, he was a member of the Black Student Union and Caribbean Student Association, participating in the CSA's Carifest fashion show. He also worked at the Sports Authority in Rockville as a sales associate, before being hired to work as a canvas representative for Thompson Creek Manufacturing in his last year. He is planning on working for the U.S. government, possibly the FBI or another agency under the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security.

"I appreciate all the memories and continued support throughout the years. I wouldn't be the person am today without my HUMC family."

Allison Dixon graduated from the University of Mary Washington with a Bachelor of Arts in Historic Preservation. She plans on going to graduate school for Museum Studies to become an Education Specialist in a museum. Allison attends The Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg where she sings in the choir. Throughout her last three years of college she served on leadership in Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, a campus ministry, as a small group leader and, this year, as the chapter President. She was privileged to attend a summer school session traveling around Europe during the summer of 2007. Allison also worked as a Student Aide to Dr. Gregory Stanton, the president of Genocide Watch.



Andrea Gesumaria

double majored in History and English at St Mary's College of Maryland. During her time at school, she was on the Varsity swim team for three years, an editor of the school newspaper for two years, and an

Orientation Leader for two years in a row. She hopes to teach English abroad in Santiago, Chile upon graduation and then go to grad school.



Natalie Smith

daughter of Barry Smith, graduated magna cum laude from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Va., this May, majoring in English and Music. She was principal flutist with the University-Community

Symphony Orchestra, and worked in the University's public information

office. She plans to work for the following year in the Fredericksburg area and prepare for graduate study in English. One of her goals is to complete her reading of the Bible, a continuation of her study in the Discipleship class she took at Hughes.



Chrissy Purdie

graduated from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts, with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She was very active in campus life. She was a Resident Assistant for two years. She participated on the crew team and ice hockey team. She participated at the campus radio station, WZLY, and was Intern Coordinator for two years. During the summers she worked at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and attended Camp Hope. During the summer of 2005 she was privileged to travel to China with a family helping with their adoption process. She has returned to the Washington area and is working at NIH.

MYF Senior Messages

Keppy Isaiah Akpaete

Good morning Hughes United Methodist Church. How's everybody doing today? I'd like to re-introduce you to a one-of-a-kind gentleman. I like this young man because he has accomplished great things but still manages to maintain a humbled head. So everybody in the house, please offer a warm hello to me, Keppy Isaiah Akpaete.



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Kate Broadhurst

Hi my name is Kate Broadhurst and I am one month away from no longer being a senior at Rockville High School. I would like to begin by reciting a slightly altered version of one of my college essays titled *My Self Portrait*. It sits most of the day; at a school desk, at the dining room table, on a church pew, in a swivel chair in a cubicle, or even on the couch in



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Josiah Grant Cargeor

Well I'm not about to make no grammy award speech; I'm just going to make it short... As you may know, my name is Josiah Cargeor. Some of my church member called me Jo Jo, MoJo or J. Carr. I love this church and can not get enough of this wonderful church. The best part of this church is the food - naw, just joking! The people in this church



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Jillian Granados

Good morning my name is Jillian Granados. I am a senior at Montgomery Blair High School and I've been attending Hughes church since...I was born. I was baptized and confirmed at Hughes and ever since I was young I have been apart of the youth choirs and Sunday school where I learned how to make Christmas ornaments, decorate cookies and dye Easter eggs! I've always loved coming to church every Sunday for Sunday school and MYF and Mondays for choir. I remember playing bells one Monday night and dropping my 'E' bell on the floor nobody said anything but Ms. Skinner's angry



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Patty Romaine

Good morning. For those of you who don't me, my name is Patty Romaine. I've been attending Hughes for my whole life. From being involved in choir, to attending Sunday School and participating in MYF, I have enjoyed almost every moment of it! I have made life friends and another family through my time at Hughes. It really has been a blessing to be surrounded by such supportive, caring people every Sunday. Among you all, I would especially like to thank a few people. Momma and Daddy, aka Margie and Rick, thank you for a wonderful 3 years in Senior High. You have been stability in



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Maryanne Weaver

Hi I'm Maryanne Weaver Wow looking back at everything I have participated in this church, it's a lot of stuff, from sunshine choir with Mrs. Amussen and Mrs. Harns to Wesley choirs with Mrs. Hill and Mr. Odell, Kick Choir with Ms. Skinner and Mrs. Bunting. I also cannot forget my Sunday school teachers Mrs. King, Ms. Glixon, Mrs. Rodriguez, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Kuyatt, Ms. Purdie, Ms. Eaton and Mrs. Roberson. Of course my MYF counselors from middle school Mrs. Odell, Ginny Mears and my dad Mark Weaver. High school Rick Ripley, Margie Roher (aka Mommy), Ms. Skinner, Rob Whitney, Jennie Romaine, Rev.



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unsteady moments in my life. Slasher, aka Ms. Skinner, thanks for always being there for me and letting Megs and me play Disney princess music in your car at Camp Hope. Doug, thanks for letting me go to Camp Hope my year before high school. It was such a growing experience, but I'm still mad at you for not putting me on a roof last year. To all of my Sunday School teachers, thank you for teaching me some of the stories in the Bible and guiding my learning as a Christian. Ms. Bunting, Ms. Hill, Ms. Amussen, Ms.

Webb, and Ms. Harns, thank you for introducing me to music.

I would also like to thank my REAL family for being there for me, literally, all the time. whether we're fighting or watching *Zoolander* together, I know that we will always be family.

Finally, I would like to thank my peers. You guys are amazing and always know how to put on my face, when there isn't one there already. Deedee and John, you guys are almost not freshmen! But you still act like it, which I love, sometimes... rarely.... well ok, never. Justintime, you're a fun

guy and I'm glad you say hi to me in school. Jojo and Keppy, you are ridiculous which I love and you make me laugh a lot. And to my girls. Kate thanks for being a really cool person. Maryanne, thanks for the Disney stuff. Just kidding! I love hanging out with you, whether we're playing Harry Potter on PS2 or getting our nails done. And last, but definitely not least, Jillian. I don't even know where to begin with you; we've been through so much. I just want to say thanks.

I plan to attend St. Mary's College of Maryland in southern Maryland in the fall. I want to study psychology and chemistry. Although I won't be here in the fall, I know you all will come with me in spirit and prayer.

I don't know how you all put up with me for 18 years, but I want to thank you for everything.

Josiah, from page 8

are like family. We smile, joke, party and have fun. And, make each other smile. Coming to church every Sunday is a wonderful thing: seeing smiles everywhere and people giving hugs.

I'm going to be attending Montgomery College, volunteering at the fire station in Hillandale and working my way up to becoming a fireman. It is hard to say goodbye but you are not seeing the last of me. I'm going to be back with a big smile. LOVE ALL!!!!!!

Language Classes Outreach

Our spring ESL session once again demonstrated our commitment to the Wheaton community. After pretesting and placing students at the appropriate level, Cindy Ferris, Alyce Amussen, Marilyn Hiatt, Jane Folsom, Florine Olmert, Ellen Durigg, Kathy Ripley, Catherine



Nettles and George and Liz Kilpatrick began tutoring 47 adults from a variety of countries. Seven weeks later we held a culminating activity (party) where everyone had a chance to practice their English by telling us about their home countries. We

are proud that 9 students moved to a higher level based on a post test given at the last session. Thanks go to Jane Folsom for this photo that she took during a culminating activity.

The next round of classes will begin September 30 and continue on Wednesday nights through November 11. You can help in several ways. For example you could pass out flyers if you have contact with speakers of other languages, or you could post one somewhere that you work or shop. You could also be a tutor during our next session, just contact me, Linda French (301-989-8853, linda.french@wap.org) or Emma Wilson (301- 962-1195, emma.wilson@montgomerycollege.edu). Any of the tutors would be glad to tell you what's involved. Training will be offered September 28th.

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First of all, I want to thank God that I have been blessed enough to attend this church for pretty much all of my life. The time that I have spent here in the presence of God has left me with so many fond memories. I find that my mind will wander to the first time that I was playing the bells in front of the church. I was so nervous that I could not put my glove on properly and so for the entire piece, my pinky and ring finger were jammed into the space where my thumb was supposed to go. I remember free styling at ROCK with the boys and also trying on a blond wig that helped to capture my feminine side. And then there was that picture taken of the first time that I climbed up the ladder at Camp Hope. Apparently, I was squeezing so hard on the ladder that it was about to intentionally let me drop, just so I didn't snap it in half. But on a serious note, I love this church. I have seen previous youth services, and for a while I have been dreading the day when I would have to make this speech. Not only have I never been good at saying goodbye, but also I find it hard to fully express what this church means to me. Some would call this an extended family but I know that that is not adequate. The way I see it, I entered the church's door as a seed, and the affection, kindness, and support of all of you has helped me to grow.

I would like to thank my Sunday school teachers who volunteered their time to teach me about God's love. I would like to thank the choir directors for all that they have put up with. Actually, I think they should be thanking me. Can you imagine how our singing choir would sound

without me? To my youth leaders throughout the years, I feel that you have done an A+ job of allowing us to have so much fun during MYF when everyone else thought that we were actually working. General congregation, I would like to thank all of you. Lord knows how even the most seemingly insignificant gestures of kindness go a long way. And most importantly to my immediate family, you know how much I love you and what you mean to me. Mom, Dad, although I am no longer your little boy, I will always be your baby. As I move on from here I will be sure to make all of you proud of your collective son.

So now here we are. I look at my life and stare at a blank page. I see the ink but I am focused on the blank space or what I have left to fill in. My mom always taught me to never settle for mediocrity. Once she told me that the sky is the limit but I didn't believe her. I told her that she should not tell me that the sky is the limit when the moon's surface has got footprints in it. In terms of the future, I have not decided on the college where I will continue my education but I have narrowed it down to the top three schools that I have gained admission to. In the fall, I plan on attending Columbia University, MIT, or Yale to pursue a career in the biological sciences. I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I separate from you all. Though I will be worshiping with another congregation, I will never forget you. And please, remember that I will still need your love and guidance for me to thicken my roots, extend my tree limbs, and grow into the disciple that God intended for me to become.

Maryanne, from page 8

Habersham and Pastor Hawes.

Thank you to all for helping me grow in my faith you guys are always there for me and I can talk to you about any problem and you will help me with it.

Including my parents Marty Weaver and Mark Weaver and my Brother Matt Weaver for pushing me to do things I would not be here today if it was not for you.

In The Fall I will be attending Montgomery College and will be staying around here and continue to go to this church. I fell welcomed with opened arms here and I love that feeling. I am going to major in early-childhood education since most of you know I love kids and I want to work with kids as long as god leads me too do.

To all my fellow MYFers:

Jillian, Kate, Meg and Patty- You guys have been there for me as long as I can remember you are my go to girls. You're like the sisters I have never had.

Keppy and Jojo- you are like brothers to me, you both make me laugh even though most of the time its silly things.

Justin- you are really kind-hearted and I love you for that. You also make me laugh.

Deedee- Even though you have only have been in senior high one year we already have so many inside jokes.

Last but not least John every word that comes out of you mouth makes me laugh even though most of it's sarcastic it's still funny.

Kate, from page 8

front of a pile of homework or a block of clay. It's a collage, larger in height than in width. From the back it may not look like much, slathered with light tan acrylic; a light streak of orange-red at the top.

Turn it around. Look deeper.

The tan color recedes, exposing a background formed from scraps of old torn newspaper, text, memories and events; some of which time has gradually masked. Some of the dark black inks have faded into dull grays before disappearing entirely.

Bottom center, a photograph. A small girl, about three, sits on a carpeted floor playing with an array of toys scattered on her Sunday school room's floor. Smiling, happy, shy. Just below it, an article. An article about the young girl picking up her first instrument, two small hand bells, to perform in front of a large congregation. It explains how performing has allowed her to gain a certain ease in front of others and taught her the basics of reading music. A scrap of paper, partially obscured by the corner of another picture, is to the left. The girl, now in elementary school, seated on a front pew. An individual's question as to whether or not she would like to re-join the youth choir and her response which would come to positively shape her life for years to come; bring about a joy in her life which she didn't previously know existed. Another photo. The girl, now in middle school and the youth group, laughing uncontrollably as she makes her way to the exit of a corn maze, bumping into friends who were attempting to do the same.

Far left, a story of a girl who has finally discovered her calling and promised herself to stretch outside

her comfort zone and finally find herself. To no longer let shyness or a lack of confidence get in the way. To let her previously acquired knowledge, experience, and faith lead the way.

Suddenly new collage pieces expose themselves, using the pieces beneath them as a foundation. There is a clip from her first interview, a piece of an acceptance letter to the Superintendent's Leadership Program, and samples of her design work for United Communication Group's design service department. There is a photograph of a high school senior, now Editor-in-Chief, running a meeting for the school's literary arts magazine in front of a group of individuals. Smiling, happy, and no longer shy. Finally confident.

I know that Hughes has built in me a strong foundation which has and I believe will continue to assist me in my life. Sunday school, hand bells, choir, and MYF have all contributed to me -- to my personal collage -- and I will always be grateful to all of my past and present teachers and mentors.

As to what my plans are for next year: I will be attending the University of Maryland: Baltimore County, otherwise known as UMBC, as a Linehan Artist Scholar pursuing graphic design.

So once again thanks for all of your love and support and I look forward to visiting in the years to come.

Jillian, from page 8

face said it all, I didn't want her to get out her grumpy hat, but we're cool now so it's all good and I don't drop bells anymore. I also loved all the arts and crafts I did at Sunday school, like learning how to dye Easter eggs and making Christmas ornaments! My favorite craft was always decorating cookies because mine were the best and I could eat them at the end. And I always kept my crafts and still decorate my family Christmas tree with them. But my favorite part of coming to church was always MYF; most of the time we just got to play around and talk. And it's at MYF where I got to make great friends like Patty, Keppy, Maryanne and Jojo who I know are going to be there for me for a long time and I'm going to miss them a lot next year. I loved the counselors I've had like Mrs. Odell and Rick and Margie who were always a really funny pair together. MYF was a way for me to get away from my hectic life and just relax with really good people and that's what I'm going to miss a lot next year. But I won't be gone, I'll still come back and see all the people I love to see every Sunday morning.

From the Editor:

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June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 10a.m. UMW Exec. Bd. Mtg. (Parlor) 7:30 pm Trustees	2 11:30 am UMW All Circle Luncheon 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	3 6:30 pm Loyalty Cir. 7:30 pm Nominations Com. Mtg.	4 6 pm Hospice Grief Support	5 6 pm AA Group	6 8 pm AA Group
7	8 7:30 pm Staff Parish	9 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 SALT 7:30 Adult Basketball	10	11 6 pm Hospice Grief Support	12 6 pm AA Group	13 10 am Healthy Lifestyle Group 8 pm AA Group
14 11:30 am Blood Pressure Screening	15 7:00 pm Worship 7:30 pm Ministry Groups	16 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	17 UMW Annual Day Trip	18 6 pm Hospice Grief Support	19 6 pm AA Group	20 8 pm AA Group
21	22	23 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 SALT 7:30 Adult Basketball	24 7 pm Ice Cream Social/Singing Praises 7:30 pm Finance Com	25 9:30 am Fun & Fellowship (Parlor) 6 pm Hospice Grief Support	26 6 pm AA Group	27 8 pm AA Group
28	29	30 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	Sunday services: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service and Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service; 12 noon Spanish Service; 9:45 a.m. Fellowship in the Social Hall; 10:30 a.m. Nursery/Sunday School for ages thru 3 rd grade.			

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