



# Hughes CALLER

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## UMW Rummage Sale Set for March 15

The UMW will hold their semi-annual Rummage and Bake Sale on March 15 in the Social Hall and Gym. Donations to this event benefit the community, help UMW support their mission projects, and put to good use things that you no longer want.

UMW need are good used clothing, household items, small appliances in good working order, kitchenware, curtains, pillows, books, games, puzzles, tools and sports equipment - and don't forget jewelry.

Donations may be brought to the Gym or Social Hall on the following dates:

Wednesday, March 12 (6-8 p.m.)

Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.).

For more information, please call Jeanette Baxter (301-933-8199) or Doree Thorpe (301-933-3127).

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**6 - 8 p.m. MARCH 8, 2008**

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ENJOY A DELICIOUS DINNER AND BE ENTERTAINED BY OUR YOUTH.

TICKETS ARE \$10 FOR ADULTS, \$4 FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-10  
TICKETS ON SALE IN THE LIBRARY  
AFTER BOTH SERVICES.

## Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee Moment

It is my joy to share with you that Bishop John Schol has appointed Pastor Kenneth Hawes as the new pastor of our congregation. Pastor Hawes will begin his new responsibilities on July 1st. As a United Methodist Church we are a part of an appointment system. Our congregation's Staff Parish Relations Committee has met with the district superintendent to identify our congregation's needs and the needed skills in a pastor. We have also met with Pastor Hawes to better get to know him and to ask questions.

Pastor Hawes has been in the ministry for 14 years, having served churches in both New York and Maryland. He has a passion for studying the Bible, delivering a message, social justice issues, and fostering a sense of community. Pastor Hawes and his wife Nancy are looking forward to returning to the Washington metropolitan area. [You will learn more about Pastor Hawes in a future issue of the CALLER.]

As you know, Pastor Ennis has decided to retire at the end of June. Today, I would like to thank him for his dedicated service to our congregation for the past 9 years and wish both him and Susan well in the next steps of their journey. A celebration of Dr. Ennis' ministry will be held on June 8th here at Hughes. [Additional details concerning this celebration will be sent to the Hughes membership by the end of March.]

Pastor Hawes will work with us and the conference so that we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Bishop Schol and the leaders of the Baltimore-Washington Conference will work with us to continue to emerge as an Acts 2 congregation - Spirit-filled and Spirit-led growing deeper as we celebrate, connect, develop, serve and share our faith bearing the fruit of new believers, growing worship attendance and engaging in mission in our community and around the world. I know you will join the bishop, Pastor Hawes, and me in helping to make new disciples of Jesus Christ, grow worship, engage in mission in the community and the world, and practice healthy stewardship.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee thanks you for your continued support and prayers as Hughes moves forward through this time of transition.

*Marjorie Roher, Chair*

# Altar Flowers Fee to Increase

After due consideration during two different meetings, the Worship Committee decided at its January 2008 meeting that the cost of altar flowers would be raised from its present level of \$14.00 per vase to \$16.00 per vase, effective the first Sunday in April 2008.

Our current florist, Kensington Florist, seems to be undertaking our account as a service to the church rather than as a profit-making venture. We have investigated other florists to compare prices, and no one seems to be willing to do it for anything close to the amount we are paying now. Also, no one else seems to be interested in delivering the flowers to the church on Saturday evenings, regardless of the price they charge. Therefore the Worship Committee decided it would be

appropriate to raise our payment in order to compensate our florist more fully and encourage her to continue providing us with this valuable service.

Any questions regarding the altar flowers can be directed to the church office at (301) 949-8383.

Dwight French  
Chair, Worship Committee

## He's B-A-C-K (the JPS man, that is...)

Remember, during Lent in 2007, how difficult it was for the deliveryman from the Jerusalem Parcel Service (JPS) to find the correct recipient of a cross? Well, the JPS man is back at Hughes with a different unlabeled package – one that holds a crown. Unlike the cross, which no one seemed to want in their lives, the crown seems to be in demand for a

variety of reasons. But the JPS man is still plagued by the question, "Whose Crown Is It, Anyway?" Join the JPS man, some familiar biblical characters, and the congregation at Hughes as they seek to answer this question during the Lenten season – as we come to terms with our part in the passion drama.

## Help Needed For Spaghetti Dinner

By the time you read this, the Youth Annual Spaghetti Dinner will only be days away - but your help is still needed.

Volunteers are needed for Set up Friday afternoon and evening, March 7; and Clean up Saturday night after the dinner and Sunday afternoon, March 9, following worship.

For further information, contact Michael Stewart (301-335-9333).

Thank you.

**HUGHES FAMILY**

**NEW MEMBER**

**February 3**

**Nellia Kaiyo**

## United Methodist Women

**Executive Committee: 10 a.m., Monday, March 3, Parlor**

**General Meeting:** Instead of holding a General Meeting this month, the UMW invite members and friends to come to the Social Hall and Gym at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, to help set up for the Rummage Sale. Between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. we will stop work for a covered dish supper and then return to work. The United Methodist Men will join in this event, and we welcome all volunteers to help and join us for supper.

## Circles

**Love**

**9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, Parlor**  
**Hostess: Shirley Leyshon (301-649-5240)**

**Friendship**

**noon, Tuesday, March 4, Social Hall**  
**Hostesses: Thelma Staten (301-933-5163)**  
**and Liz Brigham (301-649-5153)**

**Loyalty**

**7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 5**  
**Hostess: Bobbie White (301-681-5835)**

## Next Trustee Work Day Is March 8th

Join the Trustees as they do some "Spring Housecleaning" on Saturday, March 8. Most of the work projects will be inside the Sanctuary and the Gym. If the weather is favorable, there are always some outside projects that need attention.

Come to the Parlor at 9 a.m. for coffee and team assignment. Call Sharon Skinner for more details.

Please think about making Saturday, March 8 a day of service to your church.

**Jill Glixon and family** write:  
"A most heartfelt thanks to my  
Hughes family for calls and cards  
received after the passing of my  
father, Harry R. Glixon. Your support  
during this time of sorrow is most  
appreciated."

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**Thelma Trent** writes: "So nice of  
Carol [Whitney] to stop by the 7th  
florr and bring more flowers. Just  
made my day. All of this came up  
so quickly - Thanks to my loving  
husband who made his career in  
the Army, and I was able to come  
to WRAMC for health care."

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**Michael Stewart** writes: When  
my Lenten Study came in the mail  
- I couldn't wait - I was like a kid at  
Christmas. Yes, I "cheated" and read  
it from cover to cover, over and  
over again. But I have enjoyed it  
each day reading it and getting so  
much out of it each day.

I think it is the best thing we have  
done in a long time. I want to thank  
and praise God for Dwight French  
and to acknowledge his hard work  
and miraculous efforts in putting it  
all together.

Obviously one of our favorite  
hymns is "Blessed Assurance" (#369)  
by Fanny J. Crosby, as a majority of  
the contributors picked it.

As a recipient of the Fanny J.  
Crosby Award many years ago (did  
you know that she was blind?), I  
encourage you to take the time  
during Lent to check out her other  
hymns:

*To God Be The Glory* [98]

*Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross* [301]

*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* [351]

*Close To Thee* [407]

*I Am Thine O Lord* [419]

*Rescue The Perishing* [591]

I pray that you have a meaningful  
and blessed Lent."



**Mary Jane Harns** writes:

"Dear Hughes Family, I want to say  
How much your cards and cookies  
raised my spirits every way.

Thanks for the many visitors and a  
most wonderful thing

were the young carolers who came  
and Christmas carols did sing.

My cookie jar was filled and I gave  
three cheers

When Norma brought me a  
chocolate bar (3 Musketeers)

And Ellen and Pat brought me a  
loveable white fluffy bear

Something to hug as I sit in my  
chair

So thank you so much all my dear

friends

How wonderful that your love, like  
God's, never ends.

Again I say thanks - thank you all  
May God's blessing on you fall."

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**Lucy Wells** writes: "The Wheaton  
& Kensington Newsletter  
recognized the Hughes UMW's  
'substantial donation' to the  
Wheaton & Kensington Chamber  
of Commerce's 2007 Chamber  
Holiday On Duty Fund. The  
campaign makes sure that all  
Public Safety personnel are fed  
Holiday meals on Thanksgiving  
and Christmas Day. For the last  
two years, through the generosity  
of the community, the Chamber  
was able to provide meals on New  
Year's Day as well."

Who hasn't forgotten someone's name?  
Misplaced your keys?

Hughes will host a Memory Academy  
6:30 - 8 p.m. each Monday night  
from March 31 through April 28.

The **Memory Academy** is a course providing memory  
improvement techniques. This course explains how memory  
works; offers quick strategies from remembering names,  
faces and numbers; provides basic memory tools such as  
linking ideas and creating visual images; and maximizes the  
effectiveness of using memory aid such as lists.

(This program is not intended for people with Alzheimer's  
disease or other forms of dementia).

A nominal fee of \$25 will be charged for the course.

To register call 301-754-8800

Questions? Call Carol Whitney (301-949-8383)

**SIGN-UP BEFORE YOU FORGET !**

# UMC "Open" Campaign Well-Received

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC NEWS) - New research indicates that the "Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors." advertising is proving to be effective in communicating key characteristics of The United Methodist Church.

"One of the challenges that denominations typically face is that people don't really know that much about them," said the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. "The survey data gives us a snapshot of how others see us, and the indication is that the campaign has helped to reframe people's indistinct perceptions about the church into something more positive."

The study assessed ten different statements about The United

Methodist Church that reflect the intended communications within the advertising messages developed for the campaign. More than 1,200 respondents from six test markets were interviewed by the Barna Research Group in order to better understand how the denomination is positioned among the target audience (adults ages 21-60 who do not attend a United Methodist church and are searching for something spiritually).

Among the findings:

58 percent of respondents agreed that United Methodists care for and support each other, up from 43 percent surveyed in 2002

57 percent believed United Methodist accept you for who you are, up from 45 percent in 2002

41 percent said United Methodist help you find deeper meaning and purpose in life (26% in 2002)

51 percent said United Methodists help people facing personal difficulty (38% in 2002)

The survey showed that those exposed to the advertising campaign were much more likely to hold favorable views of The United Methodist Church than those who did not recall the advertising.

The campaign was started in 2001 with a threefold purpose: to increase awareness and recognition of The United Methodist Church's basic beliefs, to promote willingness to visit a United Methodist church, and to renew a sense of commitment among United Methodists. Independent research is conducted annually to determine if the campaign is reaching those goals.

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### Movie Review - Juno (PG-13)

*This review was developed by the official online ministry of The United Methodist Church, UMC.org. The full review and discussion topics for the film appear there.*

By GREGG TUBBS (UMC.org) — This review comes with a warning: No matter how hard I try, I may use the word "sweet" more often than good writing rules recommend. Then again, Juno itself is a rule-breaker. It's a rib tickling comedy about a serious subject—teen pregnancy—that manages to be both youthfully sweet and worldly wise without heavy moralizing, and lands on a happy ending that should settle well with people of faith. The film bounces along with some of the snappiest, rapid-fire repartee this side of an old screwball comedy, all wrapped up in a warming air of sweetness.

A lot of people are calling Juno this year's Little Miss Sunshine or Sideways, but in all fairness to those fine films, Juno tops them all. It is the indie masters' thesis. "Fresh" is a word we hear a lot when a newcomer arrives, usually a young writer or director, who ruffles conventions and lets some fresh air into the stale media market. The smart, brash team behind Juno threw all the windows wide open and let in a refreshing cross-breeze that mixes young love, deadpan comedy, sophisticated observations and old-fashioned sentimentality in a way that remains real—and yes, sweet.

Juno (Ellen Page) is a bright, wise-cracking and 16-year-old who lives in an unnamed middleclass neighborhood. In the droll opening, Juno storms into the local pharmacy restrooms after chugging a whole jug of Sunny D to take a pregnancy test. But this test, just like all the previous ones, is positive. True to teenage form, she first

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# The Three "E"s for Hughes Information: Electronic - Enhanced - Expanded

With the update to both the web site for Hughes Church and the *Caller* newsletter, we have a solid foundation for enhancing and expanding the communication and electronic services these information tools offer.

When the Communications Task Force began its work in 2006 to improve the coordination and content of Hughes information, one of the ideas that generated the biggest interest was to update the web site. Other energizing ideas were to find a way to improve the effectiveness of internal communications, such as the *Caller*, and to expand our communications in the electronic arena. At the time, we didn't have a "web master" ready to take on the workload of revamping the web site, developing an electronic *Caller* and writing/editing additional material... WE DO NOW!

We truly appreciate Rick Ripley for making the commitment and doing the work to effectively move Hughes into the electronic "information age," but now it is time for more of us to become active parts of this communication process. For example, if any of you have been associated with news reporting, you are probably familiar with the term "stringers." These are the people/reporters who gather information and/or develop and write stories on a regular basis; we need a few people who will work as "stringers" for the *Caller*, and the web site. We need other help, such as developing more or enhancing existing information for web

pages, keeping web information current, and developing a plan for managing our electronic communication services. We are looking for enough people that we can spread the workload around, including regular input from each Ministry Group and other organizations within the Church.

Even if you don't think of yourself as a "writer" or "reporter," contact one of the Task Force leaders if you need a better idea of what types of information and stories we can use or if you are ready to volunteer! You can contact either Ellen Durigg (301-933-6273) or Susan Odell (301-587-8361).

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tells her best friend and then Paulie (Michael Cera), the baby's father. He agrees she must do something and observes in perfect teenage deadpan, "because... pregnancy often results in an infant." Juno agrees, saying "that's what happens when our moms or teachers get pregnant." Exchanges like this show screenwriter Diablo Cody's keen understanding of the lingering innocence of adolescent. Although they are mature in many ways, Juno and Paulie are still just kids who find themselves in way over their heads.

After a fateful and funny encounter with a pro-life schoolmate outside an abortion

clinic ("Fingernails? The baby already has fingernails?"), Juno decides to "keep the spawn" and goes home to face her parents. This scene proves to be another comic gem, as Juno's similarly deadpan father (J.K. Simmons) and stepmother (Allison Janney) take in the news. Sweetness again prevails as her unexpectedly understanding folks offer forgiveness, support and even a little rueful humor.

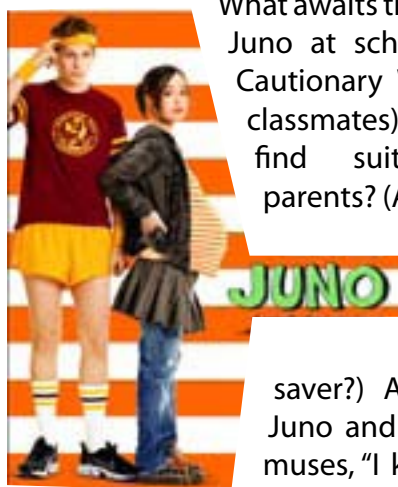
In another moment that shows an uncanny understanding that adolescence is a unique, in-between state, Juno's father gently chides her, "I thought you were the kind of girl who knew when to say when." And she replies, "I have no idea what kind of girl I am." The scene, which could have been a traumatic shouting match, is instead a testament to parental love and forgiveness (and again, sweetness).

With nine months ahead, Juno, Paulie, and her parents have a lot to do and decide. Do they keep the baby or give it up for adoption?

What awaits the ever enlarging Juno at school (called "The Cautionary Whale" by snide classmates)? How will she find suitable adoptive parents? (And can you trust prospective parents who advertise in the Penny-saver?) And what about Juno and Paulie? As Juno muses, "I know people are supposed to fall in love before they reproduce, but normalcy's not really our style."

Juno's humor is tart but never too sharp or hurtful. Though its teenage slang is authentically frank,

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even crude, it avoids gratuitous obscenity and rings true to anyone who's just been there, or (like me) is raising a teenager. And the film shows a remarkable understanding of teens. They are, after all, "still in the oven" and will make foolish decisions—even the best of them.

What's most surprising about Juno is that it's not just a film about teenage pregnancy. Teen pregnancy is almost a plot device to explore its real themes—commitment and lasting love. Juno's mother walked out when she was young, and we see relationships touched by uncertainty throughout the film. The yuppie couple who want to adopt the baby show troubling cracks in their perfect couple façade. Juno's dad sees his second marriage as a lucky second chance. And Juno and Paulie aren't yet sure if they even have a relationship. When Juno implores, "Is it possible for two people to stay happy together forever?" Her wise old dad replies, "Find a person who loves you for exactly what you are."

Juno is a little miracle of a film about treasuring life; finding true love and, most importantly, someone who will stick with you. And did I mention that it's sweet?

## Digital Television Conversion Program Set For March 28

Fun and Fellowship has arranged for a representative from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to speak at the church on March 28 about the changes coming to television broadcasting beginning February 17, 2009. The current regulations require all full

## Young Adult Group Potluck Lunch

Noon Sunday, March 9, in the Social Hall.

Anyone who is interested -- age 18-30, single or married, working or in college -- is invited to attend.

Come with a side dish or dessert to share and ideas for activities, service projects, etc. For more information, please contact Kathie or Tim Gartrell, Young Adult Coordinators, at 301-942-5161 or e-mail [thegartrells@gmail.com](mailto:thegartrells@gmail.com).

power television stations to stop broadcasting in and analog and continue broadcasting digital signals only.

Fun and Fellowship encourages you to attend the meeting, set for 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. The presentation will cover what changes, if any, needs to be made to your current television system. If you are a subscriber to a paid television service, you may not need to make any changes. If you have any questions about the meeting, call Elizabeth Brigham (301-681-5351) or Charles Frye (301-649-4780).

See you at the meeting!

From the Editor:

Don't miss out on the, color graphics, and additional photos of the electronic *Caller*. Join the more than 90 Hughes subscribers by simply sending an email to [theripleys@mac.com](mailto:theripleys@mac.com) or leaving your email address in the Caller Box at the church.

## TESS 'Giving Cross' Project : An Opportunity To Serve

A new mission project is coming to Hughes! On March 2nd a large paper cross will be hung in the Garden Entrance. Hughes has been asked to help five needy families whose names were given to the church via the Takoma Park TESS Center. A total of 18 individuals, including 6 adults and 12 children, are in need of our help. Please take a, or a few, flower or star stickers and bring back the needed food items no later than March 16th, Palm Sunday. Just staple or firmly stick the colored stickers back on the bag or items donated. The food will be delivered the March 20 in the morning. Monetary donations are also appreciated to purchase extra items such as soap or detergent. Any questions? Call Kathy Ripley at 301-565-3604.

# March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>Sunday services:</b> 9 a.m. Contemporary Service and Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service; 12 noon Spanish Service; 10 a.m. Fellowship in the Social Hall; 10:20 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.</p> <p><b>Monday evening music classes:</b> 5:15 p.m. Chapel Bell Choir; 6 p.m. KICK Choir and Wesley Choir; 6:30 p.m. Wesley Bell Choir and Instrumental class.</p> <p><b>Monday Night Dinner:</b> 5 to 7 p.m. – Social Hall.</p>					<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 11:30 Blood Pressure Screening 12 pm Communications Task Force No Mid Hi MYF Sr. Hi Bowling	<b>3</b> 10 am UMW Executive Bd. Mtg. 6:30 Bible Study (parlor) 7:30 Trustees Mtg.	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Love Circle 12 pm Friendship Cir. 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	<b>5</b> 1 pm Coffee Klatch 7 pm Life Skills Classes 7:30 pm Loyalty Circle	<b>6</b> 6:30 Chancel Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8 am Church Wide Workday 6-8 pm Spaghetti Dinner
<b>9</b> 4:30 Confirmation Class 6:30 Mid & Sr. Hi MYF	<b>10</b> 2 pm Blood Drive (Hughes UMC) 6:30 Bible Study 7:30 Staff Parish Mtg.	<b>11</b> 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball 7:30 pm SALT	<b>12</b> 1 pm Coffee Klatch 5 pm Rummage Sale Set-up 7 pm Life Skills Classes	<b>13</b> Rummage Sale Set-up 6:30 Chancel Bells 8:00 Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> Rummage Sale Set-up	<b>15</b>  9 am Rummage and Bake Sale
<b>16</b> Palm Sunday 11:30 Blood Pressures No Mid Hi MYF 6:30 pm Sr. Hi MYF	<b>17</b> 6:30 Bible Study No Ministry Groups	<b>18</b> 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	<b>19</b> 1 pm Coffee Klatch 6 pm UMM Mtg. 7 pm Life Skills Classes	<b>20</b> 10 am Fun & Fellowship Maundy Thursday 7:30 Service	<b>21</b> Good Friday 7:30 Service	<b>22</b>
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