



Hughes CALLER

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Steeple/Boiler Campaign Hits Goal

The Hughes Trustees report that the Summer Campaign to raise funds to repair the Steeple windows and replace the Social Hall Boiler has met its \$35,000 goal. According to Jeff Broadhurst, Trustee Chair, as of August 21, 2007 the Campaign had received donations totaling \$35,835. Broadhurst said the additional gifts may come in during the next few weeks.

As a result the Trustees authorized Broadhurst to sign contracts for the work on both projects. Broadhurst estimates that the contracts will be finalized by the end of August.

The boiler project will get underway sometime in September, and Broadhurst expects that the new boiler will be installed by the end of October, just in time for the onset of colder weather.

The Steeple project will require more time because the windows must be special ordered and fabricated. The windows are expected to be installed during the winter, Broadhurst said.

"I was amazed that so many people responded in such short order," said Pastor Ennis. "It is a testament to the faithfulness of our church."

It's Time to Volunteer For Community Funfest

Our fourth annual Community Funfest will be Saturday September 22, 2007 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Community Funfest is our outreach ministry in which the entire congregation can participate. Community Funfest presents Hughes an opportunity to open our doors to strengthen the ties between our church and the community at large through fun activities, entertainment, outreach participation and worship. Last year we had face painting for the young and young at heart, children's games and crafts, pie tasting, a moon bounce, dunk tank, Irish dancing, food collection for Wheaton HELP. Our annual outdoor worship, Sonfest, will be held the next day, Sunday, September 23rd at 10 a.m., followed with lunch.

We want to have another successful event this year. Therefore, we need all of you to volunteer to help! We would like to make this even better than the previous years! We need help in the following areas for Funfest:

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Holy Cross Program Offers Strategies For Managing Chronic Conditions

Holy Cross Hospital will host "Coping: A Journey to Living Well" a six-week program for adults with chronic conditions starting this month. The session will be held at Holy Cross Senior Source on Tuesdays 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. from September 25th through October 30th. Anyone living with long-term health condition such as arthritis, diabetes, asthma, or high blood pressure should attend this workshop to help develop strategies to improve overall

health and quality of life. Family members, friends and caregivers are also welcome.

This program was designed by Stanford University and is sponsored by the Holy Cross Hospital Community Health Education program and the Faith Community Nurse program. To register for the class, please contact Elizabeth O'Connor, RN in the Faith Community Nurse office at (301) 754-7917 or by e-mail at OCONNE@holycrosshealth.org.

Methuselah Asks "Did You Know"?

The Hughes Market Place Show is well underway. People have been working all summer on the show.

What do you mean, "WHAT SHOW?"

Well, let me tell you about it.

On Saturday, November 3rd there will be a great craft show here at Hughes Church.



DID YOU KNOW – That crafters will be in the Social Hall and the Gymnasium? There are already 22 people renting spaces in which they will display their items for sale.

DID YOU KNOW – That there will be a special event going on at the show, antique Appraisal by antique dealers from historic Kensington Row? They will give a verbal appraisal of your treasures for a \$10 fee; additional appraisals will be \$5 each.

DID YOU KNOW – That there are several artists here at Hughes? Adam Grant and Florine Olmert are designing the backdrop for the stage, and Susan Moses is designing the logo for the advertising, Program cover, etc. They are using as their model the Miniature Street of Shops that was constructed this summer.

DID YOU KNOW – That Anne Kredell and Dan Cieslowski are in charge of the luncheon food and could use your help? I am looking forward to the great food.

DID YOU KNOW – That Dwight and Linda French will chair the Silent Auction? Do you have a "special craft" or other special item to donate to the auction? Several local businesses have donated gift certificates.

DID YOU KNOW – That the great cooks from Hughes will be selling their goodies in the Bake Shoppe? Ann Brunk and June Robertson are in charge of the Bake Shoppe. They need all who can to make items to sell.

DID YOU KNOW – That Gail Broadhurst will chair the Hughes Craft Shoppe? She is waiting for your wonderful "craft" and other items for the booth, such as needlework, artwork, wooden items and all other types of crafts.

DID YOU KNOW – That fifteen businesses have made the \$50 business sponsorship donation? And 43 Hughes members and friends have donated toward the \$25 sponsorships? There are other donations too, for a total, so far, of \$1,955. This money will pay for the food for the luncheon, paper supplies, bake sale supplies, advertising, the Market Place Show banner and other start-up costs. Thanks to all sponsors and patrons.

DID YOU KNOW – That five Hughes members or family members are renting spaces?

DID YOU KNOW – That there are over 30 people who have already been working on this event? Every booth chairperson would love to have your help. Just call them.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help in any way just call Jan D'Hedouville (301-655-2410) or Joan Gartrell (301-949-7781). They would love to have you be part of the exciting and fun event. See ya!

Kensington Row Veteran to Serve as Hughes Market Place Appraiser

Diane Solomon has been a fixture at Kensington's Howard Avenue Antique Row for over 30 years.

"My mother was into antiques, and I got interested," Solomon said. She started in the business shop sitting on Howard Avenue. Solomon now has seven businesses in the historic district: Diane's Antiques; Diane's Antique Corner, Diane Too; The Dollshop; Stuff in

the Ruff; Accent on Antiques and The Three of Us. Her stores "have a little bit of everything."

Solomon said that although most Antique Row customer hail from the Washington Metro area, many come from out of state. "The Antique Row appears in several travel books and it has its own web site [www.kensingtonantiquerow.com]. We get a lot of out of town visitors who

are attracted by the large variety of shops." Solomon said that she recently had a Utah customer who was a patient at NIH. "She took a cab from the hospital to Howard Avenue," she recalled.

Appraisals have been a daily part of her business operations, but Solomon said that appraisals for people who are merely curious about the item's value

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Thank you's

Julie Sampson wrote: "To all the Chancel Choir, Thank you so much for the graduation party and the generous gift. The gift card will definitely come in handy as I do my college shopping. It was very thoughtful of all of you to think of me at this important time of my life. I have really enjoyed playing for you over the past two years and look forward to choir starting up again in the fall. Thanks again!"

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Marge Gould wrote: "I am sorry to hear about the steeple windows. I remember I was expecting my third son in November 1964; I stood on the corner of Georgia and Plyers Mill and watched the crane place the steeple in its place. It was thrilling, and two weeks later, I had Robert.

I want to contribute for the windows in the steeple. Hughes will always be my family's first Church home."

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Florence Doggett wrote: "Thanks so much for your prayers, call and many cards during my surgery and 33 radiation treatments. I am now on the way to recovery. Much Love -"

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Bill and Juana Schettler wrote: "On June 27, 2007, our dear granddaughter, Katie, gave up her life to leukemia after a five-year struggle. She was 22 years old.

Your phone calls, cards, visits, flowers and prayers were a great source of comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

We felt the love of the Hughes congregation, and we thank you for being there and caring."

United Methodist Women

General Meeting - 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 19, in the Parlor. Love Circle will be the Hostess. The scheduled speaker is on vacation at press time and her appearance cannot be confirmed. Watch for an announcement in the Bulletin. You don't want to miss it!

Executive Committee - 10 a.m., Monday, October 1, in the Parlor.

Questions? Call Dorothy Van Zandt (301-272-5405).

Circles

Love

9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 4, in Parlor
Hostess: Betty Sobers (301-681-5938)

Friendship

noon, Tuesday, September 4, in the home
of Hostess Helen Wilson, 2000 Wallace Ave.
(301-942-7590)

Loyalty

7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 5
In the home of Hostess Florine Olmert
3200 Ferndale Street, Kensington
(301-933-7239)

HUGHES FAMILY

BIRTHS

August 16

Aspen Faith Melton Newhouse
Parents - Steve and Melanie
Newhouse

WEDDINGS

July 28

Janelle Granados and
Bert Tibayan

August 14

Kristine Sampson and
Scott Heatwole

August 18

Daniel Schuur and
Maria Eugenia Flores Villa

DEATHS

July 1

Beatrice Norris,
(Charter Member)

July 23

Alice Laffey
(sister of Anne Kredell)

August 17

Charles Bassford

August 18

William "Bill" Schettler
Marjorie Kuehne
(Sister of Paul Smith)

August 20

Grace Dorsey
(Sister of Edith Gartrell)
(Aunt of Ralph Gartrell)

HEY HUGHES !!

Monday Night Dinners will
resume September 17th in
the Social Hall with a Menu
of Chicken Salad on buns,
Lo Mein, Pasta Salad, Carrot
Salad, Dessert & Drink.
Dinners will be each Monday
from 5 - 7 p.m.

arts

Movie Review - Hairspray (PG)

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) — Rest your feet before seeing *Hairspray* because from the first moment when the beat of the Baltimore street builds to the kitschy closing credits, your feet won't stop tapping. This rhythmic, joyous musical is a tongue-in-cheek, but loving, send-up of the magical summer of 1962 when the '50s really gave way to the '60s. This was a time when city neighborhoods had a personality all their own, when local TV stations created its own local stars and when a dance contest could change everything overnight. It was also a time when everyone knew their place, and a girl's lofty, teased hairdo was as stiff and rigid as society's rules of race and class. But no barriers will stop Tracy Turnblad, a bubbly iconoclast who's out to prove that big is beautiful and the color of your skin doesn't matter so long as you can dance.

The evolution of *Hairspray* is a story in itself. In the 1988 original film, John Waters, cinema's king of bad taste, unexpectedly switched from outrage to embrace and created a campy, but affectionate tribute to his own beloved Baltimore. Ricki Lake debuted as the portly but unstoppable Tracy Turnblad, whose dearest wish is to join the cast of the "Corny Collins Show," a local TV station's version of *American Bandstand*. Along the way to teen dance fame, Tracy helps shatter racial barriers, coaxes her shy and even more rotund mom, Edna, out of her shell, and somehow convinces her staid old neighborhood that it's all right to be different.

In 2002 *Hairspray* made the move to Broadway with new songs and a new script, but the story and campy attitude remained intact. The new film is based on the Broadway musical and features the glowing newcomer Nicole Blonsky as Tracy; a delightful Christopher Walken as her loopy, but devoted father Wilbur; and—retaining *Hairspray*'s gender-bending tradition—John Travolta, in a brilliant comic turn, as the fretful, but endearing Edna. The beauty of Travolta's performance is that once you get past the physical transformation, you begin to see the fragile, but hopeful

spirit beneath: Edna is a woman so self-conscious about her weight that she hasn't left her apartment in years, so mindful of her status as a laundress that she's afraid to hold her head up or really cut loose.

Edna symbolizes the deeper message in *Hairspray*—the need to go below the surface, beyond appearances to celebrate the beautiful diversity of humanity. In 1962 Baltimore is still a very segregated place, particularly the "Corny Collins Show" where the dancing teens ("the nicest kids in town") are all white—except for one day a week, dubbed "Negro Day," when black teens can take the stage. Even during the annual "Miss Hairspray Contest," black and white dancers are separated by a rope barrier. Just as the rigid fashions and look-alike hairstyles symbolize strict, but artificial social norms, the rope barrier challenges us to consider how many artificial barriers we continue to construct that separate and exclude based on race, appearance or social status.



Along the way to teen dance fame, Tracy Turnblad (Nicole Blonsky) helps shatter racial barriers and convinces her staid old neighborhood that it's all right to be different. Copyright © 2007 New Line Cinema.

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is a recent phenomenon that she attributes to the popularity of PBS's Antique Roadshow. "A few years ago, most people did not think about it," she said.

There are two types of appraisals, according to Solomon: appraisals for insurance purposes and appraisals for sale. Insurance appraisals tend to be slightly higher because they need to account for the replacement value of the item, she said, while appraisals for sale need to consider both the quality and innate value of items as well as the market demand for the item. Appraisals tend to be more of a blend of experience and art, rather than a science. "After 30 years, I have a pretty good idea of what an item is worth," Solomon said.

The Hughes Market Place will be the second time that Solomon has provided appraisals for the public outside of her businesses; she performed appraisals at an Interfaith Housing Council event in 2001. Solomon said that there is no limit to the items that visitors can have appraised, but suggests that you leave your furniture at home. "A couple of pictures will work just fine," Solomon explained.

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It's Tracy who begins to breach the barriers, first by dancing with the black kids in detention. But when she crosses the race line on the "Corny Collins Show," she sets off a ruckus that turns into a steamroller of racial change, including a stirring civil rights march. Lead by record-shop owner Motormouth Maybelle (Queen Latifah), the marchers sing the gospel showstopper "I Know Where I've Been," an anthem that distills

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- Set up and Clean up
- Moon Bounce
- Dunk Tank (Volunteers to be dunked and for crowd control)
- Children's Crafts and Games
- Shuttle Bus Drivers
- Pie Tasting (Volunteers to make pies, set up, clean up, and sell)
- Greeters to hand out flyers
- Food (Volunteers to cook, and sell)

Volunteers are also needed to help with the lunch for Sonfest on Sunday. If you love to cook we need help making Sloppy Joe's, coleslaw, Jell-O pretzel salad, and if baking is your thing we need sheet cakes for dessert. Can't cook? That's all right, come help us serve on Sunday.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to get community service hours, and for all of us as a congregation to work together for a common goal. If you have not participated in the past 3 years, you have missed a great experience.

Marie Muller is the volunteer coordinator. She will be available between services in the library just outside the garden foyer into the Education wing with sign-up sheets, however, you can also call to volunteer at 301-681-7812. Call [Frances Badman](#) at 301-946-0228 or [Linda French](#) at 301-989-8853 if you have any questions.

the liberating soul of the film.

If the march is the rousing high-point, it's the playful, loving duet between Wilbur and Edna Turnblad that steals the show and completes the message of acceptance and diversity. As they dance and croon "You're Timeless to Me," it's clear that beauty really is in the eye of the beholder, especially when filtered through true love.

Hairspray is so filled with fun, music and good humor that you might forget that there's a lesson underneath. The idea that the true character of a person is defined by inner qualities rather than outer ones like skin color, dress size or hairdo is delivered in a sugarcoated pill that goes down so smoothly that the closing song has to gently remind us that this is a lesson we have yet to master: "We've come a long way, but we've still got a long way to go."

Tutors Needed For Fall English Language Classes

This fall Hughes will be offering English language tutoring to our neighbors in the Wheaton community. The program we use teaches English in the context of the life skills everyone must know. Tutoring sessions will be held Wednesday from 7 - 9 p.m., October 3 through November 14 with no classes October 31. For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda French (leesf@mac.com or 301-989-8853) or Emma Wilson (emma.wilson@montgomerycollege.edu or 301-962-1195). Training classes will be scheduled at the convenience of the tutors and Emma.



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"Parents, don't be hard on your children. Raise them properly. Teach them and instruct them about the Lord."

EPHESIANS 6:4 (CEV)

Christian Education Corner

My mother, who recently celebrated 80 years of living, often raises her voice regarding the need for young people in the church. In tandem with her cry, her next statement is, "we've got to increase attendance in our Sunday School," and with that thought in mind she designs a plan to "grow" the attendance of children and youth. My mother has two great concerns: first, she's interested in helping young people develop a relationship with Christ; and second, she wants to ensure that the work of her local church continues.

By and large, these concerns plague many of the churches today and for the most part, the apparent solution is the same – increase the Sunday School. Unfortunately, no matter how well-developed and implemented plans are to expand the Sunday School through increased children/youth attendance, the desired outcome is rarely obtained.

As we search for the lack of success, some reasons are apparent; children and many youth depend upon adults to transport them to activities that are not in the immediate vicinity of their neighborhoods. In addition, children observe adults in their lives, who for the most part do not regularly attend Sunday School and/or church. And, a third reason, young people are involved in extracurricular functions that demand their time on Sunday.

The question is, "how does one increase youth attendance in Sunday School?" According to George O. McCalep, the former pastor of Greenforest Baptist church, whose membership grew from 25 to over 4000 at the time of his death in 2006, increase parent/guardian attendance in Sunday School.

During the coming year my goals are: Work with the pastor in solidifying his vision for Christian Education; Endeavor to reshape how "Sunday School" is perceived by many adults; Seek to broaden the understanding of Christian Education; and Analyze the existing structure to help formulate a strategy that fulfills the mission of the church.

In a book entitled "Fulfillment Hour" Pastor McCalep states, "Sunday School is not just about teaching. It is a strategy for doing the work of the Great Commission." He further describes Christian Education as the ministry of the church that undergirds all other ministries. We are admonished by scripture in Romans 12:2 to be transformed. Christian Education is an instrument of change and Sunday School is an essential part of Christian Education. I'll be joining you in Sunday School as we seek to fulfill God's purposes. With God, prayer, and each other, I'm looking forward to a fruitful year at Hughes.

Janet

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This month: Walter Varner

Walter Varner grew up in Phoenix City, Alabama, with two brothers and four sisters. After graduating from high school, Walter enlisted in the United States Marine Corps for a four-year stint, including 13 months in Vietnam. Following his active duty with the Marines, Walter obtained his Bachelor's in Political Science and Master's of Education, in Adult Education and Community Relations degrees from The City College, the City University of New York. From there, Walter pursued a doctorate in Higher Education at Syracuse University. In 1981, Walter started at the Maryland State Department of Education. It was then that Walter began working with young people and their education.



Since that time, young people have been a common thread in Walter's life. The Maryland Department of Education recently celebrated Walter's retirement with retrospective of his 26-year career in public education that focused on the education of Maryland's delinquent, neglected and homeless children. He has authored multiple articles on the subject and, as President of the National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth, provided testimony before the United States House

of Representatives. During his tenure with the State of Maryland, his office sponsored Maryland's Tomorrow, a national award-winning drop-out prevention program. At his retirement celebration, the Maryland Education Department observed that "he has a longstanding record of providing inspiring and courageous leadership in education at all levels, earning him [many] state and national honors." Walter's work created awareness and sensitivity within the Department regarding the educational needs of homeless children.

In addition to youth-oriented professional career, Walter served as Scoutmaster to a local Scout Troop for 15 years and currently chairs the Protestant Committee on Scouting for the National Capital Area Council. In fact, it was Walter's Scout connection that ultimately brought him to Hughes.

"In 1981 or so, our neighbors, George and Pat McMillan, invited us to Hughes, and Delores and our son started attending," Walter says. Thereafter, Delores, his wife of 42 years, began attending Hughes, but Walter would worship at the Lutheran Church that hosted his scout troop. Then, when Walter

began serving as the Chairman of the Protestant Committee, he periodically was asked to identify his home church. "That is when I gave some thought and decided to make Hughes my home church," Walter recalls. He began to attend regularly during Rev. Van Metre's tenure and became a member in the mid-1990s. Since then, Walter has served the church in several capacities, including the Staff Parish Committee and as a chair for "Reaching for the Future" capital campaign.


Walter says that he is pleased to notice that the Hughes family is a more diverse group than it was when he first visited over 25 years ago. What he would like to see more of at church is a community of caring evangelism, which Walter believes is "what keeps people here." †

Fast Facts Walter Varner

- Born in 1941
- Hometown: Phoenix City, Alabama
- Marine with 26 years of Active and Reserve service
- Vietnam Veteran
- Youth Education Expert
- Scout Master for 15 years

September

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Sunday services through September 23: 10 a.m. Worship and KIWE; 12 pm Spanish Service. Sunday services beginning September 30: 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; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages. Monday evening music classes beginning September 17: 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>					1
2	3 Labor Day (Office Closed)	4 9:30 a.m. Love Cir. 12 pm Friendship Cir. 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	5 7:30 pm Loyalty Cir.	6	7	8
9 Christian Education Sunday 6:30 pm Sr.Hi MYF Parent's Night	10 2 pm Blood Drive 6 pm Choir Parent Mtg. 7:30 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Staff Parish	11 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball 7:30 SALT mtg.	12 7:30 pm Funfest Mtg.	13 6:15 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	14	15 Washington-West Leaders Training
16 6:30 pm Sr.Hi MYF	17 5 pm Monday Night Dinner (Soc. Hall) 7:30 pm Ministry Groups 8 pm Ministry Council	18 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	19 9:30 am UMW Mtg. 7 pm Hughes Market Place Mtg. (Parlor)	20 6:15 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	21	22 Funfest 11 am – 3 pm 11 am Life Skills Registration (parlor)
23 Sonfest 10:00 a.m. /30	24 5 pm Monday Night Dinner (Soc. Hall)	25 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball 7:30 SALT mtg.	26 7 pm Life Skills Reg. 7:30 pm Finance Com.	27 6:15 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	28	29 4pm Life Skills Reg. 8 am-4 pm Washington-West UMW