



# Hughes CALLER

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## News Briefs

(Hughes UMC)--**Monday Night Dinners** will resume September 15th in the Social Hall with a Menu of Chicken Salad on buns, Lo Mein, Pasta Salad, Carrot Salad, Dessert & Drink. Dinners will be on Mondays from 5 - 7 p.m.

(Hughes UMC)--**New Members:** Have you been attending Hughes for a time and discerned that this community of faith is where God is calling you to serve? Or, would you like further information about The United Methodist Church and the ministry of Hughes before deciding to join our church family? We would like to celebrate the reception of new members in the fall. Please contact the church office or Pastor Ken to indicate your interest and we will schedule individual or group New Members Classes at a mutually convenient time.

(Hughes UMC) -- **The Hughes Quilting Group** will meet on September 4th at 9:30 a.m. at Lucy Smith's home, 17817 Overwood Drive, Olney, MD. (301 570-8455). This is a show and tell group and any quilter, lover of quilts, owner of quilts or anyone with any other interest in quilts is invited to attend and share.

From Pastor Ken

## Our Journey Begins

Has it really been two months since Nancy and I arrived and I began ministry with you? As the old saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun." Yes, it has been fun (for the most part!). I am enjoying getting to know you a bit and hearing about the history and ministry of our church, while forming some preliminary plans for the future.

I want to offer a large "thank you" for your welcome, warmth, and openness. Nancy and I especially appreciate everyone who contributed in any way to prepare the parsonage for our arrival. The upgrades in the kitchen and living room were beautifully done and the painting throughout the house helped freshen up the look of the house. It is a comfortable home and some minor on-going repairs will make it even more so. We are truly enjoying the patio and back yard.

Nancy and I extend an invitation to join us for Open House at the parsonage on Sunday afternoon, October 5th from 2-5 p.m. Come spend some time with us, see the improvements to the house, share in fellowship with one another and enjoy some snacks. Stay for a few minutes or the whole 3 hours. One note: this is not a house warming party, so no gifts please! Your gift to us was preparing the home for our arrival. Once again, we thank you.

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Dr. Van Knauss shares the secrets of organ playing with some youth.

# United Methodist Women

**Executive Board Meeting: 10 a.m., September 29**, in the Parlor.

**Friendship Circle: Noon, Tuesday, Sept. 2**, in the Social Hall

**Loyalty Circle: 7 p.m., Wed. Sept. 3**, at the home of Delores Varner.

**General Meeting:** This month's meeting will be at **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 17**, in the Social Hall. Loyalty Circle will be Hostess. We will be making tray favors for the Wilson Health Care Center at Asbury. They have requested something Patriotic for Veteran's Day. We need lots of hands to complete the project. We will meet again **10 a.m. until noon, Friday, September 19**, to do a project for Asbury. From we will be decorating bags for gifts for residents of the Wilson Health Care Center. they will say that it was a rewarding day.

Finally, on **Saturday, Sept. 27** – the same day as our Hughes Fun Fest – the Washington-West District UMW will be having the Sip and Browse and the Mini School of Christian Mission.

## Volunteers Needed for Funfest!

Funfest help is needed setting up the canopies, tables and chairs between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 27. From 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., we need greeters, registration for door prizes, help with crafts, games, moon bounce, pie tasting, used book sales, face painting, dunkies, food serving and more. Between 3 and 4 p.m., we could use some fresh help to take everything down. Sign up in the garden entrance before and after church service. Questions?? Call Frances Badman (301-946-0228), Linda French (301-989-8853) or Marie Muller (301-681-7812).

## Thank you's

**Juana Schettler** writes: "Thanks to everyone who had a part in planning the farewell service for Dr. Ennis this past June.

The large attendance from his previous churches was an impressive witness to the love and affection they still have for him.

It was an enjoyable day and I'm glad that I was able to attend."

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**Liz and Bob Brigham** write: "We want to thank Dr. Ennis and all our Church Friends, especially Jan d'Hedouville, who have called us, sent cards, and prayed for our Grandson, Jason Brigham, during the past months. He has gone through 3 surgeries on his nose that will allow him to breathe through the nose instead of his

mouth. So far, they have been able to help him, but he has 1 or 2 more surgeries before they are finished.

Also, we want to thank our Choir and the people who play the bells for the wonderful music that they provided. We have missed you this summer, but look forward to new, upbeat music this Fall.

Finally, thank you Pat Lawson and Ellen Durigg, our Co-Presidents of the United Methodist Women's Group. You both have done a great job holding us together and providing us with great programs during the year. As our group ages, we become less active, but it is and always has been a loving and helpful group of ladies who would do most anything when called upon for help. Liz looks forward to the Circle meetings starting this month."

## HUGHES FAMILY

### BIRTHS

#### August 6

Katherine Elizabeth  
Stokley Vierling  
(daughter of David  
and Amanda Vierling)

### NEW ADDRESS

Dorothy VanZandt  
King Bruwaert House  
6101 South County Line Rd.  
Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527  
630-655-7000 ext. 512

**Jason Brigham** writes: "Hi, my name is Jason Brigham. I am 9 years old and I attend Sunday School at Hughes United Methodist Church when I stay overnight with my Nana and Pop Pop. I especially like the Chapel Service before we go to Sunday School classes. Ms. Skinner plays a music box. I don't know the real name of it, but I really like the music. We sing and have prayers then go to class and learn about Jesus and Bible. As many of you know, I am unable to speak (except a few words) so I am learning sign language. If you know some sign language, stop me and teach me what you know.

I also like to attend the FunFest in September. There are always things for me to do - like the moon bounce (it is hard to keep me out of it, but I am learning to take turns). The outdoor music is really great. We get to dance to the music. They also have lots of games for us kids, and I like to draw pictures on the parking lot with the colored chalk. So here is a special 'Thank You' to all who help make Sunday School and FunFest special days for me."

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## Pastor Message, from page 1

Thanks is also offered to the Staff-Parish Committee, the hosts and the participants at the Meet & Greet sessions which were held over the summer. These informal discussions have been a good tool for getting to know you in an informal setting, hearing about the past and current ministry of Hughes and sharing some ideas. Here is some of what I heard at those sessions:

- we are a friendly, caring, compassionate church; our congregation is like family
- appreciative of the diversity of the congregation – a diversity celebration was proposed
- Faith Promise giving and outreach ministry is strong, especially through Camp Hope, Hughes Housing and Life Skills classes
- Small Groups ministry is very good and can become even stronger
- praise for the revitalization and new vision of our Christian Education ministries
- Celebrations and Concerns are a meaningful part of our worship services
- people appreciated the Lenten devotional book
- Advent, Christmas and Lenten observances at Hughes are deeply spiritual and emotional
- the Sunday morning schedule is a concern
- pastoral visitation and contact is desired and appreciated
- request to regularly publish contact information for shut-in members
- can we learn some new hymns?
- please acknowledge Mother's Day, Father's Day, Veteran's Day, Memorial Day
- aging congregation, dwindling numbers, and especially fewer children, are a concern
- people are concerned about finances, both general budget and capital funds
- appreciation for El Buen Samaritano and Pastor Oswaldo

There were many other issues discussed, but as you can see there was open, honest sharing. It is clear that God has blessed us in many ways and that we also face significant challenges. Please pray for me and the others leaders of Hughes as we discern where God is leading us to be in ministry in the coming months and years.

I believe God has placed us in ministry together and that the Lord's hand was in the appointment process. Here's how I know God's handiwork: If you asked me to identify a congregation whose gifts, graces, opportunities and struggles matched my own any better than Hughes, I could not have named one. If you asked Nancy and I to choose a location where we want live we could not have made a better choice. God named the church and chose the community for us. I am privileged and pleased to serve as your pastor. Let's see where Christ leads!

Shalom.

**Ken**

## Gift Card Sales Proceeds To Benefit Operating Budget

The Hughes UMW Executive Board voted to give the 2008 profits from the sale of Grocery Gift Cards to the operating budget of Hughes Church. In the past, these profits have been used for designated projects, i.e. renovating the Parlor Kitchen, contributing to the Parsonage Project, cleaning and repairing the Social Hall drapes and blinds, etc. In September, the UMW presented the Church with a check for \$2,000 from the profits.

The UMW receives 5% of the face value of the cards from Giant, Sniders, and Shoppers. Currently only about ten families regularly purchase the gift coupons. The more families participating, the higher the profits. If 50 families that shop at these stores spend \$200 a month, we could add \$500 to the Church budget each month or \$6,000 a year.

Giant and Shoppers plastic Gift cards can be purchased in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, or \$100 values. Sniders gift cards are \$10 only. The cards are easy to use. Purchases are subtracted automatically from the card at Giant and Shoppers. Sniders gives cash back if you spend less than \$10.

The Gift Cards are available for purchase on Sunday between services in the library. This is an extra way you can contribute to the operating expenses of our Church without spending any additional money.

# Thoughts from Methuselah (the Church Mouse)

"O Sing to the Lord A New Song, for he has done Marvelous Things"

Oh, hi there folks. I haven't talked with you in a while. Boy, it's really been busy around here this summer and the fall is going to be even busier.

Did you know Dr. Ennis retired In June? Twenty-eight years in the ministry. That's a long time. We wish him God's blessings. We (all us mice) are going to miss the chocolate in Mrs. Bunting's desk drawer.

Have you met the new Pastor? I've seen him, Rev. Kenneth Hawes, but he hasn't seen me, yet. My mouse family welcomes him to our home for the last 60 years, Hughes Church. I've heard he has dogs and CATS. I sure hope he keeps them at home. He is the ninth Senior Pastor here at Hughes Church. Welcome.

Speaking of our 60 years here at Hughes, do you know that on September 14 there will be a Celebration for our, I mean your, church's anniversary? I was going by the choir room one evening, and some people were talking about planning a luncheon for after the church service that day. LUNCHEON. My ears perked up. THAT MEANS FOOD. You do remember my family lives on the crumbs left behind after events here. Though, I must say you sure do clean up well. Makes it hard to keep body and soul alive.

They're planning to serve the same menu that has been served at Sonfest for the last couple of years – Sloppy Joes, jello salad and cole slaw will be served, with your help. Mrs. Amussen is in charge of the luncheon. She will have recipes and sign-up sheets for you to fill out. Four of the former Senior Pastors will be here and other old friends. So come celebrate with your church family. 60 years is a long time.

The following weekend, Saturday, September 27th is the FunFest celebration. You come and play games, taste pies, eat good FOOD and have fun. They will have a book sale this year. There are activities planned with crafts and things to do for all ages. You have to come and see if Rev. Hawes "hits" the Dunk Tank.

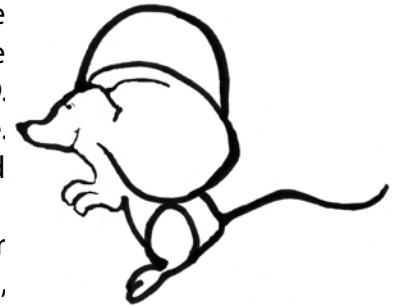
October 18th is the Rummage Sale. You can always find a bargain there. It's a good chance to get your closets cleaned out. Remember, the proceeds from the sale helps to support the United Methodist Women and their charities. Don't forget they also have a wonderful bake sale. Oh boy, CRUMBS, CRUMBS, CRUMBS.

In November, it will be time for the Second Market Place Show. The show is Saturday, November 8th from 10 to 4. There will be crafters, vendors, a bake sale, Silent Auction, crafts by the church family and of course FOOD. The Dealers from Kensington Antique Row will be back this year to appraise your treasured possessions. \$10 for your first item and \$5 for each item after that. That's a good deal. Plan to come and start your Christmas shopping. It is a chance to pick up some wonderful gifts for those hard to shop for people and yourself.

All of these activities, at Hughes, need your help and support. So raise your hand and say "Here I Am, Lord". Let everyone, friends and family, know what a great CHURCH FAMILY you have here at Hughes. Happy 60th.

See Ya!

"He Has Done Marvelous Things. Praise the Lord"



## Young Adult Group Potluck Lunch

Noon, Sunday, September 7, Social Hall  
Please bring a side dish  
or dessert to share.

Meet our new pastor, Ken Hawes,  
and help plan fall activities.

Anyone age 18 - 30 is welcome.

For more information,  
contact Kathie or Tim Gartrell  
Young Adult Coordinators  
301-942-5161  
thegartrells@gmail.com

## Education Committee Report

# Invest a little, gain a lot; Earn an excellent ROI in today's market.

*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." - Luke 6:38*

Every where you turn people are talking about the non-recession recession. The cost of gas is through the roof, which has an impact on most of our goods. Foreclosure rates are at an all time high, which has an impact on the solvency of the banking industry. In general, the value of your hard earned dollar is diminished. In the midst of this, many of us are concerned with reducing expenses and securing the best return we can on our investment.

Wouldn't it be great if we could invest a little and gain a lot? Luke suggests that our return is based on our investment – the more we give the more we get back. There are instances where regardless of the amount we invest, the return is always more than we can imagine. The greatest return I can think of is the time we spend in serving others. Here at Hughes, there are many ways to invest. Christian Education is offering you an opportunity to invest a little of your time. In the upcoming year, we have programs that will allow you to volunteer as often as once a week and as little as once a year. Our programming extends services for all ages from the new-born to the most seasoned. We have need of planners, implementers,

sustainers, creators and more. For more information on where you can invest your services, see Janet Habersham, Susan Odell or any member of the Christian Education Committee. We look forward to working with you and watching your ROI grow beyond your imagination.

### Christian Education Corner

## Fall 2008 Small Group Studies

The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce that we will be resuming our Small Groups Studies beginning early in October with another in the Faith Lessons series. Last winter's study on the "Life and Ministry of the Messiah" was an extremely engaging study enjoyed by everyone who participated. Bob Simpson characterized the study as giving "fantastic new insights to Bible history". Ellen Durigg "liked the way the present day geography was intertwined with history". Publisher, Zondervan Church Source describes the Faith Lessons series as "illuminating scripture through historical understanding". Our new study includes 6 sessions:

- Innocent Blood – Part 1
- Innocent Blood – Part 2
- Who is God?
- The Wages of Sin
- The Lord Is My Shepherd
- God With Us

The study uses a combination of study guides and DVDs to "connect history and culture to religion and geography, all while relating biblical truth to modern society" according to Zondervan. Our own Ken Steward said, "the visual impact of the Holy Land ... brought the Bible to life." Please watch for Bulletin announcements with the dates, times and locations of our study groups. Better still, start your own group – you won't be disappointed! This is a wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship!

If you would like further information, please contact: Rev. Janet Habersham, Susan Odell, or Sharon Skinner, Coordinator, Small Groups Studies.

### From the Editor:

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## The Miracle of 93

I'd like to bring you a message.  
Riderwood has been good for me!

At the ripe old age of 93,  
The years I've been here is 5,  
And Riderwood has done a  
Good job to keep me alive.

I'm no poet and  
Soon you will know it,  
But I'm going to try  
and I'll tell you why!

I play a lot of bridge  
Because I enjoy it,  
They say it keeps the brain  
Sharp, so I'm for it!

I'm lucky to say  
that I don't smoke  
So now I can boast that  
I haven't damaged my throat.

I use a walker  
And I'm not much of a talker,  
But I get around  
Without too much loud sound.

Some people say I don't  
Look my age,  
I have to admit  
I welcome such praise.

I have to wear glasses  
When I read.  
It's a bit of a nuisance  
But it's what I need.

My hearing is a subject  
Of great dismay,  
But I don't want  
To hear gossip anyway.

I try to plan ahead  
But unfortunately instead,  
I sometimes forget to pursue  
What I had planned to do.

But I feel much better  
That I would expect to be,  
I wish you joy as you  
Climb your own "age" tree.

I thank the Good Lord,  
Who has looked out for me.  
I'm grateful he's helped me  
to get to 93.

And I remind myself  
That I'm not as old  
As I'm going to be!

For as the poet  
Robert Browning said  
"Grow old with me  
The best is yet to be."

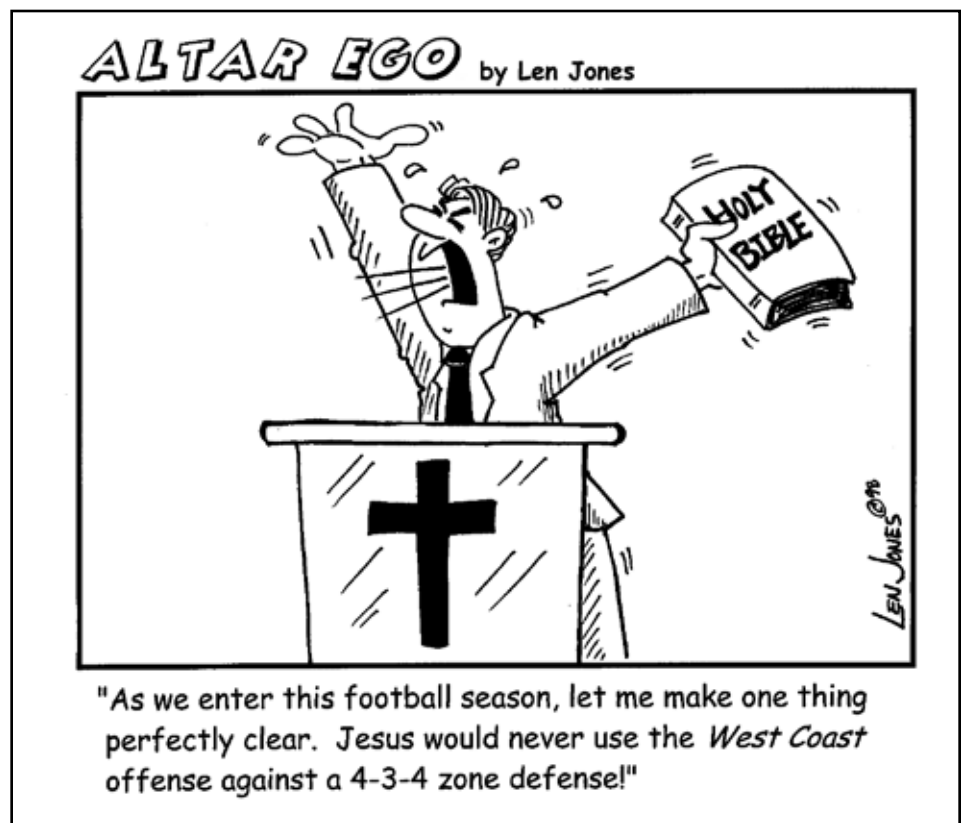
So maybe there's more  
To be  
After 93  
We'll see ... we'll see.

John Hardwick - 2008

## Tutors Needed For Fall English Language Classes

This fall we'll 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 evenings from 7 - 9 p.m., October 1 - November 12. Training will be Monday, September 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the church.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Linda French (lees@mac.com, 301/989-8853) or Emma Wilson (emma.wilson@montgomerycollege.edu, 301/962-1195).



# America Is Aging: Better Living Through Chemistry

By Ken Whitney, Clinical Pharmacist

Welcome to a series of articles which will discuss issues concerning senior citizens and the medications which are designed to enhance the quality of their golden years. There is no doubt that the proper use of medication does allow us to lead longer lives of greater productivity and better quality. But, there is also no doubt that when one combines advancing age, multiple medical problems, potent medications with potential side effects, complex regimens, and fragmented medical care, the potential for medical misadventure becomes a stark reality for many seniors. The goal of this series of articles is to promote better health for seniors by providing information which may lead to better medical outcomes for seniors through a better understanding of their medication.

This first article focuses not on the medications themselves, but on the system that provides medical care and the potential problems faced by seniors as they navigate that system. The Joint Commission, which is the agency in this country which accredits health care organizations, has identified as a major health problem the inadequate or incorrect information concerning their medications that is provided to patients at the time they are discharged from a health care facility. Also indicted for poor quality is the information about medication regimens provided when a patient is transferred from one health care facility to another. Because patients are being harmed by this inadequate or incorrect information, The Joint Commission has mandated that health care facilities embark upon a major effort to improve the quality of the information that they provide to patients and to other facilities. This mandate has been labeled "Medication Reconciliation". This is an effort to coordinate a correct list of medications taken by the patient before admission to the facility with a correct list of medications the patient is expected to take after their discharge from the facility. If the patient is being transferred to another facility, that correct list is to be communicated. Because senior citizens are a large percentage of patients in health care facilities, they have been the largest group affected by the poor information, and also the group which will potentially benefit most from "Medication Reconciliation".

If you are alarmed to find that your health could be jeopardized by incorrect information about the medication you should be prescribed, you should be. This situation can lead to medication induced illness. At the same time, you should be encouraged that something is being done to rectify the situation.

Another source of harm from our medications is the fragmentation of health care in this country. As we age, we not only accumulate a longer list of medications, we also accumulate a longer list of physicians who prescribe these medications. The list of specialists seen by an individual patient can be very long. And for most of us, none of these physicians seems to be in overall charge of our health care. As a result, one physician may not know what another physician has prescribed. This can lead to drug interactions, which can cause medication induced illness.

The situations I have described above can all be solved. But, none can be solved without the active participation of the patient. So, read my next column, where I will describe what you can do to make "Medication Reconciliation" work correctly, and what you can do to help prevent misadventure with your medication.

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## Hughes UMC 60th Anniversary Luncheon

On Sunday, September 14th, Hughes Church will celebrate its 60th Anniversary. We will have lunch immediately following the service in the Social Hall. The luncheon will be sloppy joes, coleslaw and jello salad. Anyone who can help by making food for

the luncheon, please see Alyce Amussen in the Garden Entrance beginning, Sunday, August 17th. She will have sign up sheets and recipes available at that time. Sign up sheets will also be available for people who are able to help on Saturday, September 13th to prepare and set up for the luncheon. Also help will be needed on Sunday, September 14th, to

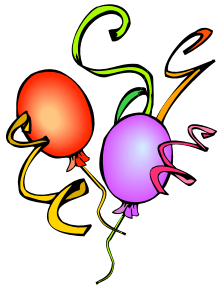
help serve the food and clean up. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please indicate that on the pew pad or on the sign up sheet.

Come visit with our former pastors and old friends on September 14 at the luncheon.

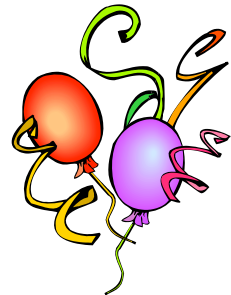


# Come Join

## COMMUNITY FUNFEST



***Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008***  
***11 am to 3 pm***



**FREE ADMISSION**

Games                      Moonbounce                      Face Painting  
Food                        Dunk Tank                        Pie Tasting  
Balloons                    Children's Crafts                    Used Book Sale

Food Collection for Manna Food Center  
*Bring Non-Perishable Food*

### **Entertainment**

Irish Dancers 12:30

Clown 12 - 2

Storytime- Various Times

Steel Drums 12 - 2

### ***Hughes United Methodist Church***

*10700 Georgia Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902*

*(Georgia Avenue and Plyers Mill Rd. Enter from Plyers Mill)*

*301-949-8383*

# September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	
	<b>1</b> Holiday (Office Closed)	<b>2</b> 12 pm Friendship Cir. 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	<b>3</b> 7:30 pm Loyalty Cir.	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b> 11:30 Blood Pressure Screening 11:30 Welcome/Pastors Reception	<b>8</b> 2pm Blood Drive HUMC 6 pm Youth Choir Mtg. 6 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm Trustees 7:30 pm Staff Parish	<b>9</b> 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball 7:30 pm SALT	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm Finance Com.	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>14</b> 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 	<b>15</b> 5 pm Monday Night Dinner & Choirs begin 6 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm Ministry Grps.	<b>16</b> 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	<b>17</b> 9:30 am UMW Gen Mtg Life Skills Class Reg. 6 pm UMM Meeting 7:30 pm Funfest Mtg.	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Chancel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 10-1 Asbury Gift Wrapping (Soc.Hall)	<b>20</b>	
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10 am UMW Exe. Bd. 5 pm Mon. Night Din. 6 pm Prayer Group 7:30 pm Market Pl. Mtg.	<b>30</b> 6 pm First Place Ex. 7 pm First Place Mtg. 7:30 Adult Basketball	<p><b>Sunday services:</b> 9 a.m. Contemporary and Adult Bible Study; 10:30 a.m. Traditional; 12 noon Spanish; 10 a.m. Fellowship in the Social Hall; 10:30 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; 6:30 &amp; 7 p.m. Instrumental classes.</p>			<b>2008</b>	