

September 2018 Caller



Pastor Ken's Message

For this month's column, I offer some reflections on the United to Love rally, which a few of us from the congregation attended on Sunday, August 12.

In early July, an invitation was sent from Bishop Easterling's office regarding her vision for a conference-wide rally to lift up peace, love and justice as a counter rally to the Unite the Right rally. As I read over the invitation and call to join together I wondered, *should we participate?*

The call to stand up for justice for the weak, disenfranchised, poor and oppressed is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition. After last year's rally in Charlotte, VA became a violent demonstration of white supremacy, neo-Nazism and violence, and was so deeply disturbing, a similar event was planned for our backyard, Washington, D.C. Violence, racism, and the idea of the supremacy of one race over another, are incompatible with Christian teaching. We had to take this opportunity to display for the world unity and love as an alternative to the hatred and anger lifted up by the organizers. And for us to go as a multi-cultural group was important too.

As we began walking from the L'Enfant Plaza Metro station, we could hear the band leading the opening songs of worship. The band was great, offering powerful, moving, Spirit-filled music which had the congregation swaying, raising hands, clapping and occasionally joining in song. Bishop Easterling offered a powerful sermon, outlining the sin of

racism, the power of the Spirit to transform lives and the uniting strength of love. Following worship, several musicians offered songs for continued contemplation and inspiration. A rally, with a mix of speakers and musicians, filled the final two hours of the day.

Each of the speakers expounded on themes of anti-racism, unity of the human race, and the power of love. Rev. Dr. David McAllister Wilson, President of Wesley Seminary, recalled several marches and rallies and parades which occurred in D.C. over the course of history, from the KKK, to Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," the inauguration of several Presidents, especially Barak Obama, the Women's March, concluding with the events of the day. His point was that each march was a move toward inclusion and justice. Several rabbis, imams and pastors spoke eloquently of the unity of the human race; "there is only one race, the human race!" Concluding the day, was Rev. Dr. Joe Daniels who reminded us, "We've come to unite in the principle of love...and to rebuke hate in our midst." Then he charged us to continue the work in our own communities.

It was a hot day and 4 hours in the direct sun on the mall was too much for many. Groups gathered in the shady areas to the side of the mall, so it was hard to gauge how many were actually present. When we were nearly all on the mall, we had an impressive crowd of interfaith men, women and children; conference leaders share that it was nearly 1500. Honestly, with the

vastness of the mall, we appeared to be a small group. That said, our group outnumbered the Unite the Right group at Lafayette Plaza by about 60:1! Our goal to be a strong example of unity in love was achieved, without confrontation, angry words or violence.

United in Love was the first time ever that the Baltimore-Washington Conference planned a gathering and rally on the mall. It was not a protest. As Bishop Easterling reminded us, "The paper said that there were protest groups

who were gathering in opposition to Unite the Right. We are *not* a protest group. We are children of the Living God."

If we gather again, I hope and pray the witness grows, just as the love and grace of Christ continues to blossom in our midst, so that we may remind our neighbors that we are all beloved people of God, created in God's image, and there's nothing we can do to erase God's love, rescue, and deliverance in the face of fear and hopelessness.

September Worship Opportunities

2nd–15th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Esther 5:1-6

Sermon: "Smart Solutions"

Notes: A Celebration of Holy Communion

Pastor Ken on vacation; Pastor Diana preaching

9th–16th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:9-13, 16-17; Acts 2:43-47

Sermon: "Past, Present and Future for Christ"

Theme: Celebrating 70 years of ministry and envisioning God's future

Notes: 70th Anniversary of Hughes UMC

16th–17th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 6:11-22; 8:16-12; 9:8-17

Sermon: "Rainbows: Signs of God's Covenant and Promise"

Theme: God's promises are faithful and true even in the midst of chaos and destruction.

23rd–18th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

Theme: God's promise of blessing comes with the expectation that we too will be a blessing. How are we as blessed individuals and a congregation fulfilling that expectation?

30th–19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 14: 5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Sermon: "Fear to Deliverance"

Theme: God brings rescue and deliverance in the face of fear and hopelessness.

International Cultures Fiesta: We will be celebrating our heritage and diversity at a church-wide fiesta this fall! Please speak with Pastor Diana or e-mail her at (associatepastor@hughesumc.org) if you would like to be part of the planning team.

Can you Speak English?

Many of our neighbors in Wheaton cannot communicate with their child's teacher, talk with their doctor, or even ask a store clerk for help. Our Life Skills program has been meeting this need for over 10 years. One of our teachers, Cindy Ferris, has been teaching since the beginning of the program. However we regularly need to replace teachers who need to resign. Such will be the case for our fall session beginning in October.

Our level 3 teachers are unable to return this fall so we are in need of both a tutor and a helper. Level 3 students are able to communicate with you, but need vocabulary and pronunciation improvement. They also are ready for some grammar basics. Emma Wilson will work with you on preparing lesson plans and teaching adult English learners. However a willingness, patience, and the ability to speak English are the most important traits.

Classes meet from 7-9 PM on Wednesday for 7 weeks. Speak with Linda French (301-989-8853) or Emma Wilson (301-802-3520) for more information.

Other ways you can help:

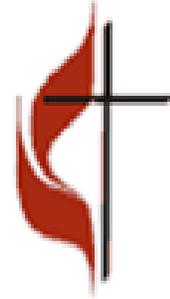
1. Give a flyer to someone you meet. A flyer is included on the next page. Please give it to anyone you meet who would like to improve their English. We offer classes for adults who don't speak any English as well as those who want to improve their oral English.
2. Deliver flyers, 1 or 100, to any people or places that you feel can use them. They will be available in the literature rack next to the coffee bar. Take as many as you want.
3. Help with childcare. We have single parents and couples who wish to attend our classes, but need someone to care for their children. Mark Weaver heads this team.
4. Help tutor a class. We are always interested in training new tutors by having them help one of our more experienced tutors.
5. Pray for the success of our program as well as for our tutors, childcare workers and students.

Thank you for prayerfully considering helping with one of all of these needs.

Learn English



Through Life Skills



FREE Adult Classes

When: Wednesdays 7-9 PM, October 3 through November 14

Registration: Sept. 19 and 26, 7-8:30 PM

Where: Hughes United Methodist Church
Corner Ga. Ave. & Plyers Mill Rd.
10700 Georgia Ave., Wheaton
301-949-8383
<http://www.hughesumc.org/Learn.English.html>

Aprenda Inglés

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Clases gratis de inglés para adultos

Cuándo: del 3 de octubre al 14 de noviembre, de 7:00 a 9:00 PM

Inscripción: 19 de septiembre, 26 de septiembre a las 7 PM-8:30 PM

A Very Important From our Choir Director

If you are looking for another way to serve at church, enjoy being with fun people, and having a good time, I have the **perfect** idea to **pitch** to you: Come and sing with the **Adult Chancel Choir** on Thursday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in the choir room. The choir performs for the Sunday morning 10:30 service. We gather Sunday morning at 10:00 am to review the hymns and anthem for the day. The choir also presents special music programs at Christmas and Holy Week.

We are always looking for new members, but we are looking for tenors and basses. If you have any questions about the choir, ask any choir member, or contact Bill Fink (choir director) at 301-592-0848 or musicat301@rcn.com.

I look forward to adding many new friends to our fun-loving choir family.

Musically yours,

Bill Fink

The Rummage Sale Needs Helpers

Please mark your calendar for the October 20 2018 RUMMAGE SALE.

NEEDED: Clean/New gently used clothing for men, women and children, household items, appliances in WORKING CONDITION, kitchenware, pots and pans, bedspreads curtains, dishes, toys, sports equipment, tools, and costume jewelry,

Are you willing to give an hour or two at any time during the set up and sale? We need a lot of people to help Wednesday, October 17 between 5 .p.m. and 9 p.m. ; a lot of people to help during the days on Thursday, October 18 and Friday October 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and during the beginning hours of the sale on Saturday , October 20, (9 – 2) and for clean up after the sale (1:30 to 3:00). We can use many volunteers. All help is appreciated.

The sales benefit people in the community, the CHURCH BUDGET, and it can help you put to good use some of the things you are no longer using.

Middle School and High School students can earn credit toward their community service hours by helping at the Rummage Sale.

Look for the sign-up sheets in the Narthex on the Sundays before the Sale.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED—a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women’s movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice. Founded in 1941.

We invite you to join us to learn about Church Women United (CWU) and our priorities! Won’t you help us in our quest for peace and justice throughout the world?

Priority 1. HUMAN RIGHTS
FOCUS: Child Education Awareness

Priority 2. HUNGER AND POVERTY
FOCUS: Childhood Hunger

Priority 3. HEALTH AND WELFARE
FOCUS: Women’s Health

Priority 4: DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS
FOCUS: Racial and Ethnic Equality and Inclusion

JOIN US September 14, 2018
2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
The CHESAPEAKE ROOM
LEISURE WORLD CLUBHOUSE 1

Take Georgia Avenue north toward Olney. Turn right after you pass Bel Pre Road and stop at the main gate. Indicate that you are attending the CWU Tea and Chat. Park in the area provided for guests. For further information, contact Connie Blake at 301-438-2667 or Lee Viccellio at 301-593-7180.

Our Church Family

Birth:

Riley Marie Lawson born June 26, 2018 – great granddaughter of Del and Pat Lawson, granddaughter of Keith and Robin Lawson and daughter of David and Christine Lawson.

Death

Dorothy Weaver (Mark’s mother) died on July 28th.

Thank you card from Pastor Evelyn:

A Note to thank you, your kindness means the world to me. Greetings to my beloved Hughes-EBS Church family. A huge thank you for such an uplifting farewell service, wonderful fellowship, but most of all the picture with heartfelt messages that decorates by church office. You all remain in my heart and prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Evelyn

Thank you all for your prayers, cards & visits while I took a detour to the hospital, I am doing better but taking it easy for a while.

Bob Schroeder

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!

Last year we made about 125 hat and scarf sets that were delivered to Weller Road and Glen Haven Elementary Schools. This year our goal is 150 sets. This could not have happened without the help of the congregation.

Keep in mind that you are making these for Kindergarten through 5th grade children. The size of the scarves should be 5x50. We found it better not to add fringe. Use yarn that is machine washable and dryable, but NO wool because of allergies.

We have simple knit and crochet patterns for both hats and scarfs. If you knit in the round, Pat Beam has a pattern for that. If you only want to do hats or scarves and not a set, that is okay. We would like these to be completed by mid-October.

We will be setting up a table in the Narthex starting in September. We will have samples of the sets and patterns..

Financial Snapshot

Income:

July \$43,259.50

To Date 2018: \$302,967.77

Expenses:

July \$41,675.98

To Date 2018: \$330,147.58

Kindly e-mail your Caller articles to Marty Weaver, Editor at caller@hughesumc.org or place them in the Caller drawer outside of the Church Office by the 15th of each month.

Please visit the Hughes Website at www.hughesumc.org