



Jefferson United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009

FESTIVAL OF GOD'S CREATION

What is Stewardship?

In ancient times, a steward was a servant who managed the resources of a household. Stewardship today means wisely managing the bounty of God's Earth household. Modern English reflects this ancient Greek understanding of stewardship:

Greek	English	Meaning
Oikos	Eco-	Household
Nomos	-nomy	Rule
Logos	-logy	Reasoning

The word ecology at its root refers to the reasoning or logic of the household—the Earth household. Economy refers to the rule of the household.

Today, we are the stewards of God's Earth household. The Christian tradition teaches that the land belongs to God, and we are called to care for it. To do so, our economies must reflect our understanding of the rules of nature revealed through our knowledge of ecology. Healthy stewardship integrates knowledge of the natural world with economic and social systems that

ensure the long-term sustainability of the whole of Creation, including the people within it.

The Earth and all that is in it belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). As Christians, we are called to celebrate and care for Creation. Cultivating and caring for the land is central to God's first job description for humans (Genesis 2:15). Just as ancient stewards managed the household resources of their master, we must wisely manage the abundant resources of God's Earth household. Caring for Creation is a core value of the Christian tradition.

Information taken from the Earth day resource of the national Council of Churches, available at www.ncccojustice.org

Prayer List

Prayers for Healing:

Richard Bartholomew
Jean Brown
Benjamin Burdick
Rev. LaMar Carlson
Mildred Campisi
Michael Carr
Cindy Coelho-Harner
Stanley Dade
Carolyn Gardiner
Michelle Helms

Randy Huffer
Lois Lux
Emily Cassell Mass
Cora Munday
Tracey (Burgee) Painter
Helen Rimes
Beulah Shrewsberry
Tyler Shuck
Joan Thaxton
Shiflet Family
Harkin Family

Our Shut-Ins:

Betty Gibbons
George and Lucille Hoffman
Ginny Huffer
Joe Long
Don Plunkard
Helen Seek
Reba and John Wright



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Worship Helpers

Sunday, April 19

Greeters: Joan Sisk
 Ushers: Dave and Carol Waple
 Lay Reader: Eric Arnold
 Acolyte: Connar Kelley

Sunday, April 26

Greeters: Kelli Fisher
 Ushers: Dave and Carol Waple
 Lay Reader: Nancy Kelley
 Acolyte: Zackary Rufty

Contact Lisa Pearre for more information.

In the Life of Our Congregation...

Adult Bible Class

Meets in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. Led by Randy Yeary.

Children's Church

Is held each Sunday morning during the 9 a.m. worship service. Contact Jackie Rufty (301-473-9322) for more information.

Youth Group

Will not meet until the end of this month. Watch for more information.



Saturday, May 2, 2009

9:00 AM until 12 noon

More specifics will be up coming.

Rain Date: Saturday, May 16



**Mother-Daughter Banquet
 "Memories of our Mothers/
 Grandmothers"**

**May 19, 2009
 6:30 p.m.**

The ladies of Doubs/Epworth UMC invite the ladies of Jefferson UMC to be their guests for this special celebration. See the flyers in the entry for more information and RSVP to Chris Ott (301-874-5642).

Upcoming Fellowship Schedule

May 10	UMM
June 21	UMW
July &	NONE
Sept. 13	Trustees
Oct. 11	Youth
Nov. 8	UMW
Dec. 13	UMM



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! If you would like to learn more about our congregation, please contact Pastor Sarah or visit our website.

www.jeffersonmethodist.org

Our Stewardship of Time and Resources

	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Needed	\$1897.54	\$28554.10
Received	\$4138.00	\$30004.00
Fundraisers	N/A	\$2500.00
Difference	+\$2240.46	+\$3949.90

MANY THANKS to those who give generously of their time and skills!

This week, we want to especially thank:

ERIC HOFFMASTER for guest preaching and leading worship this morning.

CONNAR AND NANCY KELLEY for working on the children's sermon for this morning.

The UMM for hosting a district-wide UMM gathering yesterday at church.