



JULY 2009 ISSUE

Jumping Jehoshat, Is It Really July Already?

I can't believe that summer is well upon us. Here it is "March" in my mind and "July" according to the calendar. I know that as we age time moves faster and/or we move slower but really, this is more than I anticipated. If time starts moving any faster I'm going to be run over by it while looking back to see what time it was before it hit me! Go figure that one out. It has something to do with Einstein's Theory of Relativity and time/space travel.

As much as time seems to be gaining speed on me, I'm amazed at how some things never change, especially when it comes to church. I could talk about some of the negative things that never change (like complaining, nit picking, griping, committee-itis, and so on), but that isn't worth the time it takes to ferret it out.

What I am increasingly in touch with and delighted with is the positive things that never seem to change. By positive things I can think of several things that seem to stay just the same and in so doing continue to enrich our lives together. For instance, have you ever noticed that the more some people give the more they are called upon to give even more? This is a good thing. If you are one of the people that are called on repeatedly to do things, you can be darn proud of it. It reflects that you are one of the "givers", the "do-ers", and "the people others count on". That's a good thing in my book. Isn't it a good thing in your book too? I also think of as much as things change, the things that count don't really change. There is a note from a minister who is Timothy of our church. He came out of our youth group and while the group was small and struggled to have its own separate and cool identity it clearly had an impact in John's life. I think of the grown grandson who came to church recently and left saying "It's always fun at Aspen Hill Christian Church".

What truly matters is our relationships with one another. What truly matters is that we have room at the table for each other, even if we see things differently from one another. What truly matters is that grace is the last word in any situation, not judgment. What truly matters is that we can still come face to face, toe to toe, eyeball to eyeball with other people in the environment of the church and make what amounts to real, life long, life lasting friendships instead of the faceless, sometimes pointless twittering "friends" on Facebook. What truly matters is that young people are still loved and their lives impacted, old people still have a place and their lives truly matter and everyone in between still feels welcome at the party. What truly matters (though often taken for granted) is that we have deeply personal and important relationships through and in and often because of the church. When people seek a minister to be with them at a time of joy or of sorrow we are often the very first place they think of and come to seeking their connection. Why? Because the things that truly matter are found right here. Church matters. Relationships rooted in faith and in personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another count and are best found right here in good old Aspen Hill Christian Church. You count! I'll see you Sunday.

NEWS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our thoughts & prayers are with:

Mary Purcell

Wentworth Wilder.

Dorothea Fildes

Dorothy Kenney

David Watterworth

Ralph Hockman

Lucy Wachtman

OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS are extended to the Barnhill family. Patty's mother passed away on June 19th. Our thoughts and prayers are with Patty, Jillian & Jessica.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Chance for having the "Silver Beaver" Class of 2009 named in his honor. Dr Chance was selected as a Silver Beaver himself in 2001. It is the highest honor an Adult Scouter may receive through the local council and is given for service in three equal categories; service to community, service to youth involved in Scouting and service to youth outside Scouting.

Approximately one of every 1,000 volunteers is so honored. The Awards Ceremony was held on June 2nd in Virginia and this year's class is called the Rev. Robert Chance 2009 Class of Silver Beavers.

Again congratulations to Dr Chance on his outstanding achievement in Scouting! We are very proud of you. This award brings great honor on our church!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES JULY



1	Matthew Bennett
3	John Capellman Charlie Capellman Elizabeth & Jim Hood
5	Kellie (Small) Kyriazis Earnie & Stacey Sahady
6	John & Phyllis Capellman Roxanne Sandlin
7	Suzy Orebaugh
9	Bob Flaherty Roslyn Lindsay
11	Tyler Robertson
13	David Jordan
14	Nell Rys
18	LaRue Owen
20	Russ Starkey
24	Gary Meredith
26	Mary Sigel
30	Patty Barnhill
31	Chad Capellman

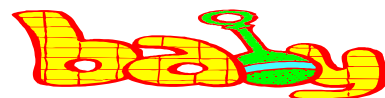
Dear Aspen Hill Family,

Thank you for the gift certificate for \$50.00 to Café Bello. It is one of my favorite places and the joy of a great meal all the while thinking of your love and support is wonderful. We can't wait!

Blessings,
Bob & Mary



CONGRATULATIONS to the Mendoza family. Mario's daughter, Cristina, gave birth to a healthy 7lb 10oz baby boy named Giovanni on June 18th. This is Mario & Mylene's first grandchild. Mother, father and baby are doing well!



NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES



OUTREACH

Mario Mendoza, Chairman

CLOSET OF HOPE Coordinator needed

We are about to start the Closet of Hope (food pantry) as part of the Outreach ministry so that we can provide food to members of the community in need. Currently, Debbie handles about three requests weekly from people asking for food.

A coordinator is needed to regularly inspect, collect, and store food, and occasionally deliver to local agencies.

Food donations will be limited to non-perishable, non-refrigerated, canned items only.

Please contact Mario Mendoza at 301.460.9454 or mariormendoza@hotmail.com if you can assist with this very vital ministry.

*"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him,
how can the love of God be in him?"*

*Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."
1 John 3:17-18 (New International Version)*



EVANGELISM/MEMBERSHIP

Karen Shpiece

How can we bring friends and neighbors to church??? Remember some of our "special" events and invite them. Some of our special events this summer include the Photography class offered by Eric Long on June 28! There's the week long fun of Bible School! Offer to drive some of your neighborhood children to this very special event. Watch for "Hawaiian Shirt Day." What could be a better Sunday to show someone what Aspen Hill is all about! If you don't see the event your looking for, let me know and we'll see about scheduling it. Please help share the Good News of Aspen Hill Christian Church.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mary Chance, Chairman

VBS is fast approaching! July 13-17. If you would like to help please see Mary Chance.

See the flyer enclosed in this newsletter for details. VBS offers so much. Please join in and help. Classes for all ages!



WORSHIP

Arlyn Sanchez, Chairman

Summer's here!! By now, our summer schedule has started. Services will start at 10am during the months of July and August. I also would like to thank the congregation for helping with Laura and Nathan's quilt. Your signatures, names and photos made it very special. It was nice to send a little bit of us with them to Indiana. The Lay Reader program is in full swing. Those of you involved please let me or Pastor Bob know if you have any questions. Happy Summer!!!



FELLOWSHIP

Amy Buckingham, Chairman

WOW!!!! What AMAZING opportunities abound in the Fellowship ministry!!!

Mark your calendars and sign up now for the Bethany Beach retreat. It is a wonderful weekend packed with fun, fellowship, and worship! The cost is \$115 per adult and \$55 per child (5-12). This includes lodging (simple, but only a few short blocks to the beach), 3 meals Saturday, 2 meals Sunday, and all the fellowship you can cram into one weekend! September 18-20 is always a
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wonderful time at the beach! Please join us and get your deposit in to the church office. Balance is due August.

Please check your calendars and sign up for a fellowship hour this summer or fall! There are several openings available and this is a great way to interact and get involved! See Amy if you have any questions!

Please sign up and get involved!!!! Our church needs us all!!!!



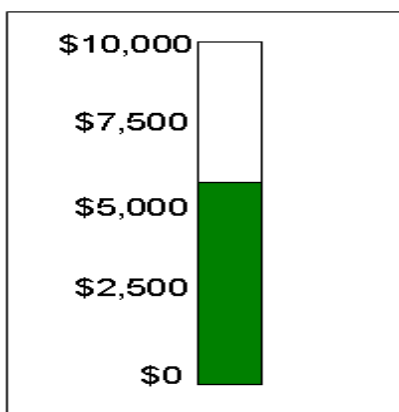
STEWARDSHIP
John Small, Chairman

Go For The Gold



I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has contributed so generously to our “**Go For The Gold**” campaign this spring. When this campaign began our church board had two goals: 1) to raise roughly \$10,000 in support of much needed repairs for our church with 10% of the total going to support new church congregations through our National church’s Pentecost Offering; 2) to foster an understanding that, as members of the Aspen Hill Christian Church community, we all need to understand and support the good works of the church. As you can see from the graph, halfway through the campaign, we are well on our way to achieving the first of the two goals, having collected \$5,700. To those who have contributed, your giving truly speaks to what it means to be a member of the Aspen Hill Christian fellowship.

If you haven’t done so already, will you prayerfully reflect on your commitment to the work of the church and consider what you can do to help with the issues that face our church.



A Note from our Timothy – John Keener

How the heck are you doing old boy? I am doing well. Montana has been a great experience so far and everyone seems to be adapting to Big Sky country. I took a job with Montana State University-Billings in February at the Montana Center on Disabilities. I am a part of a collaboration with two other state organizations that is being funded by a Department of Justice grant. The job is full-time and they have me running all over the state and to other states. I continue to be the pastor at the Joliet Christian Church--what they were paying and expecting were unrealistic. .

Everyone is doing fine. Dana is really busy with her ministry at Central Christian Church in Billings. The minister who has been there for over eight years is retiring at the end of December. Odds are Dana will end up being the only minister at the church with a part-time lay minister helping her. John Andrew moved to Fort Collins, CO when we moved to Montana. It has not been an easy move for him but he is loving where he lives. Candace is working at Wells Fargo and likes her job, but will go back to school in the fall with Wells Fargo's help. She has finally found her Prince Charming and he is a Billings boy--even calls me sir! Eli is still struggling with his epilepsy, but doing okay. He is pumped as we are going to opening night of the Billings Mustangs baseball team--they are the Cincinnati Red's rookie league team. Joshua is working part-time at the college this summer and will head back to school here in the fall. He, too, has found someone he is smitten with. Megan plays soccer for the college and is from Sheridan, WY.

Give everyone our love.

Vacation Bible School

July 13-17

7:00-9:00 P.M.



The theme this year is "Camp Edge".
Experience & discover God everywhere!



Pictorial Directory Coming Soon

August 12 & August 18 are the dates for picture taking here at the church. What date is good for you? Sign up to have your family picture taken for our new directory! Carol Parrish is the "Sign -Up Time" coordinator and she will be in the Narthex prior to

Sunday service and in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Stop by and sign up NOW while there are still times available. You may also call the church office to sign up for a time. We need to get as many families as possible to make our directory complete with all of our members. The directories will arrive in October.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July & August

10:00 Worship Service

(Please mark your calendars for the change in service time)

Congratulations To Our 2009 Graduates

**Stephanie Caruso
Sherwood High School**

**Michael Owen
Magruder High School**

**Mike Nelson
University of Houston**

**Shannon Owen
Magruder High School**

**Sarah Long
University of Maryland**

