

The Sampler May 2010

From the
Pastor



Go and Make Disciples of All People

It is Easter season, the time between the actual resurrection of Jesus and the receipt of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, this year celebrated on May 23. WEAR RED. As we continue to celebrate this time of the certainty about the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, we hear in the lectionary readings about whom and what Jesus really is and what is expected from us as Christians. The title of this article is what is appearing on the front of the Sunday bulletin during these fifty days.

The sermon title for April 25 was Do As What? It came from a much-heard momism: Do as I say, not as I do. One of the least acknowledged but most important gifts Jesus gave us was unity of words and works. What he said was always reflected in what he did. While he definitely lived in human flesh, he did not act with human forgetfulness or excuses. He was consistent with what he said and what he did. The implication of his life was do as I do.

One of his most important actions was to call people to be disciples. First he called Simon Peter and his brother Andrew (Matthew 4:19 and Mark 1:17 *And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."* Luke 5:10 *Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."*) and then the others. Some of his final words to them were directions to continue his work. (Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,* Mark 16:15 *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.")*

So we know what the disciples who walked with Jesus were supposed to do. What significance does that have for us? Luke 24:45-48 *Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things".* We are witnesses of these things – of the writings of the scriptures, of the works of Jesus and the first disciples, of the reality of our Resurrected Lord. We have been given the same Great Commission as the first disciples. Go and Make Disciples of All People.

The way we fulfill this commandment of Jesus is by a life of testimony with both actions and words, preferably with a congruity that reflects the teachings of Jesus. Testimony does not require preaching, but it does require letting others know that your words and actions are guided by your love for and from Jesus Christ. A smile is a very simple way to show your joy in Christ's love. Then if someone asks you why you are smiling or joyful, you can share your understanding of how God loves you. Being kind, helpful and caring are other outward signs of the love and joy in your heart. Purposefully reaching out to others is another way of being a witness of the reality of the resurrected Jesus and the repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name.

So Go and Make Disciples of All People.

I will be gone May 19 through 27 playing with my grandchildren in Texas as my younger sister celebrates her milestone birthday. Unfortunately, that includes Pentecost. WEAR RED. Luckily, the youth and Melanie Ogu will be leading worship. As it is a planned communion Sunday, Dr. Franklin will preside.

You will all be in my thoughts and prayers as the birthday of the church is celebrated.

Pastor Barb

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Scribe's Scribbles



NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The session held its monthly meeting on Monday April 8, 2010. At the meeting, the following information was presented:

- A search will begin for a full time nursery attendant.
- In conjunction with Hampshire Heritage Fest, a special worship service followed by tea on the lawn was scheduled for Sunday September 12, 2010.
- A carnation will be given to each woman in church on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010.
- A donation was given to Special Olympics.
- A scholarship was presented to Beth Herriott for the course "Faith Community Nurse Basic Education Program".
- Senior Recognition Sunday is scheduled for June 6, 2010.

The following actions were taken:

- Pentecost, Father's Day / Mother's Day, Blanket Sunday, Peacemaking, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Joy special offerings were approved.
- Approval was given to hire Youth Director Melanie Ogu as Summer Sensations Director.
- Approval was given to paint all exterior doors and the gable at the front of the sanctuary.

Treasurer To Date Snapshot January thru December 2010

Total Income - \$38,040.02
Total Expenses - \$36,699.75
Net Income - \$ 1,340.27

Accounts
Money Market - \$13,282.47
NOW - \$34,937.37

Let me introduce myself ... Hi. My name is **Melanie Ogu**. I am your new **Youth Director**. I live in Keyser and have served as Director of Christian Education at several United Methodist and Presbyterian churches in the area for about 20 years. Currently, I am a 3rd grade teacher at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Cumberland, MD.

I have 2 daughters Erica and Laurie. Erica, and her husband, Justin, have just moved to Woodbridge, VA from California. He is in the Navy and is stationed in Alexandria. They are expecting their first child in September. Laurie will be graduating from WVU on May 16. (Erica is also a WVU graduate). We are all moving into the future with new experiences before us.

I am honored to be given the opportunity to serve in ministry at Romney Presbyterian Church. I have already been greatly blessed by your warm welcome. Thanks!



PW Birthday Offering Service: Afternoon and Evening Circle Ladies: The Birthday Offering service will be held Tuesday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join our service which includes prayer, hymns, the offering and the final lesson (9) in our study of "Joshua: A Journey of Faith." The service will be followed by refreshments. All circle members and friends are invited to attend!

MEMORIAL GIFTS...In memory of Charles Herriott by: Bill and Nancy Bowman, Minnie Pittman, Mary Glenn, John Charles Fisher, Diabetic Management Winchester Medical Center. In Memory of John Weaver by: Dennis and Sandra Wolenski, Thomas Weaver, Chip and Beth Herriott, Margaret Herriott, Mary Glenn, Gennie Heatwole, Bladen and Sally Lowndes. In memory of Denny Slane by: Bladen and Sally Lowndes.

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Spotlight on Youth

Danielle Slocum, granddaughter of Jane Wright Slocum, is a 10-year-old fifth grader at Capon Bridge Elementary School. In school she enjoys spelling and reading. Both subjects will be a tremendous help to her in the immediate future when she hopes to one day be president of her class and in the distant future when she hopes to be the first woman President of our country, or a lawyer, or an actor, or a singer! With her enthusiasm, Danielle could very well master any of those goals. Outside school, she enjoys swimming, kickboxing classes, and building forts with her younger sister Maggie. Danielle is a member of Romney Rising Stars 4H Club. As a Romney Rising Star, she serves as a song director, and some of her favorite songs are “Little Red Wagon” and “Hermie the Worm.” Other activities include bicycling all over the area—Hanging Rock, Augusta, Capon Bridge, and Romney—and helping her friend Kari with Kari’s 2 young sons. Danielle is so fond of children she would like to adopt some when she has a family of her own. This summer she hopes to go to the beach with her family. In Romney Presbyterian Church Danielle is a faithful member of the Sunday School class and the Youth Choir. Singing is her passion—she is even learning to sing in sign language, for which she relies on U Tube programs in which others sign songs. Moreover, she already knows some words in signing since she takes classes at 4H Camp. You may recall Danielle’s presence in the 2009 Christmas Program; she performed the part of the Partridge in a Pear Tree in the “Twelve Days of Christmas.” Another of Danielle’s church goals is to serve as a Greeter. It is clear we are fortunate to have her at Romney Presbyterian Church. Hats off to our Youth in the Spotlight, Danielle Slocum!



Come join the Fun!



What: Vacation Bible School, “High Seas Expedition!”

When: Sunday, June 20th (Father’s Day) through Thursday, June 24th.
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Romney Presbyterian Church

All aboard! We will soon set sail for the High Seas Expedition. The target ages for our lessons and activities are ages 3 through elementary school (5th grade), but we'd love to have the rest of you “aboard,” especially middle and high school students as helpers in the activities. Each summer, VBS is a very special time for the kids from our community, and also for those who help out. This summer we’ll “explore the mighty love of God” with daily bible points that reveal how God’s Word is true, comforting, surprising, and life-changing. Talented members of our congregation will lead Sing & Play Splash, Ship Rec Games, and Clipper Ship Crafts and Missions...and of course snacks: Goodies from the Galley!

Some specific needs at this time include:

- * 10 bags of poly-fill (used for crafts – to stuff things); contribute 1 or 2 if you can.
- * 100 very shiny pennies
- * nautical decorations like life-preservers (circle kind is best), nautical maps, spyglass, ship’s steering wheel, ship’s bell, thick rope, nets, anchors, pelicans, dolphins, parrots, etc.
- * prayers for the kids that will be participating to learn simple truths about Jesus that they can treasure forever
- * invite kids from the area
- * volunteer one or more evenings to help move tables, chairs and props
- * become a Crew Leader for all or some evenings, to follow along with one group of 8-12 kids from station to station (there will be 2 or 3 Crew Leaders for each group of kids)
- * other talents God is leading you to offer!

If you have any questions, contact Alana Hartman at 822-5608. Thanks and see you there!

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Hospice of the Panhandle invites all to attend the **Hampshire County Community Auction/ Ham Sandwich, Hot Dog, Vegetable Soup, & Bake Sale** to be held May 1, 2010 at the Romney Fire Hall. Come and enjoy the food while browsing the auction tables beginning at 11:00 a.m. The live auction begins at 12:00 noon. Raffle tickets for a Community Quilts quilt, fishing gear, and a tavern ham are on sale now. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods or auction items please contact Hospice of the Panhandle at 304-822-7562.



Join the Celebration

June 5, 2010

Fellowship Hall 1-2:30 p.m.

for

Margaret "Grandma" McIntyre

100th Birthday

It's coming! It always comes once a year! It's your BIRTHDAY. Come and celebrate everyone's birthday after church on **Sunday, June 13** for a combined birthday luncheon. Mark that date on your calendar, as we all celebrate together.

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