

Messiah United Methodist Church

Taneytown, Maryland

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# MESSIAH'S Saddle Bags

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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I taught a class entitled The Spirituality of Prayer at Wesley Seminary this Summer. My students were very excited and encouraged to learn more about what the Bible taught on prayer, how great saints practiced prayer, and how to practice different prayer exercises that would assist as they advanced into more varied and deeper forms of prayer. Therefore, I am glad to be starting a prayer class and group on September 22. See below. We also need to be praying for our church. God is our provider. God causes things to happen in response to prayer. Most people have never experienced the indescribable joy of praying and sharing in a prayer group. I hope people will taste and see what God has to offer them.

We are looking forward to a Strategic Planning Retreat with our Disciple Guide William Chaney on Saturday, September 26. Hopefully some important envisioning will come forth from this session.

We were greatly encouraged by the turn out for our Rally Day Breakfast hosted by Linda Forney, Kelly Stitley, and Linda Warehime. We had a wonderful morning worship service and excellent attendance at our Church Picnic at Taneytown Memorial Park. This was developed by Bob Rock, Diane Kicas, Lisa Forney, and Marilyn and Bill Stonesifer. Lisa Forney had some exciting games. We had to look at baby pictures of our members and decide who was who. We were also blessed to have had Vintage Traditions Blue Grass band to play. Dan

Evans, who has been attending our church, is part of this band. His son Perry and daughter Kristin were also there at the picnic.

We welcomed into the membership of our church on September 7 Bryan Lowry and Bonnie Hilliard. Bryan, the grandson of Dick Lowry, went through a confirmation class with me this Summer. He has begun classes at the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus in Catonsville. We also received by re-affirmation of faith Bonnie Hilda Smith Hilliard, 84 York Street, Apt. 5, Taneytown. Her phone is 410-259-8592. Bonnie is retired.

Messiah Church gives thanks to God for Wilma Rosenberger who is doing such an excellent job editing our newsletter, Brenda Miller who so faithfully photocopies it and does beautiful bulletins each Sunday, and Steve Koeppen who sends this newsletter out electronically via email and maintains our church website which houses our Saddlebags Newsletter. Visit this site at <http://www.emmitsburg.net/messiah>.

God bless you,  
Pastor Art

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### AWARD GIVEN TO OUR PASTOR

The Ecumenical Institute of Theology, St. Mary's Seminary and University of Baltimore bestowed the Distinguished Professor Award upon Pastor Art Thomas this year. He is teaching a class there this semester on Foundations of Christian Spirituality.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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✚ **PRAYER STUDY WITH PRAYER EXERCISES CLASS** will begin on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 P.M. and will continue on Tuesday nights. Pastor Art Thomas will have a brief teaching on a particular type of prayer. The members of the class will experiment with the prayer exercise they have

learned and also pray for needs that they bring forth to the group. Special attention will be focused on evangelizing those who do not know Christ and the renewal and revitalization of Messiah Church. All are welcome.

✚ **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES SEPTEMBER 16 AT 7:00 P.M.** Come join this study led by Beth Shank.

✚ **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY CELEBRATION**, October 4, 10:15 A.M. Messiah United Methodist Church has a special service during which people are invited to wear costumes from around the world. At the beginning of the service those in costume will march up and down the aisles as they sing the opening hymn. The service will remember that communion in all denominations all around the world is celebrated on this day. There will be special music by the Chancel Choir. An international dinner will be served afterwards.



✚ **LORIEN NURSING HOME MINISTRY, OCTOBER 4, LED BY THE MESSIAH WORSHIP COMMITTEE AT 2:00 P.M.**

✚ **UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE YOUTH ROOM DOWNSTAIRS.** All men are welcome to this & all UMM business and Bible study meetings.

✚ **DEDICATION OF THE ASPHALT CEMETERY DRIVEWAY IN MEMORY OF ISABEL ROCK RENTSEL ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 DURING OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.**

Her brother Bob Rock and her niece Patty Rock Smith will present the gift in memory of Isabel Rock Rentsel (March 3, 1923– February 2006). Isabel was a member of Messiah Church from around 1935 through the 1950s and later a member of Weller United Methodist Church of Thurmont. She loved to travel to Florida, Maine, and Korea and had owned and operated the Thurmont Tavern. She was active in the United Methodist Women's Group in Thurmont. She left in her will a bequest to our church in the amount of \$10,000, which covered the driveway. Please be sure to go by our Mount Pleasant Cemetery on the Old Taneytown Road past the Pizza Hut to see this driveway. We thank the Cemetery Trustees and their chairman Ray Copenhaver for making this possible.

✚ **STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE ANNUAL MEETING WITH BISHOP JOHN SCHOL SPEAKING ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 10:00 A.M. AT BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEAR NEW WINDSOR.**

The lunch costs \$12.00. See board members Pastor Art Thomas and Ray Copenhaver for details.

✚ **MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST BAKE SALE on Saturday, October 17, 9:00 to 2:30 P.M. at the Taneytown Memorial Park.** This is sponsored by the Missions Committee and the United Methodist Men. Book marks and a pamphlet on the Church will be distributed to any who stop by our table. The baked goods will raise money for mission projects. If you would consider baking cookies, cakes, cheese straws, etc, please contact Valerie Thompson or Tess Koeppen.

✚ **THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 7:30 P.M.** All women are welcome to attend this & all UMW meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, *continued*

✚ THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN WILL GO TOGETHER TO FREEDOM LOG TEA HOUSE NEAR SPRING GROVE, PENNSYLVANIA ON OCTOBER 24TH. The tea will begin at 2:00 P.M. They invite any interested woman to join them for this formal tea consisting of scones, sandwiches, soup, cakes, salads, and various kinds of tea. This is open to the first 40 women who register by paying the fee of \$20.00. Make a check payable to Messiah United Methodist Women or give cash to either Brenda Clapsaddle or Lois Ann Smith. The deadline for registration is October 10.

✚ FREDERICK DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCE FOR MESSIAH CHURCH WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 3939 Gamber Road, Finksburg, MD 21048 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. All members of the Church Council should be in attendance. All charge conference forms and reports from Committee chairpersons are due into Brenda Miller by September 28.

✚ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 10:15 A.M.



Please turn in the names of all family or friends who have died since All Saints Sunday last year. We will light a candle in their memory at the service. Please designate who will light the candle.

✚ UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7:30 P.M.

✚ SUZANNE PORTER, OUR UNITED MISSIONARY TO LIBERIA, AFRICA, WILL SPEAK AT OUR CHURCH, NOVEMBER 8 AT 5:00 P.M. Our fellowship potluck dinner will follow with meat and breads provided. All are welcome.

✚ SOUP AND SANDWICH SOCIAL AT MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14. The United Methodist Women will be sell-



ing chicken corn as well as ham and bean soup, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, and baked goods from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. in the downstairs fellowship hall. Pick-up orders for pints and quarts of soup or

quantities of ham sandwiches are requested by November 7 by calling Brenda Clapsaddle at 410-756-9277 or Meme Luhn at 410-756-1925. Or come and eat your soup, sandwich, and baked goods that Saturday on a walk-in basis and pick-up your special orders. The soup is \$4.00 per pint and \$7.00 per quart.

✚ STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 10:15 A.M. SERVICE

✚ UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:30 P.M.

✚ MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL HOLD ITS THANKSGIVING SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 AT 10:15 A.M. Members are asked to bring their estimate of giving cards to this service as an act of thanksgiving to God for all of His benefits unto them.



✚ THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

OF CARING AND SHARING MINISTRIES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 22. The service will be 7:00 P.M. at Emmanuel Baust United Church of Christ, 2950 Old Taneytown Road, Westminster, MD 21158.



✚ THE UNITED METHODIST MEN WILL BE TAKING ORDERS FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS SLED DOORHANGINGS PRIOR TO THANKSGIVING.

These sleds will be painted and will include your family name and the names of each member of the family on wooden mittens attached to the sled. One will be on display in the narthex. They sell for \$25.00 per sled. Please see Bill Stonesifer about orders. Call him at 410-756-5640 or let him know at church.

✚ "A CRICKET COUNTY CHRISTMAS" MUSICAL COMEDY AT MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 AT 7:00 P.M. It will be directed by Leslie Gabler. Refreshments will be served. Adults and especially children and invited to attend. The church is located at 20 Middle Street.

✚ MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS CANTATA WILL BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 3:00 P.M. This musical offering, entitled "Hope Has Hands, is being presented in loving memory of Gerry Robinson, an active leader in Caring and Sharing Ministries and Carpenter's Table as well as a beloved member of the church. The music was donated by Steve and Tess Koeppen in memory of their dear friend. There are many styles of music with a wonderful message of hope. A desert reception will follow. The Church is located at 20 Middle Street. All are welcome.



✚ MESSIAH CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S MUSICAL "HARK, THE ANGEL SANG OFF KEY" will

be presented on Sunday, December 20 at 9:00 A.M. The Fourth Sunday Advent Worship with a sermon by The Rev. Dr. Art Thomas and anthems by the Chancel Choir will follow at 10:15 A.M.

✚ MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 24 AT 7:00 P.M. (this service may be cancelled\*) AND 11:00 P.M. The eleven o'clock service will include anthems by the chancel choir, Holy Communion, and the Lighting of Candles. \* Please note that the 7:00 service may be cancelled (please watch for further updates in the bulletin).



## Finance & Stewardship Committee

The Finance & Stewardship Committee is in the process of finalizing the 2010 budget, and is also working on ideas for this Fall's Stewardship Plan.



Stewardship Sunday is November 15. Please plan to attend Church on that date to hear a sermon on Stewardship from either Pastor Art Thomas or one of our lay members.

Remember, we practice stewardship year-round through service (as well as gifts of money) to the Church. Also, pray that Messiah Church will receive funds necessary to support programs for our members and the outside community during these very difficult economic times.

—ED MILLER,  
FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

## Chancel Choir News



Chancel Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:15 P.M. I hope to start each Thursday evening with a short warm up and hop right into the Christmas cantata until 8:00 P.M. We will work on anthems for the upcoming Sundays from 8:00 P.M. until 8:45 P.M. I could use a hand setting up chairs in preparation for choir rehearsal, distributing music

and folders and collecting music, folders and replacing chairs at the end of the rehearsal. I suggest that we arrive close to 7:00 P.M. just to catch up on things so we can be ready to sing at 7:15 sharp.

I ask that anyone wishing to join the Chancel Choir should contact Leslie (410-876-9181) before the rehearsals begin so that I may have a folder of music ready in advance. If my phone number is long distance, just see me after church on Sunday.

## Music Program Notes

This year for the Christmas cantata, the Chancel Choir will be presenting "Hope Has Hands", graciously donated by Tess and Steve Koeppen in memory of Gerry Robinson. There are many styles of music with a wonderful message of hope. I'm sure Gerry would be thrilled.

I also have a new musical/drama in the works to welcome the Advent season. This program includes music and comedy and a chance for almost anyone to be a part of the show if you would like. Contact Leslie for more details.

The children and Joyful Noise Choir will be participating in a musical called "Hark, the Angel Sang Off Key" this year. If you would like to join the chorus, please let me know. Everyone is welcome.

Don't forget our special celebration of World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, where we encourage everyone to wear costumes denoting their family heritage, or from any other culture around the world! Costumes are available for anyone that would like to participate. There is an International luncheon afterwards. (YUM!)

—LESLIE GABLER



## Sub Sale

For just \$4.00 each, get your choice of cold cut, ham or turkey subs. Large and small orders are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Messiah Methodist Church treasury, Taneytown, MD. Order forms are available on the table at the both front and back doors of the church. For more information or to place an order, please call sub sales coordinators Ginny Hoy at (410-751-1509) or Miki Wilson at (717-476-5846). You can also email Miki at [greeneyedwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:greeneyedwilson@yahoo.com).

### SUB SALES DATES

Orders due Oct 4, 2009 Pickup Oct 13, 2009

Orders due Nov 1, 2009 Pickup Nov 10, 2009

### NO SUB SALES IN DECEMBER

Orders due Jan 3, 2009 Pickup Jan 12, 2009

Orders due Jan 31, 2009 Pickup Feb 9, 2009

Orders due Feb 28, 2009 Pickup Mar 9, 2009

Your participation is important to us and we hope that you enjoy your sub. Anyone wanting to come out and help us on pickup day to put subs together about 2:30 P.M. or when ever you can get there, that would be wonderful and very much appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless,  
MIKI & GINNY

## United Methodist Men

We made a donation to Kevin Koeppen, Campus Crusade for Christ. (See a page from a newsletter Kevin sent to Pastor Art on page 9.)

At the September meeting, UMM began planning for the service at Lorien Nursing Home on Sunday, November 1. All assignments will be finalized at our October meeting.

All men are invited to join us at our next meeting, Monday, October 5, 7:30 P.M.

—ED MILLER,  
UMM SECRETARY



## Worship Matters

BY CHRISTIE PIAVIS

Last newsletter explained the significance of the Special Sundays for October and November. This month will be a call for help!

October 4

**World Communion Sunday**—Please wear costumes and bring food for the luncheon. Please volunteer to set-up Fellowship Hall or stay to clean up.

November 1

**All Saint's Day**—Give names to Leslie or Pastor Art.

We often host visitors and family members on All Saints Day, so a Coffee Hour is being planned after the worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please bring items to share.



Nov. 8

**Veteran's Day**—Give photo to Leslie.

Nov. 22

For **Thanksgiving Sunday**, our table will be prepared like our ancestors' tables. **Please bring whatever goodie to the table for Coffee Hour—a time for us to give thanks for all our blessings and to give thanks for each other.**

Dec. 6

**"A Cricket County Christmas"** at 7:00 P.M.

Dec. 13

**Christmas Cantata "Hope has Hands"** at 3:00 P.M.—Dessert reception following Cantata—bring desserts, salty snacks, fruit, etc. **Wanted and Needed: Co-ordinator and Workers to host the reception. Please see Christie Piavis, if interested.**

Dec. 24

**Christmas Eve.** Services at 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

## Christmas Cantata Reception

BY CHRISTIE PIAVIS

It's never too early to think about Christmas. We always have a joyous time in Fellowship Hall after receiving the Chancel Choir's powerful testimony in song. Is there anyone in the congregation who would enjoy setting up and organizing the dessert reception that follows the cantata? Please see Christie for this ministry opportunity.

## Displaying Faith in the Display Case

BY CHRISTIE PIAVIS

October's theme will be harvest, in that we reap what we sow.

November will add thankfulness to our harvest display. If you have any items that you would like to share or any ideas for the display case, please connect with me.



Displaying our prayer of peace and our thanks for the Son of God

Christmas is a holy time, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. If you are willing to share a nativity to place in the display case, please bring it to Christie Piavis during the Advent season. It will represent our personal peace that comes to us because of Jesus Christ.

## Worship Committee

What will you give?

**Christmas—I've got to get a tree. I've got to get a present for \_\_\_\_\_. I've got to get the decorations down from the attic. I've got to get cards sent . . .**

*"The Incarnation was both the simplest and the most profound moment in all creation, but the holidays can be stressful and overwhelming."*

The Worship Committee is happy to announce that Christmas is coming. We are preparing services that will celebrate the birth of our savior. We hope that you will prepare your heart during the Advent season by joining us in worship. We will also have wonderful opportunities for you to help us out by volunteering as a liturgist, cross bearer, communion server, please find out more by reading the Sunday Bulletin or speak to any member of the Worship committee.

## Worship Committee Chairmanship

As chairman of the Worship Committee, I envisioned our direction was to place God first, then appreciate the uniqueness of our church and be guided by our congregation's wants and needs. I have truly appreciated that you all came to us with your ideas and concerns. A great example of this was a letter written by Meme Luhn. I asked Meme if I could publish a small part of her letter because it was so beautiful and touching (see excerpt below). I could really feel the pulse of our church in her words as well as love and gratitude to God, which is the major goal of all our worship.

*“On Sunday, August 24, our church held a hymn sing service. . . . It was wonderful to have a service with pure praising and worshiping the Lord for over an hour. . . . Hands were raised in worship, voices were raised in praise and our minds were focused on our God and his goodness. . . . My suggestion is why can we not have a hymn sing service once a month, one that focuses on praising and worshiping God? Each song gave us a message and because we sang all the verses the message was made clear to us. We in turn could take that message with us and use it in whatever way we needed. . . .”*

I give thanks to those serving on the Worship Committee and to those who serve our church through various acts during our worship service

I have also felt that we were blessed by Pastor Art's leadership and willingness to see our diversity of abilities and gifts and to use them in enriching ways not only for the church but for our personal growth. To him, I offer my thanks.

This summer I prayed if I should remain as worship chairman, mainly because I find that my children's teen years are more demanding than their baby days. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee needs a chairman, so that I intend to accept that job and relinquish the chairman of the Worship Committee. Because of its time demands and focus, I will not be serving on the Worship Committee. I hope everyone will continue to approach me in my new role with their thoughts and concerns with joy and enthusiasm. I am also asking for you all to hold me up in prayer as I tackle this responsibility.

With my thanks, CHRISTIE PIAVIS

## Thoughts from a Nominating Committee Member

BY CHRISTIE PIAVIS

Currently, we are building the church for the upcoming year by selecting persons who might wish to serve on various committees. Perhaps someone never considered that he had “the stuff” to serve until he was asked to do so.

This message on recruitment came from  
The Messenger of Christ UMC:

“Recruiting ministry volunteers is an essential skill every congrega-

tion must master in order to be effective as a church that expresses who Jesus Christ is in our world. Volunteers need to know that their unique calling to follow Jesus includes the use of a gift—a spiritual gift—that when used rightly builds up the church and contributes to its health.

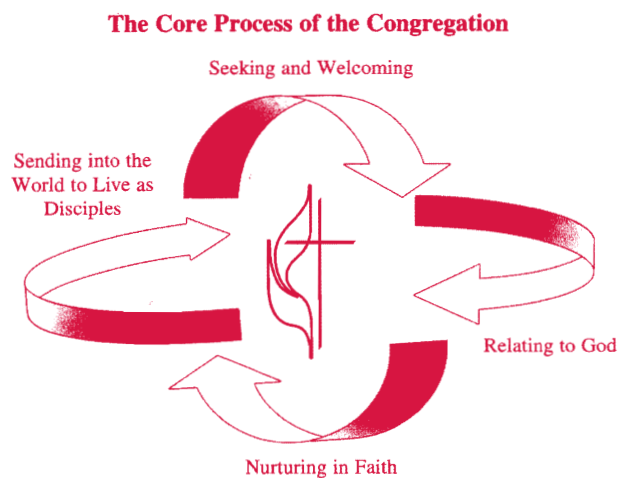
*The work of church is not primarily the programs and services it puts on, but the transformation in the lives other congregation; so it is not that we merely need to get ‘jobs’ done, rather, each task and work area is vital to the expression of our work of transforming people.”*

I testify that serving on committees and working for events for our church have always transformed my life. I hope that everyone would consider how their abilities and passion will lead them to a place of connecting with our church by volunteering or serving or joining. Even when I was unsure if I could handle the job, I knew maybe I can't, but God can!

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## From the Church Council

Look carefully at the diagram below. It's a summary of the areas of programming that our church council plans for.



As a congregation we are stronger in some than in others. In preparation for the Strategic Planning session, members of the council prepared individual assessments of our church. On Saturday, September 26, we will meet for our Strategic Planning session and learn from the summary of those assessments which areas we need to work on. We will use this information in the coming year to focus the efforts, talents and resources of Messiah so that we able to readily welcome folks to our church home, help disciples (both new and long-time) grow in faith and go out into the world to share our faith and live as disciples of Christ.

—MARY BUZBY

# Jordan Patterson and His Artwork

BY PASTOR ART THOMAS

One Sunday after church Jordan Patterson, son of Al and Lisa Patterson, showed me a drawing he had done of Messiah Church. I asked him if I could have it to put in our Saddlebags Newsletter. You will find it reproduced below. I immediately connected with Jordan when I learned that he had artistic talents, since I come from a family of artists and also teach a class on Art and Spirituality. We are fortunate to have one of his drawings of Jesus hanging downstairs in our fellowship hall. Jordan takes art classes and wants to be an artist. May he continue to use this skill as a witness for Christ.



## Our Graduates 2009

2009 graduates from Messiah Church, *left to right:*  
Amanda Gardiner, Ian Smith, Troy Smith, Pastor Art Thomas, Amanda Stonesifer, Bryan Lowry, and Matt Piavis.  
Great job!!!



## Messiah United Methodist Blood Donors

BY MARILYN STONESIFER

The following people donated blood during our last Blood Drive in August:

Roger Diehl, Gary Dupel, Bill Hoy, Carolyn Kingan, Al Patterson, Bob Rock, Wilson Speak, Marilyn Stonesifer, and Andy Zepp.

Many thanks!!!

**PLEASE don't forget to get your flu shots!**



## News from...

Steve and Tess Koeppen's nephew, Kevin Koeppen, who is ministering with Campus Crusade for Christ, sent us a copy of his newsletter, telling of some of his important work this summer in Myrtle Beach, SC. He also sent Pastor Art a letter with a story of a more personal sharing of his faith with a young friend. See Art if you would like to also read that.

Kevin Koeppen

Campus Crusade for Christ

Summer 2009

# Point & Prayer

*"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."  
- Jesus in John 10:10*



## Summer Project - North Myrtle Beach (NMB), SC

In a popular tourist location that thousands of families and graduating high school seniors frequent during the summer months, ninety-six students and twenty-six staff entered into a summer adventure that would impact not only their own lives, but the lives of those they interacted with. I got the privilege of being one of those staff this summer and the blessing of pouring my heart and my efforts, by the power of the Spirit, into five young men, who came from various college campuses around the United States.

As I met with these five men and (Mark) the campus director who disciplined me, we sought the Lord to develop us as leaders as we grew in our relationship with Him over the course of the summer. We also made the most of every opportunity we had to reach out to people from all different walks of life on the beach and to many graduating high school seniors from around the nation who were at house parties all around the place that we were staying.

One day while Mark and I were out on the beach doing surveys, we approached a very burly man with a tattoo of the Anheuser Busch logo on his arm as well as various other tattoos on his body. He was forty years old with a wife and four boys who were down at North Myrtle Beach on vacation for the week. When I first asked if he would like to take a survey, he said "Not really... You should ask my boy though!" Since his son kind of ignored his father's comment and walked off to the beach I asked the man again, "Well would you be interested since your son isn't?" This time he said, "Sure, why not!"

As we got into a conversation with this man it became clear right away that he was a pretty intelligent and relational guy. He actually coached three sports back at the high school he taught at and had four boys who were apparently really successful wrestlers. As we went through the "Quest Survey" and eventually the "Knowing God Personally Booklet" it was evident that this man was sincerely interested and seeking to find answers to the questions he had struggled with in regards to faith and God. Near the end of our conversation we asked this man if he had ever placed his faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of his sins and he accepted Him into his life as Lord and Savior. He acknowledged that he hadn't, but that it was something that he now wanted to do. So there on the beach, Mark, myself and this man all bowed our heads as he prayed to accept Jesus into his life! Before parting ways we gave him resources for further growth and encouraged him to get plugged into a Bible-believing Church back home. We also encouraged him to share the message we had shared with him with his boys. As we left he assured us that it was something he wanted to do.

Throughout the course of the summer 6,345 spiritual conversations were initiated by our staff and students, 2,225 of them leading to a gospel presentation and 250 of them ending with someone accepting Jesus into their life as Lord and Savior. Not only did many people hear the gospel and come to know God personally, but many of the staff and students that were there got developed as leaders through a weekly schedule of Bible studies, weekly meetings, outreaches, project socials and "date nights with Jesus", when they weren't working a full-time job. Through it all many people were able to experience the Lord in new and moving ways as the reality of who He really is became clearer. Thanks for your support and prayers this summer!



David, Paul, Drew, Trevor, Me and Tyler

### Ministry Resources

The "Solarium" is another survey tool you can use that has a similar purpose to the Quest Survey. Instead of a simply presenting a series of questions though, it consists of a collection of photographs with various scenes on them, that could be used to describe a person's life or their understanding of God. Not only do people enjoy looking at pictures, but they also enjoy picking out ones that they can connect with. It is an effective tool to use when you transition to the gospel, and again allows for the opportunity to show someone that you genuinely care about who they are and what they believe.

This resource can be purchased online at:  
<http://cru.press.campuscrusadeforchrist.com/resources>

**During August Please Pray With Me That:**

1. The staff and students who were on project in NMB, as well as those who they were able to reach out to, would continue to grow closer to God this summer and for the rest of their lives.
2. Many student leaders would be able to make it to the gear up from August 19-21 and that we would be well prepared for the start of ministry this fall.
3. God would quickly bring in needed support for about a third of our staff team who are still calling and meeting with potential supporters.

**Contact:** (262)352-2953 • 232 Prentice St. N. 26, Stevens Point, WI 54481 • Kevin.Koeppen@uscsm.org • Staff Acct #: 0607000

## ROCK 2010 "The Light Knight"

Scripture: Romans 13:12 "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light."

What is Rock?

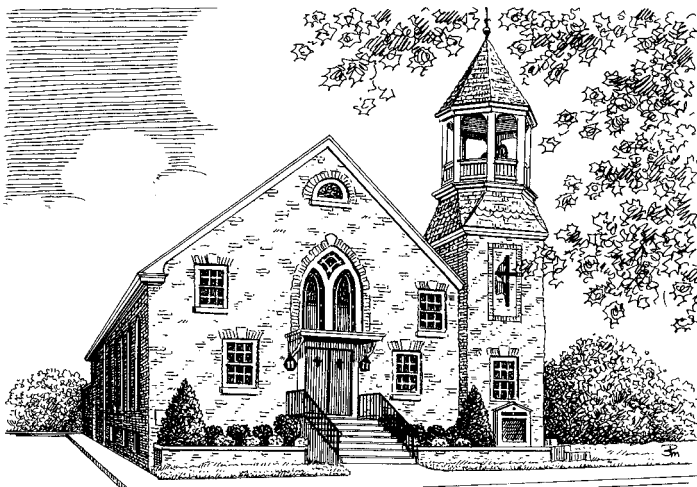
ROCK 2010 is an exciting Christian weekend retreat in which youth in grades 6-12 from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will gather at the Ocean City Convention Center. The purpose of the retreat is to "ROCK" the lives of our youth and help them into a new or deeper faith in, and personal relationship with the ROCK of our Salvation, Jesus Christ.

ROCK 2010 - January 22, 23, 24th  
Ocean City Convention Center, Ocean City, Maryland

Anyone interested please contact Miki Wilson (717-476-5846) or Kelly Stitely (410-756-4099).

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the glorious appearing of our great  
God and Savior, Jesus Christ ....

Titus 2:13, NIV