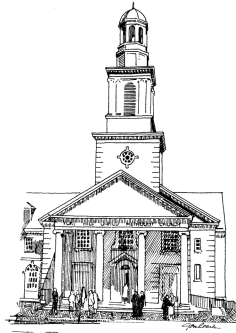


From the Hill



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**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

World Communion Day to be Celebrated on October 2

Christians everywhere around the world will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, October 2. Don't you be left out!

World Communion Sunday connects all United Methodist churches, through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Congregations are called to celebrate The Lord's Supper together. During this special Communion, churches engage in global ministries by sharing special gifts that yield a lasting impact.

During the World Communion Sunday, funds are received from local churches. These gifts nurture members of our family in faith for life-changing ministries.

A special communion offering, in addition to our regular communion offering, will go to support this church-wide offering this year. Please mark your envelope (or a pew envelope) "World Communion" to ensure your gift goes to this fund, or use the special envelope that will be provided in that Sunday's 'bulletin. Thank you for your generous giving!

New Twists Are Coming - Read On!

CONNECTION MEAL

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
BIG KICKOFF on October 5th

We give special thanks to Fred Fauber, who has given of his time and talents for a number of years, in planning and preparing meals each Wednesday night for our congregation. A host of volunteers, coordinated by Dodie Fauber, have assisted him in a valuable way. For all of these volunteers, and especially for Fred and Dodie, we want to say how grateful we have been for their willingness to serve in this important way. We are again pleased that Fred and Dodie have agreed to serve another year. Their loving spirit of cooperation and service in this evaluation process has been invaluable. Dodie is looking for meal volunteers.



**Connection
Meals**

Our goal for this CONNECTION MEAL is to provide an "inviting" and "fun" evening to CONNECT WITH OTHERS by eating together and sharing fellowship with one another. This meal time provides an environment for other church ministries to happen as a part of Wednesday evenings. *See the "Gamers Group" article in this newsletter that will begin on Oct. 5th at 4:30 pm. Bells and Study Group at 7 pm.* SPECIAL FUN HAPPENINGS ON OCT. 5TH. You don't want to miss it. For other weeks during the year, we are looking for entertainers and interesting short programs to enjoy together around the tables. Call Becky Spangler or Sarah Housley if you have suggestions. We want this night to be interesting and fun.

On Page 4 of this newsletter, you will find the new changes listed for these meals as well as each week's menu for the month of October.

A Word From Our Pastor

Christian Service

Sociologist Rodney Stark asks in his text-book *The Rise of Christianity*, how and why did the church grow so fast? For Christianity to have reached the size it did in the time it did, it must have grown 40 percent a decade for three centuries.

How? Stark sums it up this way: early disciples of Jesus were more compassionate than others around them. They out loved others. They out served others.

Here are a couple of examples: In A.D. 165, an epidemic (perhaps smallpox) spread like wildfire throughout the Roman Empire. Within fifteen years, a quarter to a third of the entire population within the empire died. Ditto A.D. 251, when another epidemic (perhaps measles this time) emptied whole towns and left the wind whistling through uninhabited regions.

Unlike their pagan neighbors, Christians took care of each other and those outside the church during those plague times. A bishop named Dionysus writes what happened:

Most of our brother Christians showed unbounded love and loyalty, never sparing themselves and thinking only of one another. Heedless of danger, they took charge of the sick, attending to their every need and ministering to them in Christ, and with them departed this life serenely happy; for they were infected by others with the disease, drawing on themselves the sickness of their neighbors and cheerfully accepting their pains.

Contrast that with Dionysus's description of the pagans:

At the first onset of the disease, they pushed the sufferers and fled from their dearest, throwing them into the roads before they were dead...hoping thereby to avert the spread and contagion of the fatal disease.

As a Christian himself and a church leader, Dionysus admittedly had a biased viewpoint. But a hundred years later the Roman emperor Julian essentially confirmed what Dionysus had claimed, touting the Christians for their "moral character," bashing

the pagans for their selfishness, and inviting citizens to greater "benevolence toward strangers."

It was not only to the sick the early Christians displayed a supernatural compassion. In Stark's words:

To cities filled with homeless and impoverished, Christianity offered charity as well as hope. To cities filled with newcomers and strangers, Christianity offered an immediate basis for attachments. To cities filled with orphans and widows, Christianity provided a new and expanded sense of family. To cities torn by violent ethnic strife, Christianity offered a new basis of social solidarity. And to cities faced with epidemics, fires, and earthquakes, Christianity offered effective nursing services.

The compassion furnace burned brightly in Christianity's natal days. Souls forged and fired in the ovens of service went on to warm others with good deeds and good news. That's how the church exploded with growth. Now the compassion furnace of the church is going dark. Our sound and fury signify less and less in name and in fame. That's why the Christian church is shrinking. In another phrase the culture has stolen from the church, those institutions that boast "dedicated servers" are esteemed and envied. While the church clings to the language of "volunteerism," the culture lifts up "servant leadership" and "dedicated service."

Too much of today's spirituality equates sacred space with only that which lies between both ears. Sacred space in a biblical spirituality brings together the internal space of joy, peace, contentment, and meaning with the external space of justice, harmony, truth and compassion. A self-focused soul is a contradiction in terms (Philippians 2:3-4). Unselfing is a godly turn of heart, a soul-way of being in the world.

The godly art of living soulfully erects a culture of service. The closest thing to Christmas on the children's cable channel Nickelodeon is "Big Help Day." For weeks leading up to this day, kids are inundated with images and urges to get involved in doing something good for others. It's the biggest youth group project, not connected with the church, that's

A Word From Our Pastor(cont.)

out there. It's now routine for corporations to offer employees paid release time to volunteer in community agencies. The number of schools making community service a requirement for graduation is skyrocketing. When schools, businesses, and cable

channels are known more than churches for making community service a requirement and mark of membership, it is a wonder the baby Jesus isn't being thrown out more with the unholy bathwater.

Peace, Philip

Music Ministry

Worship Participation for 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Announced

Oct. 2	Sanctuary Choir
Oct. 9	Sanctuary Choir & Celebration Ringers
Oct. 16	Sanctuary Choir & Instrumental Ensemble
Oct. 23	Sanctuary Choir
Oct. 30	Sanctuary Choir & "Instruments of Praise"



Musical Coming to Fort Hill in December

TWO FROM GALILEE, a dramatic Christmas musical will be presented by Fort Hill members and friends on Saturday, December 10th. Many hands and voices are needed to make this event happen.



Actors, actresses, singers, seamstresses, make up artists, instrumentalists, lighting & sound technicians, etc. are needed. Also needed are cooks and kitchen help for the dinner. After all, "It takes a village to present a musical production!"

Come join the fun! Please contact Philip Waltz or Janet Hawkins for more information.

Spiritual Formation

October Prayer Focus is Mission

Our congregational prayer focus for October is Mission. Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for the mission work of the United Methodist denomination, as well as our emphasis right here at Fort Hill. Ask God for His leadership in our lives to know where God wants each of us to share God's love. Pray for Christian missionaries



at home and abroad, especially for Clara Biswas (Cambodia) and John Elmore (Chile). Pray for our youth as they serve through TOP, and for the recipients of their love and care. Pray for opportunities to be Christ to others each day.

Walk to Emmaus Events Planned

The Walk to Emmaus is an opportunity to grow spiritually and to deepen your relationship with Christ. Upcoming events are:

October Gathering, Saturday, October 8, 6 p.m., Heritage UMC, 582 Leesville Road, Coffee House Praise & Worship

Men's Walk April 19-22, 2012

Women's Walk May 17-20, 2012

For more information, go to <http://lynchburgenmaus.com>.

From the Nurture Team

Desserts Needed for New Connection Meal on Wednesdays

Would you like to help make a dessert on occasion for the Connections Meals on Wednesday evenings? If so, please contact Becky Spangler at 586-6009 or Sarah Housley at 385-6070. **Needs for October- 5th Pies; 12th Frosted Sheet Cakes; 19th homemade cookies; 26th Fruit Cobblers.** Please try to keep in mind when making items, that we are trying to be as health conscious as possible this year with our menu selections. It would be helpful if you could have items to the church by noon on Wednesdays. Thanks for your help.

Gamers Group to Begin on October 5 Each Wednesday in Oxford Hall at 4:30 p.m.

Do you like to play cards, Scrabble, Bingo, Jenga, or other games with friends? Or would you like to come watch others play and visit informally in the church's Oxford Hall on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. prior to the CONNECTION MEAL at 6 p.m.? This is an excellent opportunity to just get together and visit, play some games and meet new or old friends. Plan to join us on Wednesdays, starting on Oct. 5th at 4:30 pm. *Lots of revisions are being made in connection with the Wednesday Night Meal (Connection Meal). See the Connection Meal article in this newsletter for details.*

If you have questions or games or card tables you would like to donate for this program, please contact Becky Spangler at 586-6009 or Sarah Housley at 385-6070. If you would enjoy being a Bingo Caller or a part of this new program, please let us hear from you.

New Connection Dinner Guidelines

As with all church programs, we constantly try to improve and re-evaluate, to determine how we might make this program more effective for the purpose it was intended. We will continue this process to provide the most effective program for our church. We are wanting to serve a broader base of our congregation. Some of the changes you will note below.

- ◆ An all out effort to serve *health conscious menus*.
- ◆ Going "Green" using our china plates and silverware. Our pastor, Philip, has offered to run the dishwashing process each week.
- ◆ Child friendly menu options.
- ◆ Menus printed in the newsletter for the upcoming month
- ◆ **Reservations required by Monday Noon** to church office (847-1251), or sign up on worship attendance pad. Option: **STANDING WEEKLY RESERVATIONS** can be made with CALL TO CANCEL by Monday noon, if unable to attend that week. **Persons need to honor those reservations if made. TAKE OUT MEALS available but need to make reservations.**
- ◆ Change in "Suggested Donations" - (5 and under free, Ages 6-9 \$2, Age 10 - Adult \$5, Family donation no more than \$15) A host or hostess will be at the parking lot entrance door to take money and check off reservation names.
- ◆ Donations of desserts WELCOME. Please try to have them at the church by Wednesday Noon. See article on this page for what is needed. We encourage you to be as health conscious as possible with desserts.
- ◆ Smaller table groupings for easier conversation.
- ◆ Menu suggestions (or requests) appreciated.

October Connectional Dinner Menus

October 5	Baked potato bar, salad bar, pie	Children's Menu: Hot dogs and salad
October 12	Herbed baked chicken breasts, creamed potatoes, fresh fruit salad, green beans, hot biscuits Frosted sheet cake	Children's Menu: Same as adults
October 19	Stuffed green peppers (ground turkey stuffing), corn pudding, cottage cheese/pineapple salad, sliced bread, frozen yogurt & cookies	Children's Menu: Turkey burgers, raw carrots w/ low fat ranch dressing
October 26	Potato soup w/turkey sandwiches, lettuce & tomato salad, fruit cobbler	Children's Menu: Brown hounds and tater tots

Note: Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches will be available for the children at every meal.

Bits and Pieces



Symbol of Hope and Freedom

As our history column is being written, the East Coast is bracing for Hurricane Irene. New York City is expecting to be hit hard, and the storm will come in as far south as North Carolina's Outer Banks. It was with great relief that we learned our Statue of Liberty was not in jeopardy, because it is made of copper, a resilient metal. By now, we will know if this held true.

Lady Liberty celebrates her 125th birthday in October of this year. It was a gift to us from France, recognizing the bond between our two countries established during the American Revolution. More than just a monument, this lovely symbol of liberty was the first sight our ancestors saw and cheered as they neared this land of freedom and promise for a better life.

Our church has had a number of centenarian members - none has reached 125, but don't rule it out! Each day we live in freedom is a great day.

-Jo Griffin, Historian
Janie Jessee History Room

Footnote: You know the song, *Good Night Irene*? It became popular right after the death of one of our members, Andy Vasold, whose wife's name was Irene. He was a jolly man of Dutch descent. His son and daughter were of my generation, and every time I would hear that song, I was certain he had a hand in composing it for his Irene. I still do.

Dinner Groups Starting This Fall

If you missed signing up to take part in a Dinner Group this year and are interested, please contact Becky Spangler at 586-6009 or Sarah Housley at 385-6070. We can accommodate additions.

Dinner Groups are groups of 6-8 persons who desire to enjoy some meals together at various times throughout the year, either in homes or restaurants. These groups may change at a later date. This is a great way to get to know some people better within our congregation. Forms are available in the hallway near the office. You may drop the form in the offering plate or give to Sarah or Becky.

Lunch Out Group to Meet in October

Come join the Lunch Out Group on October 23, immediately after the 10:30 a.m. worship service, at Isabella's in the Boonsboro Shopping Center. Reservations are not required - just show up and enjoy the food and fellowship. Dutch treat, of course. We hope to see a good group of Fort Hill folks there! Questions? Contact Becky Spangler at 586-6009.

October Communion Offering to Benefit Hunters for the Hungry

Again this month, one half of the Communion offering will go to Hunters for the Hungry and the other half will go to Interfaith Outreach Association to assist those who need help with rent, utilities, food, etc.

Hunters for the Hungry operates by solicitation of successful hunters to donate venison. The deer are accepted by professional meat cutters who process (cut, wrap, and freeze) the venison. The meat is provided at no cost and is distributed by food banks and other 501 (C) (3) nonprofit organizations feeding Virginia's needy. They are not supported by any state funds nor receive any support from any United Way Agency. Funds are raised to cover the cost of processing, distribution, and the overhead expenses of operation (less than 20% of total expenses). Financial support is currently the limiting factor.

Your generous donation on Communion Sunday will help these hunters feed the hungry as well as help those who go to Interfaith Outreach looking for assistance.



UMW Circle Meeting Dates


Judy Matheny - Tuesday, October 4,
12 Noon at LaVilla Restaurant, 8109
Timberlake Road

Diantha Hodges - Tuesday, October 11, 1:00 p.m. in
the church Library

Genesis - Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. at the home
of Jeanette Seale, 555 Jefferson Drive

Pat Light - Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m. at the
home of Wendy Meese, 140 Acres Court

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary		YOUTH ACTIVITIES 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. each Sunday			1
2 World Communion Sunday 4:30 Explorer Bible Study UMY @ the Toney's house	3	4 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 J. Matheny Circle 7:00 Genesis Circle 7:00 Dist. Common Table	5 7:00 Men's Group 1:00 Sisters in Christ 6:00 Connection Supper 7:00 Celebration Ringers	6 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	7 10:00 "Bad Girls of the Bible" Study	8
9 5-8:30 Dist. Youth Rally 4:30 Explorer Bible Study	10	11 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 D. Hodges Circle 6:30 Finance 7:30 Church Council	12 7:00 Men's Group 1:00 Sisters in Christ 4:30 Gamers Group 6:00 Connection Supper 7:00 Celebration Ringers	13 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	14 10:00 "Bad Girls of the Bible" Study 5-9 No Parent Left Behind (@TUMC)	15 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 Understanding Youth Culture @ TUMC 6-9 Kid's Night Out
16 12:00 Shepherd Gathering 3-5 TOP in Park 4:30 Explorer Bible Study	17	18 10:00 Staff Meeting 1:00 Witness 6:30 Pat Light Circle	19 7:00 Men's Group 1:00 Sisters in Christ 4:30 Gamers Group 6:00 Connection Supper 7:00 Celebration Ringers	20 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	21 10:00 "Bad Girls of the Bible" Study	22
23 4:30 Explorer Bible Study	24	25 10:00 Staff Meeting	26 7:00 Men's Group 1:00 Sisters in Christ 4:30 Gamers Group 6:00 Connection Supper 7:00 Celebration Ringers	27 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	28 10:00 "Bad Girls of the Bible" Study	29
30 <i>Mission Possible Sunday School-UMCOR Kit Project</i> 4:30 Explorer Bible Study	31	 Children's Church is COMING BACK! 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month, starting in October, during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, immediately after the Children's Message, for all children in K-5th grades. Where? Youth Worship Room, 4th floor What? A time where kids can worship God through age-appropriate activities, including praise music, Bible teaching time and prayers!				



October Birthdays

10/1 Dodie Fauber	10/9 Andy Cocke	10/15 Spencer Bourguignon	10/23 Erika Lowe
10/1 Mary Murphy	10/10 Chris Marsh	10/16 Charlie Plunkett	10/24 Anne Tucker
10/2 Amy Grant	10/10 Michael Wilkes	10/16 Melvin Drumheller	10/24 Triston Lineberry
10/3 Warren Campbell	10/10 Jesse Nunnally	10/16 Elbert Minnick, III	10/25 Martha Wallenhorst
10/5 Joe Coleman	10/11 Patricia Shahinian	10/16 Tember Ferguson	10/25 Kim Beuerle
10/5 Mike Thompson	10/11 Dana Stowman	10/17 Lori Roark	10/25 Crystal Wheelous
10/5 Tim Beuerle	10/11 Sue Wright	10/18 Joan Watson	10/26 Reggie Hawkins
10/5 Rod Ruhland	10/11 Ben Nunnally	10/19 Rick Poindexter	10/28 Marlene Reid
10/7 Karen Detwiler	10/11 Michael Morgan, II	10/20 Pamela McDaniel	10/29 Mike Robertson
10/8 Mary Ann Robertson	10/12 Ryan Bingham	10/20 Anna Alvis	10/29 Taylor Saville
	10/13 Eddie Englund	10/21 Andy Poindexter	10/31 Stephen Plunkett
	10/14 Dan Sandidge, Jr.	10/22 Janet Basham	10/31 Campbell Spence

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, it may be because we do not have the date in our data base. Please call the church office at 847-1251 with your information.

October Wedding Anniversaries

10/1 Richard & Janet Hawkins	23 years	10/14 Mokey & Nell Boswell	61 years
10/4 Scott & Carol Dee Robertson	25 years	10/20 Hubert & Sylvia Morgan	49 years
10/6 Warner & Ruth Burford	49 years	10/21 David & Marlene Reid	5 years
10/9 Jerry & Bev Conner	28 years	10/22 Kevin & Robin Wrabley	23 years
10/10 Mark & Stacey Lowe	30 years	10/25 Tom & Ann Robertson	59 years
	10/26 Rod & Leigh Ruhland	20 years	



A shared thank you note from the Gillispie family:

Dear Nancy, I know it was a "group effort" but I just wanted to thank you on behalf of the entire Gillispie family for all the hard work that went into the reception. It was delicious and so well done. Please try to tell everyone involved how much it meant to our family. It is clear to me why Anne and Buddie have been so faithful to Fort Hill UMC! You all are wonderful!

Love, Ardith Gillispie

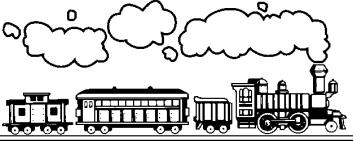
To my Fort Hill Family: My sincere appreciation for the calls, cards, prayers, memorial gifts and all the expressions of sympathy upon the death of my mother.
In Christian love, Jean Poindexter

We extend our deepest sympathy to Carolyn Phelps upon the death of her mother-in-law, Eleanore Phelps, on September 13; and to Marilyn Acosta and family upon the death of her husband, Rev. William H. Acosta, on September 13; and to Barbara Mayne and Jean Bingham upon the death of their aunt, Bettie Pollard, on September 20.



Fall Train Excursions Being Planned

All aboard! Your choice of two different round trips, one on November 5 and the other on November 6, to Bristol, VA and Bluefield, WV, respectively. For more information, you can pick up a brochure in the church office or call Rev. John Siegle at 384-6951.



More Bits and Pieces

BE A BELL RINGER for the SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN!

The Salvation Army Red Kettle is a century old Christmas symbol, reminding shoppers of the needy during the holiday season. This is the sixth year Fort Hill UMC has been responsible for securing volunteer ringers for the Kmart/Ward's Road location. Sunday School classes, choirs, youth, scouts – EVERYONE is encouraged to participate.



Ringers are needed Friday, November 11, through Saturday, December 24, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (not including Sundays). This means Fort Hill UMC and friends have thirty-seven days of ringing to cover! WE NEED YOU!!!

Contact Fred & Dodie Fauber (384-5637) or Janet Hawkins (847-1251 or 237-2701) for more information or to sign up. Blessings guaranteed!



Shepherd Gathering Planned

SHEPHERDS are invited to flock to the next luncheon meeting on Sunday, October 16, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Lunch will be provided. Participants are encouraged to read, and be prepared to discuss, chapters seven, eight and nine of the book *Ministry to and with the Elderly* by Timothy Farabaugh.

We hope all Shepherds can attend the last of our four Shepherd gatherings for 2011. For more information or to RSVP contact Mary Murphy (239-0435) or Janet Hawkins (847-1251 or 237-2701).

Grief Support Group Forming You Don't Have to "Go it Alone"

There will be an introductory meeting on October 16, at 9:15 a.m., in the Library, to discuss dates and times that this group will be meeting. If you have experienced the loss of someone close to you, you are invited to attend this meeting.

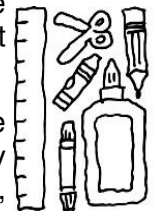
The purpose of this support group is to help bridge the gap between loss and being able to move on in life, not forgetting, but stepping forward with a sense of peace.

Questions? Please contact Mary Murphy (239-0435) or Joan Shook (534-7655)

October Mission Month Project: UMCOR School Kits

In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources.

The Lynchburg District has declared October as Mission Month. During the month, Fort Hill will be collecting supplies for **UMCOR school kits**. On October 30th we will gather as a church family, during the Sunday School hour, to assemble the kits and prepare them for shipment to children all over the world.



Be on the lookout for displays in the church parlor and Oxford Hall **and** stay tuned for special announcements, throughout the month of October, about how your participation in mission month can make a difference.

SCHOOL KIT ITEMS

1 pair blunt scissors – rounded tip only – no plastic scissors please

3 pads of paper – spiral or top bound pads – 150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad

1 hand held pencil sharpener – must be at least one inch long

1 – 30 centimeter ruler – hard or flexible

6 unsharpened pencils

1 – 2 ½ inch eraser

1 – 24 count box of crayons

1 – 14"x 16" cloth bag – homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable – heavy duty fabric only – closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening

Note for all items: no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols please – cartoon characters are acceptable

For more information contact Jackie Bliss (237-4940) or Carol Dee Robertson (384-1998).

Children & Youth



KIDS' NIGHT OUT!

**Fort Hill United
Methodist Church**
Saturday, October 15
6:00 - 9:00 pm
(Enter at the Wilson St. entrance)

All children are invited to come for a snack supper, to play with friends and to have some fun! Age-appropriate activities will be provided for preschoolers and elementary-age children. Childcare will also be provided for infants. This is a good time for parents to enjoy a date night! This is a new children's ministry program of the church and will be held every 3rd Saturday of the month, unless announced differently ahead of time.

theParentLinkSM

The ParentLink newsletter is a monthly newsletter designed with parents in mind! Parents of young children and youth can go to the Fort Hill UMC website and click on the link for the ParentLink to find relevant information that pertains to raising kids. You will find everything in there from talking with your toddlers about God, helping your kids deal with bullies to guiding your teenagers through dating issues from a Christian perspective. It's relevant info for today's parents! Check it out today! www.forthillumc.org – Go to the children's page or the youth page. You may also pick up a printed copy on the table outside Kendra's office, in the nursery or in the Parlor.

OCTOBER YOUTH SCHEDULE

- Oct. 2** UMY at the Toney's House, 720 Lake Vista Drive – 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9** District Youth Rally, 5:00-8:30 p.m. – Meet at church at 4:15 p.m.
- Oct. 16** TOP at Mille Park, 3-5 p.m. – Prepare @ 1:30 p.m. at church, Clean up 5:00 p.m. until finished.
- Oct. 23** UMY at church, 5:30-7:30p.m.
- Oct. 30** UMY at church, 5:30-7:30p.m.



District Youth Rally
Sunday, October 9th
5pm-8:30pm

at "[One Body in Christ Ministries](#)"
(off Leesville Road)

Youth from all of our district UMC churches will gather at the farm off Leesville rd. for a cookout, fishing, games, bonfire, and an outdoor worship service with the band Pier 19. There is no cost to this event and is just a time for us to get together for a great outdoor event. Auri Jones, youth leader from Mountain View UMC, will be the speaker and there will be some youth to give some testimonies too. Teens Opposing Poverty will be the mission focus for the night and a love offering will be taken up for TOP. Plan to meet at Fort Hill UMC at 4:15 to ride over to the farm together. Chaperones/drivers are needed for our youth. Please contact Kendra to say you are planning to go!

Did you know that Fort Hill UMC has 2 teams in the newly formed Christian Football League?

Four of our Lynchburg District UMC youth leaders have gotten together to form this flag football league to provide a place for youth and young adults to have some fun, to play football and to introduce young people to Christ. Young people from the Lynchburg area have formed teams and invited their friends to join them. Teams play on Sunday afternoons at Heritage UMC from October through December. Playoffs and the Super Bowl will be in January. Games consist of two 25-minute halves with a devotion at half-time. Games start at 1:30 each Sunday. Come on out and cheer on the Fort Hill UMC "Redskins" and "Ravens"!

Children & Youth

Two Training Events for PARENTS, ADULT YOUTH WORKERS, and PASTORS Being Offered by the Lynchburg District UMC Youth!

**“No Parent Left Behind”
at Timberlake UMC
October 14th, 6:00-9:00pm
(dinner at 5:00)
Suggested donation of \$10 includes dinner**

Your kids are changing fast and so is their world. Life as a teenager in today's world bears little resemblance to the teenage world you once inhabited. If you blink, you might be left behind, forfeiting your opportunity to effectively lead your kids through adolescence and into a healthy, God-honoring adulthood. The **No Parent Left Behind** seminar gets you started on the journey to understand your kids and their rapidly changing world.

No Parent Left Behind includes three fast-paced and practical sessions led by Dr. Walt Mueller, founder and President of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding.

Session 1 - **KNOW YOUR TEEN** - You'll learn how kids grow, develop, and change, along with how the teenage years leave them especially vulnerable to cultural influences.

Session 2 - **KNOW THEIR WORLD** - You'll learn about some of the major cultural forces in today's world that are influencing children and teens.

Session 3 - **KNOW YOUR ROLE** - You'll get hope-filled and practical guidance on how to increase your parental influence and lead your kids to a spiritually, physically, and emotionally healthy adulthood.

**“Understanding Today's Youth Culture”
at Timberlake UMC
October 15th, 9:00am-1:00pm
(lunch at 12)
Suggested donation of \$10 includes lunch**

Understanding Today's Youth Culture seminar focuses on issues such as the following:

- **Cultural Forces Influencing Children and Teens**
 - **Understanding Popular Music and Media**
 - **Children, Materialism and Parental Pressure**
 - **Understanding Negative Peer Pressure**
- **Raising Love-Sane Kids in a Sex-Crazed World**
 - **Understanding the Postmodern World View**
 - **Meet the Millennial Generation**
- **Pointing Kids to Christ in a Postmodern World**

Dr. Walt Mueller will be leading both seminars. He is the founder and President of the Center for Parent/Youth Understanding, a non-profit organization serving schools, churches, and community organizations across the U.S, Canada, and worldwide in their efforts to strengthen families by helping those who know and love kids to understand today's rapidly changing youth culture. You can learn more by going to www.cpyu.org.

Miscellaneous

THE BOX SCORE

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1

Average worship attendance in 2010 — 167

Average worship attendance as of
September 18, 2011— 182

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse . . . And put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." Malachi 3:10

SUMMARY BRIEF OPERATING FUND REPORT

Your first line of giving — mission and ministry!

Budget for 2011 as approved by the Church Council is:
\$482,225.00

We need an average of \$9,273.56 per week to meet
this budget.

As of 38 weeks, our weekly receipts
have averaged \$7,885.33

**Thank you for your support of the mission
and ministry of your church!**

Some Fort Hill Financial Facts

The Finance Committee is greatly appreciative of all the tithes and gifts that are given to the church in the course of a year. It helps to keep things running smoothly when the bills can be paid, salaries, met, and debt reduced. Below are a few financial facts about the church's finances. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

- 1) **Amount borrowed from bank** \$496,895
Amount paid on note to date \$147,565
Balance on bank note \$349,330
- 2) **Apportionments paid to date** \$ 38,495
 or 44%
Apportionments paid this time last year
\$67,303 or 78%
Balance remaining this year \$ 49,862
- 3) **General Fund (Operating Budget)**
Received thru 9/18/11 \$301,860
Received thru 9/17/10 \$330,404
Pledged amount received as of 9/18/11:
\$207,640
Pledged amount received as of 9/17/10:
\$247,885

Again, we thank you for your continued support.

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Times of Worship

10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Staffed nursery provided from 9:15 a.m.- 12:00 Noon

Susan Zenz, Nursery Attendant

Rev. Philip M. Waltz, Pastor

Philip@forthillumc.org

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*"Fort Hill United Methodist Church
reaches out and welcomes ALL people
by sharing God's LOVE through
care, worship, education, and service."*

-Fort Hill UMC Vision Statement

**SPRC Committee will be meeting on
Monday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. All
committee members and staff members
should attend.**



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Worship Times:
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the Chapel
(only September—May)

10:30 a.m. Traditional Service in the
Sanctuary

Sunday School for All Ages: 9:15 a.m.

Staffed nursery provided for
all services and Sunday School

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ON...

“Connections” Update

Several small groups are especially great opportunities for persons new to the church, young adults, or others who desire to grow their faith and form new fellowship bonds. New groups being offered are:

Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith:

Wednesdays 7-9 pm.

Contact Rev. Philip Waltz

Twelve weeks of discussion, study and reflection. No prior biblical or religious knowledge necessary.

Rock, Paper, Scissors:

Sundays 9:15-10:00 am—New Sunday School Class

Contact Rev. Philip & Katherine Waltz

Explore the intersection of our Christian faith with events plucked from the headlines. No preparation necessary, attend when you can.

Living Crazy Love:

Time to be determined.

Contact Kendra Toney

Ten weeks of discovering how developing a deeper faith isn't about working harder at the do's and don'ts, but about living in the all powerful, crazy love of God.

Explorers Bible Study:

Sundays 4:30-5:30 pm

Contact Rev. Philip Waltz

A discussion-based small group will explore the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts at it own pace, and discover the liberating message of Jesus' Kingdom of God proclamation. No preparation necessary, attend when you can.