



*Charles Wesley
United Methodist Church*

**February 2012
Newsletter**

"Our mission is to be the helping hands of God, reaching out to all people with the love of Christ."



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

**PANCAKE SUPPER
FEBRUARY 21st**

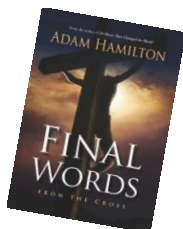
Everyone is invited to come to the **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, graciously hosted by the Charles Wesley United Methodist Men! Pancakes will be served from 5:00 – 7:00pm, here in the Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for the event but there will be a "love offering" box for Charles Wesley's Good Samaritan Fund.



**Ash Wednesday Service
February 22nd , 7:30 pm**

LENTEN SOUP & STUDY

Join us for our **Third Annual Lenten Soup & Study** which is immediately following our Sunday service, beginning February 26th and continuing each Sunday in Lent, through Sunday, April 1st.



Led by Pastor Candee, this year's study will be Adam Hamilton's book, **Final Words**. Books are ordered and will be in soon!

If you are interested in providing soup for one of these six Sundays, please contact Mary Brown or Elaine Schneider.



A Note about God-Language

Jennifer Baker

Following is some food for thought from Joyce Rupp's wonderful book *The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth*. The Welcome and Spiritual Growth Team would love to hear what you think about the God-language we use at Charles Wesley. Let us know by contacting the team leader, Jennifer Baker at her email: jenniferbaker@apta.org or 703-448-1394.

How do we name the divine presence? With what images are we the most comfortable? I think that one of the most difficult aspects of inviting someone into prayer is "God language." The words that I use and find most meaningful in naming my perception and experience of God may be far different from what another person desired in addressing God. Some feel drawn to masculine metaphors such as "Father" or "Lord" and others may be more comfortable using feminine ones such as "Mother" or "Sophia." Others would prefer to address "Jesus" consistently and still others would rather use more universal symbols such as "Higher Power." Because of the great diversity of approaches in naming the Divine Being, I have most simply tried to use the word "God" when referring to this presence in [group worship settings].

Ms. Rupp goes on to alert readers that they are most welcome to substitute their own preferred naming of God in any of the places where her naming seems inadequate or uncomfortable for their spiritual path.

What do you think about this notion of using universal terms and symbols in our corporate worship with the knowledge that each of us can substitute our own preferred name for God? Again, the Welcome and Spiritual Growth Team would love to hear your thoughts.

Fall Scouting-for-Food Results

Paul Maloney, ASM-167

On behalf of the District, I'd like to thank all scouts and scouters for all the amazing work done this year by Ships, Crews, Troops, Packs, on Scouting For Food this year (November 5 and 12). Everyone worked extremely hard this year. Thank you. Many units expanded their effort this year. Thank you.

Here are the numbers for Scouting for Food donations collected for 2011. (All weights are in pounds):

Arlington Drop off Site at Our Savior

(delivered to AFAC) 60,800

McLean Drop-off Site at McLean Baptist

(delivered to SHARE) 14,852

Late pickups 125

Total for Chain Bridge District for 2011: 75,777

We set a new record in 2011. Below is the comparison with past years:

2006 -- 63,291

2007 -- 60,502

2008 -- 68,978

2009 -- 61,847

2010 -- 75,137

2011 -- 75,777

HATS OFF to Cub Scout Pack 1127 (flyer distribution) and Boy Scout Troop 1130 (pick up) for helping to make this effort a success! They picked up 4100 lbs of food which was delivered to SHARE and put in 162 volunteer hours!!



A New Year at NVCCC

Kalyani Das, Director

2012 has been an exciting new year for Northern Virginia Christian Children's Center. It is so rewarding to see how each child has matured in so many ways since the beginning of the school year. If you walk into a classroom during Circle time you will be inspired by what you see - our little ones are so thrilled about learning new things from their weekly theme-units of study. Friendships are blooming everywhere, and the ones who have recently joined the school are adjusting well too.

We will be closed on Monday, February 20th for President's Day.

Greeter Schedule

Janet Davenport



Feb 5:	Hazel Shell
Feb 12:	Sharon Pedersen
Feb 19:	Pat Mowry
Feb 26:	Marshall Brown
March 4:	Barbara Powell



UMW Circle Meeting

The Missionettes Circle will meet Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 pm at the home of Garnette Dupont.

THANK YOU

Charles Wesley Friends,

Many, many thanks to each of you for your cash, thoughts and prayers. Your support and caring meant so much during a difficult time. Elsie (Beach) loved Charles Wesley and always considered it her church home.

Gratefully, Virginia, Rob and Brenda Barnes

Welcome, Spiritual Growth, Worship Please Share your Thoughts!

Jennifer Baker

Feedback from the congregation is essential to the Welcome and Spiritual Growth Team's ability to successfully fulfill its role to shape and implement CWUMC's welcoming and membership practices and create heart-warming worship and spiritual growth experiences for all ages.

Specifically, we'd like your input on the following questions:

- **What one thing can be done in next six months to enhance your experience as a member or friend of Charles Wesley?**
- **What one thing can be done in the next six months to make Sunday services even more heartwarming?**
- **What one thing can be done in the next six months to support your ability to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ?**

Please contact Jennifer Baker, Team Leader of the Welcome & Spiritual Growth Team, with your responses at jenniferbaker@apta.org or 703-448-1394.

First Ever Labyrinth Event a Success!

Jennifer Baker

On Saturday, January 14th, Charles Wesley kicked off the New Year by hosting a unique labyrinth walk event. This event was open to Charles Wesley UMC's members and friends, as well as the community at large. As the accompanying picture shows, the labyrinth transformed the Fellowship Hall into a beautiful, spirit-filled place. Those who walked the labyrinth called the experience peaceful, worshipful, beautiful, and soul enriching, and one person noted it was exactly what she needed.

The Welcome and Spiritual Growth Team is looking at bringing the labyrinth back later this year and investigating the possibility of installing an outdoor labyrinth at the church. The Team welcomes input and assistance on this project, so please contact team leader Jennifer Baker at jenniferbaker@apta.org or 703-448-1394 if you have thoughts or can offer support.



Charles Wesley member Virginia Barnes experiences the labyrinth.

2011 Christmas Card Tree

Vicki Herrmann



A round of applause for everyone who contributed a greeting to decorate our Card Tree this Yuletide! The Tree stood in the Narthex from the first Sunday in Advent through Epiphany, its branches filling steadily.

It was especially good to find notes from folk who weren't themselves able to be in church during the period; but *each* posting is evidence of faith, love ... and commendable thrift! Just think: in less than eleven months, the Card Tree will appear again. It bore 14 decorations this Season. Let's try for two dozen in 2012!

The next newsletter will be a March/April edition. Please submit articles no later than February 15th.

CHARLES WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Nominations and Leadership Development

2012 Administrative Council

Chair, Administrative Council	Tylee Smith
Lay Leader	Alex Miller
Lay Delegate Annual Conference	Stan Maughlin
Reserve Lay Delegate Annual Conference	Charles Carney
Recording Secretary	<i>Vacant</i>
Chair, Trustees	Vicki Herrmann
Co-Chair, Finance	Sharon Pedersen
Co-Chair, Finance	Brenda Miller
Chair, Stewardship	Bob Schneider
Chair, Staff Parish Relations	Melissa Ni
Chair, Building and Grounds	Marshall Brown
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Team Leader, Congregational Care Team	Dick Lowry
Team Leader, Mission and Justice Team	Dale Thompson
Team Leader, Welcoming and Spiritual Growth	Jennifer Baker
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Financial Secretary	Marshall Brown
District Steward	Charles Carney
Reserve District Steward	Dick Lowry
District Conference Delegate	Dick Lowry
Reserve District Conf. Delegate	Charles Carney

Members At Large

2012

Elaine Schneider

2013

Emma Lou Bosco

Mary Brown

Bob Schneider

2014

Dave Smith

Joanne Gray

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Inclement Weather Policy

On the occasion of hazardous weather conditions, Charles Wesley UMC may be closed. To find out if Sunday School and Sunday Worship are cancelled, please refer to the website:
www.charleswesleyumc.org
or call the office voice mail for info:
703-356-6336.

For cancellation of activities during the week due to weather, the leaders of Missionettes, UMM, UMW, choir, etc. will contact their members directly.

NOTICE: All newsletters will now be emailed AND found on our website at www.charleswesleyumc.org

If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy in the mail, you must let the church office know by either calling at 703-356-6336 or email us at charleswesleyumc@verizon.net

Thank you!

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