



OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS

Moore's Chapel Homecoming

October 28, 2007 10:30 a.m.
Celebrating 136 years
1871- 2007



The Rev. Greg Hill returns to Moore's Chapel as the guest speaker for our 2007 Homecoming celebration. Rev. Hill was the minister at Moore's Chapel from 1973-1978 when he entered the military chaplaincy. He is now the pastor at Hempfield United Methodist Church in Lancaster, PA. We welcome Greg and his wife, Rosemary, back to Moore's Chapel.

Chuck Boyd and singers, "One Voice" will bring the special music along with selections by the Moore's Chapel Praise Band and the Moore's Chapel Choir.

A covered dish luncheon will be served with drinks, rolls, and dessert provided. Everyone is invited to attend this special Sunday in our church's calendar.



Pastor's Pen

By Rev. KyungMo Koo



Stephen Ministry

Moore's Chapel started a new ministry this fall. Under the leadership of Sam and Fay Pierce, we launched the Stephen Ministry program not only for the congregation, but also for the wider community. Stephen Ministry is a care-giving ministry for anyone who has experienced a variety of life difficulties. It is a one-to-one caring ministry for people experiencing grief, divorce, loneliness, job loss, or hospitalization. People in need are all around us and sometimes we don't notice them.

There are some who have lost their loved ones unexpectedly. Their hearts and minds are empty and don't know what to do. There are quite a few who are suffering from depression for various reasons. They think their lives are worthless or hopeless. There are many people who struggle with various addiction problems who cannot handle their problems. They are frustrated and disappointed in themselves because of their inability to quit. What about single mothers who bear many heavy burdens? How about a person who has suffered from domestic violence or chronic disease? If we open our eyes or ears, and look around more carefully, there are so many brothers and sisters who need our attention, care, and presence.

How can we help these people in need? We can help by being trained in the Stephen Ministry. Through friendship and a ministry of presence we can help. We live very private lives. Although we do try to understand in some measure, our knowledge is always limited.

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It is true that no one truly knows another's feelings, hopes, fears, joys, or burdens. Of course, we cannot all be experienced psychologists, well-trained counselors, or ministers who are Spirit-filled for our neighbor and friends. But, we can just be there with them. We can be a friend for them when they need somebody. We can listen to them and pray for them. We can embrace them. We can cry with them. People are looking for a church and Christians that care, and take notice of their needs.

How many times have you been with other people when they were needy? Not only just with your family members or friends but also with your neighbors or church members. Beyond the boundary of "my"—my family, my friends, my favorite person! We might need to look around at other people in the wider community. They need our understanding, acceptance, embrace, prayer, and presence as friends.

I believe this Stephen Ministry is one of the precious programs that the church can, and should do. When one who is sad, hopeless, frustrated, powerless, and in crisis needs somebody, we can be the somebody who can share their suffering, or can give comfort and peace in the name of Jesus Christ.

For this ministry, you don't have to be a professional in counseling. You don't have to be good at citing the Bible, be a public speaker, or pray for a long time. You don't have to be a church officer for this ministry. All you have to do is be there for them. Listen to them, cry with them, and give a warm hug. If you have the will and desire to help someone in need, you are already qualified for this ministry.

The Joy Bayly family, in the course of several years, lost three of their children. In his book *View from A Hearse*, (Elgin, Ill.: Cook, 1973) Joe Bayly shared his honest feelings when one of his children died: "I was sitting there torn by grief. Someone came and talked of God's dealings, of why it happened, of hope beyond the grave. He talked constantly. He said things I knew were true. I was unmoved, except to wish he'd go away. He finally did.

Another came and sat beside me. He didn't talk. He didn't ask me leading questions. He just sat beside me for an hour and more, listened when I said something, answered briefly, prayed simply, and left. I was moved. I was comforted. I hated to see him go."

I strongly recommend you to participate in this ministry not only for our neighbors but also for your spiritual growth. In my case, throughout my ministry I grew up a lot. When God calls us, He expects a unique ministry from each one of us. If you want to live the life of a disciple, if you want to please God, this Stephen Ministry can show you the way! We now are in a training

session for this ministry. As of now, there are a total of 12 candidates signed up.

Let us be there with those in need. Let us be a friend for them when they need somebody. Let us hear from them and pray for them. Let us hold them and cry with them. Paul's encouragement was not only for the Christians in Philippi but also for us, "Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 2:4). Let us show that God is with us through our ministry of presence.

In Booker T. Washington's autobiography, *Up from Slavery*, Mr. Washington recalled a beautiful incident of an older brother's love. He said the shirts worn on his plantation by the slaves were made of a rough, bristly, inexpensive flax fiber. As a young boy, the garment was so abrasive on his tender, sensitive skin that it caused him a great deal of pain and discomfort. His older brother, moved by his brother's suffering, would wear Booker's new shirts, until they were broken in and smoother to the touch. Booker said it was one of the most striking acts of kindness he had experienced among his fellow slaves. What a beautiful illustration of "bearing one another's burdens!"

I know many of you want to serve God but some of you don't know exactly how. I believe this Stephen Ministry will be a good starting point for that. Paul strongly implies in Galatians that to share the burden of others is to complete the law of Christ. "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"(6:2). If you simply want to be a person who is available for someone else and you have the compassion and love to share their burdens, you are ready for this ministry. I hope and pray many brothers and sisters from our Moore's Chapel family will participate in this ministry of bearing one another's burden.

In Christ's Love,



Rev. KyungMo Koo



Fall is in the Air...



WANTED

Praise team leader for a small church

QUALIFICATIONS/DUTIES: Above all a person living a life that honors God. Musician and/or singer, ability to transpose music is a plus, choose music for Sunday worship, coordinate singers/musicians, and a heart to praise God through music. Must be present for practice Wed. nights (or another week night TBA) and 8:30 a.m. worship on Sunday. Some experience necessary. Interested parties please call Jen Arter.

Thank you

Dear Church Members & Friends;

I would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to those whose help and support made the September 29 Dinner/Silent Auction, event a success. Without your support, this event would not have been possible.

Once again, **THANK YOU & God Bless!**

Mie Mie Joe Strickler
Sept. 29, 2007 Event Chair



Huge fundraising success

Our first ever dinner dance and silent auction was a huge success by anyone's yardstick. Chairwoman Mie Mie Strickler worked herself to near exhaustion to put together a fun night at Bentleys in Elkton Saturday September 29. The three rooms were packed with ticket holders and 80 silent auction items. The food was delicious, the bidding was furious and the music was perfect for dancing. According to Kenny Howett the proceeds were about \$9,000. This will go a long way to pare down our debt on the new building.



Kudos to Mie Mie and her family, which helped her with this event. Thanks to Kenny too for his expertise on organizing the auction.

The next building fund fundraiser will be much simpler and seasonal as well. Try this one on for size: **Christmas sweatshirts! Powder blue sweatshirts bearing a winter scene of the church building are available for \$20.** Sizes XXL and XXXL are \$25. Children's sizes on a sand colored sweatshirt are available for \$12. The name of the church is printed above the picture. Below it is the words "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". **Order by Sunday Dec. 2. Contact Jane Bellmyer to place your order.**



Operation Christmas Child

Join us in supporting this exciting outreach!

Many children around the world have never celebrated Christmas and do not know that they have a Savior who loves them. We are filling shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, and a variety of items to share God's love with them and their families! Brochures with box labels are located in the back of the church or you may visit the Operation Christmas Child website (www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ) for further information .

All boxes must be at the church by Sunday Nov. 11th.

Reindeer Word Search

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Youth Schedule

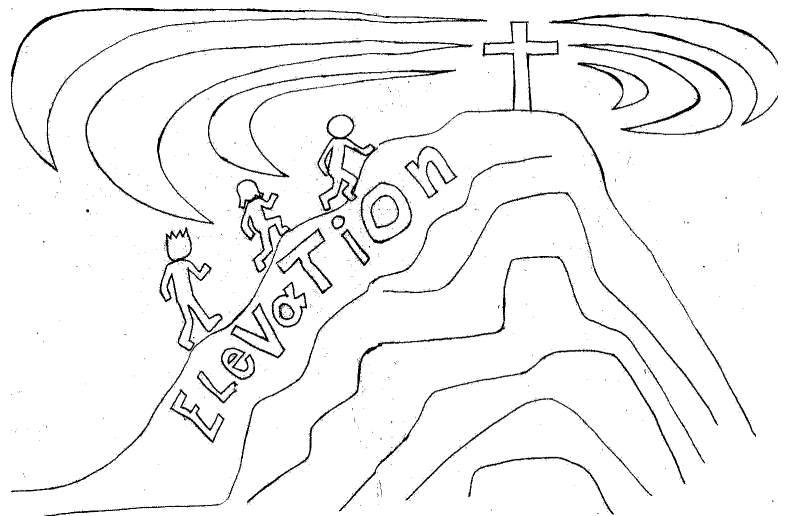
October:

Sun.	Oct. 14	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation, work on Youth Service Last day for early registration for Youth Rally
Tues.	Oct. 16	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Oct. 21	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation, work on Youth Service
Tues.	Oct. 23	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Oct. 28	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Elevation, Marshmallow shootout/capture the flag/harvest party at Walnut Springs Farm
Tues.	Oct. 30	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band

November:

Sun.	Nov. 04	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation, last chance to work on Youth Service
Tues.	Nov. 06	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Nov. 11	9:15 a.m.	Youth Service, Parents enjoy coffee & doughnuts down stairs. No Elevation Tonight! Combined service begins at 10:30 a.m.
Tues.	Nov. 13	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Nov. 18	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Elevation, Movie "The Ultimate Gift"
Tues.	Nov. 20	5:45-6:45 p.m.	Youth Praise Band
Sun.	Nov. 25	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Elevation
Fri.	Nov. 30	6:30 p.m.	Church Christmas Party, bring a friend!

Come Join us for Elevation!
Grades 6-12



Any questions about Youth Activities
please contact Jen Arter at
youth@mooreschapel.org or 410.398.7245.

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WOLFGANG CANDY & GIFTS

Orders are due Oct. 21 to Molly Brumbley or Phyllis Scott, all money is due with the orders. Pick up date is Nov. 18. All proceeds benefit Mission projects.



**YOUTH SERVICE
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2007
COMBINED SERVICE 10:30 A.M.
COME AND ENJOY!!!**

**CHARGE CONFERENCE
AT MOORE'S CHAPEL
THURSDAY NOV. 15, 2007 7 P.M.**



**COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN MISSION
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
Nov. 18, 2007
7 P.M. AT
CHERRY HILL, UMC.**



**CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY
FRIDAY NOV. 30, 2007
6:30 P.M.**

Start the Christmas season off right, come to the Moore's Chapel Christmas Party! (Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, dessert, & drinks are provided.) Bring your favorite side dish to share and come join the fun!!!

**MOORE'S CHAPEL 56TH
CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 23, 2007 7 P.M.**



The Moore's Chapel Choir, special singers and actors will present "The Promise of Christmas" - the story of Christmas in song and tableau. Come join in the carol singing and watch the story of the birth of Jesus unfold in the glimmer of candlelight. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. Plan to be part of this Moore's Chapel Christmas Tradition - a special tradition for 56 years!



**CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE
DECEMBER 24, 2007 9 P.M.**



If you would like to receive our newsletter via e-mail please contact Marsha Phillips at mphillips@mooreschapel.org and we will gladly add you to our list. Thanks!

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

WINTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

DECEMBER 2, 2007!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ARTICLES TO
MARSHA PHILLIPS AT
MPHILLIPS@MOORESCHAPEL.ORG.



Moore's Chapel, UMC

Everyone is Welcome
Come and Worship with us!

Sunday Mornings
Contemporary Worship 8:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m

Children's Ministries

Sunday School ~ ages 3-18 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Mommy & Me ~ for more information. contact Nicole Page 443.553.6910

Youth Praise Band ~ ages 9-18, Tuesday nights 5:45-6:45 p.m.

Elevation ~ grades 6-12, Sunday nights 6-7:30 p.m.

Please see page 5 for Youth Schedule.

Adult Ministries

Adult Sunday School ~ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Support Group ~ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Various Bible Studies

United Methodist Women ~ next meeting October 15, 7 p.m.

Methodist Men ~ next meeting October 24 at Union, UMC 6:30 p.m.

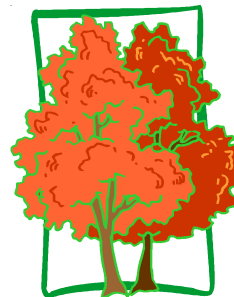
Prayer Group ~ next meeting October 20, 7 a.m.

Praise Band ~ performs at the 8:30 a.m. service, practice is Wed. nights 6:30 p.m.

Choir ~ performs at the 11 a.m. service, practice is Thurs. nights at 7:30 p.m.

All activities are held at Moore's Chapel,
392 Blake Rd. Elkton, MD 21921 unless otherwise stated.

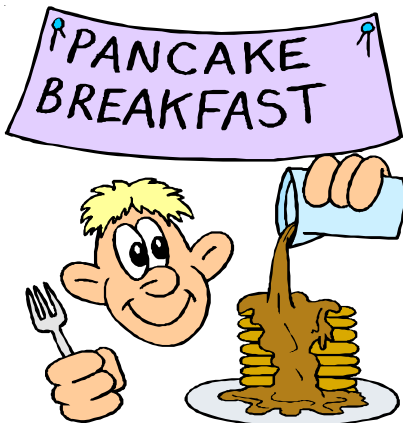
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Tag Day & Pancake Breakfast Saturday November 3, 2007 6-10 a.m.



Include the “**Moore’s Chapel Pancake Breakfast**” in your family traditions for the Holidays! We invite you to join us for a delicious breakfast before you and your family pick out that perfect Christmas tree at Pine Valley Tree Farm. A craft and bake table will be set up for you to browse while your here. All proceeds benefit the Moore’s Chapel Building Fund.

Adults \$5 and Children \$2.50

Help is needed, anyone willing please contact Molly Brumbley or Rosie Rierson .

