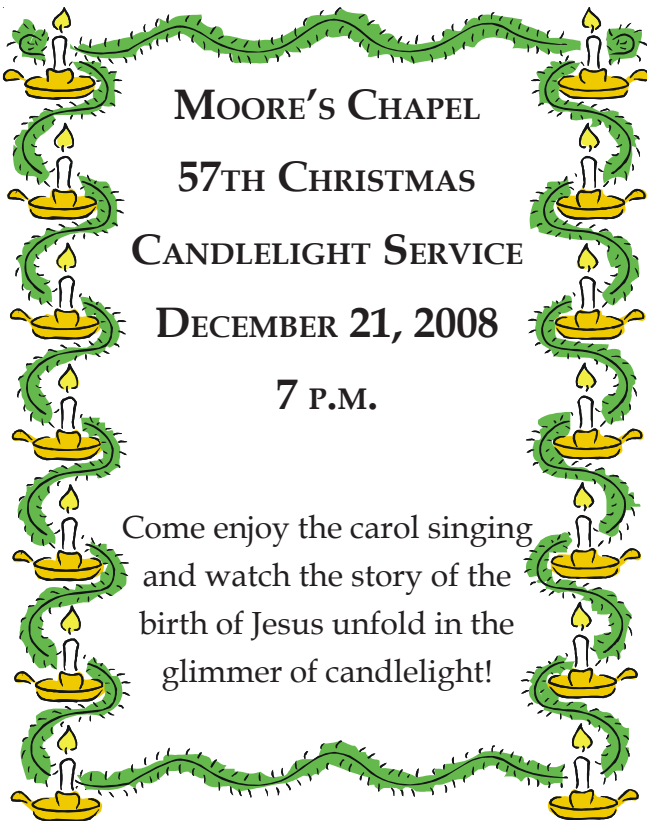




OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS



MOORE'S CHAPEL
57TH CHRISTMAS
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
DECEMBER 21, 2008
7 P.M.

Come enjoy the carol singing
 and watch the story of the
 birth of Jesus unfold in the
 glimmer of candlelight!



Pastor's Pen

By Rev. KyungMo Koo



"We are the Church together"

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Paul illustrated the unity of the church as a physical human body. The body is one, yet has many parts. Although all the parts are different and perform different functions, they all combine to make one functioning unit: the body. The Church is the place where unity and diversity coexist. Even though we are all different, we willingly combine and unite in and for Christ Jesus. As we have Holy Communion today, we participate in one bread and one cup as one body in Christ. However, whether we intend to or not, we sometimes break the oneness in Christ.

I know that there are some concerns, disagreements, and confusion out there regarding our new building. There are a few unfinished and uncertain areas that we have to deal with, change, and decide on. I don't think it is a result of laziness or someone being wrong, but a natural thing. We have never been on this road of new construction before; we have never had to build such a big building. In the middle of this procedure, mistakes, delays, miscommunication, or disagreement is inevitable. Now we need to have time to adjust, collect information, create the "what to do and how we do it" list, and settle down. We have to renovate the old space and assign it for appropriate use, decorate new rooms, set up a person or committee in charge, and provide clear and proper usage policies for the new building.

Church is the gathering of diverse people of God. Each one of us has his or her own taste, wishes, hopes,

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and expectations. Some want red color for the carpet while some say red is too typical and point rather towards gray; some want to have country style curtains while others prefer contemporary style blinds; some object to the statue of the suffering Christ while some receive inspiration from it. Some say we need a rectangular shaped table and others want a round table. Some don't mind hammering nails into the wall while others are completely against it. These kinds of struggles that come from differences are inevitable and endless.

We have our unique perceptions, perspectives and standpoints; some emphasize the new building as the center of our community, that the door should be opened wide without any financial charge to anyone, while some focus on evangelical purposes for the Moore's Chapel family and church related activities and programs with other churches. Some have the janitor's eye because they want to maintain this new building for a long time, and some still have issues with money, another major factor since we still owe on it. Some people mind yard sales or dances because the church is the House of Prayer, while others say it is not a sanctuary but a multi-purpose building.

There is nothing we cannot ignore. We need to and will consider the community, evangelism, liability issues, janitor and maintenance issues, and of course, money issues too. Like multiple-choice exams, we don't have to just choose one answer; we can choose the "all of the above" option. We have to consider every aspect and direction. This means whatever we decide, whoever decides, it will not satisfy you fully because we cannot and should not consider only one opinion. We should be ready to accept the results that each committee decides, and the church decides, whether we like it or not. We should be ready to accept that God is involved in and will guide us in every step of our decision. If we trust Him, we will be comfortable with differences and willingly accept them as God's choices.

I believe God poured out many blessings onto Moore's Chapel and that through Him, we have been successful with our project for the last three years. Many of us passionately invested time, money, and effort for particular areas of this project. All of us participated in this miracle of God one way or another. We have been praying for this project and are witnesses to God's great work. I strongly believe it is not the time to whine, grumble, complain, point out, or disagree; rather we need to count our blessings, have a time of gratitude, encouragement, celebration, and a time of unity.

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him—too far behind the times, tiresome tunes and meaningless words. His

father put an end to his son's complaints by saying, "If you think you can write better hymns, then why don't you?" The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The year was 1690, the teenager was Isaac Watts. "Joy to the World" and "Marching to Zion" are also among the almost 350 hymns written by him. I would like to give you the same advice Isaac's father gave to him, "Why don't you do something for the church, instead of evaluating, pointing out, or complaining?"

Do you have any idea for Moore's Chapel? Remember this. Everyone is entitled to his or her own opinions. That's a good thing and it is what builds us as a diverse community in Christ. But only expressing your opinion without doing anything is complaining. It is totally misunderstanding if you insist your idea is the only one. None of us own the church because the true owner is not him, not her, not me or you; it is God. You and I are just one part of the body and we are all equally important to God. There is no, "I am the church"; it is "We are the church together."

I believe our new building project is not simply adding more buildings for convenience, but building up God's mission and ministry, the community of faith, unity from diversity, and to build for the next generation of Moore's Chapel. Even though we have built a wonderful building, if we lose our unity, if we lose our acceptance and hospitality in Christ with each other, if we cannot embrace each other, we have done nothing because we know that the church is not a building; it is a people.

I am really excited about our new building, however, I care more about the unity of Moore's Chapel family than the building. When we move into a new and bigger house, if our children complain, point out problems, and fight with each other, as a parent you will be disappointed with your children because they have forgotten the real meaning of having a new and bigger house. We need to see how much we have gained; more space, more opportunities, instead of concerning ourselves with the little details. I strongly believe our Heavenly Father would feel the same way. The colors of carpet or decorations inside and out are not issues for our Heavenly Father. He has more serious concerns about His children's unity as they move into a new and bigger building. As a people of God, the body of Christ, and brothers and sisters under one Father, we have to build up each other.

In Christ's Love,



Rev. KyungMo Koo



Cinderella Family Dance

Moore's Chapel - Underwood Educational Building

October 24, 2008

7-10 p.m.

As I drove to work one recent morning I saw a dad waiting at the bus stop with his children. One child waited for the bus to arrive in the usual manner; book bag in hand, looking for the first glimpse of the big yellow vehicle. His other child, however, held tightly to her daddy's hands and stood on his toes as he danced her around the end of the driveway.

The scene has stuck in my mind. How many families in our community have loving, close-knit relationships? With so many families living on tight schedules, rushing from this game to that practice, it has become apparent that we need to help families reconnect. I made a mental note of the address and sent the family information on our Cinderella Dance.

The Cinderella Dance will be held Oct. 24 in our community center from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Many have asked what is so special about this dance. First of all it is open to everyone, not just adults. Billed as "Don't wait until the wedding day to dance with your son or daughter," The Cinderella Dance will give moms and their sons—or daddies and daughters—the opportunity to have a date night.

Tickets are \$25 for a family, or \$15 for a parent and child, or a couple. Try going to the movies for that price! The price includes refreshments, music by A Perfect Beat (they were at our gala last year at Bentley's) and dance lessons from 7:30-8 p.m.

Get really dressed up if you like. Color, Cut and Curls in Oxford, Pa. is offering a special package with an up-do and nail color for \$20.

Don't forget the Glass Slipper Contest. Remember how the Fairy Godmother made Cinderella beautiful for the ball at the palace? Find your rattiest pair of shoes in the back of the closet. Dress one up to make it pretty again. Bring them both to show before-and-after and you could win a prize!

Life is full of missed opportunities.

Don't miss a chance to have a special moment with your child.

Don't wait until the wedding!

**For more information or to purchase tickets call Jane Bellmyer
443-553-8420 or contact the church office at 410-398-7245.**



A thought on Seeing—Becoming

SunAe Lee-Koo

You become what you see.

Like Jacob in Genesis (30:37-43), so many pregnant women try to see something right and beautiful, hoping that the child they carry may be of the beauty that they see.

You become what you see.

Parents, especially mothers, know what it means by raising their children, for they witness their children mimicking what they say and do, wittingly or unwittingly.

By what you see, you reflect who you think you are.

What do you care about when you look into a mirror?

If I were concerned with worldly desires such as possessions, pleasure, or position, then I would care about my outward appearance, dieting, fashion trends, and so forth. I would show the same interests when I looked at someone near me. By so doing, I not only lose the true value of the person I look at, but also become blind to the true self—what I am.

What do you see when you look at someone around you? Do you see if the person wears luxurious clothes, if the person is in great shape, if the person looks intelligent? Or do you see if the person fears and at the same time loves God, if the person looks hungry for spiritual growth, if the person is joyful, or if the person needs help?

I want someone near me to see into my inner person, and I also want to see that person's inner being in the way God sees that person.

You become what you see.

When I see trees dancing in the cool, morning breeze, I feel the touch of Creator God's love for all. Ah! How full the world is of vestiges of God the Creator!

When I see the crucifix in the church garden, I think of Christ's suffering for all humanity including me:

Christ, the fountain of life-giving water, the rock who saves us, the God who humbled Himself and became one of us, the friend who never changes his faithful friendship with us, and the Man who wants us to be like Him.

When I see Christ's dying love for me, him, her, and you, I see Christ in that person, with whom Christ is befriended.

The more I see Christ in what I see, the more I know the Triune God who gives me knowledge that passes all understanding.

Then, seeing becomes knowing.

The more I know Christ, the more I love the Triune God who gives me peace that passes all understanding.

Then, knowing becomes loving.

You become what you see.

I hope to see God in what I see.

I want to become like who I see; like who I know; like who I love.

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Then, loving becomes becoming, that is, living:

I don't want to be rude. I hope to be polite.

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I don't want to be jealous. I hope to be kind.
 I don't want to be arrogant. I hope to be humble.
 I don't want to be angry. I hope to be patient.
 I don't want to be self-seeking. I hope to seek God alone.
 Divine love is what I hope for, which is given by the life-giving Spirit of God, explains Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 13).

You become what you see.
 What do I hope to see?!
 What do you hope to see? ?



Santa Camp By Jane Bellmyer

With the completion and consecration of the new Underwood Educational Building I feel we can now turn our attention to fundraising with an added focus: one of outreach. If we are sincere that the building should be used to bring new families to a saving knowledge of Christ we must first get them in our doors.

This is how Santa Camp was developed. While I am not one of them, there are a lot of people who take advantage of the so-called "Black Friday" sales that stores will be offering the day after Thanksgiving. With money becoming even tighter these sales will be even more important, especially to families. However, you can't find the doll on your daughter's Christmas list, or the action figure your son desires if you have to take them with you.

Santa Camp to the rescue! On Friday November 28 we will open our doors from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for up to 30 elementary school-aged children. While mom and dad take advantage of the great sales, the children will make two gifts for someone in their family and will wrap them in paper which they have created. During that period they will also have snacks and lunch, play games, hear a Bible story, and watch a movie.

The cost will be \$40 per child. It's a great price for a day of safe, caring fun and two gifts for under the tree. We will need volunteers to help the children with the crafts, at lunch and for the games and other activities. Please consider signing up for a shift on the sheet which will be posted at the rear of the church.

Please take fliers too for posting at your favorite store, civic group, post office or other community billboard location.

If you have questions see me at church or call me. 443-553-8420.

**Santa Camp is held Friday November 28th 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 \$40 per child**

Building Update

In September the Building Committee met with Jim Nowland to finalize our construction contract. There were many Change Orders to be resolved. Additions such the kitchen removal and installed in the new building, vent work, upstairs bathrooms, electrical changes, doors, carpet, etc. Deductions included landscaping (much donated by Ray Ramberger and work done by our church people), kitchen cabinets, stoves and dishwasher purchased by us rather than the construction company.

The bottom line of this resulted in additions of \$21,744 and deductions of \$48,679. Nowland Associates also paid for electric and gas used during construction which amounted to \$1,060.00.

The total cost of our new building is \$1,467,718.00. This includes land studies, surveying, permit fees, and construction. It does not include start up costs, interest we have paid on loans and the initial filling of the gas tank.

We had approximately \$200,000 in 2004 when we started this project. Since 2004 we have raised \$592,000 thru Faith Promise Pledges, fundraisers, memorials, and gifts. As of September 30, 2008, our debt is \$767,000. Hopefully we can reduce this to \$750,000 before the next campaign begins.

The first Faith Promise campaign will end February 28, 2008. Please be praying and planning for our next campaign which the Finance Committee will kick off in January.

A complete Building Fund Financial report is posted in the back of the Sanctuary or ask me for a copy.

Ken Howett



High School Vacation Bible School

(left to right-standing)
Ashley Ramberger, Jacob Costello, Colin
Weaver, and Cameron Weaver
(center-sitting down) Jared Costello
(sitting in front) Sandy Scott and Jake Spencer

CHILDHOOD SCENES RENEWED

Editors Oxford Press

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood. When fond recollections present them to view. The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wild-wood. And every loved spot which my infancy knew.

The words of this sweet old melody floated through the mind of the writer as I sat on the platform erected for the use of the speakers and singers at the annual picnic and reunion of the Sunday school of Moore's Chapel, Leeds circuit of the Methodist Protestant Church on a recent Thursday afternoon.

It was indeed a great pleasure to again meet the old friends of former years, notably, Joseph Scarborough, Joseph and Wesley Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and many more, while the faces of former years, Mr. Robert Mackey, G. M. Senderling, Benton Alexander, Mrs. Joseph Scarborough and numerous others were missing. However, on each passing year of our visitation we find new ones to take their places. This picnic has grown to be a loved affair by all who attend this school, and is the meeting place for many who have removed their residence even to Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Avondale.

The members are planning a great home coming for next year, being the 50th anniversary of the church, the expectation being to hold an open-air meeting, as the church would be inadequate as a holding capacity for the hundreds who have gone from this church to other sections. Many pulpits of other denominations are being filled with the products of this Methodist Protestant altar while the business world in many of our large cities can boast of her pupils.

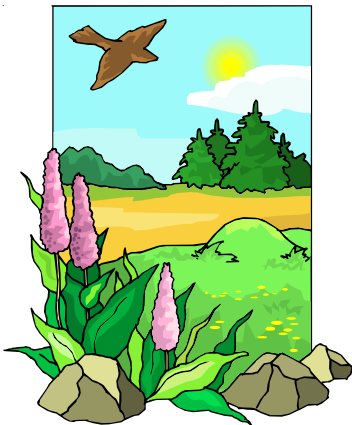
The picnic was presided over by Harvey H. Mackey, the honored superintendent who is walking in the Christian fortitude of his father and who gave a strong address in support of the 18th and 19th Amendments also local and church interests.

Sweet music was rendered by the choir and a solo by the ever loved sweet singer in Blake, Wesley Ewing. Rev. V.A. Miller, the pastor in charge gave a stirring address on character, and Fannie T.H. Hay, of Wilmington, some readings which seemed to be well received. Amos Ewing, the ex-superintendent also gave an address, dwelling on the beauties of the scene and the occasion.

All present enjoyed the bounteous hospitality of the members--great baskets groaning beneath their loads of rich viands every product of the farm topping off with ice cream and cake such as only Cecil County ladies know how to make.

The beauty of the Ewing meadow, the perfect day, the exhilarating air, the mingling of friends, brought to each a pleasure that came to an end too soon when the shades of evening began to warn that night was approaching, so the guests departed thankful that God in His wisdom had again allowed the privilege of "friend meeting friend" at the Moore's Chapel Sunday School picnic for the year 1920.

Mrs. A. Hay



Tradition is carried on as Moore's Chapel enjoyed another Sunday school picnic by the pond at Cherry Grove Farm, August 24, 2008. Seems very similar to the picnic of 1920.

E. Logan



Holiday Dinner & Silent Auction December 6, 2008 6:30-11:00 p.m.

Held at Moore's Chapel - Underwood Educational Building

Reserved Seating \$25 per person
(includes: dinner, dessert, soft drinks, & coffee)

Music from the 50's, 60's, & 70's provided by "A Perfect Beat"

Last day for reservations is **Nov. 20th**

For more information please contact
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Jane Bellmyer 443.553.8420 jmbellmyer@yahoo.com

All of those contributing to this fundraising event will be recognized in the program booklet for the evening. Any businesses who would like to donate items for the auction or purchase advertising space please contact Mie Mie or Jane.

Thanks for your support!

Please reserve _____ seats @\$25/person

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail _____

Guest names: _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$_____ Check payable to Moore's Chapel

Mail form & check to: Moore's Chapel
192 Blake Rd.
Elkton, MD 21921

Consecration Service of the Underwood Educational Building September 28, 2008

We asked our congregation...
What does the new building mean to you?
This is some responses!!!

The new building offers the opportunity like never before to reach out to our community in the name of Jesus. I pray this new opportunity will inspire us to go higher in our personal walk with God and our commitment to serving and loving His people.



To me it signifies a commitment by the church membership to continue to strengthen its Christian faith, spirit, and service-and in so doing to also attract new members, and thus allowing the church to grow.

And while there may be a few who are not excited by growth and change, I myself find it very comforting to know that "stagnation" and indifference will be non-factors in the future growth of Moore's Chapel. Hopefully, it will also continue to draw all church members closer together as a family.



The new educational building is a dream of mine that has come true. As a little girl of three, I have attended Moore's Chapel. Sunday school class for me began in the sanctuary, then on to the Community House, and back to the renovated church. It has come full circle. It's a wonderful accomplishment!!! I anticipate Phase 2 and its completion in my lifetime. Our church may located on a little country road, but we have already reached beyond our community. I give thanks to all who have helped make this new educational building possible. We are UNITED METHODISTS!





Youth Schedule

Elevation is open to everyone grades 6-12
Go Higher aka Youth Praise Band is open to everyone ages 9-18

All meetings are held at the church unless otherwise stated. Any questions please contact the Youth Leader Jennifer Arter 717.434.6179.

October

Sun.	Oct. 19	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Elevation - pizza and folding newsletters
Sun.	Oct. 26	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Go Higher practice
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation
Fri.	Oct. 31	6:30-10:30 p.m.	YMCA Fun Night - FREE! Bring a canned good, towel, swim suit, and wear gym clothes. Leave church at 6:30 p.m. return 10:30 p.m.

November

Sun.	Nov. 02	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Go Higher Practice
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation
Sun.	Nov. 09		No Youth Activities
Sun.	Nov. 16	3:00-6:00 p.m.	Elevation - mall trip to give out tracts and shop for our adopted family
Sun.	Nov. 23		No Go Higher practice
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation - get ready for Santa Camp
Fri.	Nov. 28	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Santa Camp fundraiser
Sun.	Nov. 30	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Go Higher practice
			No Elevation

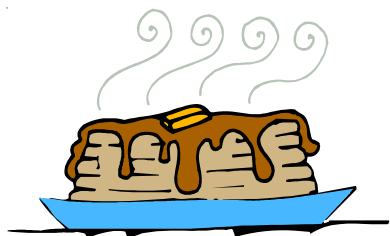
December

Sun.	Dec. 07	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Go Higher practice
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation
	Dec. 14	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Go Higher practice
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation
	Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service
	Dec. 28	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Go Higher practice
		6:00-7:30 p.m.	Elevation



January

Fri.-Sat.	Jan. 02-03	9:00 p.m.-7:00 a.m.	Annual Lock-In, bring a snack to share and a wrapped gift that cost you nothing for the white elephant
Sun.	Jan. 04		No Youth Activities
Fri.-Sun.	Jan. 09-11		Youth Rally in Ocean City, MD - leave Moore's Chapel Fri. 4 p.m. and return Sun. 3 p.m.



Tag Day Breakfast

November 1, 2008

6 a.m.-10 a.m.

adults \$5 children \$2.50

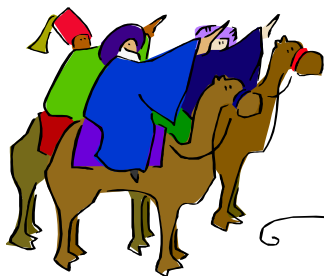
Include the “**Moore’s Chapel Tag Day Breakfast**” in your family traditions for the Holidays! We invite you to join us for a delicious breakfast while you and your family are out picking out that perfect Christmas tree at Pine Valley Tree Farm. A craft and bake table will be set up for you to browse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



Join us for a
Family Christmas Eve
Worship Service

December 24, 2008

9 p.m.



E-Mail

If you would like to view our newsletter on-line please contact **Marsha Phillips** at mphillips@mooreschapel.org and we will gladly add you to our list. You will be sent a reminder when it’s updated.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

WINTER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

JANUARY 4, 2008!!!

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

Join us anytime for Worship Sunday Mornings

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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

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**Moore's Chapel, UMC
Homecoming
October 26, 2008 10:30 a.m.**



Moore's Chapel will celebrate its annual Homecoming on Sunday, October 26 with a combined service at 10:30 a.m. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries, Jack Shitama, will be our guest speaker. Rev. Shitama served Hopewell Methodist and Chesapeake City Methodist Churches before becoming Director of Camp Pecometh. Youth ministry was always his special ministry. Many of Moore's campers will be welcoming him to our special celebration.

Ken Lang, who sang for us at our church picnic, is returning bringing his music ministry with voice, guitar, and trumpet. For those who missed the picnic, you are in for a treat! There will also be music by the Praise Band and the Choir. Please plan to join us for an inspirational message, special music, and fellowship.



A covered dish luncheon will follow the service
in the Underwood Educational Building.
Please bring your specialty dish to share.