

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ANNAPOLIS



Renewed by the Gospel... Seeking the Renewal of Annapolis

Sept/Oct/Nov 2011



Homecoming

by Tom Beall

God has blessed EP church for 47 years with Godly men and women who have worshiped and served Him here in this place. His people have been the impetus to start 12 different churches in and around Anne Arundel County to take the good news of the Gospel to thousands (over 3,000 worship each Sunday Morning in these 12 churches). Hundreds have gone from EP to the mission field throughout the world.

This September, we want to celebrate together what God has done, what He has given us as His vision for this church, and to honor the people who have been faithful to God's call over the past 47 years at EP Church.

Come join us for a great time to:

- 1) Look back on God's plan for the beginning of EP Church, and the men and women who followed God's lead and started EP.
- 2) Look forward to God's vision for where He is taking us. God's plan for EP has not yet been accomplished.
- 3) Praise our Lord together at an "evening service" of *Celebration and Praise* led by Lyle Beall, Randy Pendleton, and Praise Band members from the past and present. Sing songs from the different generations of EPers.
- 4) Enjoy a picnic of Fried Chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, and biscuits.
- 5) Every family/single to bring a dessert to share *Dessert Bake Contest* - Bake your best dessert and submit it for judging - these will be added to the other desserts to share.
- 6) Fellowship - Invite your Bible Study, small group, Sunday School class, ministry team, and friends to join you. If you know folks who have moved out of the area or are currently attending another church, invite them to come back for the homecoming.
- 7) Meet some of the founders and early members of EP.



Courtesy of Graham and Libby Gutsche



EP Church Archives

EP Homecoming Picnic & Praise Celebration

Sunday, September 4th, 4:30-8:00PM

Picnic: \$5.00 per person, \$25.00 per family

Register for the picnic on-line at epannapolis.org, check out the festivities schedule on page 6 or call me at ext. 117 for additional information.

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A community of God's people seeking the Spiritual, Cultural, and Social renewal of Annapolis and the surrounding community as we are moved by the Gospel into devotion to Jesus Christ, love for His Body, and service to His World...that Christ would be glorified, and that Annapolis and the world would know that God has sent His Son.

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Deacons for 2011

Walt Asplund, Nate Bailey, BJ Bigelow, Joshua Bird, Bill Browne, Herb Conklin, Joe D'Angelo, Jeff Donaldson, Scott Furniss, Tim Geis, Mike Hannigan, Tom Harries, Tom Hughes, Bob Hulting, Phil Jones, Roy Little, Jim Litschewski, Steve Marshall, Ben McKeown, David Meloy, Tom Olthoff, Ritchie Park, Dean Powell, Ben Renko, Mike Riith, Lou Smith, Mark Strickenburg, Jim Taylor, Van Thompson, Bill Ward, Jon White, Jim Wilson

The staff can be reached at 410-266-8091 plus the extensions as noted. You may visit our web site at <http://www.epannapolis.org/staff.html>

THE GREAT CLOTHING GIVEAWAY RETURNS!

Saturday, October 22nd

Anyone may come for free clothing and toys between 9:00AM - noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Our greatest needs are DONATIONS!

This is a ministry that reaches many people in the Annapolis community.



We need clothes in all sizes, toys, books, and household items.

Donations for the Giveaway will be collected outside the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 21st, from 3:00PM - 8:00PM.

Anyone needing more information may contact Linda Hannigan at mlhannigan@gmail.com or 410-647-2071.

ALL ARE WELCOME! EVERYTHING IS FREE!

Please share this with anyone who might benefit from this ministry.

DEACONS AUTO CLINIC

Saturday, October 22nd

8:00AM to 11:00AM

The Church Garage

Same day as the Great Clothing Giveaway!

Oil change and minor maintenance for widows, single women and those who need help with their cars. Please bring an oil filter that fits your car and we will provide the rest.

If you would like to volunteer or plan to attend and have a specific car problem other than the routine oil change, please call Mike Hannigan at 410-647-2071 prior to **October 22nd**.

Watch for a sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall at the end of September or call the Church Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

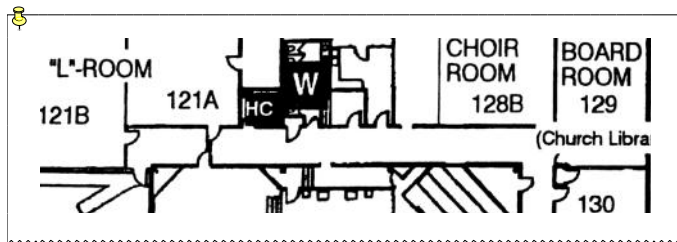
GIVING THRU AUGUST 14

Operating Fund:	Year To Date
Budgeted Giving	\$ 1,537,000
Actual Giving	\$ 1,541,000
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 4,000

A REMODELING PROJECT

by Herb Conklin

Our Session has approved a remodeling project that the Deacons will be handling over the next month. Present plans call for this remodeling to begin on or about August 22nd. The conversion of the L-Room into 2 rooms is going to be the first part of this project. We will have a permanent sound proof wall installed where there is presently the accordion wall.



The larger portion of the room is going to be used for our Music Ministry. The smaller portion of the room

will continue to be used as it is now for Sunday School classes and other general church activities.

When the L-Room project is completed, we'll start converting the present Choir Room into 3 offices. Exterior windows will be installed for each office, and the heating/air conditioning revised to service these rooms properly.

Like most construction projects, we may have some temporary challenges and inconveniences along the way. We humbly ask for your cooperation and patience during the course of this project.

Our Church Office has communicated these changes to everyone that we feel may be directly impacted, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at ext. 113.

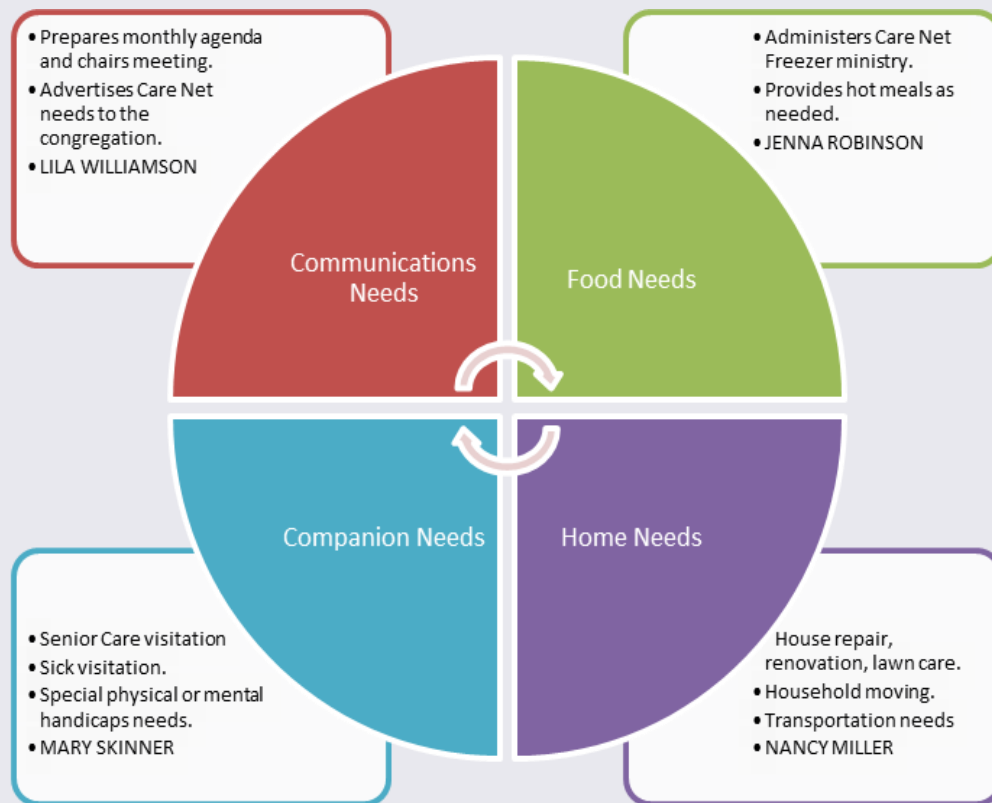
CHANGE IS GOOD

by Bob Borger

EP Care Net is going through some changes that we're excited about. We hope you will be too and will join with your brothers and sisters in helping to care for the needs in our congregation.

The first change involves the stronger link that has now been established between EP Care Net and the EP Diaconate. EP Care Net is now functioning under the authority and supervision of the Deacons. Specifically, Care Net operates as a sub-committee of the Deacon's Mercy Committee. Two members of the Mercy Committee, Ben Renko and Jim Taylor, serve as the diaconal liaisons with the EP Care Net Directors. Together they propose the structure and procedures to help EP Care Net accomplish its mission of "communicating and coordinating care for our congregation."

Currently, EP Care Net is divided into four areas of responsibility. A director serves over each area and helps coordinate specific needs. Those four areas may be visualized through the following pie chart:



The second change for EP Care Net involves a stronger emphasis upon using the internet to link needs with volunteers. Presently, EP Care Net has over 100 people who have signed up to help others. However, this number is not sufficient for a congregation in excess of 1,000. The directors would love to see the number of registered volunteers exceed 500 and to have this list up and running before Thanksgiving (boy, that would be something to be "thankful" for!).



Lotsa Helping Hands
create community

EP CARE NET HAS GONE ELECTRONIC

by Lila Williamson

Dear Friends at EP Annapolis,

Those of you with email addresses will be receiving an invitation to join lotsahelpinghands.com, our new electronic EP Care Net facilitator program. You will be instructed to go to www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/643605, and fill out the right hand side of the form which is the request to join the EP Care Net Community. You will receive a notification email from Lotsa Helping Hands that welcomes new members and instructing you to verify your email address. After that you can “sign-in” to use the program. You’ll see selections on the left side of your screen. There is a calendar which will show current needs within our EP family, as well as other pull down menus.

Care Net Coordinators will post requests for help and you will get an email when a request appears. From there you are to go into the website and volunteer to handle the request by clicking on the date and need. When you reply, the job is considered done, no more phone calling back and forth. If you can’t do it, just ignore the request, but here’s your opportunity to help serve one by one. You will get automatic email reminders from Lotsa Helping Hands to keep you on track in attending to your commitment to help with the assignment you agreed to fulfill.

A Care Net Coordinator will be watching the calendar also to be sure requests are handled in a timely manner. You may call the person you are going to help in order to work out any specifics that you can’t do via this program.

So, if you have a need, contact one of the Care Net Coordinators listed below:

Jenna Robinson, jennar2901@gmail.com or call 254-214-4619

Nancy Miller, nanjomiller@yahoo.com or call 410-570-0703

Mary Skinner, popaskin@comcast.net or call 410-268-2859

Lila Williamson, lilaw1411@verizon.net or call 410-757-0343

If you change your email address, please update it on this program. If you have never submitted your email address, this would be a good time to give it to a Coordinator so that they can send you an invitation to join the EP Community.

PS. If you do not use a computer, you may still use the green brochure available at the Welcome Center to request help or to volunteer. Forms may be submitted to the Church Office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday.

...FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

by Melissa Drouin

Do you have some old photos of your family at EP church? EP is looking for pictures that will show the generations that have come to EP. We would like you to take that old photo, match it up to the existing area and then email it to mdrouin@epannapolis.org.

The original picture can be in black and white or color, you can overlay the picture, shown here, or you can do before and after portrait's in front of the same area, with the same person(s).

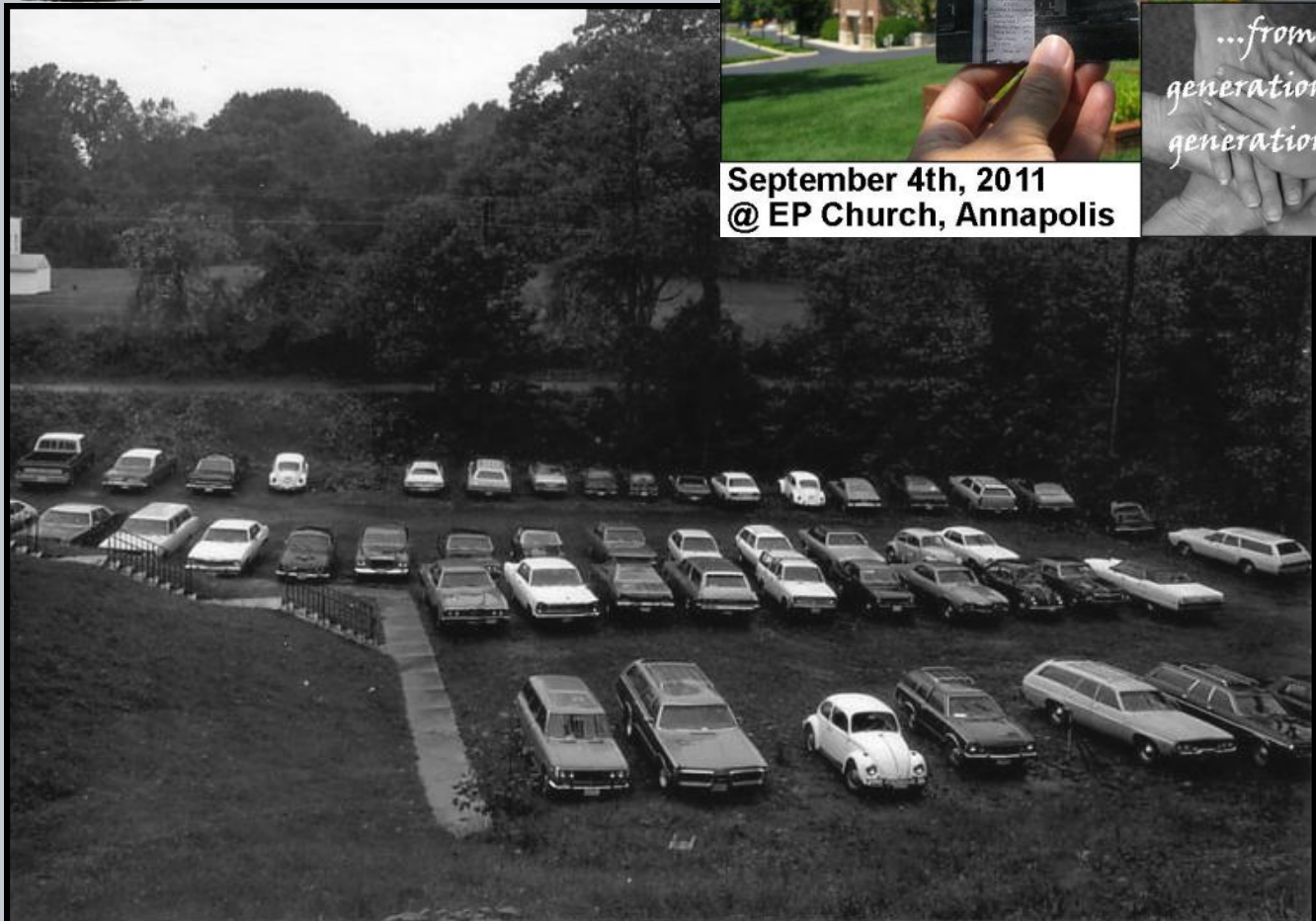


The pictures will be collected and shared at our Homecoming Picnic and Praise Celebration on Sunday, September 4th. Our picnic will be in the Field at 4:30PM for \$5.00 per person, \$25.00 per family, will include a Dessert Bake-Off in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30PM followed at 6:30PM by a Celebration and Praise Service in the Sanctuary. Registration is available on-line at epannapolis.org. So get your photos together, and come join us as we celebrate 47 years of being a part of Christ's family.

How many VW Bugs can you find in our original parking lot?



September 4th, 2011 @ EP Church, Annapolis



The answer is five

"Love of God is pure when joy and suffering inspire an equal degree of gratitude."

Choosing to SEE, A Journal of Struggle and Hope, by Mary Beth Chapman (Revell)

Want something to ponder as you walk your way? Think about that quote above. It is a statement that I've been pondering since reading this book. Mary Beth Chapman is the wife of the Christian musician and songwriter, Steven Curtis Chapman.

They have a lovely family of three biological children and three adopted daughters from China. In May of 2008, a terrible accident occurred in the driveway of their home. Their 17-year old son, Will, was coming home and their 5-year old daughter, Maria, was anxious to have him help her on the monkey bars, so she eagerly ran to greet him. He did not see her and accidentally hit her with his car, killing her. How does a family face that kind of tragedy? Only with God's grace.

In this journal, Mary Beth is very transparent. In the first part of this book, she shares about their early married life and how God often gave them surprises - all part of HIS plan for them - but surprises to them when she thought *she* was in control of her life. She admits to being a very orderly, organized and sometimes controlling person. So, God's surprises often led her to struggle. She never imagined that God might be preparing them for one of the greatest surprises - tragedy in their family.

Here is a quote as Mary Beth told Maria's young sisters of her death, "Tears rolled down my cheeks as my little girls continued to cry. 'It's not fair, I know!' I said. 'There are lots of things that don't seem to be fair, and they're so hard. But girls, God has asked us to do hard. It really stinks and I wish we didn't have to, but this is what our family has been called to. If we all stick together, we can do hard.' "

One of the hardest things that God asks us to do is to trust Him during the darkest times. Some of the darkest times in our lives are when we lose a loved one. As His children, God does not promise us that we won't suffer or have hard times, but He does promise that He will be with us during those darkest hours, that is, if we choose to see Him.

I highly recommend this book for those who are facing their own darkest hour, for those who want to learn how to minister to others in their dark hours, and even for all of us who want to learn to have an equal amount of gratitude to God even when our darkest hours come.

GriefShare, a Bible-centered grief support group, will begin again on October 12th. If you are grieving, come join us or bring a grieving friend. Brochures are in the information racks and in the Church Office.

To pre-register or for more information contact:

Paul and Carolyn Woodie

410-626-8430 - carolyn.woodie@verizon.net

or

Walt and Karen Asplund

410-923-3285 - asplundmd@yahoo.com



PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

If you're thinking about marriage, you're probably not thinking that your marriage will end in divorce. Yet over half do. Help divorce-proof your marriage by enrolling in EP's fall semester of Preparing for Marriage. This is a pre-marital course for couples who are seriously dating or engaged, or those married for less than one year.



Couples from outside the EP family are also welcome.

The course dates are

**Sunday, September 11th through Sunday, December 4th,
excluding Thanksgiving weekend.**

Sunday morning classes are held at the church from 9:00 to 10:30AM.

In addition to the 13 weekly classes, a trained mentor couple is paired with each couple to work closely with them throughout the course. The most beneficial time to participate in this course is from six months to a year prior to the wedding.

Of all the plans that a couple makes together, the most important are those for their life AFTER the wedding. Please take advantage of the opportunity to grow your relationship and to build solid foundations for the future. For more information, call Al and Nancy Strong at 410-643-975 or contact the Church Office.



Now is the time to register for class. Brochures describing the class as well as registration forms are available in the Church Office or visit our website, www.eppannapolis.org/pfm.html.

BATTALION MINISTRY

by Rob Niewoehner

Annapolis EP's Battalion Ministry provides discipleship and leadership training to young men grades 6 to 12. The ministry principally uses wilderness experiences to foster a profound love for Christ, His word and His church. That development takes place at AEP in weekly meetings during the school year, service projects, monthly wilderness expeditions, and summer programs at Hemlock Wilderness Brigade Camp in WV. The high school leadership team runs the middle school ministry for the younger guys, here, in the woods, and at camp in the summer. That entails leading the squads in Bible study and prayer, leading them through the mountains, and teaching the guys devotional and wilderness skills. Every one of the six seniors from the past years had independently led squads in the Appalachians day and night, through rain, snow and sunshine. Most had carried a younger boy's pack at some point as the need arose. At least five years of progressively increasing responsibility led to that competence. The mountains and the weather challenge the young guys; caring for the young guys challenges the older guys. At the end of his second-class year, Midn Chris Wilkins said that he had shouldered more responsibility at Battalion than he had at that point at USNA.



This summer, nine of our high schoolers, three college students, and a college grad led programs at Hemlock Camp, providing fully half of the camp's summer staff, preaching, leading worship, teaching, serving, cleaning dishes, cooking, sharing the gospel and the love of Christ with campers. Their expenses were covered by the church, and they returned with rich stories of God's work in their lives and in the lives of the campers to whom they ministered. Another ten of our 14-15 year-olds completed the 3-week Servant and Leadership Training (SALT) in preparation to serve as next year's camp staff and the ministry's leadership team during the school year. This year's program kicks off on Tuesday, August 30th, 6:45-8:45PM. Usually we're in the gym; but that night we'll be in the field behind the church. The first weekend trip will be camping and caving near Wardensville, WV, September 9th-11th. Later trips will include rock climbing, rappelling, marksmanship, and backpacking. Lots of dads join the trips, and are richly blessed by the fellowship, while the teen leaders run the program. Over the course of these high school years, dads get to watch the Lord transform our adolescent sons into men who capably shoulder responsibility in the context of caring for others and ministering the word of God. You may contact me at Robniewoehner@me.com for more information.

AM I THINKING CHRISTMAS ALREADY???

by Dee Chalfant

It is unbelievable that I am already thinking about Christmas and Angel Tree. It seems like yesterday that I was setting up the tree and putting out "Angel Tags" for the Angel Tree project December 2010. For those of you who are not aware of the project, the Angel Tree is a unique ministry which gives our church an opportunity to share Christ's love at Christmas by helping to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of families who have a loved one in prison. Participating in Angel Tree is a great way for our church to lovingly answer the Biblical call to minister to "the least of these." I know that those of you who have participated in the past had the opportunity to experience first hand the blessing of this ministry. You may have even had the opportunity to read the book "Six Million Angels" located in our Church Library. I highly recommend it as it tells the stories of some of the volunteers and angels through 20 years of the Angel Tree Ministry.



If you have participated in this wonderful project in the past, I pray that you will consider doing so again. If you have not done so in the past, won't you consider participating this year? Please be willing to take an Angel tag and jump into the Christmas crowds to shop for a little child who may find that these are their only Christmas gifts from Mom or Dad who can't be there with them at this special time of year. Thanks for considering this ministry.

OUTREACH MINISTRY UPDATE

by Laurie Nelson

We would again like to thank our congregation for the amazing generosity you have shown to our community in your giving towards **Send a Kid to Camp** as well as our **Project Backpack**. We were able to not only send 30 children to Camp Wabanna but also provided 200 backpacks. In both instances the Lord provided above and beyond our goal which allowed us to serve more kids in the Woodside Gardens Community as well as Iglesia de Dios and our own congregation.



TERRIFIC TUESDAY SUMMER CAMP

This was a great success due to the 55 volunteers the Lord provided over the 5 weeks of camp. Our congregation of all ages participated as we hosted 47 children from Woodside Gardens and the Admiral Oaks Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to many of you who helped with meal preparation, crafts, recreation, Bible stories, and team leaders and helpers. Without you this outreach would not have been possible. The pictures show just a snippet of what happened during our time with these kids. Please continue to pray for these children that the Lord would continue to use our congregation to share His love.



The volunteers and children at this years Terrific Tuesday Summer Camp.



MOPS AT WOODSIDE GARDENS

We are being asked to bring back MOPS to Woodside by the residents themselves. We had a Mops group at Woodside for 3 years which ministered to about 10 young women with their children.



Last year we decided to bring some of the woman over to our Tuesday morning Bible study. We are praying about going back over to Woodside Gardens with a MOPS program once a month. This is a great opportunity for us to continue to build relationships with these women. We are looking for women who are available one morning a month to provide child care and/or help plan talks, crafts and simply fellowship with these ladies. If you are interested please contact Laurie Nelson at lnelson@epannapolis.org.

HOMEWORK HAVEN AT WOODSIDE GARDENS

Volunteers interested in helping children (ages 6 to 10) with basic reading and math skills anytime Monday through Friday from 3:00PM to 6:00PM in the neighborhood community center located off of Forest Drive behind the Safeway.

GOOD NEWS CLUB AT GERMANTOWN ELEMENTARY

Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Recently two teachers who have been the force behind having a GNC at this school have moved to other schools. We have had about 35 children each year involved in this ministry over the last 3 years. The ministry runs from October through May one day a week from 4:00 to 5:30PM. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laurie at ext. 103. The next teacher training will be held on September 17th.

MOMS IN TOUCH

Is an "interdenominational, Christ-centered prayer ministry where moms pray together on a regular basis for children and schools." A group of moms in Annapolis have been meeting together every other Monday from 9:00 to 10:00AM to pray. If you would like more information about how you can become involved, please contact Christy Lenham at 410-295-3986. For more information about how to start a Moms in Touch group at your child's school, go to www.MomsInTouch.org.

LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER HARVEST SUNDAY

Will be on **October 16th**. We will be collecting non-perishable goods to restock the pantry at the shelter. Look for a list of specific needs as the we get closer to the date.

4TH SATURDAY LIGHTHOUSE DINNERS

Thank you to the many volunteers over the year who have provided dinner to the many people have come through the Lighthouse Shelter. The new shelter is located at 10 Hudson St. (just off West St.) and can now accommodate up to 60 residents. If you have a desire to serve but cooking for 60 intimidates you, please contact Laurie. We have easy meal ideas (with quantities) to help you out. This is a great opportunity for Sunday School classes, small groups or several families to serve together.



Dates still available are
10/22, 11/26, and 12/24.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC)

OCC collected over eight million gift-filled shoeboxes in 2010 and were then distributed in 130 countries. The shoeboxes, also known as "Gospel Opportunities", have one mission, to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. EP Church donated 1303 gift-filled shoeboxes and processed 504 in our Relay Center. Such a small number in the scheme of things, but each box impacts a child, their family, and community for Christ in a large way. These simple gifts (school supplies, hygiene items, small toys, and other items) are everyday and common to us, but to a child that lives in a poverty-stricken or war-torn area of the world, these are wonderful and extraordinary items. There are many stories documented by Samaritan's Purse about the impact of these gifts and some are shared on their website, www.samaritanspurse.org. EP Church will be collecting shoeboxes on two Sundays this year, November 6th and 13th. National Collection Week begins Monday, November 14th and ends Monday, November 21st. Our Relay Center will be open at various times during that week and will need volunteers to help count, sort, and pack the shoeboxes. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for more information or contact Nanci Hulting, 410-729-4549 or nhulting@hotmail.com) or Laurie Nelson, ext. 103 with any questions.



ROMANIA MISSIONS TRIP

by Al and Sue Kairys

This summer EP Annapolis sent two groups of missionaries to Romania. These groups consisted of the following teams:

VBS Team in Vicov: Ruth McClain, Bruce O'Neil, Marc and Wendy Rogers, James Mullis, Matt O'Neil, Kayla Mitchell, Elsbeth DeRoo, and Heather Cate.



Medical Team in Vicov: Margie Lay, Andrea Stone, Ella Boyd, Clif McClain

English Camp Team in Tirgoveste: Bill Richardson, Allison DeRoo, Jordan Hendrick, Amber Wright, Brenna Howie, Josh Mullis, Mike O'Neil, Thomas Beall, Isaac Vineyard, and Leslie Wilkins

Medical Team in Tirgoveste: Doina Zuba, Patty Cecil, and Carol Jacobson

The first group left on Wednesday, June 22nd and arrived in Romania on Thursday. They drove 10 hours to Vicov, a small village in northern Romania. This team ministered to five churches in the area. On Sunday the team attended two churches – one in the morning and one in the evening. The teenagers sang and gave their testimonies, and Bruce preached with the help of a translator. The next week the VBS team conducted a Bible School for 235 children. In the morning one VBS was held in Vicov, and in the afternoon another VBS was held in Radauti. During this time, the medical team held a clinic that ministered basic medical care for 70-100 people a day. In the evening a church service was held in different villages with the teenagers providing music and giving testimonies and Bruce preaching.

Pastor O'Neil felt that there were no difficulties for the team during the trip. He felt that the Romanians have lives that are much more difficult than Americans, but they have great joy. He enjoyed attending the wedding of a relative of a church member. The wedding lasted 10 hours and was a joyous celebration for friends and family. He was impressed with the teenagers on the missions trip, who worked hard and strove to make friends with the Romanians and developed a heart to return to Romania. The second medical group of missionaries arrived in Romania in the last week of June. The medical group conducted six clinics in Tirgoveste and neighboring villages. They ministered to the needs of over 500 patients. They fitted over 100 pairs of eye-glasses and gave out vitamins and calcium. Even though medical care and medication is more available in Romania now than ever before, it is often too hard for average people to access and afford. Patty Cecil feels that the greatest challenge is the need for new, mature missionaries to be willing to serve on the mission trips to Romania. She feels the greatest blessing was to see that the heart of the Romanian church is so great for the Lord. Patty believes that one of the greatest benefits of the mission trip was to remind the Romanian church that they are not alone.

The English Camp Team conducted their camp 4 hours from Tirgoviste in the Carpathian Mountains. About 50 teenagers, both Christian and non-Christian attended the camp. The campers practiced speaking English, played sports, and participated in times of Gospel sharing. The weekend before camp started, the team members stayed in the homes of church members in Tirgoviste. They participated in the Sunday church service with Bill Richardson preaching. The Bible camp lasted from the next Monday through Saturday. Allison DeRoo felt that the greatest hardship was that some of the non-Christian campers were defensive and non-accepting of their Christian teaching at first. The greatest blessing was that this opened the door for these campers to see Christians as real people. The team members were able to show that Christians are not just a group of people who follow certain rules, but are people who believe Christ paid the price for our sins and who are living that belief in the hope and joy of Christ.



Vacation Bible School was a true delight.

We started out modestly on Monday with 125 kids in the morning and 28 kids in the afternoon. The numbers grew each day ending with 235 in the morning and 38 in the afternoon. Our goal was to present a clear explanation of the gospel by presenting Creation, the Fall, Curse and Promise, the Incarnation, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and The Prodigal Son. We used drama, story telling with illustrations, puppets, narratives and more drama and song. All was done with wholeheartedness and much focused creativity.

Clif and Ruth McClain



May we say that the richness of this experience was clearly a culmination of many years of shared ministry built up on much love expressed from the very beginning of the mission years ago.

Clif and Ruth McClain

Elsbeth DeRoo, Kayla Mitchell, Heather Cate, James Mullis, and Matt O'Neil.

LITTLE HANDS OF HOPE

by Rebecca Putnam

Have you heard about Little Hands of Hope? Little Hands of Hope is a nonprofit I started this year with a lot of help from the church family at Annapolis EP. I grew up at Annapolis EP and am very blessed to have the wisdom and guidance of some of the members of my church family with me on the board of Little Hands of Hope – Bruce O’Neil, Clif McClain, Frank Rouland, Scott Howie, Cheryl Mullis, Mary Ruth Burge, and Jonathan Fales. Little Hands of Hope’s mission is to glorify God by improving the lives of Salvadorans through preaching the gospel in word and deed and by helping to encourage the development of their talents and abilities, specifically focusing on the children in El Salvador in order to help raise up a new generation of accomplished adults who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Over the six years that I have been traveling to El Salvador, I have learned a lot about the country, its people, and some of their struggles. El Salvador is a very poor country still recovering from the effects of a long civil war that ended almost 20 years ago. Bitter feelings from the civil war led to the development of street gangs like MS-13 and 18th Street Gang. These gangs have a very strong presence in El Salvador and crime in El Salvador has been on the rise. Also, a day’s pay in El Salvador is usually about seven dollars and jobs are sometimes hard to come by. Because of the scarcity of money, a lot of people turn to crime as a last resort. For some children, it is hard to escape the culture of crime and some of them never know any other life. As families try to make ends meet, husbands will immigrate to other countries and sometimes forget about their families back home. Due to immigration, prostitution, and many other factors, there are a lot of single mothers in El Salvador. They struggle to carry the burden of their families. I have seen a lot of very young children roaming the streets alone. There are also a lot of abandoned and abused children. I do not know all of their stories – I just know that they need someone to care for them.

Seeing all of these struggles and more in El Salvador has left a burden on my heart. God has given me a huge love for this country, its people, their culture, and their language. Little Hands of Hope is the way that God has given me to reach out to the Salvadorans and bring them the hope of the gospel. Little Hands of Hope will start as a children’s center where we will work with young children throughout the week to preach the gospel to them. We will also focus on helping them to develop any skills, such as English, that may open more doors for them as adults. Eventually, Little Hands of Hope will also be an orphanage. Our goal is to take the children off the streets and bring them to a place where they are loved and taught Jesus’ love. We hope to see a new generation of Salvadorans with hope in the gospel in their hearts and more skills to approach life.

I spent two months in El Salvador working with the children to see how we would really be able to help and

who would really be interested in our help. I worked with children from many different backgrounds and circumstances, but I think each one of them found something helpful in the program and went away feeling loved by the helpers and me. My life will certainly never be the same and I hated to leave them behind and come back home. It was a joy to see them change and learn each day.

If we have all the needed funds, I will be moving to El Salvador in November of this year to start working with the children there. I will be running the children's center for Little Hands of Hope which I hope to eventually leave in the hands of Salvadorans in order for me to focus on setting up a permanent children's home. I am so excited to be a part of what God is doing in El Salvador and I cannot wait to see how He will work!

If you want to partner with us in God's work in El Salvador, there are a lot of ways that you can help. The most important is to pray. Specifically, we need prayer for wisdom and humble hearts as we work on this project, to stay focused on bringing glory to God in everything that we do, and for God to be preparing the hearts of the Salvadorans for our ministry there. We also need donations. We need to raise about \$55,000 by November to start our ministry, we will need continual support for our operating costs, and we will need continual support to purchase land and build a permanent site. We will operate on a budget of about \$6,000 a month in order to pay for the staff, meals, transportation, teaching materials, utilities, supplies, etc. Any amount, large or small, is a huge help to bringing the gospel to children in El Salvador. One time donations and monthly or quarterly donations are all helpful:

240 people donating \$25 a month would cover our monthly operating supplies

92 people donating \$50 a month for the next 4 months would pay to finish the building we will be using to start this ministry

100 people donating \$25 a month for the next 10 months would help us purchase land for a permanent site

Please make checks out to "Annapolis EP Church." Please mark donations "El Salvador" or "Little Hands of Hope" and send them to:

EP Church of Annapolis
710 Ridgely Ave
Annapolis, MD. 21401



You can also help us by spreading the word! Pass this on to friends and family. We love sharing what's in our hearts about El Salvador and we can't get enough support and encouragement from you all.

Finally, once we are set up in El Salvador, come visit us! Share your gifts with and learn from the Salvadorans. They are always eager to meet you and show off their country. I would love to see you and you may be surprised by the way God will work in your life as you spend time with His people in El Salvador.

Please follow us on our website, Facebook, Twitter, and blog for pictures: www.littlehandsofhope.blogspot.com and www.littlehandsofhope.org. Write to me with your questions: littlehandsofhope@gmail.com. Thank you for your encouragement and support as we start a new ministry. You all, as a part of the body of Christ, are an important part of the journey! May God bless you and keep you.



"Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." Psalm 25:4-5

Joining our Hearts on the Lord's Path...

Dear Friends,

I have so enjoyed and been encouraged by the Bible Reading Books this summer. Our last lessons are in Genesis and as I have spent time reading and meditating on the stories, I was struck this past week by the story of Jacob's wrestling match. (Reading 56) I have grown up watching wrestling-the college kind, not WWF-just to be clear. Wrestlers are so alone out there in the middle of the mat. No offensive linemen to protect them, no long stick middle to come to their rescue, no goalie to stop a shot; just a wrestler and his headgear, facing his opponent. The story in Genesis 32 recounts Jacob's wrestling match with God. Verse 23 "He took them (his family) and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone..." then he wrestled for way longer than three periods. Often my life feels like a prolonged wrestling match in double overtime, I am alone on the mat looking for the edges to crawl to, but thank God, it's a tag team match. Jesus taps in and takes my place. He has won the bout for me. None of my 'stuff' can help me, people and possessions are on the other side of the river. I get the 'headgear' of salvation (Eph 6:17) and stands full of cheering witnesses (Heb 12:1), anything else I would take on the mat will just tangle up the fight (Heb 12:1) and trip me up. Nancy Guthrie describes the results of wrestling with God: "To be truly blessed by God is not to emerge from the struggles of life unscathed, but to emerge from them having been pressed more deeply into God, to have become more desperate for God, to have become convinced that having your identity flow from his victory in your life is worth more than walking away from the struggle with your health and position and lifestyle perfectly intact..." (The Promised One, pg 223-4).

Praying this fall that we will each "press more deeply" into God's grace, see you on the mat...

Clinging to Him, Jenny Woodruff
Director of Women's Ministries

**Women's Ministry
Christmas Dinner
and Concert
December 3rd**

6:00-9:00pm, EP Church

Concert featuring the Annapolis Area Christian School Madrigal Singers.

Tickets will be available the beginning of November in the Women's Ministry Office or between services Sundays in the Fellowship Hall.

Bible Study Registration

Most Studies begin the week of September 12th

You may register for both a Women's Bible Study and the Busy Bees Bible Club one of the following ways:

- Register online at epannapolis.org
- **After August 21st**, call Jill Benjamin, 410-451-0256 to register for a Bible study and call Jill Furniss, 410-647-0456 to register children for Busy Bees.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Mullis, djclmullis@msn.com or the Women's Ministry Office 410-266-8091 ext 127.

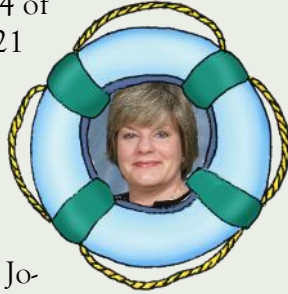


	<i>Time</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Child-care</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	9:15am-10:30am	The Daily Reading Bible Volume 11	EP Church	Yes
<i>Monday</i>	6:30pm-8:30pm	Acts: Filled with the Spirit	Ruth Tindall's Home	No
	7:00pm-8:30pm	The Daily Reading Bible Volume 11	Jenny Woodruff's Home	No
	7:30pm-9:00pm	The Promised One: Seeing Jesus in Genesis	EP Church	No
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am-11:30am	LUKE: Journey to Jerusalem	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Redemption	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Crossroads	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Matthew: Life and Teaching of Jesus	EP Church	Yes
	9:30am-11:30am	Ephesians	EP Church	Yes
	12:30pm-2:30pm	Matthew: Life and Teaching of Jesus	EP Church	No
	7:00pm-8:30pm	The Daily Reading Bible Volume 11	Claybaker's Studio	No
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:15 am-9:30am	Genesis-In the Beginning	Irene Park's Home	No
	12:20pm-1:30pm	The Daily Reading Bible Volume 11	Panera in Edgewater	No
	7:00pm-9:00pm	Jeremiah	EP Church	Yes
<i>Thursday</i>	9:00am-11:00am	Psalms and Wisdom Literature	EP Church	No

CAPTAINS LOG - AUGUST 4, 2011

Thankful Remembrance and Hopeful Expectations

Just six weeks ago, it was Voyage 4 of Summer Sequest. There were 421 VBS campers here with over 200 staff. There were green-faced characters walking down the halls on the way to their story-telling station; it was the worm's day to tell about God's mercy on Jonah. I'm so thankful for the way God blessed our Vacation Bible School this year, not only with record numbers of attendance and terrific staff members but, most importantly, with lives changed by the Gospel.



We are on week 9 of summer Sunday School and so thankful for the faithful teachers and care givers working with our babies, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary EP Kids! Currently, we have 3 sets of twins in the nurseries. Isn't that amazing? With new families visiting weekly, we need all the help on the Greeting team we can get! By the way, aren't we all part of that team, officially and unofficially?

On September 4th, 32 new kindergartners will take a tour of the "big" building. We will visit the Church Office, Pastor Bruce's office, the kitchen, the Chapel and the kindergarten classrooms. Each child will receive a "New Kid on the Pew" tote bag filled with some aids to help him/her participate with the family of God in the worship of their Savior.

The Children's ministry team is working now to prepare for a new year of sharing the gospel and the love of Jesus with our children. We are confident God will do great things in us all as we strive to know Him and His Word better. Prayerfully consider your part in training up our children in "the way they should go." The Fall Sunday School quarter begins September 11th. It is then your child will "move up" to the grade that corresponds to their grade in school. Class lists will be posted on classroom doors and at The Well. A combined K-5 class is offered at 9:15. During the 11:00 hour all children grades K-5 gather at The Well for large group worship time, then are dismissed to go with their teachers for their individual lessons. Children up through 2nd grade should be picked up in their class-

rooms by their parents at 12:15. Students 3rd through 5th grade will be dismissed to meet their parents at a pre-arranged place at 12:15.

Noah's Ark Preschool children will have their class assignments posted on each Modular Classroom door. The children are placed in their class according to their birthdate. Noah's Ark Preschool classes, as well as Little Lambs Infant and Toddler Nurseries, are offered at both the 9:15 and 11:00 hours.

I Chronicles 16 says, "O give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him; sing praises to Him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Israel His servant, sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!"

With grateful and expectant hearts,
Linda Cate, Christy Lenham, and Valerie Chick

A PSALM OF THANKS TO GOD

Written by Mr. and Mrs. Web
Corley's First Grade Sunday
School Class, June 2005



We thank you, God, for sending
your Son to die on the cross
for our sins.

We thank you, God, for giving us
the Bible with your Ten Commandments.

We thank you, God, for hearing and answering our
prayers.

We thank you, God, for giving us families and friends.

We thank you, God, for creating the world and the
things we need.

We thank you, God, for giving us food, shelter, water,
and clothing.

We thank you, God for keeping us safe and protecting
us.

We sing praises to you, O God.

We praise you, O God, for giving us doctors and nurses
and for healing us.

We praise you, O God, for giving us good minds.

We praise you, O God, for animals.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S KEYBOARD

by Randy Pendleton

In writing this issue, I thought that you would like to know about what is happening in the Worship Arts Ministry this Fall. Please pray for the Worship Bands & Choir as they lead us in to God's presence through music and His Word.



The Sanctuary Choir will have its first rehearsal September 7th, at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary and the first Sunday the choir will sing is September 18th. In an effort to encourage new members and participation we will have a table in the Fellowship Hall, Sunday's August 28th, September 4th, 11th and 18th. We are looking for Choir & Band Members who can volunteer to be on hand to answer questions regarding areas of Worship Ministry Choir, Band, Tech, instrumentalists etc.

We will have an ALL TEAM Worship Arts Meeting Thursday, September 8th at 7:00PM and Sunday, September 11th at 12:30PM.

Both meetings will cover the SAME content - attendance is acceptable at one OR the other to cover all things regarding the worship ministry and provide an opportunity for fellowship as well.

Mark your calendars for our Fall concerts coming to EP Annapolis.

Matthew Smith & Indelible Grace

Friday, October 14th

7:30PM

www.matthewsmith.us



Mosaic

Saturday, November 5th

7:00PM

www.mosaicworship.com



Offerings will be taken at the performances for each group.

HANDBELL & HANDCHIME CHOIRS

This is a great way to help lead worship and is open to everyone! Girls and guys, kids and adults, previous music experience or no experience at all. The practices will start the second Sunday afternoon in September, with a "new player" intro day the last week of August. If you or someone you know is interested contact the director Amanda Murphy at 410-573-1251 or admurphy.musician@gmail.com.

JUNIOR CHOIR

by Ruth Burge

The Junior Choir will begin another season of ministry in September. Members benefit from both the opportunity for **service** to others and the opportunity to **learn** more about worship and music.



The Junior Choir includes children in the 3rd through 7th grades and rehearses on Thursday afternoons from 3:45-5:00PM. (We can accommodate late arrivals due to school dismissal times.) The choir sings in Sunday morning worship approximately once a month during the school year and in special services at Christmas and in the spring. The choir also ministers in a local nursing facility at Christmas time and at Quarryville, PA in the spring. In addition to singing a large variety of music, the choir learns about worship and music through a revolving 5 year curriculum plan (2011-12 is Yr. 4). See chart below. The last 5-8 min. of rehearsal includes a Jeopardy game with teams which reinforces the curriculum material.

	1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
Year 1	General Music Handel-Vivaldi listening	Music in the Bible
Year 2	Vocal Production	Hymns
Year 3	General Music Conducting	Rhythm
Year 4	Psalms	Psalms
Year 5	Sight Singing	Sight Singing



Fun at the annual choir swim party

Prayerfully consider giving your son or daughter this opportunity for learning and service. Train them to be good worshipers.



Ministering at Quarryville, PA

Director: Ruth Burge
Ph: 410-923-2338
riburge@epannapolis.org

Cherub Choir:

The Cherub Choir is open to children from age 3 up through grade 2 and rehearses from 3:45-4:30PM. on Thursday afternoons. The children learn to enjoy singing and leading in worship as they sing in church 2-3 times each semester. They also participate in special Christmas and spring worship events.

Director: Lynne Sarich
Ph: 410-757-5836
lynne@sarich.com

Jr. Choir new member orientation: Sept. 8; 1st choir rehearsals Sept. 15

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