

TOGETHER *in 2011*



*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The People of the Frostburg United Methodist Church.*

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We welcome Jennifer Webber to Frostburg United Methodist Church. Her appointment is effective July 1, 2011. Jennifer is a graduate student at Wesley Theological Seminary and is on her journey to become an ordained Elder and plans to graduate in the spring of 2013 and hopes to continue her education after graduate school and get her Doctorate in Leadership. She began her ministry serving Hancock UMC as their youth director. For the past two years she has been the Pastor at Greenwood and Mt. Olivet United Methodist Churches in Berkeley Springs, WV. Jennifer has a heart for all God's children and hopes to bring a new excitement for Christ to FUMC and the Frostburg community.

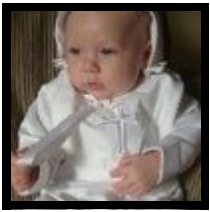
Jennifer has been a part of the United Methodist Church since she was a young child. She attended Hancock UMC and was very active in the church. At the age of 17 she began a youth group and continued until college required too much of her time. Upon graduation from FSU (with a degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Management) she went back to Hancock and was the youth director for a year. She was then asked to serve as the Pastor of Greenwood and Mt. Olivet United Methodist Churches in Berkeley Springs, WV. While serving the two churches she helped create a successful youth program and missions team. She also helped lead the congregation in their spiritual journey and they are, without a doubt, moving forward in ministry with God as their director. She also has a heart for all God's children, especially children and youth. They, too, need to be in active ministry within the church, community, and the world. Christ's mission for the Church is her mission for the Church. Jennifer's hope and prayer is that Frostburg United Methodist Church is and will continue to seek God's will. It is her desire that all God's children work together as one body in the world.

Jennifer is married to Rob Webber, and is the proud mother of two dogs, Roxy and Bentley. She enjoys cooking, working out, and taking long walks in the summer with her four-legged family (during the Frostburg winter - not so much!). They love to travel, attend Christian rock concerts, and volunteer at the animal shelter. She has a passion for missions and hopes to have more opportunities to serve both locally and internationally.



Thank you to the Workman family and C&S Landscaping for their donation of labor and materials to landscape the East Parking Lot.

CONGRATULATIONS



Sarah and Matthew DeValk on the baptism of their son Gideon Wayne on April 17, 2011. Gideon is the brother of Joseph, Tristian, Arabella, and Titianna.



Karen and Gordon Duguid on the birth of their grandson, Jude Michael Benson, born on March 25. Jude is the son of Scot and Nicole (Duguid)

Sean Beachy, recipient of the Fifth Annual Anthem Competition of the First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA. The winning anthem was entitled “A New Birth” and based on the assigned competition text from 1 Peter 1:3-76a and will be premiered by the Chancel Choir at First Baptist Church on May 1. He has had pieces premiered and performed throughout the United States. In 2007 his commissioned work Suite for Tuba was premiered by Logan Lindsey at the Hawkeye Regional Tuba Euphonium Conference at the University of Iowa. That same year, he won the First Annual Anthem Competition, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA. “Then I Saw a New Heaven...” for SATB choir and organ was premiered by the FBC Worcester Chancel Choir during the annual Music and Arts Weekend in April 2007. In 2009 his piece for soprano and electronics titled “Stretch of Time” was chosen to be performed at the SEAMUS Annual Conference at Sweetwater Sound, Inc., in Fort Wayne, IN.



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This year’s “Pennies into Potatoes” project involved the rebagging of over 25,000 pounds of potatoes. Among the many volunteers who helped do so at the Western Maryland Food Bank were the daughters of Rob and Jaycee Duncan, Abigail, Eliza and Isabelle. Their Sunday School class at Frostburg United Methodist Church helped raise pennies and awareness of local hunger needs.



Pastor Gary and children during the Children’s Message

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13-15 Music & Arts Weekend	June 25 Michelle Gordon Wedding
May 26-28 Annual Conference	June 26 Camp Hope Week 1

MAY ALREADY?

Can the time have slipped by so fast that I have been your interim pastor for four months? Time flies when you are having fun! You all have been so kind to me, overlooking my mistakes, my less than full-time service, and the things left undone. In the midst of it all, God has been with us, blessing us each step of the way as we move toward the future with Jesus, leading the way. Lent has been 40 days of Love as we have experienced the presence of God in Worship, study, committees, and service. I am confident The Resurrection Power will be with us through Eastertide as we move into Pentecost's Life in the Spirit. We look forward to:

Mother's Day Service (May 8)
Our Music and Arts weekend May 13-15 with "The West Virginians"
Hunger Sunday (May 22)
Ascension Sunday (June 5)
Pentecost Sunday (June 12)
Father's Day (June 19)
Camp Hope (week of June 26)

As we lean forward, let us be in prayer for our new Pastor, The Rev. Jennifer Webber and her husband Robert. She will be finishing this year of Seminary and leaving her present Charge. Then, July 1, will be the Pastor of Frostburg United Methodist Church. I believe that Frostburg United Methodist Church's best days are ahead. Let's all, together, with God's help make it come true!

Love in Jesus,
Pastor Gary

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WESTERN MARYLAND HEIFER TASK FORCE

The Western Maryland Heifer Task Force was awarded this plaque as a symbol of its efforts to raise awareness and funds for Heifer International, which theme is "Passing on the Gift" to people and villages in need.



Janet Stevens, Jay Stevens, Tony Crosby, Dave Bohnert, and Joyce Wheaton (left to right)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

In order to provide a parsonage for the new minister, the Trustees are in the process of renovating the former parsonage, which has been used as an office and meeting rooms for several years, and moving the church offices back into the Education Building. There is a list of requirements from the Conference for a minister's housing that must be met. That is what has prompted these changes.

Before work can begin in earnest on the parsonage, the current office must be moved. A new office has been created in the former kindergarten room on the first floor of the Education Building.. The church secretary will be moving in mid-April.

In the Parsonage important changes are being made. The tub and surround in the upstairs bathroom have already been replaced and work on the bathroom is being completed so that the room will be ready for paint by the last week in April. The contractor (C & M Construction) will be putting drywall up in the living/family rooms and repairing walls in the upstairs hall. Several new appliances have been donated for the kitchen (dryer, stove, microwave/hood), and a new washer and refrigerator will be purchased. The downstairs bathroom will be expanded to include a sink. Ceiling fans will replace industrial lighting in the bedrooms and new fixtures will be installed in the downstairs rooms. The existing chandelier in the foyer will be cleaned. New carpet will be installed where needed.

All the rooms and stairways will need to be painted. For this, a paint crew is needed. Some of the rooms will be ready for painting by the last week in April. Already six people have painted the first coat in the new office. If you can give some time to paint, day or evening to suit your schedule, please call Sue Morgan (301-689-9532) to volunteer, or let any member of the Trustees know.

The Trustees have been working hard to make sure that needed work gets completed. No work has been done to the Parsonage for years. A portion of a legacy along with money left over from the East Parking Lot fund are being used to pay for the repairs, but it will probably not be enough for all that needs to be done. Please keep the project in your prayers, and make a donation (in time and/or money) if you can.

SECOND MILE GIVING OPPORTUNITY!

Our Trustees now estimate that the final cost will be between \$35,000 and \$40,000 for constructing a new secretarial office and entrance ramp into the Education building from the West Parking Lot and for making some structural and appearance improvements to our soon to be re-occupied parsonage. This will be a one-time cost compared to an annual cost of about \$19,000 per year for a housing allowance if we did not offer a parsonage. At the present time, we have about \$29,000 in hand that can be used for a large portion of the cost but need to raise between 10 and 15 thousand to be able to pay for the projects in full. The available amounts are from remaining funds in the East Parking Lot account and from a recently received bequest from the estate of Annetta Marshall.

We hope that many members of our congregation will be willing and able to make a variety of contributions to help us raise the needed funds and are launching a short-term drive to secure these funds. Persons wanting to make a financial contribution between now and June 15 (the date we hope we can tell our new pastoral family that they can start moving in) can do so by writing a check to FUMC with parsonage/office contribution on the memo line of the check. Another way members can help to hold down costs is by answering the call for labor (especially painting) when the Trustees issue calls for volunteer assistance. A third way members can respond to this challenge is to plan and carry out a fund raising event. If

we have enough volunteers for painting and other projects to hold down costs and can secure contributions and raise the funds necessary to complete these capital improvements, we can avoid resorting to a commercial loan or to withdrawing proceeds from the Endowment Fund. Based on our history of response to challenge, I know we can pass this test with flying colors!

Dave Fell, Finance Committee Chair

FIRST ANNUAL MUSIC AND ARTS WEEKEND **May 13- 15, 2011**

We are gearing up for our First Annual Music and Arts weekend that will be held during the weekend of May 13, 14, and 15 here at Frostburg United Methodist. On Friday, May 13, we will have a classical concert at 7 p.m., during which an offering will be taken that will benefit the music fund. On Saturday evening, May 14, “The West Virginians” from Alderson-Broaddus College are returning to our church to perform an entire concert of contemporary Christian music. To celebrate this special evening, we will have a special covered dish dinner with the members of “The West Virginians” as our guests. The details of the dinner will be discussed closer to the event. Then, on Sunday, May 15, we will have a special music service during our regular worship hour, which will include the Mountaintop Ringers, the Chancel Choir, and “The West Virginians”.

For the “Arts” portion of the weekend, we will transform the fellowship hall into an art exhibition with various projects from the Sunday School classes. **We would also like to invite any of our church members to display their artwork.** Artwork could include but is not limited to the following: paintings, drawings, sculptures, woodworking, handcrafted jewelry, needlework, and quilting. We will meet Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. to organize and transform the fellowship hall into an art gallery. If you would like to be part of the organizational process or if you have any ideas that may contribute to the success of this special event, please see Sean after our worship service or contact him at sdebeachy@hotmail.com or 301-895-4224. Let’s show our community that we are a church full of talented people!

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 13	7:00 pm	Classical Music Concert
Saturday, May 14	5:30 pm	Covered-dish dinner welcoming “The West Virginians”
	7:00 pm	“The West Virginians” concert
Sunday, May 15	10:30 am	Special Music Worship Service featuring “The West Virginians,” the Mountaintop Ringers, and the Chancel Choir

Artwork will be displayed in the fellowship hall the entire weekend.

Coins for Care

Remember your change does make a difference! The coins in our offering goes toward our Coins for Care fund. This fund helps our needy neighbors pay for utilities, rent, medicine, and so on. If you would like to give a larger donation, please make your check out to FUMC and mark it for “Coins for Care.” Thank you!



Happy Birthday!



MAY

- 3 Jo Hall
Corky Elliott
Olive Wilson
- 7 Dorothy Braisted
- 11 Bill Hardy
- 20 Louisa Holsinger
- 22 Elsie Morgan
Joyce Wheaton
- 27 Dave Linn
- 29 Sean Beachy
Evelyn Llewellyn
Harry Wolford
- 30 Melissa Kenny

JUNE

- 2 Gail Ralston
- 3 Joan Bohnert
Jennifer (Palumbo) Geppi
Steve Hotchkiss
- 4 Lynn Clark
Alleene Plummer
- 6 Shirley Lemmert
- 9 Michelle Gordon
- 10 Debi Beachy
Jessica Palumbo
- 11 June Trageser
- 12 Tony Crosby
- 17 Charlotte Folk
- 18 Bill McKenzie
- 19 Doug Workman
- 22 Doug Lemmert
- 26 Carol Turner
- 28 Tyler Lemmert
John Ralston
Phyllis Roque

Thanks to Nancy Folk for her help in gathering and organizing these birthdays. Please send any additions or corrections to her at nancyfolk@verizon.net or call 301-689-6587.



CHARLOTTE'S CHUCKLE



Four pastors were on vacation when one of them confessed he had a problem with alcohol. He knew these men, his most trusted and valued friends, would quietly help him. The second pastor said that he too, had a secret vice - gambling. The third pastor confided that lust was a really big issue for him. The fourth pastor announced that he also had a problem - gossip.

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A middle-age woman had a heart attach and is taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. During that experience she sees God and asks if this is it. God says no and explained that she has another 30 years to live. Upon her recovery she decides to just stay in the hospital and have a face lift, liposuction, tummy tuck, etc. She even has someone come in and change her hair color. She figures since she's got another 30 years she might as well make the most of it. She walks out of the hospital after the last operation and is killed by an ambulance speeding by. She arrives in front of God and complains, "I thought you said I had another 30 years." God replies, "I didn't recognize you."

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The Sunday School teacher was teaching a class of children about creation, "Now, children," she said, "Who can tell us what makes the flower spring from the seed?" "God does it," answered one little girl, "But fertilizer helps."

Shut-Ins

Frostburg Village Nursing Home & Assisted Living

One Kaylor Circle

Frostburg, MD 21532

Bill DeVore

Colleen Gordon

Joline Nelson

Jerry Reeves

St. Vincent DePaul

48 Tarn Terrace

Frostburg, MD 21532

Anna Beachy

Martha McKenzie

Egle Nursing Home

57 Jackson Street

Lonaconing, MD 21539

Mary Cutter

Sylvia Barnett

Mary Layman

Shut-Ins at Home

Grace Jones

Daphne Bradshaw Ledong

Bernice Lucas

Bill McKenzie

Frostburg Heights Apartments

100 Honeysuckle Lane

Frostburg, MD 21532

Sandy Buckalew

Harold & Louisa Holsinger

Eleanor Kenney

Elaine Moran

Elizabeth Myers

Faye Plummer

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PENNIES INTO POTATOES

The Society of Saint Andrew is modeled after Jesus and feeds those who are hungry every day. Volunteers collect potatoes by gleaning fields (going back after harvest and collecting what is left). They also collect potatoes that have been rejected by commercial markets due to slight imperfections such as size or shape. The potatoes are perfectly edible and donated by the farmers. Last year, Saint Andrews collected and distributed over 11.4 millions pounds of potatoes across the United States. The potatoes are free and funds are only needed for packaging and distribution. This means that a pound of potatoes can be given to those in need for a mere 6 cents a pound.

Our church contributes through a program called **Pennies Into Potatoes**. All pennies in the offering plate each Sunday go to this project. Jars are also in the entry way for collection. Volunteers are always needed to sort and bag potatoes when the local food bank is in need. More information can be found at www.endhunger.org