

# Jump Start

*Worship That Gets You Movin'*

**January 29, 2012**

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

How Do I Know?  
When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder  
Mighty to Save  
Old Time Religion

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 12:13-21

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Rich Man – *Darryl Ellyson*

**SERMON**

“What’s Wrong With This Picture?”  
*Rev. Dr. M.T. Kutz*

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**Putting Feet on the Gospel**  
**How Can You Change Your Picture?**

- Learn.** Continue to read the book, “The Hole in Our Gospel”.
- Pray.** Ask God to put some opportunities out there for you to learn how to be more generous. Be careful—God will answer this one!
- Give.** When you see an opportunity to be generous (whether it’s time, talent or funds) take a leap of faith and respond in some way, even if it’s a small one.
- Speak.** Tell your family and friends about what you are learning. Invite them to join you in looking for ways to be generous.



*A Community in Christ*

## **Chester United Methodist Church**

***Our Mission: Rooted in God, Growing in Christ, Bearing Fruit in the Spirit***

12132 Percival Street, Chester, Virginia 23831 \* Church: (804) 748-6006 Fax: 748-0859



### **FRESH START SERVICE**

January 29, 2012 - 8:30 AM



*Please sign the attendance register, sign up for activities in which you would like to participate and pass it to your neighbor.*

#### **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Romans 12:1

Today is the Day

Enough

Everyday

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Hands and Feet – *Luke Carson*

#### **SERMON**

***“What’s Wrong with This Picture?”***

*Rev. Cynthia Corley*

#### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 12:13-21 NIV

*Chester United Methodist Church is a member-supported church. Everything we do is made possible through your faithful giving. Your offerings here go to support the work of Christ in this community and around the world. If you do not have offering envelopes you are welcome to use the offering envelopes provided in the pews or on the table in the back of the Fellowship Hall. You can also give on-line at our church’s website or from your own bank’s on-line services.*

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January 29, 2012

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday  
after Epiphany

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*Please sign the red attendance register, sign up for activities in which you would like to participate and pass it to your neighbor.*

*ENTRANCE*

Chimes

Prelude

*Victory in Jesus*

Organist

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: In Matthew 28, Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations.

**Congregation: Lord, we hear your call!**

Leader: We have been given the great commission.

**Congregation: We have gathered to worship the One who calls us!**

\* Opening Hymn No. 584 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

\* Opening Prayer

**Generous, loving God, we come today that your Spirit would empower us for the work of ministry. Save us from the sins of greed and selfishness. May your name be lifted up as we offer all that we have and all that we are in this hour of worship. Amen.**

\* Welcome and Greeting

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Special Music

*Let Us Go*

His Kids

Cheryl & Charles Green, directors

Children's Message

Cheryl Green

Anthem

*Hear Our Prayers, O Prince of Peace*

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

**Spirit of Truth and Wisdom, help us not to hoard your Word. Instead, guide us in heeding your Word that we may live and give and love generously as you have taught us. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

*Luke 12:13-21 NIV*

Sermon

***"What's Wrong with This Picture?"***

Rev. Cynthia Corley

Offering

Offertory Music

*Hands and Feet*

Luke Carson

\* Doxology No. 95

## THANKSGIVING

Community Announcements  
Temple Talk  
Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer No. 895

Carrie Coyner

## SENDING FORTH

- \* Closing Hymn No. 581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*
- \* Benediction
- \* Choral Amen

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\* *Please stand as you are able. **Bold print indicates a response in unison.***

**The Flowers on the Altar** are given to the glory of God in memory of my daughter, Karen Verlander, and in celebration of her birthday on February 4, by Donald Phelps.

**Pastor's Blessing:** Pastor Marg is available after all services if you have a car (or new driver) upon which you would like her to pray for God's blessing.

|                        |              | Leading Our Worship <b>TODAY (January 29, 2012)</b>                  |
|------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Acolytes:</b>       | <b>11:00</b> | Emily & Caroline Johnson   |
| <b>Greeters:</b>       | <b>8:30</b>  | Sharon Gilliatt, Elna Mey, Marian Garrett                            |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Anita Keen, Janis Hargrave, Jolyn Topping, Ann Jeter                 |
|                        | <b>5:00</b>  | Blanche Castelow, Carolyn Maxwell                                    |
| <b>Ushers:</b>         | <b>8:30</b>  | JR Irvin, Tom Boyd, George Bryant                                    |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Dean Hutchins, Ed Labin, Jim Shelbourne, Ron Hargrave, Bruce Costner |
|                        | <b>5:00</b>  | Blanche Castelow, Will Herrmann                                      |
| <b>Nursery:</b>        | <b>8:30</b>  | Mallory Seal, Louise Ross, Lisa Zoller, Jenna Davis                  |
|                        | <b>9:45</b>  | Jill & Craig Seal  |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Barbara Rollins  |
|                        | <b>5:00</b>  | Judy McGee   |
| <b>Welcome Center:</b> | <b>9:45</b>  | Janis Hargrave   |

# CALENDAR

## January 29 – February 5, 2012

Today: 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service  
 9:45 AM Sunday Sch. /Sm. Gps.  
 9:45 AM Connections Group  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service  
 4:00 PM Middle Sch. Youth  
 5:00 PM JumpStart Service  
 Mon.-Thurs. 9:15 AM Nursery School  
 Monday: 10:00 AM Beth Moore Study  
 6:30 PM Beth Moore Study  
 Tuesday: 10:00 AM Prayer Group  
 7:00 PM Broadwater Survey Training  
 Wednesday: **9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline**  
 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Group  
 6:00 PM High School Youth  
 6:30 PM United Methodist Men  
 Thursday:  
 Friday:  
 Saturday: 9:00 AM Easter Cantata Wksh

**Next Sunday:** 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service  
 9:45 AM Sun. Sch. /Sm. Groups  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service  
 12:00 PM Super Bowl Chili Pickup  
 4:00 PM Middle School Youth  
 5:00 PM JumpStart Service  
 6:00 PM Friendship Ministry

**Music Schedule:**

Sunday: 9:40 AM Cherub Choir  
 3:30 PM Youth Choir  
 4:15 PM His Kids/Kids Praise  
 5:00 PM allforONE  
 Tuesday: 10:00 AM Joy Singers  
 6:30 PM JumpStart Band  
 Wednesday: 4:00 PM Dawn of Grace  
 Thursday: 6:30 PM Fresh Start Band  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir



Ministers  
 Pastor  
 Music Director/Organist  
 Director of Spiritual Formation  
 Middle School Youth Director  
 High School Youth Director  
 Facilities Manager  
 Financial Administrator  
 Secretary  
 Nursery School Director  
 Church Website  
 CUMC Preschool Website  
 Prayer Chain

Every Member of the Congregation  
 Dr. Margaret T. Kutz: [pastor@chesterumc.org](mailto:pastor@chesterumc.org)  
 Joshua Wortham: [music@chesterumc.org](mailto:music@chesterumc.org)  
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**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



**By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.**

**John 13:35**

*We are blessed that all visitors have chosen to worship with us today. You are invited to stop by our Welcome Center in the Atrium or the table in the narthex where we have prepared gift bags for you. Information and brochures on our church may be found at our Welcome Center. Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

**Metro Richmond at Prayer:** We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city.

**Connections Class:** Today, January 29; 9:45-10:45 AM in Room 116. Please join Pastor Marg and our new Director of Spiritual Formation, Dr. Rev. Jim Davis, to learn more about the history, mission and vision of CUMC and how you can become more involved.

**Super Bowl Chili:** The UMW will be selling Super Bowl Chili by the quart to take home next Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday (February 5), for \$7.00 per quart. Order yours by marking the attendance pad during worship or by calling Susan Petrey at 275-9258.

**Easter Cantata Rehearsals** will begin with a workshop on Saturday, February 4. A light breakfast will be served at 9 AM and rehearsal will begin at 9:30. Anyone interested in singing with the Chancel Choir is welcome and encouraged to attend. This year we will be featuring guest soloist, Allison Durham Speer.

**Home Groups** are underway studying Richard Stearn's book, "The Hole in Our Gospel". If you aren't participating in a home group this quarter you don't have to miss out. Personal spiritual growth can be at your fingertips—just pick up a copy of this session's book in the Atrium.

**Broadwater Goes to the Circus:** One of the goals of our mission with the families of Broadwater this year is to help them see that there is a wide world of opportunity outside their community and to help them experience some things that many of us take for granted in our own families. We want to get this started in a big way—as in the BIG TOP – with a trip to the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus when it comes to Richmond in mid-February. We have a commitment from the YMCA to provide transportation and Chester Christian is raising money to buy the children snacks. Would you consider sponsoring a child or adult to help cover the cost of the ticket? We are asking the Broadwater families to pay \$2 per ticket and we need folks from CUMC to help defer the remainder of the ticket cost with a **\$10 donation**. Please place your donation in an envelope (memo: Broadwater Circus) or write "Broadwater Circus" on the memo line of your check. We are also looking for people who could buy tickets for themselves and meet us there to act as a chaperone. Questions? Please see Amy Dodd, Jenni Deckert, Rebecca Hodell, or Amy Gray ([amygray@verizon.net](mailto:amygray@verizon.net)).

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Betty Burton, Ernie Sanders, Becca (granddaughter of Ann & Wayne Stuart), Lance & Amanda Stanley (daughter & son-in-law of Cheryl & Charles Green), Jim Haddock (Marsha Haddock's husband); Lloyd Braswell (Pastor at Chester Baptist); Joe Furr, Sr.; Linda Willingham; Kirk Bray (Dee & Jim Watkin's nephew); Evangeline (Pam Earley's granddaughter); Wayne Stuart; Jennie Sisler (daughter of Joan & Joe Furr); Georgia Townsend (granddaughter of George & Jane Townsend); Barbara Zoller (Terri Moody's mother); Mary Bishop (Terri Moody's grandmother); Nothera Goynes; Lisa Sharpe; Dennis Conley & family (nephew of Paul & Diane Duffy); family of Adam Sabo (Bobbi & Joe Welchel's nephew); Alexa Nixon; Baby Harper (infant daughter of Kristal & Chris Norman, our CUMC backyard neighbors); Doug Wheeler (Judy Dyson's brother); Dillon Brown (Jim Dyson's great nephew); Pamela Overton; Emily Scott (Phyllis & Dennis Knaack's daughter); Sylvia Whiter (Merlin Mitchell's niece in England); Welchel (Joe Welchel's father); Beth Scarborough (Holly Scarborough's mom); Brenda Norris; Judy Dyson; Edwina McCoy; Nellie Ervin.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS:**

**In Iraq:** Jeff Swain (Debbie Yerby's cousin)

**In Afghanistan:**

Heather Tittle Briggs & Travis Cooper (530<sup>th</sup> HHC from Ft. Lee);  
 SSgt. John Trimble (nephew of Harry Trimble; great-nephew of Tish Manuel);  
 PFC Kyle Goodall (friend of Williams and Koch families);  
 CW02 Frank B. Allen (Brad), son of Claudia Alicea

**Pentagon:** CDR Hersch Weinstock (son of Ann Stuart)

**Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base - Goldsboro, NC:** Lt. Richard M. Smyth, USAF (Tish Manuel's great-nephew)

**Leading Our Worship NEXT SUNDAY (February 5, 2012)**

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|------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Acolytes:</b>       | <b>8:30</b>  | Malachi Landis, Lindsey Brubaker                               |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Alexa Nixon, RD Nixon, Gabe Higgins                            |
| <b>Greeters:</b>       | <b>8:30</b>  | Pat Pospahala, Julie Ferry, Judy McGee                         |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Linda Nabors, Barbara Yandle, Sandra Stotesberry, June Garrett |
|                        | <b>5:00</b>  | Bill & Karen Comer   |
| <b>Ushers:</b>         | <b>8:30</b>  | Bruce & Donna Koch, Bruce Costner                              |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Bob Kutz, Larry Koon, Kent Yandle, Ken Farmer, Keith Boyd      |
|                        | <b>5:00</b>  | Bruce Johnson, David Ferry                                     |
| <b>Nursery:</b>        | <b>8:30</b>  | Matt Coyner, Megan Carson, Melissa Irvin, Susan Irvin          |
|                        | <b>9:45</b>  | Darlene Emerson, Megan Carson                                  |
|                        | <b>11:00</b> | Sara Flowers   |
|                        | <b>5:00</b>  | Beth Johnson   |
| <b>Welcome Center:</b> | <b>9:45</b>  | Sandra Dishman   |

**Attention Youth and Adults:** An exciting, hands-on mission experience is being offered to Florida City, Florida during Spring Break week. We will be going to “Branches” on Friday, April 6, and returning on Sunday, April 15. There are 20 places on the Mission Team and 13 persons have already signed up. There is a place for YOU! The team will be involved in various work and repair projects in the “Branches” community, mentoring children in the After School program, and sharing in worship service and Bible studies. We will also be having fun and fellowship with the great people of “Branches” and doing some sight-seeing. Contact Ed Garrett (796-6947) for more information. Registration forms are available in the church office or on our church website: click on Media/Forms>>Forms/Links.

**This Week’s Food Pantry Needs:** 1g. cans juice/coffee/tea; hot cereal; 16 oz. can fruit; 16 oz. can beef stew; 16 oz. can corn beef hash; 16 oz. meat chili; can Spam/Treat; sm. canned ham; 1g. box mashed potatoes; box mac & cheese; 1g. box quick cook rice; 16 oz can carrots; 1g. jar mayonnaise; 1g. box biscuit mix; 1g. bottle syrup; 1g. box laundry soap (depleted for 3 weeks); toilet tissue; and bar soap. *Completely out of underlined items.*

**Future Minded People Sought:** If you are a person who has been gifted by God to dream dreams then consider being part of our church’s Future Team. A team of people have been working for the past several years on a 10 year plan for our church. They have taken a year’s break from that work as others begin the work of implementation. But it is time now to add members to that Future Team and continue the dreaming God has established for Chester UMC. If you are interested in being considered for this exciting work, please sign the activity sheet.

**Blues and Jazz Fundraiser for South Sudan:** An organization called “Abukloi” (Dinka for “we can”) is sponsoring an outstanding Blues and Jazz event **March 10, 8:00 PM** in Phoebus, VA to raise money for schools and clean water in Rumbek, South Sudan. Tickets are \$75. It promises to be a great evening of music and supports a cause near and dear to our hearts. Rumbek is the hometown of our own Angelo Maker. If you want to support this effort but cannot attend, purchasing a ticket will allow a Sudanese to attend who would not otherwise be able to purchase a ticket. For more information speak with Pastor Marg or check out [www.abukloi.org](http://www.abukloi.org).

**Coming Soon! 2012 Church Photo Directory:** It's time to get out your cameras and start taking candid photos for submission to the next CUMC photo directory. Right now, we need activity pictures which involve various groups around the church. Pictures from 2011 activities are welcome, but current photos are encouraged. Your group will not be included unless someone submits a picture. The activity pages should be completed before the professional photographers even get started. Pictures must be high quality glossy prints, not those off home printers (Wal-Mart photo prints are fine), and can be turned in to the church office. Digital formats can be sent to [gchad32@verizon.net](mailto:gchad32@verizon.net). Family photo sessions will not be scheduled until April 19-21 and May 10-12, but the other work needs to be prepared in advance. We still need volunteers to register in the pew pad to help with the design and editing processes.

### **Chester United Methodist Nursery School:**

- **2012-2013 registration is currently in progress. Please visit our office for a registration packet or call Jenni Deckert at 748-2275 for more information.**
- Needs Volunteers to read to the children on **Tuesday mornings from 9:45-10:30 AM** during the school's library time. If you are able to give of your time, you will be blessed by our precious children! Questions: Call Jenni Deckert (748-2275).

**Pray at the Wailing Wall:** Have a prayer concern you want to hand over to God? Write it on a scrap of paper, wad it up, and leave it in the cracks on our own wailing wall. It is located in the Prayer room next to Pastor Marg's office.

### **Join the Fresh Start Sunday School Class in Study, Fellowship and Service:**

- ***With All Your Heart***—continuing through **February 19**—biblical professor and archeologist Rev. Ray Vander Laan takes us on a journey through Sinai and Israel, a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush, bountiful places. Discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised Land; what we can learn during times of abundance and in times of desert; and how God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten.

**The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in Room 207. Visitors and new members are always welcome.** Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for more information.

### **United Methodist Women:**

- **Executive Committee meeting**--Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. in room 207. All unit officers and fellowship leaders are asked to mark your calendars and make plans to attend.
- **Frances Allen Fellowship**—will meet on Tuesday, February 14 at the home of Diane Higgins. All women of the church are welcome. Call Janis Hargrave, 526-4156, for details
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship**—will meet Thursday, February 9, 9:45 a.m., in the church parking lot to carpool together to The Hermitage to deliver cookies. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.
- **Jean Craig Fellowship**—will meet Monday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. in Room 116. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for details.
- **UMW Salad Luncheon**—***All Women of the Church*** are invited to a luncheon meeting on Sunday, February 19, immediately following 11 o'clock worship. Learn about the **UMW Reading Program**, led by Carla Faris, and participate on our ***Call to Prayer and Self-Denial***; an offering will be collected. The Allen Fellowship will host. Bring a salad or dessert to share.

Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, to learn more about UMW, our three participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

**Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinners:** The Francis Allen Fellowship is selling dinners-to-go for two. This delicious dinner for two includes: spaghetti with your choice of meat or veggie sauce and white or wheat noodles; fresh baked garlic bread; and iced chocolate brownies. To order your dinner(s) for two, please sign up in the Atrium or in the pew pads. You may also order dinners by contacting Carla at 706-1638 or Janis at [jlhrrh@comcast.net](mailto:jlhrrh@comcast.net). (Be sure to specify the type of sauce and noodles desired.) The last day to place dinner orders is **Wednesday, February 8**. Your meals To GO will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, February 12, after the 11:00 worship service.

**HalfTime:** Please save the date for our next HalfTime dinner/program which is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, at 6:15 PM**. The Chancel Choir will be hosting the dinner and allforONE will provide the entertainment. There will also be an activity for children (ages 3-5). The cost of the meal will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with a \$20 family maximum. Please preregister in the pew pad to attend the meal or to help with the children's activity.

**CUMC Prayer Chain:** Betsy Price is now be managing our Prayer Chain. Please submit your prayer requests to her at [prayerchain@chesterumc.org](mailto:prayerchain@chesterumc.org). *If you are asking for prayers for someone other than yourself, please be sure that you have that person's expressed permission to do so.* The Prayer Chain will continue to go out to our entire data base through February 6 as we create a mass e-mail distribution list. To continue receiving the Prayer Chain after the 6<sup>th</sup>, be sure to reply to one of the Prayer Chain e-mails with "YES" or register in the pew pad. After February 6, the Prayer Chain will only go out to those folks who have indicated that they wish to continue to receive the e-mails.

**Chancel Choir Tour:** Travel with the Chancel Choir this summer as we embark on our 4<sup>th</sup> biennial performance tour. On July 26 through 31, we will venture through Greensboro, NC, Atlanta, GA (including stops at Stone Mountain and the Martin Luther King National Historic Site), Cape Girardeau and St. Louis, MO (with time to view the city from the top of the Gateway Arch), and Lebanon, KY with 5 concerts along the way. Singers and "Roadies" must sign up by submitting a \$100 deposit on or before Sunday, February 5. Submit checks (made payable to CUMC with TOUR in the memo line) to Joshua Wortham to secure your seat on our charter bus.

**Wesleyan Service Fellowship** is selling the remaining 10 decorative plates which feature Chester United Methodist Church. (See plate on display in the Atrium.) The church sketch, drawn by Pam Cunningham Earley, was commissioned by the fellowship in 2004. Stop by the church office to purchase plates. Cost: 1 plate \$15; 2 plates \$25. *Please make checks payable to Wesleyan Service Fellowship.*

## **Bishop Kammerer, Virginia Conference Recognized for Gifts to Global AIDS Fund:**

Fifty-five United Methodist bishops, including Bishop Charlene Kammerer, endorsed the *20/20: Visioning an AIDS-Free World* initiative by lending their personal and financial support. The initiative effort by the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund Committee seeks to mobilize the denomination to raise \$5 million for HIV and AIDS education, prevention, care and treatment around the world. The bishops not only lent their names to the fund-raising project, but also shared their own financial resources. Gifts ranged from \$20 donations to \$20 a month until 2020. Some joined the “2020” club pledging \$2,020. The Virginia Conference was among the top 11 giving conferences recognized by The UM Global AIDS Fund Committee. To date, more than \$3 million has been raised and distributed to over 200 programs in 38 countries. Contributions are designated for UMCOR Advance No. 982345 and may be given either through the local church or sent to UMCOR’s office at P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. When gifts are given through the local church, the annual conference may reserve 25% to use in AIDS ministry sponsored by the conference. The other 75% is administered by the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund Committee. For more information and to see the complete list of giving bishops and conferences, go to [www.2020AIDSFreeWorld.org](http://www.2020AIDSFreeWorld.org) or e-mail [2020AIDSFreeWorld@gmail.com](mailto:2020AIDSFreeWorld@gmail.com).



### **An Easy Way to Raise Money for Our Church Year Round!**

CUMC has enrolled in the Kroger Cares Fundraising Program. Our church will receive 5% cash back on all Kroger Grocery; Fuel Center and Prescription purchases made with a CUMC issued Kroger Gift Card. How Does This Work?

- Purchase a \$5 Kroger Gift Card available after worship services in the Atrium and Narthex today or in the church office during the week.
- Prior to paying for Kroger purchases, load the Kroger Gift Card at the service desk or cash register with the amount you expect to spend. Amounts can be loaded up to \$500 and any balances remain on the card for your next trip.
- Recharge and reuse the Kroger Gift Card each time you purchase groceries, gas and pharmacy items.
- Continue to use your Kroger Plus card along with the CUMC Kroger Gift Card, to receive special prices, gas discounts and fuel points.

The money raised will be used for two projects: 1) to fund the air conditioning system for the multi-purpose room (217) above the Music Suite 2) to focus on the Lost Boys of Sudan with needed education funds and to help build a school in the Sudan. Questions? Contact: Dennis Knaack at [knaackd-p@comcast.net](mailto:knaackd-p@comcast.net); Stacey Ferrer at [ssfva@comcast.net](mailto:ssfva@comcast.net); or Will Schmidt at [willschmidt@verizon.net](mailto:willschmidt@verizon.net).

**Movie Library for “The Hole in Our Gospel”:** We are putting together a movie library for the current series “The Hole in Our Gospel”. Do you have one or more of the following movies and would be willing to make it available for people from our church to take home and view? If so, please bring it to church this week. You can leave it in the church office or with Pastor Marg.

*Hotel Rwanda; Amazing Grace; Lost Boys of Sudan; Slumdog Millionaire; Born into Brothels; The Blind Side; Blood Diamond; Catch A Fire; City of God; Invisible Children; The Killing Fields; The Kite Runner; God Grew Tired of Us; Apocalypse Africa; The Devil Came on Horseback; War Dance.*

**Lay Servants Academy: February 24-26 at Blackstone.** All laity are invited to the Lay Servants Academy to be held at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. You do not need to be on track to become a Local Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Speaker to attend. Every chairperson, committee member, teacher, or congregational leader is encouraged to take the 10 hour introductory Lay Speaking course and overview of United Methodism or there are 17 other course offerings. Mini-Courses (24) in a wide range of interests are also available. The cost for the entire week-end is between \$120 and \$170 if you register before January 20. Go to [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org) for more information or stop by the office for an information packet.

**United Methodism 101 Online Course:** February 1-March 14; Cost \$9.99. Whether you’ve been a United Methodist for five decades or five weeks, you may be surprised at all there is to discover about our denomination. In this course, you will learn more about United Methodist history, structure, beliefs and ministries. The course includes 4 modules, each with many interactive features. Each module takes about one hour to complete. You must preregister online before Wednesday, February 1, at United Methodist Communications Official Store. Instead of taking the online course, you may purchase the United Methodism 101 CD Kit online. The same interactive course blends audio, video and written materials into a fast-moving learning experience.

**The Wasena F. Wright, Jr. Conference Merit Award** is given to graduating seniors who have made an outstanding contribution in the local church and community; the local church and district; or the local church and conference and who plan to attend a United Methodist College or University in the fall of 2012. These awards are made possible by the General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry and range from \$500-\$1000 per award. Nominations are now being accepted and the application deadline is Monday, February 27. All necessary forms and guidelines can be found on the website at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org): Click on ministries> higher education> merit awards. Email [beckytate@vaumc.org](mailto:beckytate@vaumc.org) if you have questions. You may also pick up a nomination form/application and guidelines in the church office.