



MAYO-PARKWOOD CONNECTION

MAYO-PARKWOOD UNITED METHODIST CO-OPERATIVE PARISH
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THE PASTOR'S CORNER

It is with rather bittersweet feelings that I write of the planned merger of Parkwood and Mayo. With two special Church/Charge Conferences behind us, both congregations have voted to unite using the Mayo location. Parkwood's 3.85 acres will be sold, and following merger expenses and debt payment, the proceeds will come to the newly formed congregation.

This is an extremely difficult time for the members of Parkwood as they prepare to leave their church home which has offered tremendous ministry to the community since 1953. Our folks are in grief as a result of the financial and practical circumstances which have made this move necessary. This is, therefore, the painful, "bitter," part.

The hopes and dreams for our newly formed congregation and the many additional and greater opportunities for discipleship, fellowship, and growth form the "sweet" part.

Through the ages, God has called the Church of Jesus Christ to form and reform as new times, needs, and cultures arise. For God is a living, vital God who seeks a living, vital church community to serve Him in the world. The church is "organic" and not "static." Change is part of the movement of God through all generations. Change always brings with it that mixture of hope, sadness, fear, uncertainty, and yet excitement as new dreams surface and God's work bursts forth in different ways.

There are many details and business arrangements to be handled through the merger process, as well as spiritual needs to be met. I, especially, ask the Mayo congregation to be aware of Parkwood's hurt and loss. Parkwood very much needs your outreach, compassion, and support. As one dear Parkwood leader has said about this merger, "My heart says one thing and my mind another."

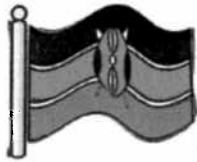
Parkwood is, in some ways, "losing everything." But together we are gaining each other and greater fellowship. There will be some changes for Mayo along the way, as well; and I pray that the Mayo church family will embrace those readily and in empathy for Parkwood with all of her changes ahead.

We are in the midst of planning for a number of "get to know each other" events, including a picnic (June 6); ladies' luncheon (May 16); and services of Celebration and Honoring of Parkwood's life and of Welcoming at Mayo. I will keep everyone updated on the progress of our merger efforts.

In Christian Love,
Rev Kathy



THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH



OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM MISSIONARY TO SPEAK, MAY 23

Julie Campbell, missionary to Kenya, Africa, will speak on Sunday, May 23, at both services. She will be at Parkwood at 9:15 and at Mayo at 11am.

Julie has been receiving financial support from Mayo for three years now. She works under the Mission Society of the United Methodist Church.

In Kenya, Julie endures physical hardships and personal danger to serve as pastor of a church and to run an orphanage and school. She sees the extreme need the children have. The AIDS epidemic has incapacitated or killed many parents. She endeavors to educate the children and adults about their health. She rejoices that some of her students have been inspired with interest in education and have continued on to high school. She rejoices in converts that she has led to Christ.

Julie's original home is in Pennsylvania, but she has learned the local language in Kenya and can converse comfortably with her congregation. Prior to its independence, Kenya was British West Africa, so many of the people speak English, or see English as the language to learn in order to qualify for a job.

Margaret Wolfe

MEMBERS OF MAYO'S 2010 OUTREACH/EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Charles Hamsberger, Beth Hoyt, Gordon Riel, Carol Thompson, Tim Williams, Carvel Wolfe (chair)

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Mayo's Memorial Committee has purchased "Hearing Aids" in memory of Nina Elmer, given by her family and friends.

MEMBERS OF MAYO'S 2010 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
Lydia Ess, Betty Pell (chair), Faye White, Margaret Wolfe



COUNCIL ON FINANCE COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Mayo's communion offerings continue to help our neighbors by providing assistance to local families and organizations in need. With the priority being Mayo members, the Wendy Spain Fund also aids needy families, the Lighthouse Shelter, West River Camp, and the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department. The communion fund assists the Appalachian Service Project, our Kenyan missionary, the UM deaf congregation, Quality of Life retreats, and Arundel Lodge. Our members and guests give generously to these funds, and we are grateful.

In order for the Financial Secretary to accurately record your communion offerings, we ask that you make your donation by check (payable to MUMC). This simple move will ensure that your tax statements include these monthly gifts. Thank you for your assistance.

MEMBERS OF MAYO'S 2010 COUNCIL ON FINANCE

Kirk Boyd, Roxanne Fiege, Richard Hardesty, Beth Hoyt (co-chair), Carol Hurley, Cherie Jockel (treasurer), Lynn Johnson (co-chair), Susan Lanier, Carol O'Bier, Bill Peterson, Matt Preston, Janet Tanner, Sharon Williams, Carvel Wolfe, Margaret Wolfe



MAYO AND PARKWOOD TO UNITE MERGER UPDATE INFORMATION

The Parkwood property has been appraised for between 1.53 and 1.6 million dollars. The mortgage debt is \$380,000. The expenses of the merger include: appraisal fee; real estate attorney fees; moving expenses for some furnishings and equipment; cost of advertising the merger and of preparing new signage; a \$4,000 apportionment to the newly formed body, in lieu of Parkwood's \$18,000 apportionment (Mayo's 2010 apportionments have already been paid in full); and severance packages to be given our Parkwood staff, which amounts to their salaries from the time of the move to the close of the year.

The first right of refusal has been granted to the Joy Reigns Lutheran congregation which now rents and worships in our Fellowship Hall. Joy Reigns has applied for mortgage pre-approval and will come to the table after they have eligibility and a figure.

Following that, a Merger Task Force, a sub-committee of the Leadership Council, will begin negotiations with Joy Reigns. Negotiations will deal with price, furnishings to be included, and considerations regarding the Thrift Shop.

We are currently taking inventory of all property. Once that is complete, the Task Force will make recommendations on what to keep and take to Mayo; what to include with real property; and what to sell to Joy Reigns, other churches, and/or place in a yard sale.

Proposals are being worked on to offer positions in the newly formed congregation to our musical staff, Michael Finley and Cindy Miller. Jana Bolster has indicated her wish to retire.

In the meantime, Mayo will be working on cleaning out and organizing in order to create space for Parkwood items. Each active person at Parkwood is being given an opportunity to take a memento home as a keepsake and memory of a special place. Requests are now being received. All those who have asked for a hymnal and/or Bible will receive the one they wish. Some are placing their names on pictures – first come, first served. Some have asked for banners; this will be possible after we decide

which are going to Mayo. Furniture will not be promised until all decisions are made about what is being moved to the new congregation. Parkwood folks are asked to have back-up requests. Those who are no longer an active part of Parkwood will not be able to take items.

Parkwood members are being asked to become a part of the current Mayo Visioning Task Force. Some things need to be discussed together. We will be adopting a new name for a new congregation. This Task Force will be considering possibilities and making recommendations to each church's Council for decision. Feel free to get your ideas in. Current thoughts have included: Mayo Park UMC, Peninsula UMC, Heritage UMC (to reflect the heritage of both congregations), and Selby Bay UMC.

Future decisions will be made on the use and investment of property sale proceeds, the incorporation of folks from both churches into leadership and committee membership, celebrations and welcomings, and, I am sure, many matters not yet thought of.

It is our intention to merge after settlement on the property. This may mean autumn. However, nothing definite is known.

We will endeavor to keep everyone properly informed through this overwhelming time. We pray for both our church families.

In Christ,
Rev. Kathy

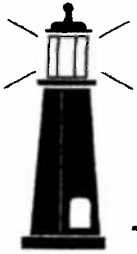


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 25 – JULY 29

Summer will soon be here – so will Vacation Bible School!. With the efforts of both Parkwood and Mayo, we hope to have more children this year. Please let your friends and neighbors know the dates; dinner is provided every night.

Future planning meetings will be announced in the bulletins. If you are able to help – in the kitchen or the classroom – please contact Tim Williams (or Heather at Mayo, mayoumc@verizon.net). We would love to have everyone involved in this wonderful program – please think about your role.

Beth Hoyt



THE LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER

MUMC supports the Light House Shelter by providing dinner the second Friday of each month. Our recent generous volunteers have been:

- Charles Hamsberger, who delivers the food every month, and who was mistakenly left out in the last newsletter.
- Our Dessert lady, Carol O'Bier
- Jacki Baker-Poe, Georgia and Mike Nelsen, and Carol Thompson, who provided the main dish for 30!
- Charles Hamsberger, Lynn Johnson, and Leila Youngren, who provided bread, salads, and vegetables.

If you'd like to help with this worthy outreach ministry, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex – or contact Beth Hoyt at 410/798-1825. Upcoming dates: May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13.

The new Light House on Hudson Street in Annapolis, which is scheduled to open this fall, will house four separate facilities in one 24,000 square foot green, secure, and cost efficient building:

- **Emergency Shelter** – beds for 30 men and 15 women for 90 days as long as they remain employed, alcohol and drug free, and work toward self-sufficiency;
- **Transitional Housing** - family apartments for 5 adults and 20 children;
- **Resource and Support Center** - offering education, job training, and life-skill services;
- **Chronically Homeless Day Center** – giving long-term homeless individuals basic human services during daylight hours.

Being homeless can destroy people, tear families apart, and wreck communities. Of those homeless clients who work with the Light House program, 75 percent leave empowered with a job or income, a place to live, and the hope of an independent life. The Light House works!

Beth Hoyt



FAMILY CIRCLE

Our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have recently lost loved ones: Bradley Alvey and Grace Romer.

THE GOOD LIFE

OLDER AMERICANS ARE ENJOYING THEIR LATER YEARS, WITH A NOD TO GOD

The older you are, the more likely you are to value religion, says a new Pew Research Center survey, "Growing Old in America." Do religious folks outlive their secular age-mates? Maybe. Earlier research indicates that people who worship regularly follow a healthier lifestyle and share a life-lengthening social network. And for some, faith grows with age: a third of those 65-plus said religion became more important over the course of their lives. Most respondents – religious or not – say life has rewards that come with age. There's much, they say, to enjoy about the present: more time with family, less stress, and more financial security.

Source: AARP Magazine
November & December 2009



REMINDERS:

GRADUATES: Please let Rev. Kathy know about 2010 graduates – high school, college, or any other school.

PARKWOOD'S SHAWL MINISTRY: Do you like to knit or crochet? Would you like to use that gift to help someone? Our Shawl Ministry can help you do just that! We meet every other Monday at 2pm. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come along, and we will teach you. Call 410/956-3744.

PARKWOOD'S THRIFT SHOP: The Thrift Shop is open Saturdays and Mondays, 9am to noon. Volunteers and donations from both churches are always welcome. 410/956-2510.



REMEMBER OUR VETERANS
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 30



VISIONING FOR MAYO

Mayo's Visioning Task Force met for the first time on February 20th, at the West River United Methodist Camping Center. Following a hymn and guiding scripture, Task Force members were asked to create two lists in order to focus the day's conversation. Simply, members were asked to share what they "appreciated" about Mayo and what they "wished" for the congregation. Members then shared their lists, and together the group explored their application to Mayo's future. The following table summarizes the fellowship conversation:

What I Appreciate About MUMC	My Wishes for MUMC
Rev. Kathy	Growth: numbers, quality numbers, more children, additional Sunday School classes, more volunteers
Love & Closeness, Fellowship, Kindness & Caring	Better communication in church: phone tree, email
Facility	Additional outreach: public relations, website, Facebook, Google docs, Google calendar
Music	Coordinate with Parkwood
Contemporary Service	Getting stuff done: order, efficiency, schedules, identify skills & resources, one-on-one invitations
Adaptable, strong: less than formal; relaxed, UM traditions mixed in	Follow-through
Service in & out of church	Be proactive, re: inviting people in, better contact/follow-through with new people
Acceptance: non-judgmental, welcoming, forgiving	Discovering spiritual gifts
Opportunities: mold people young & old, teaching of Christ, help less fortunate, help the community	
Doing things together	
Spiritual growth of members	
Opportunity for personal spiritual growth	

The first sub-committee to meet was Communications. One suggestion has already been implemented as the Communication Card included in Mayo's bulletins; completing this card will enable members and guests to update their contact information and to request information about upcoming events and activities. The cards are formatted to allow for notes and reminders. Additionally, the sub-committee has updated Mayo's website and is planning information sessions to assist members as changes take place.

The Task Force has had two subsequent meetings and will meet again on May 8. As Parkwood is invited to join the Task Force, the group is working on establishing a Vision Statement for the congregation. Based on an article by Chris Forbes, members are considering the following questions and will be reaching out to both congregations for input; please contact any Task Force member for more information or to share your thoughts.

1. Can you envision the place on the horizon where you are headed?
2. What will the world look like when you arrive at your destination?
3. What will your facilities and programs look like?
4. What are the numbers?
5. What will your organization look like?
6. What will be the practical impact?

MEMBERS OF MAYO'S VISIONING TASK FORCE

Dave Bykowski, Jessie Bykowski, Charles Harnsberger, Beth Hoyt, Carol Hurley, Lynn Johnson, Susan Lanier, Ben Matthews, Rev. Kathy Moore, Georgia Nelsen, Mike Nelsen, Betty Pell, Andy Thompson

For more information, read "How to Draft a Vision Statement"; <http://ministrymarketingcoach.com/2006/12/20/how-to-draft-a-vision-statement/>

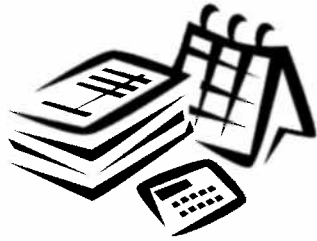


THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Note: As we prepare for the merger, there will be additional meetings called as needed.

MAY		
Sunday, May 2	Communion	
Tuesday, May 4	6:30pm	Parkwood Merger Task Force
Saturday, May 8	1pm	Parkwood and Mayo Visioning Task Force, at Mayo
Sunday, May 9	Festival of the Christian Home/Mothers' Day All ladies will be recognized	
Monday, May 10	7pm	Parkwood and Mayo joint Worship Committee meeting, at Parkwood
Saturday, May 15	8am	Men's Breakfast, at Mayo
	6pm	Youth Group Laser Tag, meet at Mayo
Sunday, May 16	12:30pm	Ladies' Luncheon to honor the ladies of both churches, at Mayo's Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 23	Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church Our UM Missionary to Kenya, Julie Campbell, will preach at both services	
	12:15pm	Vacation Bible School meeting for both churches, at Mayo
Sunday, May 30	Jessica Bykowski will preach her first sermon at both churches	
	6-8pm	Youth Group Regular meeting and fun

JUNE		
Tuesday, June 1 thru Friday, June 4	Annual Conference, Baltimore In attendance: Rev. Moore, David Hale, Carol Thompson	
Sunday, June 6	Communion	
	12noon	Mayo hosts a picnic for Parkwood
Wednesday, June 9	7:30pm	Mayo Trustees meeting
Friday, June 11	6pm	Youth Group Relay for Life
Sunday, June 13	6-8pm	Youth Group Regular meeting and fun
	After worship	Mayo Finance Committee meeting
Friday, June 18	7pm	Youth Group Overnight and Lock-In
Saturday, June 19	8am	Men's Breakfast, at Mayo
Sunday, June 27	3pm	Youth Group Go-Karts, meet at Mayo
Monday, June 28	7pm	Joint meeting of Parkwood and Mayo SPPRC, at Mayo



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JULY		
Sunday, July 4	Independence Sunday/Communion	
Wednesday, July 7	7pm	Joint meeting of Parkwood and Mayo Nominations Committees, at Parkwood
Sunday, July 11	6-8pm	Youth Group Regular meeting and fun
Wednesday, July 14	6:30pm	Parkwood Trustees and Merger Task Force
Saturday, July 17	8am	Men's Breakfast, at Mayo
Sunday, July 25 thru Thursday, July 29	5:45pm Supper included	Vacation Bible School

AUGUST		
Sunday, August 1	Communion	
Monday, August 2	7pm	Parkwood and Mayo joint Worship Committee meeting, at Mayo
Sunday, August 8	After worship	Mayo Finance Committee meeting
Wednesday, August 11	7:30pm	Mayo Church Council
Thursday, August 19	Next Newsletter Deadline	
Saturday, August 21	8am	Men's Breakfast, at Mayo

Announcement!

THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

- May 3, Parkwood SPPRC
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- May 16, Mayo SPPRC
- July 6, Parkwood Nominations
- July 13, Parkwood Finance Group of Council
- August 3, Parkwood Leadership Council

From the UM Connection

The newsletter of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church

Bequest goes for apportionments

EDGEWATER – When Mayo UMC received an unrestricted bequest, the congregation didn't hesitate about what to do with it. They paid their 2009 apportionments in full by the deadline.

"They're very conscientious about paying the apportionment," said the Rev. L. Katherine Moore.

Not only that, the Church Council decided to pay all of 2010 apportionments in the month of January. The remaining \$20,000 of the bequest has been turned over to the Board of Trustees for much needed church maintenance.

UMs and Lutherans share space

EDGEWATER – The sanctuary of Parkwood UMC, one of the two churches in the Mayo-Parkwood Cooperative Parish, was the site for a joint Holy Thursday service with Joy Reigns, a Lutheran congregation that now calls Parkwood's fellowship hall their home.

Joy Reigns was a "nomadic" congregation that rented space in various places for several years.

After considerable negotiations, Parkwood's Leadership Council reached an agreement creating new space for Parkwood's coffee hour and Sunday school classes.

The new arrangement expands the meaning of "cooperative" and is in keeping with the 2009 historic denominational agreement between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and The United Methodist Church to share in each other's worship, Communion, mission and clergy.

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