



The Spotlight

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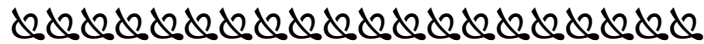
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Summer Days Are Here Again!

Dear Friends,

In recent years summer has somehow managed to sneak up on us rather quickly. These days one is not able to predict the weather patterns as accurately as we would. For those of us living in the Northern Hemisphere, summer may seem too short. This is because all too soon fall appears, the leaves start changing and then the cold winter will be upon us.

For many of us these summer days are times of vacation, travel, family gatherings and backyard barbecues and, above all, enjoying God's creation working in the garden or sight-seeing. With regards to our church calendar, we are now in the season of Pentecost. This is a long season which extends into November and climaxes with Christ the King Sunday, which ushers us into the season of Advent.

If you happen to be away someplace else visiting or vacationing please take the time to worship at another church and bring a church bulletin back and share your experience with me. Tell me the things you enjoyed as a result of your worship experience and I hope we can learn from that church.

Talking about things we can learn from others, our Richmond family will embark on a church-wide Bible study called "Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations" in the

fall. This study will be five weeks of prayer and fruitful practices for our congregation. I believe that the short study will make a big difference in the life of our church and community.

Adam Hamilton, a United Methodist Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection – the largest United Methodist Church – said, "Successful churches will do things unsuccessful churches will not do." Jesus calls each and every one of us to bear fruit. Fruitfulness is part of God's plan for our lives. I hope you can join us through this Bible Study so we can all explore these practices together.

We really need to increase our fruitfulness in every area of our lives. The Eastern PA conference has placed on all of us the need to increase our membership by ten percent. The mission and vision for us as a conference is to make disciples for the transformation of the world. We really need all active and inactive members to come and play a part in helping us build our local Congregation here at Richmond, and on a higher call, to help build up the church of God, the body of Christ.

We need more volunteers to help revive our Sunday school, both the youth and Adult Sunday School. We all need to give God our time, talents and treasures. As a reminder, our summer worship is at 9:30

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Summer Days Are Here Again! cont.

A.M and this year let's make it a point to attend service during the summer months. I know there is a lot going on in our busy lives but we cannot afford to take a long break from Church. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the day approaching." Also I would like to encourage you to send your gifts whenever you are able. Every little bit of your giving to Richmond is a gift unto the Lord and makes a big difference. I do appreciate all your gifts and to those of you who still send your gifts when you are not able to be here, I would like to thank you for your faithfulness.

I will continue to pray for all of you and please lift me up in your prayers as well. May your summer be filled with joy, gladness and rest. Please take time to relax, take time to pray, take time to read a new book and do not forget the Bible of course!

Wishing you the best and I hope to see you around; stay safe and stay well. Have an exciting summer!

May God bless you richly,

Pastor Kofi.

Missionary's Update

"How do you know God exists?" This is the question that we were greeted with as we sat down to eat dinner in the Residence Hall with Paige. After months of praying for her, Paige was inquiring about God! During spring break, my teammate, Samantha, prayed that God would put people in our friends' paths that would help stir up a desire to know Him. Paige met some guys involved in an occult during spring break

that shared their religious beliefs and asked her some questions about what she believes.

Samantha and I have been friends with Paige for a year, and she knows that my teammate Sam and I are Christians. Because of our friendship, she felt safe to come to us with her questions. As we talked about God's existence, Jesus, and the Gospel with her, she asked us about our "stories with God."

Right there in the resident hall cafeteria, Sam shared that she struggled with trying to find value through her academic performance and how it always left her wanting more, no matter how well she did. Paige could definitely identify with that struggle, as a student and in Chinese culture. Sam told her that she is learning that her value and worth come from what God says about her in the Bible instead of her performance. We all talked about a few specific verses that express how God values us. As we finished our conversation, Paige said, "Sam, I think where you were with God before is where I am now. Maybe someday I can be where you are!"

Paige and several of our other friends from China are taking steps toward Jesus! Thank you for your investment in the lives of these precious women through prayer and financial partnership!

Blessings,

Lisa Olson

Missionary with The Navigators at
The University of Washington in
Seattle, WA

Charge Conference

Our next church Charge Conference will be on Sunday, October 17 at 12:30 p.m. at the East Bangor UMC. Mark your calendars.

News from the District & Conference

by Bronwyn Yocum,

District Superintendent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Perhaps you've heard the old joke, "How many Methodists does it take to change a light bulb? Change? We don't change the bulb, we change the pastor!" What a year this has been. By July 1, our district will have 19 appointment changes – some new clergy from outside the district, some clergy moving within the district, and some making significant changes in the appointments they hold. On a district of 71 churches, that is quite a lot of change. Additionally, our conference is looking at structural changes that will move much ministry out of the conference office and down to the district level, meaning changes at every level, as well as new health care plans and lifestyle changes to encourage healthy living. That's a lot of change, but despite it all, we move forward into this new year confident that in every time of change, one thing remains constant – the abiding presence of God.

In such an atmosphere of shifting relationships and new directions, it is important for us to keep our eyes on the vision of ministry God has granted us. Whether you are a large church or a small one, every one of us has been commissioned by Jesus Christ to go and make disciples. The United Methodist Church has adopted this as its mission statement, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Each of us should be able to recite that mission statement without hesitation, and should teach our congregations that we are part of a movement whose vision is to accomplish that mission. It is a mission that has endured from its first articulation on a mountainside in Galilee to the 21st century, a mission that draws us together and offers us meaning and

purpose. While the mission has remained the same through 20 centuries, the means of accomplishing it have changed and will continue to change in the years ahead. So in this time of rapid cultural change, we each need to unpack that mission in our individual settings, exploring how God is inviting us to live out the mission with our congregations and our communities.

This year, I invite you to think carefully about change. Change means loss, letting go of something in order to receive something new. We aren't always sure that something new is worth the loss of the old. Change also means going through that wilderness time when the old is gone but the new has not yet fully unfolded. Yet growth cannot happen without change. It is my hope that we can work together this year as a district to change in ways that will lead to growth – both numerical growth and deepening of spiritual maturity. In that process, we will need to encourage each other as we face the challenges that change brings. Remember, the essence of our faith is change – dying to self in order to be reborn with Christ. Let's commit ourselves to listen for God's leading, to explore how God might be inviting us into new paths of ministry, and to consider ways that we can collaborate in order to extend the kingdom of God.

New Charge Conference Format

The charge conference schedule for this year is provided below, so that you may plan your schedules around these dates. Charge conferences are less flexible since in many cases, they are arranged by geographical locations. Unless there is a major event already scheduled at your church for the day of your charge conference, I expect the schedule will remain as printed. Again, if you must change, please try to do so with

travel times in mind, and notify the district office of your proposed change. Please note that this year, ALL CHARGE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS will be due at your charge conference or by October 31st, whichever comes first. Charge conference documents should reflect activity from the 2009 charge conference to the 2010 charge conference, or the first of the month closest. Please be reminded that your completion of forms, whether for charge conference or statistical reports, is one element in the DS's pastoral evaluation. This year, many churches have selected the option of having another elder lead your charge conference and instead allowing me to offer a workshop to your congregation. If your church is planning on a charge conference, our time together will include a 30 minute session on the importance of vision and mission, followed by the charge conference. I have planned the schedule joining together smaller churches so that you can hear each other's stories and learn from one another.

For the charge conference itself, I would like to celebrate your ministries. How have you acted on that commission from Jesus Christ to make disciples? How have you offered the gospel through words and through acts of love in Christ's name? And what do you need to do in the year ahead to grow in your ministry? If there are concerns that you feel could result in problems or conflict at the conference, please let me know that ahead of time. In some cases, I may defer such discussions to a special charge conference after the regular charge conference season is over.

Northeast District Charge Conference Schedule - Fall 2010

Please note. Only churches receiving a new pastor in July have a meeting scheduled

between the DS and the SPRC. If your SPRC desires to meet with the DS, please contact the district office and a time will be set for the DS to meet with your PPRC/SPRC.

This year charge conferences will be done a little differently. Churches had the option to choose a workshop led by the DS and schedule their charge conference to be done with an elder from the conference. Many smaller churches have been united in clusters for charge conferences so that you can share with each other what you are doing to make disciples of Jesus Christ. For churches that have chosen the option of a workshop, two hours have been allotted, and the workshop topic noted. For churches that have not chosen a workshop, the schedule includes 30 minutes for an overview of visioning, then 45 minutes for each church involved in the charge conference. Each church will be asked to make a 20 minute presentation celebrating its ministries; this will replace the pastor's report and individual reports from Ad Council chair, lay leader, etc. Following that, the DS will move through the remaining items of business – the nominations report, pastoral compensation, approval of Christ Servant Ministers and candidates. If only one church is scheduled, the leadership can plan a presentation of 25-30 minutes celebrating the church's ministries.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Worship at Tobyhanna UMC

12:30 Tobyhanna UMC

3:00 Canadensis UMC and

Mountainhome UMC at Mountainhome–
Stewardship

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30 Conyngham UMC, workshop TBD

12:30 Black Creek UMC, stewardship workshop
3:30 Lattimer: Mines UMC/ Freeland: Park UMC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Worship at Stroudsburg; Faith UMC
11:45 Stroudsburg: Faith SPRC
12:30 Stroudsburg: Faith / Cherry Lane UMC charge conference at Faith UMC
2:30 Cherry Lane SPRC at Faith UMC
4:00 Cherry Valley UMC/Poplar Valley: Christ UMC, stewardship workshop

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

7:00 Leighton: Ebenezer UMC/Palmerton: Salem UMC at Palmerton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Attend White Haven 175th anniversary
4:00 Drums: St. Paul's UMC, SPRC
4:30 Drums: St. Paul's, stewardship workshop (chg conf 11/14 with Diamond)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 Slatedale: Salem UMC/Emerald: St. Peter's UMC at St. Peter's

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 Perkasio: First UMC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00 Danielsville: Salem UMC, workshop on change

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:30 Nesquehoning: Meeds UMC/ Tamaqua: First UMC and Salem UMC, location TBD
Noon Jim Thorpe: Grace St. Paul's UMC and Parryville UMC at Jim Thorpe
3:00 Audenreid-Jeanesville UMC/ Weatherly: Centenary UMC, location TBD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

Worship at East Bangor UMC
12:30 East Bangor UMC / Richmond UMC
3:30 Chapman Quarries UMC and Bushkill UMC at Chapman Quarries

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7 pm White Haven UMC SPRC
7:30 White Haven UMC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

7:30 Stroudsburg UMC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Small Church Workshop with Lew Parks, 10 am to 1 pm
3 pm Stewardship Workshop location TBD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

Worship at Reeders UMC
11:00 Reeders UMC SPRC
11:30 Reeders UMC charge conference
2:00 Wooddale UMC SPRC
2:30 Keokee Chapel UMC / Wooddale UMC / Analomink UMC at Keokee Chapel UMC
4:30 Keokee Chapel UMC SPRC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

7:00 Easton: Calvary SPRC
7:30 Easton: Calvary UMC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

7 pm Quakertown UMC SPRC
7:30 Quakertown UMC

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:30 Epworth UMC / Fritz UMC / Hellertown: St Paul's UMC at Epworth
12:30 Easton: Christ UMC
3:00 Springtown: Salem UMC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31

Worship at Pocono Lake UMC
11:15 Pocono Lake UMC SPRC
11:45 Pocono Lake UMC
2:00 Blakeslee UMC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7 pm Wesley UMC SPRC
7:30 Wesley UMC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

7:30 Tabor UMC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:30 Pen Argyl: Grace UMC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

9:30 Moore Twp.: Covenant UMC –
visioning workshop
12:30 Saylorsburg: St Peter’s UMC SPRC
at St. Peter’s
1:00 Wind Gap: First UMC / Saylorsburg:
St. Peter’s UMC at St. Peter’s
3:30 Ackermanville UMC / Belfast:
Wesley UMC at Ackermanville

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Worship at Effort UMC
Noon: Effort UMC SPRC
12:30 Effort UMC charge conference
3:00 McMichael’s UMC and Neola UMC
at Neola

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 pm Asbury UMC SPRC
7:30 Asbury UMC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:30 Telford: Grace UMC

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

East Stroudsburg church dinner
6:30 East Stroudsburg UMC SPRC
7:00 East Stroudsburg UMC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Adjourned Session of Annual conference

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Worship at Coaldale UMC/Summit Hill
UMC
Noon Coaldale UMC/Summit Hill UMC
charge conf
3:00 Hazleton: Diamond UMC / Drums
UMC chg conf

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

7 pm Faith Alive UMC SPRC
7:30 Faith Alive UMC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7:00 Mt. Pocono UMC SPRC
7:30 Mt. Pocono UMC

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 Bethany UMC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

9:30 Visioning and Stewardship
Workshops location TBD
2:00 Bangor: First UMC and Portland at
Bangor: First

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

3:00 Allentown: Salem / La Trinidad /
Emmanuel UMC at Emmanuel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

8:00 Bethlehem: Korean UMC

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Worship at Old Zionsville: Salem UMC
Charge conference following worship

SPRC and Clergy Evaluations

I will not plan to meet with PPR/SPRC
unless there is a new appointment or other
issue. If your PPR/SPRC needs to speak
with me, the chair is welcome to contact me
and I will arrange another time to meet with

them. Please remember, clergy evaluations this year will be based on the covenant developed by the pastor and the SPR last year. There is no evaluation form; the committee should prepare a narrative based on the pastor's goals, and update the covenant for 2011. For more information on the covenant and evaluation, please refer to the book, Watching Over One Another In Love. This year, charge conference forms will be available through the new conference database. This will allow you to fill them out electronically, and simply update from year to year.

Did you know? Building Use Request Form

At the June Administrative Council meeting, a new "Building Use Form" was approved. Those wanting to use the church will need to complete the form, and return it to the church office for Administrative Council approval. The form will help to clarify who has permission to use the building, and outlines our expectations for care. Dates will then be put on the church calendar. The building-use fees were also reviewed and updated.

Church Website

RUMC will be launching a new website in July and we are excited about the many features it has. More details to follow over the next month or so, and we anxiously await your review and comments. How can we make this additional way to communicate with our members and the community more helpful/useful? Missed a sermon? You will be able to listen to it from the website. Want to know what's happening in the church? Check the website. COMING SOON.....

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays:



- 02 Bob Counterman
Jennifer Hocking
Jason Meyers
- 03 Lisa Ligouri
- 04 Robin Hughes
- 05 Gayle Evans
Rik Medic
Jacob Miller
- 07 Jennifer Absalom
Rebecca Dertinger
Pat Hester
- 09 Glenn Zungolo, Sr.
Kelsey Kollar
- 12 Elaine Smickle
Troy Ruch
- 13 Larry McEwen
- 14 Lisa Olson
Crystal Templin
- 15 Charles Diehl
Robert Lehman
- 19 Phyllis Campbell
- 20 Gabrielle Meyers
- 23 Wayne Pysher
- 24 William Ruch
- 25 Staci Meyers
- 26 Charles Dertinger, Jr.
- 29 Arlene Miller
Pauline Fox
- 30 Samantha Schuler

July Anniversaries:



- 03 Art and Judy Good
- 10 Jake and Jessica Klaver
- 12 Steve and Robin Hughes
- 14 Wayne and Deanna Pysher
- 16 Rob and Stacy Figurski
- 19 Kofi and Sarah Ashley
- 21 Woody and Nancy Seas

August Birthdays:



- 03 Jeff Wolf
Doris Young
- 04 Sarah Ashley
Marilyn Floyd
Nancy Kries
- 05 Richard Ott, Jr.
- 07 Glenn C. Zungolo
- 08 Bonnie Devine
- 09 Gina Adams
- 10 Mary Ann Templin
- 12 Duke Frinzi
Jetta Hocking
- 14 Edith Jones
- 15 Kerry Rutt
Joyce Ott
- 17 Emily LaBar
- 19 Stacy Correll
Erika Olson
Mindy Meyer
- 21 Janet Mack
- 23 Suzie Rehrig
- 24 Wanda Ribble
Dawn Brown
- 25 Buffy Gannon
- 26 Zachary Mitsos
- 27 Grace Lockard
- 28 Helen Grozanick
Richard Howell
Larry McCarty, Jr.
- 29 Jonathan Absalom
Brian Hill
Karen Dertinger

August Anniversaries:



- 05 Larry and Kecia McCarty, Jr.
- 06 Dennis and Sheila Smith
Brian and Dawn Brown
- 11 Brian and Lynn Hill
- 14 Matthew and Lori Johnson

Birthday & Anniversaries List Changes

If you see a name is missing from the Birthday & Anniversary lists published in the newsletter or see other corrections that need to be made, contact the church office and the newsletter editor with the changes.

Congo Lights

You are watching your television set on a hot, humid, summer evening. Your relaxed state-of-mind can be gone in seconds when you hear that unmistakable beep, beep, beep, announcing “you are under a tornado watch until 10:00 P.M.!” Then they continue to name local communities and the exact minute it will be arriving in your area. If you are like me, the first thing you do is locate your flashlights and candles – just in case you lose your electricity. We don’t like to be in the dark!

Our North Eastern Conference has chosen to become International Partners with the Congo in Africa. In June, there is a team of United Methodist planning on traveling to Kinshasa in the Congo. Since their country has abundant sunshine, our conference has set a goal to raise \$10,000.00 to purchase solar panels which will provide electricity for their hospital.

The doctors deliver babies, tend to the sick, and perform surgery. The reality of running a hospital without electricity is mind-boggling!

This gives Richmond the opportunity to play a small role in letting “our lights so shine before men.”

I’m asking for each family to give just a few dollars. Hopefully, we will be able to raise \$100.00 to send to the conference and share in raising the standards for those dedicated doctors and nurses.

Submitted by Deanna Pysher

Articles for September Newsletter

Articles for the September issue of The Spotlight are due by Friday, August 20th, to Chris Clark.



Articles can be submitted by phone (610-253-7008), by E-Mail (Murdock@alumni.cmu.edu), or by mail (15 Bunker Hill Court; Easton, PA 18040).

Church Photo Directory

Putting the Church Photo directory together does take several people working together to make the final product happen. YES....it's coming. We should have them available by September.

Did You Know These Facts About The Bible?

- The Bible contains 3,566,460 letters, 773,746 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. There are 929 chapters with 592,493 words in the Old Testament and 260 chapters with 181,253 words in the New Testament. The word "Lord" occurs 1855 times. The middle verse is the 8th verse of the 118th Psalm.
- The longest verse is the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of Esther (90 words or 426 characters).
- The shortest verse is the 35th verse of the 11th chapter of the Gospel of John. The shortest chapter and the middle chapter is the 117th Psalm. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter J.
- The longest chapter is Psalm 119. The 19th chapter of the second book of Kings and 37th chapter of Isaiah are almost identical.

- There are no words or names of more than six syllables. The Bible mentions 19 different precious stones, 6 metals, 104 trees and plants, 35 animals, 39 birds, 6 different fishes, 11 reptiles, 20 insects and smaller creatures. The Bible was first printed at Mentz, Germany, in 1462. It is now printed in more than 528 languages.

Vacation Bible School

As we go to print, our High Seas Expedition Vacation Bible School has set sail. Thomas Hall, plus hallways and other church areas have been



appropriately decorated and add excitement to the curriculum. The first night, 27 children, 8 teen helpers, plus about 15 adult volunteers gathered to learn more about Jesus. The music is terrific, as well as the songs, crafts, outdoor play, Bible lessons, and snacks. We are thankful for the precious children and families who attend that they may grow in their love of the Lord. Thanks to everyone who helped support VBS in any way! All your labor in the Lord is not in vain and God is the one who will reward you all for your service to the Kingdom, especially to the children. **THANKS!**

Future Newsletter Due Dates!

Article submission due dates for the rest of 2010:

Issue:	Articles due by:
October	Friday, September 24 th
November	Friday, October 22 nd
December	Friday, November 19 th

Summer Sermon Series

Our Summer Sermon Series on "The Ten Commandments" began on June 13th. We continue to explore from the Biblical perspective why God gave these commandments and whether they are relevant to our morals today. We hope to learn how the Israelites dealt with these tough uncomfortable laws in their life, how God rescued them and how God used these experiences to shape their lives. I hope you will join me on this journey back in time!

Want to catch up on what you've missed? Very soon, you will be able to listen to and watch videos of the sermons online at the Church Website, to be launched in July. More news on that in the coming weeks...

Bridge Ministry

The Bridge Ministry will prepare Chicken & Rice Casserole on Wednesday July 14, 2010, to be at our church by 6:00 PM. We depart for the First United Methodist Church, located in the 200 Block of South 2nd Street Easton, PA to feed the folks at that time. Also, please include:

a loaf of bread
one stick of butter
a sheet of brownies, or a
comparable substitute

The recipe and pans to cook it in will be in the Narthex by July 4th, 2010. The ministry is re-locating and requests that we postpone delivery of any more clothing or household items until after they have found a permanent facility. We have swamped them with clothing, toys, and household items! The folks who need these items are amazed and grateful at the volume we have delivered. The church family has been truly caring and giving to this ministry. Any questions, please call Charles & Carol Hentz at 610-588-9044 after 6:00 PM any day.

Sponsors for Altar Flowers

Please, we need people to honor the Lord by sponsoring altar flowers on Sundays that are open dates. For instance, July 18th, 2010 is open and we need someone to sponsor flowers for the altar. Please check the Flower Chart in the Narthex downstairs for open dates, and honor the Lord by beautifying His altar with flowers. You will also be able to check for open spots on the flower chart on the new church website, <http://www.richmondumc.com>. From the menu on the left, select Ministries@RUMC and then click on Altar Flowers. Thank you for your service and God bless you for responding.

Calling New Members!

Our next New Members' class will be held in the fall of 2010. Those who wish to join our Richmond Church family should please contact Pastor Kofi or the Church Office by phone at 610-588-7317 or by email at richmondumc@epix.net or kofiaashley@hotmail.com to obtain the booklet on United Methodist teachings and other information about how to use your gifts to serve the Lord and the Richmond Church. It is also important to contact Pastor Kofi so that plans can be made to schedule the first meeting date and time for the New Members' class. Those interested in joining the Richmond Church this fall are Donna Bond, Jean Best, Kathy and Brian Hontz, Roberta Holden. Please keep these persons in your prayers and pray that God will bring more people into the Lord's vineyard and help build the ministries of Richmond UMC.

A Young Minister

As a young minister, I was asked by a funeral director to hold a grave-side service for a homeless man, with no family or friends. The funeral was to be held at a

cemetery way back in the country, and this man would be the first to be laid to rest there.

As I was not familiar with the backwoods area, I became lost; and being a typical man, did not stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late.

I saw the backhoe and the crew, who were eating lunch. But the hearse was nowhere in sight. I apologized to the workers for my tardiness, and stepped to the open grave, where I saw a vault lid already in place.

I assured the workers I would not hold them for long, but this was the proper thing to do. The workers gathered around, still eating their lunch. I poured out my heart and soul.

As I preached the workers began to say "Amen," "Praise the Lord," and "Glory!" I preached, and I preached, like I'd never preached before: from Genesis all the way to Revelation.

I closed the lengthy service with a prayer and walked to my car.

As I was opening the door and taking off my coat, I overheard one of the workers saying to another, "I ain't never seen anything like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Beers Memorial Scholarship

The Joseph H. and Mildred E. Beers Memorial Scholarship 2010 recipients are:

Adam Counterman	Lisa Olson
Emily LaBar	Sarah Whitley
Erin Pruett	Hayley Willever

The members of RUMC and the 2010 recipients all wish to thank the Beers family for their continued Christian love and generosity in aiding the growth of Christians through education.

~Effective education goes beyond facts in the mind (Matthew 7:24-28)

Will You Think About It?

Soon the nominations committee for lay leadership will be meeting to make nominations for needed church positions. Please don't think someone else can do the job.....maybe the right person is YOU. The Lord has blessed us all with different gifts. There are many jobs that need to be done for the church to function well and they require some of our time. God gives each of us the same.....24 hours in a day. Everyone is busy, and we can all make excuses, but it comes right down to deciding what our priorities are. Will you commit to GIVE the church one, two, three or four hours a month over the next year? Some jobs can be done from your own home, others can be done at the church, and some in the community. You need to decide how much time you can give. Think about it, and if you have ideas on what you would like to do, please call the church office or Pastor Kofi.

