



THE LAMPLIGHTER

Ministerial Musings

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Dr. Giselle Esquivel-Cordero, our Lay Member of Annual Conference, has taken the time to prepare a succinct yet comprehensive report on the 2007 session of the Greater N. J. Annual Conference held in late May and early June. With her agreement, I chose to offer Giselle's Report as this month's Ministerial Musings for your review and reflection.

For your information: Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar's *Episcopal Address*, the complete listing of Clergy Appointments for 2007-2008, and numerous pieces of legislation and petitions to General Conference which were passed by the 2007 Annual Conference are available for reading and/or downloading on-line at the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Web site: <http://www.gnjumc.org>. We can also make copies of these materials in the Church Office upon request for those who may not have access to the Internet.

Thank you, Giselle, for sharing so thoroughly with us on the work of our recent "Holy Conferencing" in Valley Forge.

Shalom, *John*

Report on 2007 Greater New Jersey Annual Conference

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Lay Member

Centenary United Methodist Church

Pastor John Painter and I attended the Annual Conference at Valley Forge Convention Center in Pennsylvania from Wednesday, May 30th thru Saturday, June 2nd, 2007. The agenda comprised a number of worship services, communion, songs for gathering, recognition of retirees, a tribute memorial service, the service of ordination, Bible studies, interest groups, clergy and laity meetings, plenary sessions, and elections of clergy and laity delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the UMC in 2008.

Foremost, the reappointment of pastors for 2007-2008 was made official and I am pleased to inform you that we continue to be blessed with the continued appointment of our Pastor John as servant leader in the ministry of Centenary United Methodist Church for an eighth year. We are grateful to John and Tina Painter for one more year of their gifts and presence among us as one community in the Lord Jesus Christ.

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The worship services were led by a dynamic (“Get Out of the Boat”) speaker, the Reverend Tyrone Gordon of the St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. Rev. Gordon called for coming out of our passive and comfortable attitudes and to “walk on water” with faith that Jesus is leading the way to making disciples in His name. Pastor John has the series of DVDs of Reverend Gordon’s three preaching sessions, if you are interested in seeing the Holy Spirit at work with passion and humor through this church leader who has moved thousands of members to follow Christ.

The Bible studies on the New Testament in relation to Christ’s ministry were led by the Rev. Dr. James Fleming who is a God-gifted teacher and scholar. Along with the study of the Scriptures, Rev. Fleming presented visual images of the Holy Land and the places where Jesus walked and spread His ministry of healing and love.

Bishop Devadhar’s Episcopal Address conveyed an emphasis on stewardship, youth camp ministries, global mission, and social justice to help end poverty and war. The Bishop recommended two books: *The Gospel According to Starbucks: Living with a Grande Passion* by Leonard Sweet, and *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Bishop Robert Schnase. Both John and I have copies of these books available. The Conference’s co-lay leaders, Connie Ace and Jay Brown, also focused on the themes of discipleship, worship, fellowship, and especially stewardship. The laity was encouraged to recognize October 21 as Laity Sunday.

Concerns with human abductions, trafficking, and bondage were raised and led to the declaration of the Greater New Jersey Conference to commit to the abolishment of this type of human slavery in whatever forms it takes here and around the world. Another major concern was abolishment of the death penalty in New Jersey. I attended a session led by the Board of Church and Society in which a falsely accused person, Tim Junkin, spoke of his experiences in death row. The book narrating his story, *Bloodsworth*, will be available in our Church Library. As public theology representative, I will be involved in coordinating a campaign to reach legislators supporting a Bill to end the death penalty in New Jersey. Also a series of *Upper Room* pocket prayers to encourage persons living with HIV and AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis, and other serious diseases will be available in the Narthex for those interested.

A number of reports were given by the Board of Church and Society, the United Methodist Homes, the United Methodist Women, the Commission on Camps, Conferences, and Retreats, the Commission on Christian Unity and Inter-religious Concerns, and other task forces and committees. A number of recommendations and resolutions on such issues as apportionments, the establishment of a task force on mental health, health benefits for pastors, and mitigation of global warming, were discussed and passed.

A set of petitions dealing with changes in the *The Book of Discipline* on the issues of human sexuality and sexual orientation were addressed under a process of Holy Conferencing through which two formal presentations were made by well informed persons holding two different perspectives, small group discussion on the two points of view, opportunities for three presentations in favor and three against the petition, prayer for discernment, and closed votes. These petitions requesting *Book of Discipline* revisions were as follows:

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PASSED

- 1 Prohibit discrimination in receiving members into the United Methodist Congregation
- 2 Broaden statement of inclusiveness of the Church to include all persons regardless of sexual orientation
- 3 Broaden statement of equal rights to include all persons regardless of sexual orientation

NOT PASSED

- 1 Removal of statement regarding the compatibility of homosexuality and Christian teaching
- 2 Changing statement that marriage is to be between a man and a woman only to “two adult persons”
- 3 Changing statement of theology on human sexuality as marriage being between a man and a woman only
- 4 Delete statement disqualifying for ordination “self avowed practicing homosexual”
- 5 Delete statement that ceremonies that celebrate homosexual unions shall not be conducted by ministers and shall not be conducted in our churches.
- 6 Remove financial restriction clause stating that no board, agency, committee, commission or council shall give United Methodist funds to any gay caucus or group, or otherwise use such funds to promote the acceptance of homosexuality [except in response to HIV epidemic].

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss any of the issues and aspects of the Annual Conference with me or with Pastor John.

In Christ,
Giselle Esquivel-Cordero

Food Collection—Sunday, July 15

Please bring cereals, staple food items in plastic jars or cans, and paper products to share with persons in need in our area. We are deeply grateful for your generous sharing.

Special Appeal for Diapers and Infant/Toddler Food for Amandla Crossing: Your assistance is needed to provide diapers (sizes #4, #5 & #6...not pull-ups) and infant & toddler food for children at Amandla Crossing. Please bring the items to Centenary and leave them in the boxes provided in the Narthex. Thank you. —Your Mission Committee

A Month of Sundays

(Summer Worship Services at 9:30 AM in our Air-Conditioned Sanctuary)

July 1, 2007 – The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost / Sacrament of Holy Communion

No Summer Sunday School session this Sunday

Preacher: Terrilisa Durham Bauknight Theme: *Generation to Generation*

Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25
 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Luke 9:51-62

July 8, 2007 – The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Preacher: Terrilisa Durham Bauknight Theme: *Newly Commissioned*

Lectionary Readings: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16
 Psalm 30 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 15, 2007 – The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost / Sacrament of Baptism

Preacher: John D. Painter Theme: *“Do This, and You Will Live”*

Lectionary Readings: Amos 7:7-17 Colossians 1:1-14
 Psalm 82 Luke 10:25-37

July 22, 2007 – The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Preacher: John D. Painter Theme: *Say “Yes” to the Mess*

Lectionary Readings: Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28
 Psalm 52 Luke 10:38-42

July 29, 2007 – The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost / Youth Sunday

Members of our United Methodist Youth Fellowship will plan and lead the service.

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 1:2-10 Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)
 Psalm 85 Luke 11:1-13

Worship & Summer Sunday School at 9:30 AM

Worship and Summer Sunday School will be held at 9:30 AM through Sunday, September 2nd. (Except there will be no Children’s Summer Sunday School program on July 1st, August 26th, and September 2nd.) Please make note of this seasonal change in our Worship and Sunday School schedule for the Summer. On Sunday, September 9th, we will resume our Sunday morning schedule with Worship and Sunday School for Pre-K through 12th Grade Youth at 10:15 AM. (The Adult Class will continue to meet at 9:00 AM next year.) Watch for further details in upcoming editions of *The Lamplighter*.

Note: The underlined passage in the Lectionary Readings is the primary Scripture readings upon which the morning Message will be based; passages with double underlines indicate the primary reading for the Message when more than one Scripture reading will be used as part of the morning Worship service.

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers for Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar: We are all asked to include Bishop Devadhar and his wife, Prima, in our weekly prayers. We are especially invited to lift the bishop and his family (and support staff/cabinet) in **prayer on Thursdays at Noon**. Bishop “Suda” has acknowledged the invaluable strength he receives from the prayer support of so many as he heals and seeks to serve as Pastor to all of the United Methodists of Greater New Jersey.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Ann Elizabeth Thompson and Richard Jeffrey Wood who were united in *A Service of Christian Marriage* at Kitty Hawk United Methodist Church in Kitty Hawk, NC, on May 12, 2007. Ann and Richard are currently residing at 209 Quail Lane, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

It’s a Girl! Congratulations to **Brian and Shawna Abry** on the birth of their daughter, **Kiersten Abry**, on Monday, June 11, 2007. Special congratulations and best wishes to “Grandmom” **Kerry Abry**.

It’s a Boy! Congratulations to **Ponciano and Arlene Masigla** on the birth of their son, **Preston Christopher Masigla**, on Monday, June 11, 2007. Special Congratulations also to big sisters **Patricia and Pauline Masigla**. Greetings can be sent to the Masigla Family at No. 2 Eldorado Way, Monroe, NJ 08831

Congratulations to our 2007 High School Graduates: According to our membership records, these three young persons graduated from High School in Jejunee. We congratulate each of them and we shared in a brief time of recognition for our graduates during our morning Service of Worship on June 17, Father’s Day:

Kristen Cordero – Planning to attend The Pennsylvania State University

Melissa Knudsen – Planning to attend Middlesex County College

Nicole Padovano – Planning to attend Rutgers University

Congratulations to our additional 2007 College Graduates: Since the original information for the June *Lamplighter* was submitted for publication, we have received word of the following additional college/university graduates: this Spring

- **Dorothy Iacone**, Masters in Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University
- **Delanyo Srebi**, BA in Communications & Political Science from Rutgers University

2007 Summer Camp Programs still available at both Aldersgate Center and Pinelands Retreat Center

Sponsored by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Aldersgate, in Sussex County and Pinelands in Burlington County offer a variety of exciting summer camp programs for children and youth ages 6-17. Programs include: archery, sailing, horseback riding, Bible studies, canoeing, swimming, fishing, and performing arts, to name just a few. The mission of our camps is to provide, in a natural setting, facilities and program support which will enable our campers to grow in their relationship with Christ. (Scholarships are available) If you would like to learn more please visit the Aldersgate website at: www.aldersgatenj.com or call us at 973-383-5978. Pinelands Center can be reached at www.mtmisery.com or 609-893-3354. (Also keep in mind that scholarships for Centenary children/youth attending summer camp at Aldersgate or Pinelands Centers are available from our Centenary United Methodist Women and from our Children's Ministries program. JDP).

Christian Rock Ministry - Fuselage "Flight School" July 21st 2 PM - July 22nd 10 AM

You are invited to join us for a day of fun and fellowship with internationally renowned speaker Terry Weaver and his Christian rock band from his ministry 'Fuselage'. We kick things off at around 2:00pm. The pool will also be open for folks to take a dip or just hang out around the site. We will have a late afternoon BBQ, with Terry and the Tommy Bowman Band performing live on Saturday evening under the Forsman pavilion, sharing the Gospel through words and music. You are invited to participate through praise, singing and dancing, or just sitting back on the lawn and enjoying the evening. Consider joining us for the day (\$10 per person) or stay the night (\$25 per person, in our hogans). For those staying overnight, Terry will close our time together after breakfast on Sunday morning.

Families and Youth Groups welcome—children under 17 must be supervised.

Please join the Woodfield's at Aldersgate for a fun time. Hope to see you there.

For more information on availability, please call the main office at 973-383-5978.

Ozanam Shelter Dinner on Monday, July 2

Centenary will next be serving dinner at the Ozanam Shelter on Monday, July 2. Please check the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex and sign up to assist with food preparation or serving. For further information, please contact Glenna Gundell (732-463-1431) or Mary Ellen Heim (732-548-2587). Thanks.

John Painter Will Attend 2007 Cooperative School of Christian Mission

Pastor John Painter will be attending the 2007 Greater New Jersey Annual Conference (GNJAC) School of Christian Mission, *Sing Across the Walls!*, at the Hamilton Park Conference Center in Florham Park, NJ, from Friday afternoon, July 27th through Sunday afternoon, July 29th. Pastor John looks forward to attending the study session on *Israel / Palestine* this year. He expects to lead a study on these important nations at our Sunday Adult Class sometime during the 2007-2008 season.

The Cooperative School of Christian Mission is sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the Greater NJ Annual Conference, with additional support from the GNJAC. The School offers a unique opportunity for local church laity and pastors to engage in a concentrated weekend of study, action, worship and fellowship around current mission themes. In addition to the course on *Israel/Palestine*, the studies that are being offered this year include *Music and Mission*, *Globalization: Its Impact on Our Lives*, and *Called to Prayer*. A second weekend Conference School of Christian Mission with identical studies is also offered at the Georgian Court University in Lakewood, NJ, from July 13th to 15th.

Persons interested in attending...or seeking additional information about...either setting of the Schools are invited to speak with Pastor Painter. On Sunday, July 29th, members and adult advisors of our Centenary United Methodist Youth Fellowship will lead Worship while Pastor Painter attends the final day of the 2007 School of Mission.

Sermons "Podcast" on Our Web Site

In addition to being available in print, the Pastors' weekly sermons are now available as a "podcast" on our Web site. You may listen to each Message as it was delivered in Worship Service. Go to www.CentenaryUMCnj.org to explore this and other new features and links. Our thanks to Web servant Ernie Agtarap for providing this on-line ministry of Centenary.

Refreshments

Persons are needed to sponsor the time of coffee and refreshments following our Sunday Worship services. Please consider sponsoring a refreshment time and signing up for one of the many available weeks on the **2007 Refreshment Chart in the Narthex**. Thank you for providing hospitality on a Sunday morning.

Flower Arrangements

Persons are needed to sponsor Altar Flowers for our Sunday Worship services. The **2007 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex**. The cost is \$25.00 per arrangement. Information is available from our Flower Chairperson, Linda Serentino (732-940-2135) or by calling the Church Office. Thank you for providing these beautiful tributes for our Sunday services.

Painters Away in Early July

Pastor John and Tina Painter are on vacation in the Williamsburg, VA, area in early July. Pastor John expects to return to his Study at Centenary on Monday, July 9th.

During Pastor John's absence, our Assistant Pastor, Terrilisa Durham Bauknight, will be "on-call" for pastoral care emergencies. Please contact the Centenary Church Office if you have need of pastoral care. Or when our Church Office is closed, you may contact Pastor Bauknight at 908419-4101 (cellular).

Summer Giving

Please faithfully use your offering envelopes during the Summer, and at every possible opportunity to help with the progress our Church is making in underwriting our ministry and mission this year. God is good to us, and one by one we can make a difference in sharing the gospel story, if we work together in the days ahead.

Thank you in the name of Jesus Christ for making ministry possible.

Come See the Plans for Aldersgate

On Sunday, July 22nd following the Worship Service, Doug & Wendy Woodfield will be hosting a Focus Group meeting, during the Refreshment Time, to share with you the plans for the future Aldersgate. They will include the Architect's drawings for both Wesley and Asbury Lodges. It will be an informational time with a chance for you to ask questions. Declan Thompson, Site Director of Aldersgate will also be here.

Please look for more information in the mail and Sunday Bulletins.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Doug or Wendy Woodfield at (908) 233-2653.

Prayers for the Weeks in July 2007

We invite every member and friend of Centenary to share in this same daily prayer at a time of their choosing for the seven days of each week. Please find the Prayers for the Weeks in June below. May this shared ministry of prayer bless your life and the life of our church.

Week of July 1

We give you thanks, O God, for the liveliness of your word to us—always inviting us into a special journey toward life that rises up in challenge and hope. We give you thanks for the example of Jesus, who moves us out, past pious platitudes, and into risky and glorious living. We thank you for those moments, O God, when we know that we are truly on the way. Amen.

Week of July 8

The world is calling and we will listen with thankfulness in our hearts, O God. We thank you for the excitement that is ours as we imagine being part of the passion of your life. We thank you for both playing and working, feasting and sharing our food. We thank you for quiet spaces and for the humming sounds of cities, for the soaring heights of mountaintops and the depths of the surging seas that restore us to a right perspective and encourage us with beauty. We thank you for the grand opportunity to be your people, O God. Amen.

Week of July 15

O God, we thank you for those who are neighbors, those who embrace us and cherish our lives. We thank you that you gave us rules for life that go beyond moral regulations and call us toward a profound love for ourselves and all people. We thank you that you see deeply into our hearts and invite us into a journey toward truth. Thanks be to you, O God, for your life is abundant indeed! Amen.

Week of July 22

We bring you thanks, O God, for life that has meaning and purpose, and for days that bring invitations to grow and change. We thank you for love that enriches and matures our days rather than gathering us into neat boxes of certainty. We thank you for Jesus Christ who engages with all our realities and transforms the way before us. Amen.

Week of July 29

We give you thanks, O God, for the fact that through you we may be part of the grandeur of eternity. We thank you that, even though we may never see the fruits of what we do, we may trust that all is gathered into your all-knowing future and celebrated as part of universal hope. We thank you for your faithfulness to us as we laugh and toil and stay the course. Amen.

Breakfast at Centenary!!

Bring family and friends

on Saturday, July 21st

between 8:00 and 11:00

Adults - \$7.00; 10 yrs. and under - \$5.00

All you can eat!!

BRUSH UP ON YOUR SPANISH

PRACTICE YOUR TANGO!!

We're going to Argentina,

And you're invited to join us!!

The Centenary Mission Committee is preparing a work trip to Mar del Plata, Argentina from November 3, 2007 to November 10, 2007. Traveler workers are already making plans and we need to make our plane reservations as soon as possible.

Mar del Plata is 45 minutes south of Buenos Aires, and is a beautiful seaside resort community. The Evangelical Methodist Church we will visit is an older, very poor congregation with a young pastor whose wife is also a pastor. His name is Pastor James Wheeler and everyone is very excited about our interest in them and our visit. A former Centenary member, Maria Armington is helping us make plans (and translating our *letters!*).

So far, nine persons have indicated they want to go, and we are planning fund raisers to help defray the personal costs, as well as have money to buy equipment and materials needed to do our work. Giselle is going to help us learn Spanish so that we can communicate in their language, and I am looking for someone to teach us how to Tango.

We would like more to join us!! Speak with Glenna Gundell or Mary Ellen Heim anytime, but soon – we'll give you the details!!!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

Metuchen Fair

Summer is almost here – can the Metuchen Fair be far behind?? October will be here before we realize it. Don't let your hands and brains go on vacation. Use them to make some items for the women to sell at their table at the Metuchen Fair. This is our only fund raising activity so we need all the help we can get. If you need patterns for knitting or sewing, please see Sylvia Woodfield or Millie Pleuler. Marion Banks has been keeping up with her knitting of afghans for the fair even while she has been recuperating from her recent illness. Millie is always knitting something. Gladys Lehman, who now lives in Illinois, sent us a box of knitted items which she made for us for the fair. Ali Woodfield has already made some fur scarves which have already been sold.

Campbell Soup Labels

Campbell Soup Labels – or rather the barcodes- are still being collected. There is a listing of exactly what is collected located on the United Methodist Women's bulletin board adjacent to the men's room off the narthex. You can put what you have collected in the basket in the library. These barcodes are sent to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, a United Methodist Mission. They use these coupons to acquire educational equipment for their mission school.

PECANS, PECANS, PECANS

We will again be selling pecans, other nuts, candies, trail mix, etc. this year. So don't go out and buy any pecans from anyone else. We will have the pecans, etc. in the fall, hopefully by early October for your holiday baking. If the women have made enough money at the Metuchen Fair to cover our expenses, the proceeds from the sale of these nuts and candies will go to help the church budget.

Music Ministry

Summer is Here! The Chancel Choir, Harris Ringers and Junior Choir are all off until the fall. This summer we will once again be presenting anthems by various soloists. If anyone is interested in sharing their musical talents with the congregation during worship, please contact Shirley Mosteller.

We are putting together a CD of the Jazz Concert that was presented here on Mardi Gras. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please let the office or Shirley Mosteller know, so that we may have an idea of how many copies to make.

Below is a short questionnaire concerning the musical events that were presented here at Centenary this past year. Please fill it out and return to the office, so that the Music Committee may plan events for the next year.

EVENT	Attended	Would not attend a similar event	Would attend a similar event
Mozart Concert			
Silent Movie Night			
Carols & Cookies			
Mardi Gras/Jazz Concert			
Edison High Choirs			
Westerhoff School of Music Faculty Recital			

Comments _____

Centenary United Methodist Youth Fellowship



The 2006-2007 year ended on a high note with the youth having their end of the year picnic on Saturday 16 June. Mr. Mike stood in the gap for Pastor, who was working on a quite full schedule in preparation for vacation, and did all the necessary cooking for the youth. The menu was complete with BBQ chicken, hamburgers and hotdogs, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, water, juice, soda, and ice cream. While Mother Nature presented rain, thunder and lightening, the spirits were high on the inside. Many thanks to Mr. Mike for not only cooking but staying and providing some interesting comedy!

The day dawned bright and sunny on Father's Day and the Car Wash was a success. While some folks rendered their own muscle to help the youth with the cars, our 'seasoned youth' (Ali and Scott Woodfield and Mrs. Lois Hines) worked right along side the young ones in the warm afternoon sun. A total of \$235.00 was raised! All proceeds will go towards the upcoming mission trip to Overlook Farm, in Rutland, MA, August 12-16, 2007 which is part of the Heifer International Project. Thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success.

In addition to attending Overlook Farm in August, the youth are looking to lead worship in late July and work with the Mission Committee in order to assist in raising funds for their trip to Argentina in the Fall of this year.

While we will lose one youth member due to graduation, (Congratulations Kristen Cordero) we are expecting to gain several new youth fellowship members in the fall due to age and class level eligibility. Should all go as expected, we are looking to once again be a defined group of Jr. and Sr. High members.

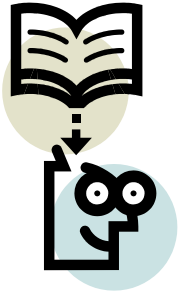
Dates to Remember:

29 July Youth in Worship

12-16 August Overlook Farm (Heifer International Project)

9 September Youth Fellowship begins at 6 PM

Have a Great Summer!!



The Centenary Book Club 2007-2008 Club Year Proposed Schedule

After discussing several issues, options and concerns, members of the Centenary Book Club decided that we will return to meeting on Friday Nights for the 2007-2008 Club Year. The main objective being our ability to support TGIF. Following are the dates as they have been worked out with other ministries (TGIF, Kid's Night Out and other holidays and events that are going on within the life of the church).

14 September 2007 – 7:30 PM Opening Session

Discussion of *Water for Elephants* and discuss books to be read for the Club year

12 October

2 November (changed from 11/9 due to Argentina Mission Trip)

7 December (changed due to TGIF Holiday Social scheduled for 12/14)

11 January 2008 –

8 February

14 March

11 April 2008

9 May - Friday Before Mother's Day and Last Session

Anyone wishing to have their own copy of *Water for Elephants* should contact Rev. Bauknight so that the request can be part of the mid-July book order. In addition, we hope that you will continue forwarding recommendations of various books such as mysteries, novels, biographies and auto-biographies, and more so that the Club might consider books for reading during the 2007-2008 Club Year from a variety of sources. A hopeful event by the Book Club is to have an All Congregational Read, sometime in the Spring using the book, *Life is So Good*. It was also suggested that the Book Club host a "Coffee House" of it's own in one night that we have our session.

The Book Club remains open to men and women ages 18 years of age and older. Please contact Rev. Bauknight at (908) 419-4101 or call or

stop by the church office and leave your name and number and your interest in the group.

Higher Education Ministry Team

REMINDER!!
SUMMER IS HERE!

Parents of students who graduated from High School please forward all information to us as soon as possible regarding your child's next step towards academic success (school, location, birth date, allergies, etc.). For students who remain in institutions of higher learning and are on summer break, if addresses change – please forward it to us as well as birth dates, allergies, etc. Updated information sheets are available from HEMT members. Any and all information to be submitted should be forwarded to us by mid-August so that package preparation and shipping in September as well as other projects will be done without delay.



The Spiritual Angel reveal was coupled with a day of quite a few activities and events on Sunday, 10 June 2007. But never-the less, fun was had by all. Many thanks to those who participated in the program and for the parents who registered their children.

Enclosed are volunteer and child participant registration forms. We are in the process of preparing to begin again as of 1 July 2007. This year the program will run from 1 July to June 2008 again with our reveal being the last day of Sunday School. Realizing that without volunteers, the project would not have been as successful as it was we again ask volunteers to begin singing up again as soon as possible. Likewise we ask parents to sign your child/children up to be part of this great program in order that we can continue to foster relationships in the church between adults and the children and youth of our parish.

Please see Rev. Bauknight if you are interested in being a volunteer or having your child/children participate in this program. Let us continue to make this activity an annual event with great success!

Spiritual Angel
Registration Form for Volunteers
(Please Print)
July 2007 – June 2008

Name _____

Complete
Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Cell Number (if prefer) _____

E-mail
Address _____

Number of children you wish to be a spiritual angel to _____

*If you have a separate mailing address or would like to provide more than one phone number for contact purposes or an additional e-mail address, please provide that information below.

Additional Information:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE!

7) What type of programming would most interest you and your family at a Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat?

- Worship service
- Bible reading/study (adult/youth)
- Speaker (inspirational)
- Adult/youth games and fun activities
- Musical activities
- Sharing time with other Centenary families
- Sharing meals with Centenary members/families
- Other (please elaborate!)

Thank you for taking the time to complete this brief survey.

Please use the space below to offer any additional thoughts or suggestions you think might be helpful to the Retreat planning team.

Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat Survey

For a number of years Centenary United Methodist Church has offered a Spiritual Growth Retreat, normally held on a weekend, that afforded members of the congregation the opportunity to spend time with their immediate family, as well as their church family, while participating in a variety of activities. In recent years, for a variety of reasons (e.g. scheduling conflicts, etc.) the Spiritual Growth Retreat has been canceled or postponed.

The purpose of this survey is to gauge the congregation's interest in conducting the Spiritual Growth Retreat (time of year, format, programs and activities, etc.).

Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it (you can return the completed survey in the collection plate in upcoming weeks).

Thanks very much for your cooperation and participation!

1) Would you and your family be interested in participating in the Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat?

- Yes
- Maybe, but need more information
- No

2) Have you participated in the Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat in the past?

- Yes
- No



Spiritual Angel Registration Form
for
Participating Children
July 2007 – June 2008

(Please Print)

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Parent(s) _____

School Attends _____

Grade _____

Hobbies _____

Child's Complete Address _____

Allergies (foods; materials; etc.) _____

Home Telephone _____

Parents E-mail _____

Child's E-mail _____

Comments:

**Please register only one (1) child per form

- 3) If your answer to question #2 was “No,” please identify the reasons you have not participated by circling all that apply:
- a) Offered at wrong time of year
 - b) Cost was prohibitive
 - c) Activities family members participate in conflicted with schedule (e.g. youth soccer or baseball, school activities such as band/chorus/play, etc.)
 - d) Was not interested in program offerings
 - e) Just not interested
 - f) Other (please explain) _____

- 4) If you were to participate in a Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat, what time of year is the best for you and your family (Please indicate preference 1 thru 3 with 1 being top preference)?

_____January	_____July
_____February	_____August
_____March	_____September
_____April	_____October
_____May	_____November
_____June	_____December

- 5) If you were to participate in a Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat, what time frame would you prefer (e.g., do you prefer single day or multi-day with overnight stay)? Please rank in preference order 1 thru 3, with 1 being the highest preference.
- _____ Three-day (e.g. Friday night gathering/Saturday full-day activities/Sunday morning before departure)
 - _____ Two-day (e.g. either Friday night gathering/Saturday full-day activities before departure OR Saturday morning gathering and full-day activities/Sunday part-day before departure)
 - _____ One-day (e.g. gather Saturday morning and Saturday full-day activities before departure)

- 6) How important is location/distance for the Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat?

_____ Would like to travel to a location away from Centenary (please circle preference below):

- 1-2 hours away
- 2-3 hours away
- 3-4 hours away
- 5-hours plus away

_____ Would prefer a Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held in Central New Jersey within 1 hour of Centenary

_____ Would prefer a Centenary Spiritual Growth Retreat to be held on Centenary grounds

_____ Other

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