



## **The Summer 2002 Westmorelander**

*Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ*

### **Looking Ahead**

Summertime – and if the living isn't always easy, the pace is at least slower. But it hasn't stopped at Westmoreland. In addition to our more relaxed summer worship, during which we'll receive new members and bid farewell to our Volunteer Corps, we're planning an Ice Cream Social and sing-along for Sunday evening, July 21. We're also hard at work on numerous transitions: Lynn Lenhart is departing for the Boston area, **Jeanine Derr** is taking over as Interim Director of Christian Education and **Janet Moyer** is stepping in as editor of the *Westmorelander*. **Melinda Reed** leaves for sabbatical September 8 through December 8, during which time many of her responsibilities will be assumed by **Sharon Graham**. In August, Erin Balleine completes her work as Interim Youth Director as **Danielle Dickey** arrives to lead our youth starting in September. Marcia Freeman resigned her Administrative Assistant position at the end of June. The Membership Coordinator position is still open as well.

Looking forward to Fall, there is Melinda's *bon voyage* Sunday, **September 8**; a special "Service of Remembrance" on September 11; a new and upgraded Confirmation Program; hosting the Ecumenical service for Middle East Peace **September 22**; numerous music and arts events; the beginning of our alternative service of worship in October; the BCA Fair; welcoming **Dr. Riess Potterveld**, new President of Lancaster Theological Seminary as our guest preacher on November 24....and on into Christmas! Put these events on your calendar now!

In the meantime the staff will be taking some vacation time too. Melinda will be away for the month of July, Sondra and I in August. I will also be in Winston-Salem, NC for a music conference July 15-18. May the summer bring you relaxation and recreation. And when you're here, I'll....

*See you in Church!*

*Rich*

## Sermon Topics and Themes

**Sunday, July 7** Holy Communion  
**"Were Only Human"** Rich Smith  
 Romans 7:15-25a

**Sunday, July 14**  
**"Soaps, Sagas and Saving Stories"** Rich Smith  
 Genesis 25:19-34

**Sunday, July 21**  
 Sharon Graham preaching  
 In fulfillment of the requirements for ordination.

**Sunday, July 28**  
**"A Psalm for Summer"** Rich Smith  
 Psalm 46

**Sunday, August 4** – Melinda Reed  
**Sunday, August 11** – Audrey Chapman  
**Sunday, August 18** – Melinda Reed  
**Sunday, August 25** – Sharon Graham

## Search for DCE Begins

At its June meeting, the Executive Committee approved the nominees for the search committee to find a new Director of Christian Education: *Lisa Alexander, Ken Cassibry, Mary Grossnick, Heather Hipplesley, Diane Kspelian, Tillman Saylor, Keller Staley, Hank Savage, Sarah Smith, Lois Stoner and Nancy van Meter.* Melinda Reed and Rich Smith are ex-officio members. At the first meeting, to be held soon, the committee will choose a chair, discuss the job description and a range of people to consider and plan the advertising and recruitment. If you have any suggestions for suitable candidates, contact a member of the search committee or BCE. The committee plans to conduct a broad search and expects to have a DCE in place in January 2003.

## Summer Calendar

### Sundays

10:00 AM      Worship, Church School 10:30 am

### ★ Dates to Remember ★

Th, Fr July 4-5	Holiday—Office Closed		
Sa, July 6	8:45 AM	Quilt workshop.	shall
Su, July 14	9:00 AM	Vol. Corps	rm 34
Su, July 14	11:30 AM	Inquirer's Mtg	parlor
Su, July 14	11:30 AM	Godly Pl Wkdy	rm 40
M, July 15	7:30 PM	Boards Meet: Trustees, BMF, BCA, BCE	
Sa, July 20	8:45 AM	Quilt workshop	SHall
Su, July 21	11:30 AM	Inquirer's Mtg	parlor
Su, July 21	6:30 PM	Ice Cream Social	shall
M, July 22	2:00 PM	Worship Comm	music
M, July 22	7:30 PM	Deacons Mtg	music
M, July 22	7:30 PM	Executive Comm	rm 34
Su, July 28	9:00 AM	New Member Blkfst	parlor



M, Aug 5	7:00 PM	Spirituality Grp	
Su, Aug 11	9:00 AM	Vol Corps Mtg	rm 34
M, Aug 19	7:30 PM	Boards Meet	



M, Sept 2	Holiday—Office Closed		
W, Sept 4	7:30	Deacons Mtg	music
Th, Sept 5	6:15, 7 & 8	Choirs Resume	
Sa, Sept 7	9 AM	Teacher Orientation	rm 35
Su, Sept 8	11:30 AM	Welcome Back Brunch	shall
W, Sept 11	7:30	Service of Remembrance	

## Potomac Association Recognizes Westmorelanders


The Women's Coordinating Committee of the Potomac Association recently recognized **Sallie Fox and Frances Stickles** as *Wise Women Elders* in appreciation of their service of ministry to the local church community and the denomination.

### Church School Teacher Orientation

Join us for Teacher Orientation **Saturday, September 7** from 9:00—11:00 AM in Room 35. You will receive user-friendly tips on classroom procedures as well as updates on the expanded and enriched Godly Play (4-5 year olds) and On the Road to the Holy Land (Gr 1—6). We'll also introduce you to our new curricula Neighboring Faith (Gr 7) and Jesus Seminar (Gr 8 and 9).

The **Book Group** will meet in September, date to be determined. Selection: *John Adams* by David McCullough.

### Membership and Fellowship



The Board of Membership and Fellowship invites Westmorelanders to gather in the Social Hall on Sunday, July 21st at 6:30 PM to sing favorite songs AND enjoy ice cream with all of the toppings! **Bring your favorite ice cream and topping.** Join us and bring a friend.

September 8 we will be giving **Rev. Melinda Reed** a great send off for her sabbatical and welcoming back the congregation. Join us for a celebration lunch in the social hall and out on the church lawn. If you would like to help by contributing cookies or a salad, please contact Alice Saylor at 301-320-4751 or [tactsaylor@aol.com](mailto:tactsaylor@aol.com).

### Please Help Supply Kids for School



Community Ministries of Montgomery County is sponsoring a collection and donation of backpacks filled with school supplies to be distributed to children from low-income families prior to the opening of school in the fall. Items needed: Backpacks, pencils, pens, erasers, rulers, glue, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, scissors, wide-ruled loose-leaf paper, marble composition books, pencil boxes and cases, markers, highlighters, spiral notebooks and colored pencils. The last day to bring backpacks or supplies is **August 4**. Stop by the *What's Happening* table in the social hall after worship to pick up a full list of items needed. In lieu of supplies, checks will be gratefully accepted, made out to Community Ministry of Montgomery Co, noted "2002 School Supplies." For more information, call Julie at (301)424-3796.

The **Bazaar** date is **Saturday, November 2**. We are now accepting donations for such items as house wares, books, jewelry, linens, Christmas items, and bric-a-brac. There will also be a Treasure Table featuring small antiques and collectibles. Items may be left in the kitchen.

### Parish Life

#### Spirituality Group to Meet

Have you ever wondered about the Kingdom of God and how many levels of consciousness it takes to get there? A fascinating book entitled *Putting on the Mind of Christ* by Jim Marion will be the focus of our discussion. If you are interested in this group, please contact Pete Davis at 202-293-5522 or e-mail him at [pete@daviscap.com](mailto:pete@daviscap.com).

#### House Church is Back

Are you looking for a way to get to know more people, build community and enjoy fellowship? House Church groups share in prayer, bible study or other faith-based topics in the comfort of one another's homes. If you would like to join or just find out more about House Church, contact Pete Davis at 202-293-5522 or e-mail him at [pete@daviscap.com](mailto:pete@daviscap.com).