

Session Highlights

Approved request for Baptism of Logan James Custer, b. Nov. 18, 2009, son of Melissa Chvatal Custer and Charles Custer.

A local Ghanaian congregation will use the sanctuary and Custis Hall for a service on the afternoon and evening of July 18.

The Pastor Nominating Committee reported that as of April 18, they had received more than 60 applications for our called pastor position. Application review is underway. Mission Committee chair Bill Cammack reported that the Sunday luncheon for Tim Young's mission trip had raised \$1,820.

Jean Kline reported for the Outreach Committee that they are working on the Narthex Welcome Corner, that two new people have become regular attendees at Sunday services, and that one of them wishes to join the church and has begun talks with Rev. Pullen.

Session unanimously approved a motion for the Worship and Music Committee to provide education to the congregation about the nature of an alternative worship service, and for the minister, choir director, organist and bell choir director to work together to design either a blended service or incorporate some elements of a contemporary worship service into a regular worship service at some point, so that the congregation can see what such a service would be like. After this is accomplished, the Worship and Music Committee will survey the congregation to see if there is enough significant interest to begin a more contemporary worship service in addition to the current traditional worship service.

Rev. Pullen noted that Prayer Elders will be in the front of the sanctuary following the morning service as follow:

Gail Randall - Sunday, May 2
 Frank Randall - Sunday, May 9
 Jean Kline - Sunday, May 16.



HELP BY PHONE for the May - 2010

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| Soups | Dry milk |
| Grits | Coffee |
| Cold cereals | Tea |
| Pancake mix | Cocoa |
| Pancake syrup | Pasta |
| Jelly | Baby food |
| Rice | Pudding |
| Fruit | Jell-o |
| Tuna | Rice |
| Pork & beans | Pasta Sauce |
| Beef stew | Fruit |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Jell-o |
| Red, green & yellow vegetables | Peanut butter |

Fellowship Picnic at Bladensburg Waterfront Park May 23rd after worship



Food - potluck, bring a side dish to share.
 RPC will provide main course, desserts and drinks.

Fun - Boat ride at 2:00 p.m. - FREE
 Playground
 Church friends

Fellowship

Christian Education

Ends and Beginnings: Spring into Summer at RPC

We have several Sunday School year endings and events approaching —

May 9- Senior Day (recognizing graduating HS seniors during worship) --Let us know about any other graduations to celebrate!

May 23rd- Fellowship picnic at Bladensburg Waterfront Park after worship Bring a side dish to share, RPC will provide main course, desserts, drinks; Lunch begins at 12:30 Families welcome, playground, pontoon boat ride at 2PM

May 26 - Last After School Club and Service Club;
 - Last Wednesday Bible studies, 7PM Prayer Service "Revelation"

May 30 - No Sunday School or Second Session - Memorial Day

June 6 - Youth Sunday (youth plan and lead worship) Strawberry Festival

June 6 and 13 - Rev Mary leads Adult Sunday School on "Ruth", no children's Sunday School

June 20 - Worship at 10 AM, Lemonade on the Lawn, Summer Junior Church (snack at the playground)

We look forward to beginning summer fun:

Summer Youth Connection - going into grades 7 and up, meets Thursdays for activities and Sundays for trips in June and July

Vacation Bible School - ages 4- 6th grade, June 21-25- 9:30-noon, **VBS PM camps** (\$35, grades 3-6)) Magic of Puppets, Sports and Service Camp (grades 7-9) Volunteers needed to be assistant teachers, pianist, art coordinator
Mission Trip to Tennessee - July 26-31

Dr. "C"

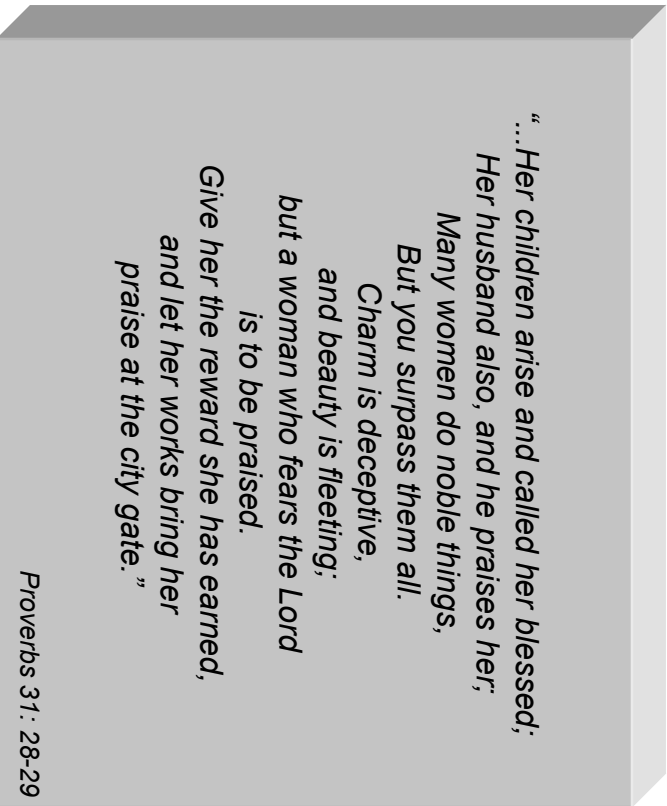
THE BELLS WILL RING!!



Handbells

On June 13th we will have a special worship service led by TWO hand bell choirs. Our own Pearle Custis Memorial Hand Bell Choir directed by Mr. Rees Richardson will be joined by the Canterbury Ringers directed by Mr. Richard Redfield for a special service of hand bell music to praise our Lord through music. Our music will also feature our organist, Mr. Gerald Piercey, and Mr. Richardson playing the trumpet. A reception will follow our morning worship. Please invite a friend to join us for this special time of worship. "In our music God is glorified."

The Canterbury Ringers is a community hand bell ensemble made up of volunteer musicians from throughout the Baltimore area. Ms. Jo Ellen Hardesty founded the group in 1994 to facilitate the promotion and education of appropriate English Hand Bell ringing techniques with traditional music. She served as its artistic director until her death in 2008. The Canterbury Ringers have performed sacred and secular music as part of the Charlestown Retirement Center, Catonsville, Chapel Concert Series and the Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge, Second Sunday Concert Series as well as at the Ellicott City and Dundalk Historical Societies and many other venues.



*"...Her children arise and called her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her;
Many women do noble things,
But you surpass them all.
Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord
is to be praised.
Give her the reward she has earned,
and let her works bring her
praise at the city gate."*

Proverbs 31: 28-29

**Come &
Worship**



Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School

1st Session 9:45am

2nd Session 12:00pm

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary

All are welcome!

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Musings from Mary

Dear Friends at Riverdale,

After a difficult winter, I am truly enjoying the trees, blooming flowers, singing of the birds, and other signs of new life. Nature reminds us that in God's creation, we find again the miracle of new life. We are the Easter people!

Events at Riverdale are moving along. As of this writing, the Pastor Nominating Committee has received over sixty applications for the position of Pastor. This speaks well of Riverdale. The PNC is to be commended for their hard work and dedication. It is not an easy task.

In our weekly Bible study this spring, we have been studying the book of Revelation. Revelation is a part of the biblical literature known as apocalyptic. It deals with the end times, the persecution of the faithful, and the second coming of Christ. Written in highly symbolic language and imagery, Revelation was a call to hope for persecuted Christians in the early days of the Christian church.

We as twenty-first century American Christians are not persecuted as were the believers in Revelation. I believe that we can look at all of life as a revelation, however. The good news of Jesus Christ is revealed to us in worship, in community, in quiet prayer and reflection. In our daily lives, when we "walk the walk, not just talk the talk," our own commitment to live a Christian witness can be a revelation to others.

My prayer is that each one of us takes the time in this lovely spring to be a "revelation" to others.

Blessings in Christ,

Mary