

# *The Pathfinder*

*November/December 2011*

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” - Luke 10:27*

## **PASTOR’S LETTER**

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week, in preparation for Sunday’s sermon (October 23<sup>rd</sup>), I’ve been pondering a passage from Deuteronomy. This passage is Deuteronomy 34:1-12, which concludes the story of Moses, who, of course, led the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt. The journey through the wilderness to the Promised Land took 40 years – a very long time, isn’t it? Can you imagine having to wait that long for something you have been anticipating? After all he had done for them, Moses had to put up with the people grumbling about the lack of food and water; then their impatience while Moses was up on Mount Sinai talking with God led them to melt all their jewelry and make a golden calf to worship, just in case God wasn’t really going to take care of them! Moses called them a “stiff-necked” people, and indeed they were. I guess the Hebrew people suffered from the same impatience we so often experience, when things don’t move along as fast as we think they should.

The passage from Deuteronomy 34 finds Moses and the people on the verge of entering the Promised land at last. They just needed to cross the Jordan River to experience the culmination

of their dream of a better life. Moses, however, would never enter the land God had promised to the Hebrew people. Moses was able to view the “land flowing with milk and honey” from a mountain on the other side of the Jordan, but that was as far as he would get. He died there, on that mountain overlooking the Promised Land. That seems so unfair!

Life can, indeed, be unfair. And with our “hurry up” society, impatient as we are with having to wait for anything, we wish God would work faster. What we tend to forget is that God has been with us throughout our lives, as God was with Moses throughout his. Moses’ life had not been easy, by any means, but he knew that God always walked with him, and had helped him over and over again. Moses was grateful for all the good things God had done for him; and he realized that the people he had led would enter that land for which they had waited so long. We can learn from Moses’ experience that we will not always see the things we long for come to fruition. And instead of asking God to work faster, we should give thanks for the many ways in which God has helped us walk this journey of life and faith. Moses knew that even though he would never enter the Promised Land with his people, God would continue to be with them, leading and guiding them into this new chapter in their life as a nation. He trusted God to keep the promises God had made. Maybe we need to work harder at doing the same thing, and replace our impatience and our fears with the sure and certain knowledge that God will never leave us unprotected.

In Christ,

**Pastor Charlotte**

## **BIBLE STUDY**

It’s not too late to join the Bible Study on the Book of Romans! The study meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. It will be held mostly at Emory, following the Wonderful Wednesday meal, but also will occasionally meet at Deer Park. On those evenings, class members may want to get carry-out from Emory Hall and bring to Deer Park, or eat at home before coming. The class begins on October 26<sup>th</sup>, and meets for 6 weeks.

## PLANNING SESSION

On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Deer Park held a planning session to determine the direction of the Church. There was a good showing from the congregation as eleven people attended. It was determined that we need to concentrate on our strengths, which are Family and Fellowship, and take this message to the community. We will be exploring ways to bring more members into our Church by concentrating on our strong points. More to come.

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY

This year we will be hosting a dinner for *Changing People's Lives*. This will be a great opportunity to see how this group benefits those in our community who are less fortunate. We would like to provide each person a gift, so we will be accepting donations of money or small gifts. Also, if you can make a dish for this important event, please sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Roach at 410-526-7239.

**CPL** is dedicated to providing quality residential and case management services for individuals with special needs so that they can enhance their life skills and achieve their personal goals. We encourage and support individuals and their families in making choices that will enable them to enjoy the diversity and richness of community life. As part of this effort, we seek to improve community awareness and education regarding disabilities and individual rights

## REMINDERS

**Attention** – Daylight Saving Time ends November 6, 2011. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on the 5<sup>th</sup> and regain that hour of sleep lost in March.

**Pledge Letters** – Letters will be mailed soon requesting that you provide an estimate of 2012

giving. This information is vital as we need to know the expected 2012 financial support in planning and budgeting for the coming year. The financial status of our Church is at a very critical point, so please, give this your very careful thought and return the “Estimate of Giving” card promptly. Thank you for supporting Deer Park.

**Poinsettias** – Anyone interested in placing a poinsettia on the Altar at Christmas in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please contact Betty Roach at 410-526-7239/ The cost is \$9.00 each and orders must be placed by December 4, 2011. Make checks payable to Deer Park United Methodist Church and mark “Poinsettias”.

**Crisis Center** – The need for community services through the Reisterstown Crisis Center is steadily increasing. With the holidays and winter months approaching, the demand will probably be even greater. All are encouraged to bring non-perishable items each Sunday and place in the “Feed My Sheep” basket. If you are unable to attend Sunday Services but would like to contribute, please send a check to the Church Office payable to Deer Park United Methodist Church and mark “Crisis Center”. Let’s all join together to make the holidays happier and the coming cold months more comfortable for those who are less fortunate.

## COMING EVENTS

### **Charge Conference**

The annual Charge conference for Deer Park and Emory will be held at Deer Park UM Church on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at Deer Park UMC. All are encouraged to attend this important event.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar**

Mark your calendar for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2011 for 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Christmas articles, white elephant items, baked goods and lunch foods will be available. Also, vendors will be present with a variety of products to select from.

### **Hanging of the Greens and “Souper” Supper**

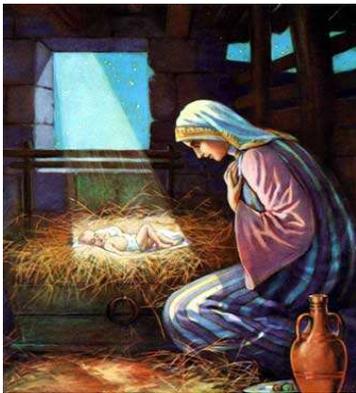
The Hanging of the Greens Service will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. All are invited to assist with the decorating of the Sanctuary for the Advent Season. Bring a can or several cans of vegetables and enjoy the "souper" supper to follow in Fellowship Hall.

### **Christmas Dinner**

The Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish or a dessert. There will be a gift exchange for all interested. Males should bring a gift for a male and females for a female. The cost of the gift should be \$5.00, wrapped and marked "male" or "female".

### **Christmas Eve Service**

The Christmas Eve Service at Deer Park Will be held at 7:00 P.M. All are invited to attend this beautiful candlelight service.

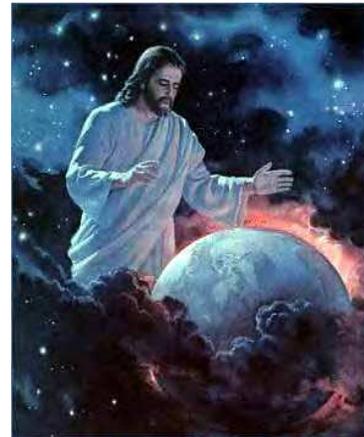


## **If You Look For Me As Christmas**

**You won't need a special star -  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.**

**You may not be aware of Me -  
amid the celebrations.  
You'll have to look beyond the stores  
and all the decorations.  
But if you take a moment from your list of  
things to do,  
And listen to your heart, you'll find I'm  
waiting there for you.  
You're the one I want to be with,  
you're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find Me in the stillness  
as I'm whispering your name.**

**Love,  
Jesus**



### **NEW ARRIVALS**

Lullabies are being heard once again as the following precious ones are welcomed.

Cora Nicole Holland arrived on September 1, 2011 to the delight of parents, Brandon and Christina and big brother, Bradon. She is blessed with the special love of grandparents, Doug and Marcie Stierhoff and great-grandparents, Dieter and Shirley Stierhoff.

Tim and Jenna Love welcomed Laura Elizabeth on September 6, 2011. Big brother, Patrick, and big sister, Shannon, are very happy with their new little sister. Proud grandmother is Kim Trumpower.

**Welcome Cora and Laura and  
congratulations to their families!**

**ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Kristen Ryan became engaged to Robert Sivilli on Thursday, October 6, 2011. Kristen is the daughter of Bruce and Kathy Ryan and the Granddaughter of Betty Roach. Kristen and Robert are looking at a date in 2013 to tie the knot.

**Congratulations to Kristen and  
Robert!**

**JETT FAMILY RECEIVES HONORS**

Susan Jett Kreft's talent was shining bright again this year as she won two ribbons (first and third places) for her counted-cross-stitch entries at the Maryland State Fair. She has been a participant for over 20 years winning at least one ribbon each year.

Tedd H. Jett of Harrisonburg, Virginia has been appointed by the Governor to the State Air Pollution Control Board. Members of this Board primarily consider the adoption amendment or repeal of regulations and the issuance or amendment of some permits. Tedd, a retiree of Merck, will serve a four-year term.

**Congratulations Susan and Tedd on  
these special honors.**

**SICK AND SHUT-INS**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following and all others who are experiencing health problems at this time. Let's remember them with a card, call or visit.

Alice Basler  
Vera Gamber  
Bud Gosnell  
Beulah Hall  
Carletta Harryman  
Vera Karpushova  
Susan Kreft  
Hazel Leedy  
Owen and Doris Millirons  
Chad Morris  
Carl and Miriam Reter  
Karlie Roach  
Esther Ryan  
Ashley Silcott  
Ellis Tinkler

**CONDOLENCES**

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of the following persons who passed away recently:

David P. "Dave" Beyer  
Austin S. Bortner, Jr.  
Doris E. Koenig  
James O. "Toby" Long  
Arthur Clayton Rutledge, Sr.

# CALENDER OF EVENTS

## November 2011

Worship Service: 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 10:30 A.M.

- 1 – Bowling – 5:00 P.M.
- 2 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M., Deer Park and Emory – Location TBD
- 5 – Charge Conference – 9:00 A.M. Deer Park
- 6 – Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 6 – Holy Communion
- 6 – All Saints Service – 9:30 A.M.
- 9 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory
- 11 – Veterans Day
- 12 – Christmas Bazaar – 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
- 14 – Church Council Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- 16 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory
- 19 – “Breakfast Bunch” at Martha’s and Mary’s – 9:30 A.M.
- 24 – Thanksgiving Day
- 26 – Hanging of the Greens and “Souper” Supper at 5:00 P.M.
- 30 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory

## December 2011

Worship Service – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

- 4 – Holy Communion
- 4 – Deadline for Jan/Feb, 2012 Pathfinder
- 7 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory
- 10 – “Breakfast Bunch” at Martha’s and Mary’s – 9:30 A.M.
- 10 – Christmas Dinner
- 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service at 7:00 P.M.
- 25 – Christmas Day Service at Emory – 10:00 A.M.

## November Birthdays

- 6 – Megan Gass
- 6 – Tammy Moran
- 8 – Christine Burgan
- 9 – Jim Gass
- 10 – Cindy McCauley
- 12 – Terry Roach
- 28 – Deborah Sofranko

## November Anniversaries

- 22 – Mark and Jennifer Shelhamer
- 24 – John and Deborah Millirons

## December Birthdays

- 4 – Joseph Joy
- 8 – Deanna Miles
- 9 – Vance Summerhill
- 10 – Victoria Trcka
- 11 – Carl Reter
- 16 – Charlene Cofiell
- 16 – Amanda Morris
- 16 – Tammy Roach
- 19 – Taska Nelson
- 25 – Brooke Thompson
- 27 – Sally Grimes
- 27 – Ian Marron
- 27 – Margaret Bowers
- 28 – Matthew Michael

## December Anniversaries

- 19 – James and Wilma Lundy
- 19 – Jesse and Janet Walker
- 24 – Carl and Miriam Reter

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