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SUNDAY PICNICS

Many of us can get quite nostalgic when the word "picnic" pops up. It is one of those words which either brings back memories of great times shared with family and special friends or which elicits hope in our hearts for something akin to a return of "the good old days." Picnics always take us away from our homes to places where the outdoors can be enjoyed. Fun and great picnic food like hamburgers and hot dogs are immediately anticipated. Picnics are noisy gatherings with children screaming, people laughing, and birds chirping. Sounds great, doesn't it? And, it is!

One of the event ministries which has grown leaps and bounds over the past years is happening this Sunday at JF Gregory Park. It is our annual Church Family Picnic. When it is Picnic Day everyone realizes that he or she is a part of a great church family. Last year over 400 people showed up for this great time of fellowship. While Bob Thomas and his crew of cooks will be heading over early on Sunday morning, everyone else is invited to come after worship on Sunday. Lunch will be served after the 11:00 AM worship crowd has had time to make it over to the park, but if you worship early and want to go on over, please feel free to go in that direction. Also, since it is a picnic day, casual clothes are the order of the day. Come to worship dressed for the picnic!

Of course, this is one of our planned church programs so there is no charge for lunch. It is one of those ministries provided for through our planned program and the budget which gives support to it. So, all that is needed for a great day is your participation. No need to bring any food as it is provided. Bring a good disposition, a lawn chair, and sun screen. No more should be needed. See you at the park on Sunday for our picnic!

Bill

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

April 18, 2010

The Third Sunday of Easter

8:56 REJOICE

SERMON: "Forgetting the Important Part"

SCRIPTURE: John 21:1-19

Rev. Hank Perry

9:00 & 11:00 AM WORSHIP

SERMON: "Forgiveness at the Beach"

SCRIPTURE: John 21:1-19

Rev. Bill Strickland

Spiritual Growth Notes: Prayer and evangelism go hand in hand. Evangelism speaks of our part and prayer speaks of depending on God.

**Lectionary Readings
For This Week**

Acts 9:1-6....Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

“The Importance of a Picnic”

Each year, RHUMC holds a picnic, and this year's lands on this Sunday (April 18th), and it is important that you come. Why is a picnic important, you may ask? The answer is simple: it is one of the few times during the year our entire church is able to gather in one place to fellowship and share in the blessings of our Lord. For a day, we are truly one as we share a meal in fellowship. It is somewhat reminiscent of how Paul talks about the early church and how they shared communion.

At every picnic, people will come up to me, point someone out and ask, “Who is that?” And I laugh because often it is a very faithful person – they just go to a different worship service. Friendships have been made at the picnic, both among kids and adults. Visitors are able to meet and share with people that they have passed an attendance pad to but never had an opportunity to actually introduce themselves to before.

The picnic, like the BBQ in the Fall, is something that I hope you will make plans to attend. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Meet people you have seen around but never spoken to. Enjoy the fun, the food, and the games. And realize that you are doing something very important.

—Hank

IT IS FINALLY HERE!!!.....

THE RHUMC ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC!

Our annual picnic will be at the Wetlands Center at JF Gregory Park on THIS SUNDAY, April 18th immediately following the 11:00 service.



As always, this will be a fun-filled family adventure! Bring your friends & family and enjoy the fellowship! ***Please bring a dessert, side dish, or salad to share.*** We will provide everything else...including a Prize-Winning cooking team to handle the hot dogs & hamburgers.

SEE Y'ALL THERE!

Frozen Amaryllis

What a beautiful Spring! The weather has been gorgeous lately. The trees have new leaves and the grass turned green again. It amazes me that nature is always faithful whether the previous winter was harshly cold or not. I have had a pot of amaryllis for several years. It blooms regardless if we were in Bloomington, IN or in Richmond Hill. However, I totally forgot to put the pot inside during this last bitter winter. It seemed totally dried and frozen dead when I found it last month. I felt guilty that I neglected it. After we came back from our spring break trip to Indiana, Joanne screamed out loud "Mom!! Mom!! Come here!" Guess what happened! Three amaryllis flowers were already blooming beautifully. I could not believe how it survived.

I had felt so much shame that one day I threw the pot away into the trash can, and neglected it. However, it was right under a sunny spot. God took care of the plant no matter what - with sun and rain!

I have learned several things from this frozen amaryllis. First, even though we neglect things around us, God will still faithfully take care of things. Second, sometimes we think things are hopeless when we are only observing what we can see on the outside, but there is always growing life and hope deep in the roots where we can't even see. All is in His hand. I have been so comforted through this little frozen Amaryllis. God is faithful and He is our keeper for sure. Let's Praise our faithful Lord!

In Christ, Yoon

Welcome to Our New Youth Minister!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is thrilled to announce the hiring of **Jack Caldwell** as our new youth minister! Jack comes to us from GSU in Statesboro where he is finishing up his degree in Middle School Education. He has worked with young people of all ages---from elementary school children to college students---and he comes with glowing recommendations. If your children have attended summer camp at Epworth by the Sea, they may already know Jack. He has been a counselor there for three summers. Jack is sure to be a blessing to RHUMC!

Jack will be joining us in worship this Sunday and at our picnic. Please introduce yourself as you welcome him to RHUMC!

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HELP WANTED!!

Two fabulous opportunities to help teach our children about the wonders of God's love have just become available! I have immediate openings to help out in children's church and WNL TeamKids.

We have several openings in the children's church program at 9:00 and 11:00 on Sunday morning. This opportunity is available on a rotating basis. The qualified applicants would only need to work one Sunday a month for about 30-45 minutes. You will be able to teach kids from 3 yrs. - 2nd grade a bible lesson and participate with them in a related activity each Sunday. Also, let's not forget that we still have a mid-week program for our kids on Wednesday night called TeamKids. At the end of May there will be several openings available for you to help out in this ministry as several of our current leaders will be stepping down. This opportunity is also rotated weekly, the commitment being one Wednesday a month. The class is usually from 30- 45 minutes and again the children will be taught a bible lesson and will have a related activity to participate in.

All volunteers must be willing to fill out a Volunteer Application Form and sign a consent form for a background check. If you have a love in your heart for God and His children and you have a willingness to commit some of your time to share that love with them, please seriously consider applying for one of these positions. Everyone here is the church for our kids and if we don't teach them who will? Beyond that, consider the benefits: you will get to see first hand our children grow in their love of God. as they learn through the bible lessons and through your example of service and commitment. What a great joy it will be to know that our children are growing in God's Word and you were able to be a part of something that they can take with them always.

Blessings...
Dawn

***"The Lord says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
~ Jeremiah 29:13***

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Appreciation Luncheon

Sunday, April 25 in the Gill

Immediately following the 11:00 Service

Work Day at RHUMC

Mark your calendars for a Work Day

Saturday, April 24, 2010

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

The Bunny Club is at it Again!

The Bunny Club will start canning now that the berries are coming in and will appreciate the jars that you bring in. If you would like to donate canning jars or learn this time honored trade, please contact the church office.

The church Trustees are looking for volunteers to check our building security after hours. If you can help with this during the week, please contact the church office at 756-2190. Thank You!

The Savannah Children's choir

The Savannah Children's Choir will perform on Sunday, April 25 at 3:00 p.m. as part of their Spring Concert Tour. The concert is free and open to the public, and all are welcome.

Bale Sales for Lake Junaluska

The youth and adults in our music ministry will be attending the music and liturgical arts week at Lake Junaluska on June 20-25. We definitely need and appreciate your prayers and support. We will be having **FUNDRAISING BAKE SALES** on different Sundays before and after our services. If you would like to help and support us, please contact Yoon. Thank you so much!

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This Week at RHUMC

Sunday, April 18, 2010

8:56a.m.—8:56 Rejoice!, Fellowship Hall
9:00a.m.—Early-Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00a.m.—Sunday school, SS rooms
11:00a.m.—Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.—Annual Picnic at Wetlands Center
3:50p.m.—Youth Choir, Sanctuary
4:30p.m.—Instrumental Ensemble, Sanctuary
5:00-7:00p.m.—Disciple III, Library
5:00-7:00p.m.—Disciple I, Watchman’s SS room
5:30-8:00p.m.—Youth Program

Monday, April 19, 2010

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

9:30-11:30 a.m.—Ladies Bible Study, Curry

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

5:00p.m.— Youth Hand Bell, Curry
5:00p.m.—Handchimes, Yellow door room
5:45p.m.—Wed. Night Meal, Gill Fellowship Hall
6:15-6:45p.m.— Children’s Choir, Sanctuary
6:30-7:15p.m.— Youth Program, Youth Room
6:30-7:15p.m.— Children’s Program, Classrooms
6:30-7:15p.m.—(WOW) Worship on Wednesday, Chapel
7:15p.m.—Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 22, 2010

11:00 a.m.—Prayer Meeting, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m.—Soup Kitchen
5:30 p.m.— Adult Hand Bell, Curry
6:30-8:00 p.m.—VBS Meeting

Friday, April 23, 2010

Saturday, April 24, 2010

8:00a.m-1:00 p.m.—RHUMC Clean Up Day

Our Helpers for April 18, 2010

Children’s Moment

11:00 Barbara Kirschner

Children’s Church Leaders

9:00 3 yrs-K..... Heather Hammond
1st-2nd grade..... Kelly Brock
11:00 3 yrs-K..... Judy Scott & Daughter
1st-2nd grade..... Lisa Miller

Attendance & Stewardship for April 11, 2010

Sunday School..... 119
Youth Program..... 23
WOW 20
8:56 Rejoice 32
9:00 a.m. Worship 103
11:00 a.m. Worship 147
Sunday Worship Total..... 282
Weekly budget needs\$ 12,492.28
Received 04/11/2010\$ 5,727.80
Year to date contributions\$ 182,123.56
Year to date budget needs.....\$ 187,384.20
Year to date disbursements.....\$ 158,363.80

Your Church Staff

Bill Strickland.....Senior Pastor
Hank Perry Associate Pastor
Yoon Nam..... Music Minister
Dawn PapeChildren’s Coordinator
Holland Morgan Organist
Cyndi Scarboro Admin. Assistant
Rusty Reynolds Custodian
Gina StephensonDay School Director

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Dinner at 5:45

Worship in the Chapel 6:30