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The Sale of Eldbrooke Church

As many of you know, the congregations of Metropolitan Memorial and Eldbrooke merged in 2004 and began discerning our combined ministries for the next year. It was determined that it would not be financially feasible to maintain the church, so it was put on the market last spring. It is with mixed feelings that we announce that the sale of Eldbrooke Church has gone through and the property on River Road is in the hands of new owners.

Although it's impossible to control who would step forward as potential buyers, it was always our prayer that the future owner be a congregation – a community seeking a new church home. After all, the building and the land itself are steeped in prayer, worship and fellowship dating back to the original Methodists who settled in the area of Tenley Town.

As God would have it, last year, a growing Protestant church had been looking for a permanent location while worshipping in a temporary space on Wisconsin Avenue and on Capitol Hill. They found our church on River Road and began to inquire about the possibility of purchasing Eldbrooke. They are called The City Church and they are based out of the Pacific Northwest. Known for spirited worship, prophetic preaching, and generosity, they have a vision of “compassionately impacting the immediate community” with Christian love and outreach.



The original purchase agreement was signed May 10, 2007. Our brokers were James Connelly of Lincoln Property Company and Ed Flenner of the Meyer Group who specialize in non-profit real estate transactions. Additional time was required by The City Church to complete its inspections and due diligence work. When a survey of the church property revealed a discrepancy between the church property and the cemetery, additional work was required to secure a new subdivision plat with new lot numbers. Much credit is due to Dona Collary and Steve Prestegard of Congressional Title Company for obtaining the necessary approvals from the DC government. We are extremely grateful to John Long and Bill Powers as chairs of the Board of Trustees for their perseverance in managing this process which began in 2004 and ended January 28, 2008

Faith

Join the fun and fellowship at the Great Day of Service on February 23

Looking for a way to pass on lessons of giving to your children? Want to enjoy the warmth of your church community on a chilly winter day? Come to the Great Day of Service on February 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

There will be a variety of projects throughout the church to appeal to those who like to cook, write, do crafts or just want to lend a hand. Our efforts will help the elderly, homeless and hungry in our area.

- Learn to knit with the Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Make sandwiches for the hungry
- Create a gift & card for elderly or homebound church members
- Assemble health & layette kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief
- Clean Sunday School rooms
- Make treats to deliver to Methodist Home residents
- Write letters on behalf of Amnesty International
- Cook meals for Metropolitan House
- Create friendship bracelets and beadwork

This year, we will have a special activity at the Methodist Home on Connecticut Ave. In the morning, one of the activities at the church will be to make baked goods for the residents. Then adults will accompany up to 12 children to the Home to deliver the treats. From 10:30-11:30 a.m., children will be paired with residents to do an individual craft project.

Also, youth and pre-teens from sixth grade through high school will be creating gifts for the Heifer Living Market on May 11. If you are interested in participating, please contact Caralee Adams at Caralee.adams@verizon.net or 301.320.9712.

Throughout the morning at Service Day, there will be refreshments, juice and coffee. At noon, lunch will be served. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and colleagues to participate in this family-friendly day of fellowship and giving.

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 6

On Ash Wednesday, February 6, Metropolitan Memorial will offer three worship services: A 7:30 a.m. service in the chancel followed by a light breakfast (child-care provided), a mid-day service at noon and an evening service at 8 p.m.



Happy 95th Birthday Bishop James K. Mathews!

Come join us to celebrate the life and ministry of Bishop James K. Mathews as he turns 95! You're invited to a birthday celebration in his honor on Sunday, February 10 in the Vestry beginning at 10 a.m. You are also encouraged to personally convey your birthday wishes through cards and letters of friendship to the Bishop.

Cards and letters may be left in the church office in the basket marked "Happy Birthday Bishop Mathews" located on the small table opposite the reception desk. Please bring them to the office no later than the start of the reception as we plan to give our big basket of love and affection to the Bishop so he will know how much we care about him. If you would like to provide a food item for the event, please contact Sue Wadel at 703.413.4241.

Mark your calendars today and plan to join us in this festive and happy occasion!

16th Annual Sing Out for Shelter (SOS) Concert

Saturday, February 9 at 8 p.m.

Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church

Featuring

Augmented Eight ♦ Yale Whiffenpoofs
♦ Cartoon Johnny ♦ Tonic and Gin

Benefiting the Community Council for the Homeless at
Friendship Place ♦ Christ House ♦ Metropolitan House

Tickets:

\$15 (students and seniors) - \$25 (general admission),
\$50 (patron, preferred seating) - Children under 12 free

For information and tickets, please contact:

Julie Butner 202.364.1419, ext. 19 - www.cchfp.org
John Symington, 202.244.5707 - www.augmented8.org



Brethren: Men In Music

Sunday, February 10, 4 p.m., Sanctuary

Back by popular demand, the Arts Council presents *Brethren: Men in Music*. Brethren is an ensemble made up of professional vocalists who gather with Christian hearts to make music, both as a ministry to those that hear them and to each other. Included in their membership is our own Adam Tyler and Courtney Williams, members of our Music Program.

At any given time, Brethren may be represented by as few as three or four or as many as twenty men, performing a cappella or with accompaniment. Their repertoire encompasses everything from traditional hymns to patriotic standards to

contemporary popular music. They have released two albums in the last year and hope to record again in the winter of 2008. Their first recording, "The Hymn Project," is an a cappella recording of some of their favorite hymns and they have just released their new Christmas album, "Then Christmas Comes," featuring music of all different styles. Brethren performs many different genres, from Southern Gospel to doo-wop to chamber music.

For this concert, the full ensemble will bring a variety of music that will surely stir your heart and speak to your soul. A free-will offering will be taken at the concert and a reception will follow in the Vestry. There will also be an opportunity to purchase CD's at this time.

Study & Service Ministry

Forgiving You Is Hard To Do

A New Short-term Lenten Study

Please join Rev. Dr. Tony Gattis on Sunday, February 10, for the start of the Lenten series, "Forgiving You is Hard to Do." The class will take place after the second service at approximately 12:15 p.m. in the Conference Room in the main office.

If you have questions, or are unable to come that Sunday but would like to participate in the series, please contact Dr. Gattis at tgattis@vzavenue.net.

New Sunday Morning Discussion Class

Finishing the Journey: Homosexuality & the Church February 10 - March 16

What is your understanding of homosexuality in light of our faith, and how do we, as a church, address this issue? These questions are explored in a study resource called "Finishing the Journey" published by Northaven United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas (a church served by Bill Holmes before he came to Metropolitan). The booklet offers a collection of short monographs by prominent United Methodist pastors, leaders, and theologians on questions such as "Is homosexuality a sin?" "What does the Bible say about Homosexuality?" and "How can the Church heal on this issue?"

Beginning Sunday, February 10, the Advocacy Team is sponsoring a six-week discussion class using this resource as a study guide. Ann Michel will serve as facilitator. The class will meet from 10:10 am - 11 a.m. in the Terrace Room. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

Volunteers in Mission Trip to Nicaragua

Planning is underway for a Metropolitan VIM trip to Nicaragua from June 14-22. The mission will be in partnership with United Methodist Missionaries Nan McCurdy and Miguel Mairena who serve in San Francisco Libre.

San Francisco Libre is an extremely poor area that is still recovering from Hurricane Mitch. The team will be helping to repair or construct buildings as well as working with various community organizations and local children. Lodging will be in local hotels or hostels and with local host families. Persons interested in joining the team should contact team leaders Anne Brown (annebrown@bna.com) or Ann Michel (amichel@wesleyseminary.edu/202.885.8582.) The cost per person for air travel and on-the-ground expenses will be approximately \$1350.

Team members are expected to pay their own travel expenses or raise funds to cover them. Team members also are expected to attend monthly meetings for planning, spiritual preparation, and fundraising. In addition to a training that will be held in early March, team meetings are scheduled for April 7, May 5, and June 2.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Join us for this wonderful time of friendship and ministry! For more information contact Annette Fletchall at 202.363.9231.

- ✂ Sunday, February 17 at 12:30 p.m.
- ✂ Tuesday, February 19 at 1:30 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



As warm weather approaches and our work schedule accelerates, I have a request involving the construction area. It is very important from a safety and liability standpoint that everyone understands that all construction areas are restricted to authorized personnel only.

Please do not enter the restricted areas which include the space inside the construction fence, the Columbarium area and the Great Hall. We are continuing to work in the Vestry and the Sanctuary and you may find those areas temporarily closed as progress continues. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dana Collier

Church Committee Roster

Position	Office Holder	Term Ends
Church Council		
Chairperson	Mike Emery	2009
Vice Chairperson	Terry Rusch	2009
Co-Lay Leader	Bill Roach	2010
Co-Lay Leader	Rose Harper-elder	2009
Asst Lay Leader for Leadership Development	Anita Seline	2010
Lay Member to the Annual Conference	Nancy Wolfe	2008
Church Treasurer	Peter Stathis	2008
President, United Methodist Women	Anne Brown	2010
Church Historian	Joe Arnold	2010
Chairperson, Finance Committee	Pam Settlage	2009
Chairperson, Church Board of Trustees	John Klick	2008
Chairperson, Foundation Trustees	Wayne Rusch	2009
Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee	Marti Cochran	2008
Youth Representative	Justin Settlage	2008
Arts Council Representative	Marilu Wood	2008
Chairperson, Worship Ministry Team	John Tate	2010
Chairperson, Study Ministry Team	Doug Lewis	2009
Chairperson, Congregational Care Ministry Team	Susan Roach	2009
Chairperson, Service Ministry Team	Lee Crockett	2009
Chairperson, Advocacy Ministry Team	Ann Michel	2009
Chairperson, Children and Youth Ministry Team	Helen Simon	2010
Chairperson, Outreach Ministry Team	Sue Wadel	2008
Chairperson, Nursery School Board	Janet Fishman	2010
Member-at-large	Phil Potter	2010
Member-at-large	Eric Imperial	2010
Member-at-large	Mary Beth West	2010
Member-at-large	Joan Spencer	2009
Member-at-large	Lloyd Leonard	2009
Member-at-large	Pat Simpich	2009
Member-at-large	Nancy Rider	2008
Member-at-large	Phyllis Kokus	2008
Member-at-large	Clara Diehl	2008
Finance Committee		
Chairperson	Pam Settlage	2009
Chairperson, Church Council	Mike Emery	2009
Chairperson, Staff Parish Relations Committee	Marti Cochran	2008
Co-Lay Leaders	B. Roach/R. Harper-elder	2010/2009
Church Treasurer	Peter Stathis	2008
Assistant Church Treasurer	Pat Nicolette	2008
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Paul Dame	2009
Board of Trustees' Representative	Elected by Trustees	2008
Foundation Trustees Representative	Wayne Rusch	2009
Member-at-large	Betty Ann Angel	2010
Member-at-large	Keith Sartain	2010
Member-at-large	Bruce Morgan	2009
Member-at-large	Alison Daifuku	2009
Member-at-large	Derek Stone	2009
Member-at-large	Ryan Lordos	2008
Member-at-large	Gwen Loftin	2008
Member-at-large	Meredith Chambers	2008
Board of Trustees		
Chairperson	John Klick	2010
Vice Chair	Sharon Dougherty	2009
Secretary	Jamie Lawson	2009
Trustee	Carol Tippet	2010
Trustee	Mike House	2010
Trustee	Art Ryneerson	2009
Trustee	Dick Schleicher	2009
Trustee	John Derrick	2008
Trustee	Sheldon Smith	2008
Staff Parish Relations Committee		
Chairperson	Marti Cochran	2008
Vice Chairperson	Roger Johnson	2010
Co-Lay Leaders	B. Roach/R. Harper-elder	2010/2009
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Ken Millian	2008
Member-at-large	Megan Lordos	2010
Member-at-large	Anne Brown	2010
Member-at-large	Fred Simpich	2009
Member-at-large	Chris Wolf	2009
Member-at-large	Suzanne Forsyth	2009
Member-at-large	Andy Hershey	2008
Youth Member-at-large	Katherine Craven	2008

Church Committee Roster (cont.)

Position	Office Holder	Term Ends
Nominations and Lay Leadership		
Co-chairperson	Charlie Parker	
Co-chairperson	Sandy Rector	
Asst. Lay Leader for Leadership Development	Anita Seline	2010
Co-Lay Leaders	B. Roach/R. Harper-elder	2010/2009
Member-at-large	Kathy Rawlings	2010
Member-at-large	Charlotte Walch	2010
Member-at-large	Connie McWorkman	2009
Member-at-large	Brian Boyle	2009
Member-at-large	Robin Emery	2009
Member-at-large	John Tate	2008
Member-at-large	Anne Brown	2008
Member-at-large	Ann Cochran	2008
Lay Members to Annual Conference		
Member	Ken Millian	2008
Member	Nancy Wolfe	2008
Member	Paul Dame	2009
Alternate Member	Chuck Cochran	2010
Worship Ministry Team		
Chairperson	John Tate	2010
Vice-Chairperson	Phillip Potter	2010
Study and Congregational Care Ministry Team		
Study Ministries Chairperson	Doug Lewis	2009
Vice-Chairperson	Fred Simpich	2010
Congregational Care Ministries Chairperson	Susan Roach	2009
Vice-Chairperson	Kris Oberdick	2010
Service and Advocacy Ministry Team		
Service Ministries Chairperson	Lee Crockett	2009
Vice-Chairperson	Geoff Jacobi	2010
Advocacy Ministries Chairperson	Ann Michel	2009
Vice-Chairperson	Paul Dame	2010
Children & Youth Ministry Team		
Chairperson	Helen Simon	2010
Member - Children	Jeff Rommel	2010
Member -	Todd Vaughn	2010
Member - Youth	Craig Hukill	2009
Member - Youth	Anita Seline	2009
Member - Children	Perry Brody	2009
Member - Youth	Linda Davenport	2008
Member - Children	Brad Vogt	2008
Member	Brian Crimy	2008
Outreach Ministry Team		
Chairperson	Sue Wadel	2008
Vice-Chairperson		2010
Foundation Trustees		
Chairperson	Wayne Rusch	2009
Trustee	Mary Davis	2010
Trustee	Rogers Christopher	2009
Trustee	Chuck Manatt	2009
Trustee	Ken Millian	2009
Trustee	Sharon Smith	2008
Trustee	Don Smith	2008
Trustee	Geoff Brown	2008
Nursery School Board		
Chairperson	Janet Fishman	2010
Member	Pyper Imperial	2009
Member	Kristen Rommel	2010
Member	Grace Cranick	2010
Member	Martha Mizroch	2009
Member	Clara Diehl	2008
Member	Karen Strider	2010
Member	Anne Brooks Rudzki	2008
Arts Council		
Chairperson	Marilu Wood	2008
Vice-Chairperson		2010

Happy Birthday!!

...to those from our church who were born in February!



If your birthday is missing from the list, please contact the church office and let us know your date of birth.

Barry Carl Foltos	2/1	Melissa Mattsson	2/15
Calvin Joe Ligo	2/1	Marily Rhudy	2/15
Ryan Lordos	2/1	Ella Grace Von Drehle	2/15
Dean McCauley	2/1	Evelyn Wagner	2/15
Janene Marie Smith	2/2	Camilla Childers	2/16
Richard Yates Smith	2/2	Elizabeth Dimin Hurlbut	2/16
Grover Tracy Atwood	2/3	Faith Lewis	2/16
Elaine Ida Chan	2/3	Chloris E. Simpson	2/16
Mark Derrick	2/3	Shan Sparshott	2/16
Natalya Sharp	2/3	Stephanie Allin Clemson	2/17
Misook Ahn	2/4	Susan Carnall Modesitt	2/17
Elizabeth Michele Sartain	2/4	Randy Oberdick	2/17
Grace Tipps	2/4	Paul Dame	2/18
William Bowen Olson	2/5	Ann M. Fenton	2/18
Hillary Sanders	2/5	Madelyn Korengold	2/18
Thomas Bryant	2/6	Andrew de Montille	2/19
Kathryn Hannah DeRaffele	2/6	Paul William Evans	2/19
Peter Blackstone Krogh	2/6	Helen M. Latimer	2/19
London Lordos	2/6	R. Dennis Osterman	2/19
David Von Drehle	2/6	Joan Towles	2/19
Marsha Arrington	2/8	Anne Chachas	2/20
Debra Rae Goodman	2/8	Annette Fletchall	2/20
Randy Alan Stoudt	2/8	Stewart Grace	2/20
Donna Wink	2/8	Lorraine Jenkins	2/20
John Finley Witherspoon	2/8	Meredith Clements Roth	2/20
Jeffrey C. Harper	2/9	James M. Murphy	2/21
Justin Settlege	2/9	Jason Griffin	2/22
Alison Somerville	2/9	Ruth Lane	2/22
Willard Reppard Burks	2/10	Grace Cranick	2/23
Jennifer Grise	2/10	Adrienne Lockie	2/23
John Arthur (Jack) Peters	2/10	Richard McKenney	2/23
Christopher Lee Smarte	2/10	Verdon S. Staines	2/23
Jennifer Dover	2/11	Michael Craig Burnette	2/24
Hunter Lloyd	2/11	Paul Bowen Cromelin	2/24
Nelson John Bennett	2/12	Lindsey Gordon	2/24
Daniel Iver Fritz	2/12	Richard McFarlane Tilley	2/24
Charlie Imperial	2/12	Liana Beth Dern	2/25
Thomas Stuart Mitchell	2/12	Ralph Edwards	2/25
Benjamin Joseph Howlett	2/13	Stephanie Cammett Breed	2/26
Jeff Rommel	2/13	Courtney Meak	2/27
Lucy Vogt	2/13	Sharon L. Renninger	2/27
Reggie Kaptelyn	2/14		

The Annual Bruce Poynter Lecture Series

Monday, February 11 - 7:30 p.m.
on the Campus of AU



The Mayor of Oakland, California, Ron V. Dellums to give the annual lecture for the Bruce Poynter series held in the Kay Spiritual Life Center.

HOLY WEEK

March 16 - Palm Sunday The Sunday before Easter, where Jesus' final and triumphal entry into Jerusalem is observed with the waving of Palm Branches.

12:30 p.m. Mission Auction, Lunch and Talent Show by our Youth! Raising money for our summer mission trips to West Virginia (ASP) and Rutland, MA (Heifer Project)

March 20 - Maundy Thursday The Thursday before Easter where we remember Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples. The word "Maundy" comes from the Latin for "mandate" and refers to Christ's command to love one another. *Worship at 8 p.m.*

March 21 - Good Friday The day in Holy Week in which we remember Christ's arrest, crucifixion, and death. *Services at Noon through 3 p.m. & 8 p.m.*

March 22 - Easter Eve
Vigil at 11 p.m.

March 23 - Easter Sunday
Worship Services at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with bountiful free brunch after each worship service.

Children's Ministry

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.



Bring your family and join us for an evening of syrupy pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and more! Our children's choirs will sing at 6:30 p.m. and we will have coloring tables and a festive jester piñata for the children! So mark your calendar, bring a friend and join us for an evening of food, music and fun!

Suggested Donation: \$5 - adults, \$3 - Children

Proceeds benefit the Children's Ministry Department with 10% going to Metropolitan's Volunteers in Mission Program!

If you have any questions, please contact Kay Jacobi - Director of Children's Ministries at 202.363.4900, ext. 26 or kjacobi@mmumc-dc.org

If you have questions regarding any children's events or programs, please contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kay Jacobi 202.363.4900, ext. 26 or kjacobi@mmumc-dc.org.

Youth Ministry



ASP is June 14 - 22

Heifer Mission is August 14 - 18

With much excitement, I share this information with you about this summer's plans for serving in Appalachia. Our dates are confirmed as June 14 - 22. Our adult leaders will be Kevin Settlege, Mike House, Ned Bachman and me. We are still in need of female adults, so if you are interested contact me! We will plan to leave on Saturday, June 14 from the church. **You are eligible to participate if you will be 14 years old and completed the eighth grade by June. This year we are encouraging college students to attend and would love to have as many come along as possible.**

Cost and Forms

\$215 deposit - Due February 10

**Registration & Medical Release Form - to be notarized
Statement of Activities & Release Form**

If you paid last year, you will not be expected to pay again, as we discussed. If you are interested in a scholarship, please fill out the form and attach a note to me about this. On the youth website, you can download the 2008 Medical Form and Participation Release Form. These are to be signed and notarized by May 1. However, you may turn them in with your deposit if you find you can get all your ducks in a row.



Join us this summer for a Global Village immersion at Overlook Farm in Massachusetts. Our dates are confirmed as August 14- 18. Our adult leaders are Sarah Bollinger and Leigh Rollins, but we are in need of at least two more adults, specifically at least one adult male. **You are eligible to participate if you will be a seventh grader in Fall 2008. Rising seventh graders who are interested in going will need to get in touch with me so that we can bring you on board for raising funds with the mission auction.**

Cost and Forms

\$200 - Due Feb 10 If you are interested in a scholarship, please fill out the form and attach a note to me about this. You can download the 2008 Heifer Mission Form on the youth website or contact the church office, 202.363.4900.

Mission Auction
and Talent Show
is March 16 - Palm Sunday!
Raising funds for both our
mission trips!



If you have questions regarding any of the youth events or programs, please contact Rev. Faith Lewis, 202.363.4900, ext. 22 or flewis@mmumc-dc.org.

