

Catch the Spirit!

Summer Thursdays at Metropolitan

In the Great Hall at 7 p.m.

Beginning in July, Thursday evenings in the Great Hall at 7 p.m. will be a time to catch your breath, experience some different styles of worship, learn some new hymns and songs, and worship with friends and neighbors. Maybe you are traveling on the weekends and can't join us on Sunday mornings, maybe you just need something a little extra. You'll find this and more at Metropolitan.

Our Thursday evening service is casual, come-as-you-are. Whether you are rushing from work or escaping the summer heat with your kids, the Great Hall is cool! Come early and walk the labyrinth; stay late for lemonade and cookies. Children are welcome! We don't have a nursery or childcare, but we love their joyful noise.

Our first Thursday, July 3, will be a good old-fashioned hymn sing. Let us know your favorites and we'll be sure to include them (we might actually go to the sanctuary for this event so that we enjoy the organ!). Look forward to other worship services led by our ASP and VIM teams, Clown Communion, Taize, and more. Hope to see you there!

Welcome Back Jimmy!



The spirit is moving here at Metropolitan and I am delighted to let you know that we have hired a new Youth Minister, Jimmy Sherrod. Many of you know that Jimmy led a very successful youth program with us several years ago and he will be rejoining our staff in late June.

For the past three years, Jimmy has served three churches in the Holston Annual Conference in Tennessee as a Licensed Local Pastor, leading two of those churches through a merger process. During that time he was pursuing his seminary training, which he will continue here at Wesley. Jimmy and his wife Lesli are excited to be moving back to Washington. They are prepared to commit to a tenure of at least three years to provide stability to our youth as we seek to strengthen this ministry. Our youth (and rising youth) are truly blessed to have Jimmy's presence in their lives.

Among his many gifts, Jimmy is a very accomplished musician. Beginning this fall, in addition to his work with our youth, he will be the Worship Leader for our newly crafted alternative service. We are planning to offer a Saturday evening service geared to reaching people who are not attracted to the more traditional services offered on Sunday morning. The new service will be an outreach to our community and beyond. It will be a service filled with music and praise. While this new worship experience is not created to "compete" with existing worship, but rather to expand our worshipping community, we hope that many of you will commit to attending some of these services so that visitors will feel welcomed.

We are looking for a core group of five to six people who will work closely with Jimmy in creating and sustaining this new worship opportunity. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Patrisha House, Director of Worship, Music and Arts who will forward the information to Jimmy. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, June 22, when Jimmy will preach his first sermon at Metropolitan. Patrisha House can be reached at phouse@mmumc-dc.org or at 202.363.4900, ext. 23

Blessings,

Thank You from the Metro Players

The performance of "The Laramie Project" was a gift of love for those involved in the production; from our director to our backstage "angels;" and from the actors on the stage to the hospitality of the "intermission crew." None of this would have been possible without the support of our Ministers, Staff, and the Advocacy Team. It is true that it takes a village to raise a child, but it is also true that it takes a village to produce a play.

Many thanks to everyone who attended one of the performances, who invited their friends and neighbors, and to those who remained following the last performance for a conversation with the actors. As we move forward with the reconciling conversation, Metro Players is proud to have furthered the conversation.



The Arts at Metropolitan



The Arts Council of Metropolitan Memorial UMC
Presents on Sunday May 18

Dirk Holger - Tapestries and Drawings

Exhibition Lecture: *The Art of Tapestry*

Presented by Dirk Holger at 10:10 a.m. in the Great Hall

Exhibition Opening Reception & Concert

Beginning at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Rachael Goldman, soprano, presents a program of songs, arias, and duets from Brahms, Puccini, Menotti, Zanielli, and Bolcom as well as Show Boat and Cabaret. The concert will feature the Designer Sounds Trio (piano, cello, and flute) and Washington National Opera's Michael Nansel. Rachael previously was the mezzo soprano soloist in the Chancel Choir.

Following the concert join us in the Great Hall for our exhibition opening of "Dirk Holger - Tapestries and Drawings." Living in Olney, Maryland, Dirk Holger was born in Wuppertal, Germany. He apprenticed as an industrial textile de-

signer in 1959 and studied in 1963 at the Aubusson Tapestry School in France and in 1964-65 became the last student of the revivalist of modern tapestry, Jean Lurcat. Over 200 tapestries after his designs were woven in workshops in Germany and France, and he had over 130 personal and group shows. He is a frequent lecturer on medieval and modern tapestries in museums, universities, and the Smithsonian Institution. His paperbook "I Hate Junk Food!" was published in 2006.

Our Community



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dick Schleicher and Clifton Gruver for receiving their Super Senior Awards from the Citizens' Advisory Council of the IONA Senior Services Center. Dick received his award for his work with the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place and Clifton received his award for his work with the Senior Association at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

- Sunday, May 18 at 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m.

AARP Meeting

The next AARP meeting is on Monday, May 19 in the Vestry. Please join us as Alex Gabriel from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage speaks with us about reverse mortgages. Social time is at 12:30 p.m., and the meeting starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Happy Birthday!!

...to those born in May!*

If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office, 202.363.4900 and let us know your date of birth.

Jen Carrier	5/1	Evan Kopca	5/8
Michael House	5/1	Deborah Stevens	5/8
Michael Huff	5/1	Betty Ann Angel	5/10
Taylor Lankford	5/2	Xavier Coll	5/10
Karen Strider	5/2	Sarah Ann Evans	5/10
Gregory Trew	5/2	Eliza Hamner-Koenig	5/10
Lenore West	5/2	Amy Shirk	5/10
Don Cranick	5/3	Vincent Chandran	5/11
Eugenia Evans	5/3	Justin Rommel	5/11
Todd Weaver	5/3	Elizabeth Buxbaum	5/12
Nicholas Younes	5/3	Brooke Kettler	5/12
Don Foster	5/4	Deborah Shade-Casey	5/12
Jennifer Neblett	5/5	Doug Smith	5/12
Nancy Rider	5/5	Emily Vogt	5/12
Katherine Campbell	5/6	Sean Mattsson	5/13
Victoria Lloyd	5/6	Chris Simon	5/13
Denise Gerrish	5/7	Helen Simon	5/15
Scott P. Anger	5/8		

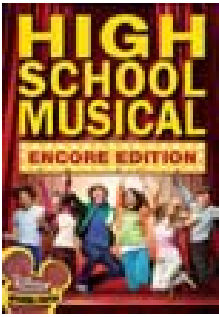
*May's birthdays to continue in the next *Messenger*

Support the Nicaragua VIM Trip by Shopping at Chico's

The Nicaragua VIM team is hosting a fundraising event at the Chico's women's clothing store at The Shops of Sumner Place, 4611 Sangamore Road, Bethesda, MD. On Thursday evening May 15, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., you are invited to join others from Metropolitan for a time of friendship, refreshments, and shopping. Ten percent of the sales proceeds will go to support the Metropolitan Nicaragua VIM trip. If you can't make it on Thursday evening, you can shop at the Sumner Place Chico's

anytime through Sunday, May 18 - just tell the sales person you are shopping for the Metropolitan Memorial VIM trip. Summer is coming and there is nothing more comfortable than Chico's clothing for travel. Call your neighbors and friends and tell them to shop at the Sangamore Chico's, too. And how about a gift certificate for Mom, so that she can enjoy shopping on May 15, as well. Questions? Contact Pat House at 202.363.4900, ext. 23.

Children's Ministry



Family Movie Night

May 9, 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

We will watch *High School Musical* in the new Great Hall! Yes, of course, we still have the sing along! I hope you will join us! Invite your friends and bring your whole family. Please let me know if you are planning to come so I can be sure to cook enough dinner! (Kay Jacobi, 202.363.4900, ext. 26)



The Morningstar choir will rehearse for the rest of the year in the music office with Mrs. Cartwright while the Cherub Choir will rehearse with Mrs. Settlage in the choir room. Be sure to join us each week as we have 3 more performances before the end of the Sunday School year.

- May 11** – Both choirs for the single 10 a.m. worship service
- June 1** – Both choirs at both services for Children's Celebration Sunday

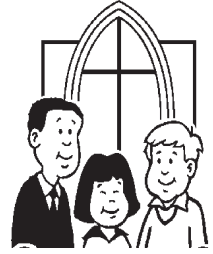


Nursery School

Mother's Day Concert

Join us for Metropolitan's Nursery School annual Mother's Day concert on Friday, May 9. We start at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary – so come out for a morning of joyful noise and smiling faces as we celebrate the gift of Mothers everywhere!

Children's Celebration Sunday



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...
Children's Celebration Sunday is June 1!

Summer Sunday School



Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Jesus is coming to Summer Sunday School at MMUMC! Come join the fun and learn about the greatest story-tellin' man in history! There will be music, crafts, dancing, games, and more! And there's going to be a musical! So mark your calendars now for Summer Sunday School.

We will have choir throughout the month of June and Sunday School in June during the study hour. In July and August, while we worship together at the single 10 a.m. service, we will meet from 10:15 a.m., following the Children's Sermon, until 11 a.m.

Parents and Friends, we need your help too! If you are interested in volunteering to help, contact Douglass Anne at dac@gwu.edu. See you this summer!



Openings for the fall

If any of your neighbors or friends are looking for an excellent 3 or 4 year old nursery school program, we still have several openings for the 2008-2009 school year. Anyone who is interested should contact Bruce Kahan for information at 202.362.8746. The school's brochure and application can also be downloaded from the Church's web site at www.nationalchurch.org.

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