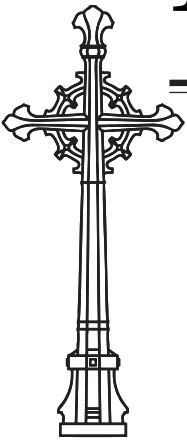


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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR SUMMER - CATCH THE SPIRIT!

If you are not at the beach, mountains or other vacation "hot spot" we hope you will join us and discover that Metropolitan has much to offer this summer. It's a great time to bring a neighbor or a friend. Sleep a little later on Sunday morning or start your weekend off with our new Thursday evening service. Don't forget to "Catch the Spirit!"

Sunday, June 29: Charlie Parker will be back in the pulpit after the VIM trip to Nicaragua. During the 10:10 a.m. study hour in the Great Hall, Charlie will share his Reflections on the First Year.

July and August

One worship service at 10a.m on Sundays in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship in the Foyer followed by
"Grounds for Discussion" with Charlie Parker in the Great Hall

Summer Sundays we join together and share worship at the 10 o'clock hour. The services will be blended and special music will be supplied by our soloists from both services. Following the service, you are invited to join Charlie in the Great Hall for "Grounds for Discussion" - a talk-back session on the sermon.



Catch the Spirit - Summer Choir



Do you love to sing but can't find the time to rehearse? This summer our choirs (and any interested singers - young and old) will gather in the Sanctuary at 9:15 to rehearse the hymns and songs of the morning. Leadership will be shared by Bruce Caviness and Casey Elliott. The "Summer Choir" will rehearse two anthems to be performed the last Sunday of July and August. We have a wonderful music program with talented leaders - catch the spirit - join us in song!

Catch the Joy!

Summer Thursdays at Metropolitan at 7 p.m. in the Great Hall

Beginning in July, Thursday evenings 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 3rd will be a good old-fashioned hymn sing. Let us know your favorites and we'll be sure to include them. Look forward to other worship services led by our ASP and VIM teams, Clown Communion, Taize, and more. Hope to see you there.

Pat Huse

Charlie

Sandy Reetz

Jimmy Sherrill

Our Community



Thank you!

I just want to extend a huge thanks to all of you for sending me off with a heart-warming farewell on June 8. Thanks to Megan Lordos and Angela Gildner for creating a beach-themed send off. The Great Hall was so colorfully decorated with beach toys.

(JuliAnna will enjoy the sand

buckets and beach balls in our new location.) I loved the banner that the youth group made: "With Faith All Things are Possible." Thanks to the prayer shawl ministry for covering my entire family in prayer shawls. Thanks to Pam Bisson and the Arts Council for crafting my first elders stole, which I will treasure always. Finally, I wish to thank the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the one-of-a-kind framed photo of our church (complete with the new steeple). The whole event was so memorable and I pray many blessings upon the congregation of Metropolitan Memorial.

My new address information is:

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Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

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13575 Olivet Rd.
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(410) 326-8400

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In the Library...

A Library Committee volunteer will be in the Library for at least 15 minutes **after** each Sunday 10 a.m. service in July and August.

To check out a book when no volunteer is available, just follow the instructions sitting on the desk. It's ok to take a bookmark with you.

Books are due back the 3rd Sunday (3 weeks) after check-out or can be renewed for an additional 3 weeks. Members and visitors are welcomed to come in, browse, and/or read. Please do not re-shelve the books; just leave them on the desk in the Return Book tray. A member of the Library Committee will re-shelve them.



Catch the Spirit!

Summer Worship at Metropolitan

July - August

Sunday Morning

10:00 am - One Service

11 a.m. - Fellowship & "Grounds for Discussion"

Thursday Evenings

7:00 pm in the Great Hall

Come As You Are!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and ministry! Questions? Contact Annette Fletchall at 202.363.9231.

- July 15, 1:30 p.m. - Conference Room
- July 20, 11:30 p.m. - Conference Room*

*Please note the time change.

Thank You So Much!



A big thank you to our wonderful congregation who donated nearly \$4000 to our Heifer fundraiser! That has to be a record for a two-hour

period and the entire amount goes to purchasing animals. In addition to chicks, bunnies and bees, three heifers were purchased. What a wonderful way to help folks end poverty and improve their standard of living, education, and health. If you missed the fundraiser or would like to learn more about Heifer, go to www.heifer.com. or pick up a brochure in the rack by the office. Many, many thanks from your Heifer team.

Help Unravel the Mystery

Circle 5 recently priced jewelry for the November bazaar. One of the pieces donated is an ID bracelet belonging to a member of the US Motor Corp during WWII. The bracelet is inscribed "Christine Schlenker, Brooklyn, New York." Christine is Jane Bishop's aunt and one of her granddaughters middle name is Christine. Whoever donated the bracelet please contact Jane Bishop at 301.890.3423 and help her unravel the mystery of this beautiful piece of jewelry.



Children's Ministry

The Storytellin' Man

EXTRA! EXTRA! JESUS IS AT MMUMC THIS SUMMER!

Discover Parables! Have Fun! And Learn!



Our Summer Sunday School Program, "The Storytellin' Man," is off to a GREAT start! Each Sunday, we're learning about a parable (or a few) that Jesus used to teach his disciples and followers. We are also working on a musical for ages 4 to Grade 6 that we will be putting on at the end of July! We still have roles for more singers, dancers, actors, and fun-loving kids, so come and join the fun! Parents, we still need volunteers to help with teaching a lesson, putting together costumes and sets, and more! If you would like some more information or have questions, contact Douglass Anne Cartwright at dac@gwu.edu or 202.230.6565.

Children's Summer Calendar

Sundays: June 22 & 29
9:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Saturday: July 26
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday July 27
10:15 a.m. Call
12:30 p.m. Performance, Vestry

Pictures from our Children's Celebration Sunday June 1, 2008

