



# The Bala Bugle

## The United Methodist Church of Bala Cynwyd

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Dear Friends,

A couple of weeks ago I went to visit a nursing home with my daughter Rebecca's Girl Scout Troop. Each girl read a poem that was special to her to the residents before their evening meal. Rebecca read a poem that her grandmother, my mother, had written recently for the Salesian Inspirational Books. I share it with you.

*Watching*

*God is watching over us  
And we should pay attention.  
God will grant us wisdom  
Without any apprehension,  
We're created in His image,  
God made us to be whole;  
He gave to us a conscience;  
It is built into our soul.  
God is so full of patience,  
We know that God is love;  
He is always faithful,  
Such a blessing from above.  
We're touched by His Spirit,  
We worship Him and pray;  
God is watching over us  
Each hour of the day.*

*Edna Massimilla*

May you feel the love and care of God today.

Faithfully,  
Alice M. Cook

### The 224<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

May 20-22, 2010

For the first time in approximately 40 years our annual conference will be meeting during the month of May. Annual conference is the annual meeting of clergy and laity representatives from all the United Methodist churches in Eastern Pennsylvania. The meeting will be for three days in downtown Lancaster.

While there the representatives will do the church's business. Matters of health insurance, pensions, and minimum salaries will be discussed. The current cost of health insurance is an issue challenging our congregations and should consume considerable energy at this conference. Also decided will be which local missions to support and social issues will be debated. Men and women called to ministry will be ordained. This is a particular high point of the conference.

The "reading of the appointments" is a time when we all will formally hear which pastors are being appointed by the bishop to which churches for the next year.

I look forward to attending the conference and representing the United Methodist Church of Bala Cynwyd.

### Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2010

Pentecost commemorates the birth of the church when people were gathered from all the earth and the Holy Spirit descended giving power to persons to become the community of faith, to preach, to pray, to go forth with energy and vision into the world to tell others of the wonderful life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is with us today empowering us to be the people that God has called us to be. It is appropriate to wear red on this Sunday as we celebrate the church.

### The Communion Offering

For the month of May was designated for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The Communion Offering for June will also be designated for this fund. There are people within our congregation and community who at times have need for food and assistance. The offering plate is usually placed in the middle of the aisle. Thank you to those who give of your time, tithes and offerings each week. Our church depends on your faithfulness and commitment as we seek to minister in this community and in the greater church. Your gifts do make a difference. Because of you we are able to provide pastoral support, giving to missions, ministries of music and education.

### Father's Day

will be celebrated on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We honor the men in our life who have shaped us and guided us in the journey of life.



### Summer Worship

Summer worship hours will be 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, June 6. We will meet for worship at this time through Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Labor Day

### Membership

Interested in becoming a member of our church? Please contact the pastor for more information. You may call her at 610-645-7515 or e-mail her at [Amassimilla@aol.com](mailto:Amassimilla@aol.com)

# DEPARTMENT of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Easter Egg Hunt

The 2010 Easter Egg Hunt was enjoyed by 12 children of all ages. Fun and excitement were evident. This was captured by photos. A disc of some 100 of these photos is available. Each child will receive one with an invitation to join our other Children's ministries—Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Worship. Again this year, Thomas Bachstein provided all items (baskets, candies, grass) for the hunt. We thank also the following members who contributed dyed eggs for the hunt: *Isabel Giordano, Dorothy Riday, Linda Scott and Laura White*. Thanks also to our youth/youth adults helpers: *Rachael and Lindsay Jones, "Nikki", Damon Reddick, Anthony and Jennifer White*. Also, thanks to *Mary Lou Riday* (Dottie's daughter), who provided pizza for the lunch time. Thanks to pastor *Alice* for the Lent/Easter coloring books and crayons.



## Tools for Ministry Workshop

The EPC of the UMC Tools for Ministry, 2010, convened Saturday, April 10, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm at Haws Ave., UMC, Norristown. The meeting was very, very well attended. Bishop Johnson was unable to be present; she sent several video messages on the theme—Rethinking Church. 8 workshops were lively. 17 attended the Children's Ministry workshop; I was truly impressed with their energy and concerns. Each expressed hope for change with the willingness to work harder, trust and expect God's continued guidance. Each participant received a packet (some 35 pages)—learning material for children—suggestions for Children's Ministry.

## Vacation Bible School

VBS is scheduled for July 5-9 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. All children ages 6-14 years are encouraged to attend.



## Stay Over

Our one year anniversary was Sunday, April 25. The ministry seems to be growing in numbers and interest. We have 9-10 persons in attendance each month. Plan to join this growing group. Expressions of laughter, fun, and fellowship are evident at each meeting. Other congregations have expressed interest in this ministry. Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, except December, immediately following worship service. We meet in the Duncomb Parlor. There is NO age restriction.



## Breakfast at Bala—Families

is scheduled for Sunday, June 27. Our goal is at least 20 families. Youth and young adults will begin receiving names the first Sunday in June



## Congratulations

to all students for the closing of another school year. Have a safe happy summer vacation.

Special congratulation to our two university graduates:

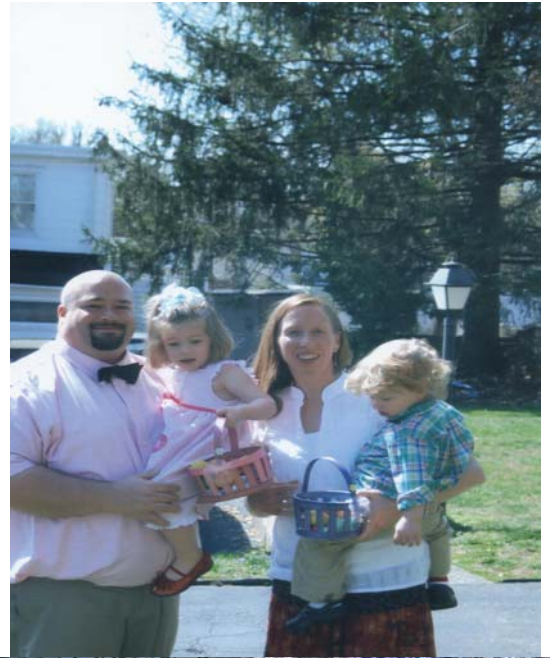
### *Mazvita Nyamukapa (Nikki)*

Graduates Saturday, May 15 – St. Joseph's University, earning a B.S. Degree in Biology

### *Damon Rankins*

Graduates June 16 – Drexel University, earning a B.S. Degree in Accounting







## May-Jun Calendar

- May 9 (Sunday) Mother's Day
- May 13-17 (Thursday-Tuesday) Pastor Alice Cook away (excluding Sunday)
- May 18 (Tuesday) Board of Trustees
- May 20-22 (Thursday-Saturday) Annual Conference
- May 23 (Sunday) 8:15 am, Continental Breakfast; 5:00 pm Chet Zillig's Memorial Service
- May 25 (Tuesday) 1:30 pm -7:30 pm, American Red Cross Blood Drive
- May 30 (Sunday) Peace with Justice Sunday offering
- May 29-31 (Saturday-Monday) Pastor Alice away
- Jun 4 (Friday) 7:00 pm Wedding rehearsal
- Jun 5 (Saturday) 2:00 pm Heidi Bank's wedding
- Jun 19-26 1 (Saturday-Saturday) Pastor Alice Away
- Jun 24 (Thursday) 7:00 pm wedding rehearsal
- Jun 25 (Friday) 5:00 pm Latonya Heard's wedding
- Jun 27 (Sunday) 8:30 am, Bala Breakfast—families

### The 27<sup>th</sup> Academy for Laity

will be held August 6-8 at the Sheraton Bucks County in Langhorne. This is a wonderful opportunity to take a course in Christ Servant Ministries. Participants will explore God's call in their lives as they take the first step toward a Local Church Servant. This spiritual journey involves reading and reflection. Registrants are required to complete assignments from a Basic Course Manual prior to the Academy. See pastor Cook if you are interested.

### Sunday Worship Planner

May 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 Festival of the Christian Home,  
 Mother's day  
 May 16 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 May 23 – Day of Pentecost  
 Heritage Sunday  
 May 30 – Trinity Sunday  
 Peace with Justice Sunday  
 offering

### Thank you

Bill Shaver would like to thank the congregation of the United Methodist Church of Bala Cynwyd for their kindness, love and community over the years. Bill will be relocating in the near future.

### Deepest Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Paula Engard for the death of Chet Zillig. Chet was an active and faithful participant in the community of faith at Bala for many years. We will miss his presence among us. A service of Resurrection will be held in Chet's memory on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm.

We also extend our sympathy to Brenda Casper on the loss of her sister, Glada Mae Lazzuri



### May

2 – James Tallman  
 4 – Jean Ladenheim  
 5 – Tim Casper  
 12 – Emily Smith  
 25 – Elizabeth Woolery  
 26 – Charlie Scott

### June

2 – June Jones  
 6 – Nancy Montgomery  
 7 – Cecilia Beatty  
 8 – Lauren Ladenheim  
 9 – Chuck Casper  
 10 – Bill Shaver



### Power in the blood

American Red Cross

Many beliefs, one purpose coming together to help save a life!

### Blood Drive

United Methodist Church of Bala Cynwyd &  
 St. John Episcopal Church  
 Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 1:30 m – 7:30 pm

Appointments are preferred.  
 For an appointment please contact:  
 Alice Cook at 610-664-3062  
 Sign up at: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
 Use Sponsor Code: 14675

### A Lifetime Gift

Consider naming the United Methodist Church of Bala Cynwyd, United Methodist mission programs, or some other ministry in your will. It's an opportunity to give long-term support to the ministry of the church; it's a way of expressing thanks for God's gifts; and it's a statement (witness) of where our values lie.