

And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. Mark 9: 7-9

## Welcome to... **Nichols-Bethel** **United Methodist Church**

February 22, 2009 8 & 11 AM

Visit us any time at [www.nicholsbethel.org](http://www.nicholsbethel.org).

## Transfiguration Sunday

\*Standing, as we are able.

### Medley for Gathering

*Unto Jesus, All Glory, Honor and Praise* No. 176

Caring for our life in Community

*Words of Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns*

*Here In This Place a New Light Is Streaming* FWS 2236

### \*Words of Grace and Greeting

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven light years away,  
Here in this place the new light is shining  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day!

**Gather us in, Lord, all here together,**

**Gather us in, Lord, and make us your own.**

\*Hymn: When Morning Guilds the Skies No. 185

*Lessons with the Little Ones*

*Gathering and Growing in the Glory of the Lord*

What is the hope of your heart today?

‘The real hope?’

What is it, on this, the Lord’s Day, for which you would pray?

**(All) To be with Christ up on the mountaintop,**

**To love him when the clouds retreat and Glory shines,**

**To follow him when duty calls and he makes service mine.  
O Lord our Lord, this is my prayer. And it is like no other. Amen.**

Hymn Response: In Our Prayers, Lord **FWS 2150**

*In our prayers, Lord, be satisfied, be satisfied.*

*In our prayers, Lord, be glorified today.*

*By our lives, Lord, be satisfied, be satisfied.*

*By our lives, Lord, be glorified today.*

May God grant what we pray from our hearts we sing with our lips, and what we sing with our lips we show and shine with our lives!

Anthem “Until Then” Eight O’Clock Singers

“You Are My All In All” Chancel Choir

\*Psalter Psalm 103 (Vss. 1-5) No. 824

\*Response *Eagles Wings* Tune 143

*And God will raise us up on eagle’s wings,  
bear us on the breath of dawn, make us to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.*

### Offering our Gifts

*Presenting our Gifts and Tithes*

Offertory “The Prayer” Megan Crabtree

**\*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** No. 94

The Lesson: II Kings. 2: 1-13 sel.; Mark 9: 2-9

\*Hymn: Wonderful Words of Life No. 600

The Message: Heaven Only Knows ...

“What to Say When Forever Draws Near”

\*Hymn: Stand Up and Bless the Lord No. 662

\*Blessing

\*Choral Benediction: *May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep You forever; grant You peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty God, bless and keep you forever.*

**Mary Carol Hawthorne, Organist**  
**Art Foster, Liturgist (8 AM), Bill Oley, Liturgist (11AM)**  
**Charlton Henry, Chancel Choir Director**  
**Wayne Yant, Director, Eight O'Clock Singers**  
**Meghan Humbert, Youth Director (410-874-7431)**  
**Linda Coolbaugh, Minister Education/Evangelism**  
**Kenneth Humbert, Pastor**

**2008 Financial Statements are available in the Narthex.**

### **Men Needed**

Methodist Men are needed to work the pancake supper on Tues, February 24th. Help is needed to set up in the afternoon, cook and serve during the supper and clean up afterwards. If you can spare an hour or two on the 24th, please contact Doug Wallace (phone 410-969-8640 or email dougwall1@comcast.net).

### ***Nichols-Bethel United Methodist Church***

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**\*Church Office: 410-674-2272 \*Other Line/FAX: 410-674-2602**

**\*Pastor's Study: 410-551-9285**

### Dates to Remember

- Today, 2/22** - 8 AM & 11 AM – Traditional Service  
9:30 AM – Contemporary Service  
9:30 & 11 AM – Sunday School  
2:00 PM – Knollwood Nursing Home  
6:00 PM – Pot Luck Dinner & Movie
- Monday, 2/23** - 6:30 PM – Chancel Bells
- Tuesday, 2/24** - 4:00 PM – Tutoring  
4:00 PM – Pancake Supper  
6:30 PM – Disciple Group  
6:45 PM – 8 a.m. Singers  
7:30 PM – Bible Study
- Wednesday, 2/25** – 11:30 AM – Ash Wednesday Service  
5:00 PM – Choirsters  
7:30 PM – Chancel Choir  
7:30 PM – Ash Wednesday Service
- Thursday, 2/26** - 6:30 PM – Lenten Study  
7:00 PM – Homeless Shelter Meeting

### Cell Phones

We want your cell phones! We are collecting them to raise money for a Group Workcamp trip to Oak Hill, WV. Please place them in the boxes located around the building.

### Pancake Supper - Tuesday, Feb 24th

UMM will sponsor a Pancake Supper on Tues evening, February 24th (the day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday), from 4:00 to 7:00PM. Cost of the dinner is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children with children under 6 free. There is a maximum of \$25.00 for families. Tickets will be sold at the door. Come join us for an evening of good food and fellowship.

### THURSDAY WORK CREW

**First and Third Thursday – 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Donuts, coffee, odd jobs and fellowship. For more information contact Dave Ritchie at 410-798-6144.

### **Christian Assistance Program (CAP)**

The annual “**SOUPER BOWL**” has arrived. The “**SOUPER BOWL**” collection weeks are: February 1, 8, 15 and 22. As a reminder, the winner of the “**SOUPER BOWL**” is determined by the highest average of cans of soup donated, per person attending church during the four week period, versus the participating CAP churches.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and donations to the Food Bank and Clothes Closet and to those that donate blood.

*The blood drive tentative schedule is:*

**March 16, 2009 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

**May 11, 2009 at Nichols Bethel United Methodist Church**

**July 5, 2009 at Severn United Methodist Church**

**September 14, 2009 at Macedonia United Methodist Church**

**November 16, 2009 at Severn Baptist Church**

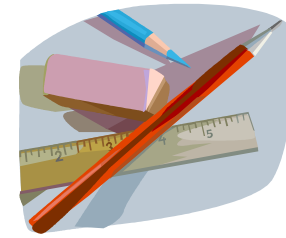
*Faith Says Give To Those  
Less Fortunate Than We Are*

## **HOMELESS SHELTER VOLUNTEERS**

Nichols-Bethel will be hosting the shelter for homeless men and women from 02- 09 March 2009. We will need volunteers to act as shelter monitors and to help with driving our guests between the Church and the Winter Relief day center in Glen Burnie. The monitors have two shifts with two volunteers per shift; the first from 5:00 PM to 11:30 PM and the second from 11:30 PM to 7:00 AM the following morning. Drivers transport our guests from Glen Burnie to the Church at approximately 5:00 each evening and from the Church to Glen Burnie each morning at 6:30. We will also need assistance with preparing and serving meals during that week. In the Narthex, you will find sign-up sheets for the monitors, drivers, and assisting with the meals. The driving schedule is nearly full, but we could still use some help on the weekend. The monitor positions are nearly all filled on the early shift but we (desperately) need help on the late shifts. We hope you will find it in your hearts to assist with this ministry – it requires a lot of help from a lot of people to make it work. If you are interested in helping and would like to know more about what you can do, please call Jim Roser at 410 721-8822 or Rick Binfield at 410 551-5917 or Colby Knoll at 410 305-1323.

Copies of the driving schedule are available in the Narthex. Please pick one up if you volunteered to drive. If you have any questions, please call Jim Roser at the above phone number or send an E-mail to [jh.roser@verizon.net](mailto:jh.roser@verizon.net). We will hold a training session for drivers on Thursday, 26 February in the fellowship hall. Drivers will meet at 7:00 P.M. and monitors at 7:20.

In addition to these services that we have routinely provided, we are also contemplating keeping the shelter open all day Sunday to make it a true day of rest for our guests. We need additional volunteers to make this work. Please call Colby if you would like to help.



## **LENTEN STUDY COMING!**

John Wesley approached Christian living with 3 simple rules:

1. Do no harm
2. Do good
3. Stay in love with God.

Join us for a 6-week study by author and bishop Rueben Job, as we explore ways to live in today's culture within the Wesleyan tradition.

### **Three Simple Rules:**

Begins Thursday, February 26 (night after Ash Wed.) at 6:30 p.m.

Please sign up or contact Rev. Linda ASAP, so books can be ordered.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Place form in Rev. Linda's mailbox.



## **Come one come all to Sunday night Supper and a Movie!!**

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Nichols-Bethel UMC**

- **Supper will be Pot Luck, bring a dish to pass**
- **Popcorn, paper products and drinks will be provided**
- **Baby sitting will be available**
- **The Movie is “Fireproof” a fireman thriller with a love/hate story**

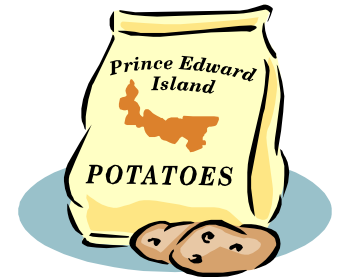
## **ROCK WALL CLIMBING!**

Calling all adventurers...come join the UMYF on Saturday, February 28 at the Big Van illa for Rock Wall climbing. We have 20 slots reserved at \$14 per person. Meet at church at 2:30 for a brief Bible study about "The Rock of our Lives" and then we will car pool down to the health club. Our reservation is from 3:30-5:30. **NO PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS BE CONSIDERED! THEY WILL GET YOU UP THE WALL....TRUST ME!** Please see Meghan for release forms.



UMYF meetings for the next 3 Sundays will be in preparation for YOUTH SUNDAY on March 15. Meetings are on Sunday, February 22 at 5:00, Sunday March 1 at 5:00, Sunday March 8 at 5:00, and Saturday March 14 at 11:00 a.m. for a final dress rehearsal. If you are not available to participate, please be aware that the meetings are for planning and rehearsing purposes. But, join us for Rock wall climbing!

**POTATO BAKE!!** Join us on Sunday March 15 after the 11:00 service for the UMYF Potato Bake. Spuds are just \$5.00 and come with all the fixins. Lemonade and Iced Tea will be served and a homemade dessert cart will be available for donations. You may dine in or carry out. All proceeds benefit Camp Hope.



YOUTH SUNDAY will be held on March 15. The UMYF will be leading all 3 services of worship. This has proven to be a very moving service and we hope you will all be in attendance at the service of your choice.