



## January 2011 COUNCIL NOTES

The Council continues to work to lead DUMC forward according to God's plan.

Since the last newsletter writing much has transpired as we have welcomed the new pastor Dr. Lisa Bandel-Sparks, new Treasurer Ed Kelley, Youth Coordinator Damon Ostis, newsletter editor Jean Smith and the 2011 Council members including Don Wilson as chair of the Trustees. A full listing of the 2011 Council is available for review in the church office.

The Evangelism and Communication Committees chaired by Pam Durbin and Rhonda Ostis respectively were joined to combine efforts on outreach, the website, the newsletter and other promotional initiatives.

The Council continues to embrace a "Green Plan" for DUMC in an effort to protect and preserve God's creation. It was recognized that the current recycling efforts can be expanded as well as other energy saving measures adopted. All members of the congregation are encouraged to support this initiative.

The Green Cathedral restoration project continued with the help of many very dedicated individuals. The wonderful new benches and landscaping were completed, as well as the front platform area.

The Building Committee, chaired by Roger Vales, continues work on considering what building additions, if any, might be needed and feasible. The group has held numerous open meetings and continues to solicit input from the congregation, the various ministries and committees. You're encouraged to ask questions and provide your thoughts. In contacting numerous members of the congregation (sorry, I didn't reach everyone) I learned most everyone is in favor of some type of facility expansion based on priorities and available finances.

The Council will be holding its annual working retreat meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am – 2pm. During this time the Council will look at many aspects of the ministries of DUMC including strengths and weaknesses. DUMC does many great things and the Council is committed to continue these good efforts. Some areas on the agenda include:

- Continue to work on Communication
- Review and revise guidelines for the use of DUMC facilities
- Work on Evangelism efforts to increase the number of new visitors and members.

The Council encourages positive open communication and invites anyone interested to attend Council meetings and/or provide feedback to Council members at other times.

The church website is the greatest single source of detailed information regarding our church and the various ministry activities (www.DUMC.net).

In His Peace,  
Steve Leonard  
2011 Council Chair

## Building Committee

1. Findings of an informal survey of congregation feelings on the “2010 Building Vision” are:
  - General support to build
  - Current 2010 Vision beyond church’s financial capabilities
  - Concern the 2010 Vision would make Fellowship Hall the hallway between the current and new building
  - Concern for ability to support 2010 Vision’s new building utilities and maintenance.
2. **The Committee is now revisiting** the “1996 Master Plan” (Phase II) to see if parts of it can be built along with a separate gym/theater. New Codes make it very hard and expensive to add to old buildings.
  - 1996 Plan provides a more compact, functional facility with improved street appeal
  - 1996 Plan could reduce site work costs and lower utilities and maintenance cost
  - Exploring how to work around the construction disruptions this design will cause church and child care activities.
3. The committee has contacted the architect who designed our current addition to discuss her thoughts, fees and cost estimate for proceeding with the “1996 Phase II” plans.
  - *The “1996 Phase II” calls for three building areas:*
    - i. *2nd floor addition over the New Classroom Building.*
    - ii. *Lowering 2nd floor level of Old Education Building 18”.*
    - iii. *New two story building with entrance ramp and new entrance into old church.*
4. If a new addition is to be built, CCDC must be a major source of funding. So the Finance Committee will offer the following motion for Council consideration at the February 2011 offsite meeting:
  - a. Adjust the 2011 CCDC income distribution to 10% to Social Needs and 90% to the Building Fund.
    - *Trustee funds have already been made available so the 90% will be put into an interest bearing account. The current Trustee funds of \$10K for minor repairs, \$10K for major repairs and \$32,732.47 in The Trustee special reserve account totaling \$52,732.47 is sufficient. If these funds are used up, the*

*leadership will reallocate to make sure Trustee funds are made available to provide facility upkeep and repairs.*

- b. Authorize the Building Committee to move excess Building Funds to the “Completing the Vision Endowment Fund” so it can be invested and grow. Currently, interest goes into Operating Fund.
  - c. Make quarterly distributions of 2011 CCDC income to the Social Needs and Completing the Vision Endowment Funds. This will allow Dollar Cost Averaging of building fund investments.
5. The Committee agreed to develop a Building Capital Fund Campaign for Council approval.

Roger Vales, Building Committee Chairman

### **Education Report**

DUMC has been blessed with an outstanding Sunday school for many years and our Kindergarten through High School programs are going well. We are supported by a great team of teachers and helpers that have the job of nurturing the spiritual growth of our youth. If your children are not enrolled, get them in here. Ask Oscar Grimes what Sunday school can do for you.

I am also happy to report that our adult classes are continuing to grow and I would be happy to hear from you if there are any suggestions for new topics to be covered or new groups to be formed. The only problem we have is “room”. All of our classrooms are full, which is a good thing.

#### **Men’s Class – Ray Weems - Upstairs in the parsonage.**

Ray is currently wrapping up a study of Acts and will soon be diving into the book of Job. All men are invited to join. This is a great group of guys and no one should be intimidated to join. The fellowship and study is first rate.

#### **Adult Bible Study – Rhonda Ostis – the Parlor**

This group used to be the Parenting Class but is in the process of evolving. The class continues to grow but nobody seems to want to claim leadership! As a result they get along great. They have just begun a very interesting study on the relationship of Science and Religion. This course has a John Wesley base and is sure to lead to very interesting discussions, which this group loves. Join the fun.

#### **Adult Bible Study – Lee Matousek – New Fellowship Hall**

We will be beginning a new Ray Vander Laan study “The Path to the Cross”.

From the introduction, *“From the beginning of human history, God the Creator planned to reclaim His world from the chaos of sin. He wanted to restore shalom to His creation and he chose to use people to accomplish this divine purpose.”*

Vander Laan’s unique way of putting the bible in historical and geographical context will take us on an eye opening path to the cross that will add meaning to an already meaningful event.

God tells us in Ephesians 6:1-4

<sup>1</sup> **Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.** <sup>2</sup> **"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—** <sup>3</sup> **"so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."**<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> **Fathers,<sup>[b]</sup> do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

Lee Matousek



### HELP WANTED

Sunday School  
Superintendent

Rewarding Experience  
With Great Benefits

Qualifications:

A Devoted And Organized  
Christian Who Desires To  
Serve DUMC

Remember: God doesn't  
Call the qualified. He  
Qualifies the called.

Contact: Bob Tomlinson

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

April 16<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt

April 21<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday Lenten

Service hosted by Education,  
teachers and staff asked to  
help

April 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday no Sunday  
School

May 28<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Festival ( this is  
depending on strawberry crop)

# From the CrossRoads

By Liz Hopkins

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CrossRoads Child Development Center (CCDC) saw many changes in 2010. This ministry of DUMC welcomed new staff and students, said good-bye to others, and fine-tuned schedules and policies.

With director, Joanna Salas, expecting her first child early in 2011, DUMC member, Denise Hicks was named Assistant Director in June, 2010. This gave Denise seven months to become familiar with the duties of the director she will assume during Joanna's maternity leave.

New hires include Amanda Cohen, so three DUMC members are now part of CrossRoads staff of 16. The CCDC currently serves 115 Children. Two of the five classes are full and have waiting lists. This is because satisfied parents are recommending CrossRoads to their friends and neighbors. At the end of 2010, two classes switched classrooms to allow more children on the waiting list to be admitted.

Beginning in 2011, CCDC will pay rent to DUMC instead of paying piecemeal for its share of utilities, etc. A change to the closings policy, permits CCDC to remain open, at the discretion of the director, when AA Co. Schools have a Code Blue day.

In October 2010 the CrossRoads Snack Crew began preparing healthful snacks for the children. These have been well received, and many people are surprised to learn that 2 to 5 year old children love hummus! As Snack Crew leader, I am grateful to DUMC members who responded to my call for help with this project. Sara Carter, Nancy Covington, Raye Long, Betty Schmidt, Kacia Smouse, and Joy Wood have shared in this work. Jim Hopkins pitched in on several no-school days, as well.

Treasurer, Ed Kelley, reports that in 2010 CrossRoads saw a profit of nearly \$60,000. The Finance Committee will recommend to the Church Council that 10% of present and future profits be directed to Social Needs and Outreach to assist our neighbors in need. The remaining 90% will go to the Building Fund

## FROM THE YOUTH ROOM

**January has been a busy and exciting month for the Youth Group at Davidsonville UMC.**

**We began with a Variety Show featuring youth ranging from elementary school all the way to college students back for Winter break. Featured performance included a song and dance by the Hall Family Trio, as well as a first time vocal solo by Kennady Moseley, all hosted by the MC talents of Mo Hawk.**

**Following the Variety Show, we hosted a Youth Lock-In, lead with assistance from Mo Hawk, Casey Bowers, and Heather Jentilet, with whom it never would have been possible.**

**With over 20 youth in attendance, we utilized just about every room in the church for games and fellowship, and also snuck out to Galaxy Bowl for a little fun. A special thanks to Griff Howie for rallying the troops for clean up in the morning**

**Recently, a group of 29 youth and adults attended a Ski Retreat at WISP Resort in the snowcapped mountains of northern Maryland. Under the guidance of Rhonda and Damon Ostis, Tricia and Chuck Moeslein, and Kristy Moseley, everyone had a great time skiing, snowboarding, tubing, and riding a snow coaster down the mountain through the woods. Meanwhile, I enjoyed the hot tub while catching up on some school readings. Talk about the life!**

**January closed with a Youth Sunday Service, which once again showcased the spiritual maturation of our youth, whether it be the poise and confidence through their scripture readings, or the passion and care in their prayers. Casey Bowers also offered a moving Children's Moment, a function in worship that has really begun displaying his heart for connecting with children.**

**Kyle Durbin**



## Reflections on the Mission Trip to D'Iberville, Mississippi

For 2011 the VIM team's motto was, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me." These are the words of Jesus as quoted from the book of John, Chapter 9, verse 5. To do that work this year there were 21 caring Christians, all of whom will be mentioned below. Good friends Stan and Kurosh (aka Mo), two cousins, a sister and a brother-in-law participated. All others have direct connection with DUMC.

Prep for this year's VIM trip began long before the Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> departure with the Mission team deciding where to go, recruiting the crew, having a December meeting, replacing stolen tools, making reservations, and finalizing travel arrangements. Then it was time to load the trailer. This was done on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> so that Damon, Marty and Mo could all leave a day early on the 14<sup>th</sup> using Marty's dually to haul the trailer to Heritage UMC in D'Iberville, MS.

Of the remaining 18 participants, Stan, Erik and Erickson all flew down while the rest of the team departed DUMC about 7:30am on Sat., the 15<sup>th</sup> on board "Goldie", Damon's F-150, and Rog and Vonda's SUV. The team stopped at Smithfield's Chicken and BBQ in Henderson, NC for lunch, then continued on down to the La Quinta Inn in Anderson, SC. The F-150 had to speed ahead to get there early so that Pastor Lisa could watch her beloved Ravens (who unfortunately went down in defeat against the Steelers). Dinner that night was at Logan's Roadhouse, with an early departure the following morning. A late lunch at Wintzell's for raw oysters, other seafood and fried green tomatoes held the travelers until arrival at Heritage UMC where a dinner was provided with the VIM team members as the guests of honor. (Ask Betty and Adam about their "performance" there.) All except Lisa wore their new team long-sleeved tee shirts which she said looked too much like the Steelers' colors.

Each day began with devotions, Pastor Lisa having made up pamphlets for each team member. Among others, themes included having God work through the team, doing good for others, providing acts of kindness, helping neighbors, giving thanks, and giving to others in the spirit of the Good Samaritan. Wonderful!

Divided into 4 work crews, the first up each morning was the Swing Crew with Joann, Brenda and Betty making coffee and breakfasts and having lunch makings at the ready. When not shopping for supplies or prepping for dinners, they also helped out at the other crews work sites. The dry walling crew not only put up new sheetrock, but repaired the mistakes of an enthusiastic youth group at what was labeled as "Vonda's house" as she so loved its beautiful design. Except for one day with the roofing crew, Jean helped there along with Rog, Bruce, Nancy, Susan and Lisa. (The latter frequently on her I-phone.) The "Do it all" crew was headed by Adam, with Stan and Rusty working on a myriad of projects in a single home. Betty helped there several days, too. The largest crew were the roofers who completed a project begun by another group. The 7/12 roof pitch was a bit of a challenge, as was the owner who insisted that there be no venting of any kind so that water couldn't get inside during hurricanes. (Blair dropped the most items off the fairly steep roof: tape measure, hammer, snips, cat's paw and pry bar.) Erickson seemed to enjoy working with all the "old guys". Damon and Erik headed up that crew that also included Lee, Marty, and Mo. Later, they repaired a roof leak on another home. Matt helped out at all sites so that as team photographer he could get shots of all in action.

Dinner out on Tuesday was at "The Shed" which has really bad BBQ, but a really interesting ambiance. (Think of a structure thrown together with odds and ends and multiple building code violations.) Friday's dinner was at "Café New Orleans" with great and abundant food, but served in a rather cold dining room. (Witty Bruce commented that next time we might want to think about having dinner indoors.) Evening entertainment centered about the "Mexican Train Dominoes" games, this year with no clear overall champion.

With Erik, Erickson, Damon, Mo, Lisa, Lee and Marty leaving early over a period of several days, the team was reduced to 14 for the convoy home. The GPS led the bus to "Momma Goldberg's" original location by Auburn University for lunch, rather than out by the interstate, just as tens of thousands of fans were arriving at the stadium to celebrate the university's National Football Championship. It was interesting getting a parking space and even more so trying to find a way out. It was back to the La Quinta Inn in Anderson for the night with dinner this time at "O'Charley's". Arrived back at DUMC the next day around 4:30 to cold temps and wind. Quick hugs and goodbyes concluded a trip wherein the team had lived up to its motto to work as long as it was day on behalf of the Lord.

Blessings,  
Blair Smith  
Missions Team Chair

**LITTLE DROPS UPDATE:**

There was a great turn out at our past Stewardship dinner when Little Drops was explained in detail by the Howie family. But in case any of you missed it here are a few important facts about Little Drops:

- ~Located in Paraniphatur, South India
- ~Houses 3 types of citizens: Senior Citizens, mentally deranged and homeless individuals
- ~All funding comes from private donations
- ~Over 45 thousand dollars has been contributed to Little Drops over the past 5 years from this mission
- ~Buildings remodeled or built in that time- Hospice, Palliative Care Clinic, Rehoboth for the Mentally Challenged
- ~Trucks, ducks, Chickens, cows, kitchen supplies, medical supplies, fans, and food have all been purchased with money taken to Little Drops
- ~2009-2010- The water tower and road at Rehoboth were completed. The water tower is 37 feet high and holds 10,000 liters of water. A Huge success!

The pictures below show the completed water tower and dedication to Davidsonville United Methodist Church. Please visit our church's website [www.dumc.net](http://www.dumc.net) , click under Missions to see additional pictures of the wonderful Little Drops!



**Shelter Box 2009**

As many of you know our church purchased 3 shelter boxes last year to help the devastated people in Haiti. Our boxes arrived safe and sound and were deployed to Haiti where they are currently providing shelter to 3 needy families.

If you would like to see how our boxes were distributed you can go to [www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org) and click on "Select Country", choose USA. Then Enter box numbers 12957,12958 and 12959(this box was purchased by the Shultz family through our church). You can see where our boxes ended up and read about Shelter Box and their mission.

Submitted By : Cynthia Howie



## News from the Music Ministry

December was an exciting month for the music ministry at DUMC. All four choirs participated during the Christmas season. An augmented Children's Choir gave us a Christmas pageant in keeping with the season. Special thanks to the parent volunteers who helped with costumes and scenery and keeping the craziness in check. The Chancel Choir expanded to 17 members for our Christmas cantata on Christmas Eve which was notable considering the illnesses which sidelined some members. Again, special thanks to Ben Borchelt and Chuck Moeslein for contributing their talents in solo performances that night. The Handbell Choir stayed up late to play at the 11:00 service on Christmas Eve and did a wonderful job at an hour when many of us our usually home in our beds.

I am working on the music for Lent and Easter at the moment. If there is a particular piece of music you would like to hear please let me know. Once again, thanks to all in the congregation who help to support the music ministry.

Bob Waddell

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**Some folks were talking the other day when one said that God didn't create anything without a purpose, but these stink bugs we have in Anne Arundel County come really close.**

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## Trustees Report

Don Wilson was named the Trustees President. Don said in the council meeting, "We are going to make sure the church is well maintained and address the safety issues such as elevator repairs and furnace room fire retardation."

### Pending Projects for 2011

- Replace concrete steps leading down into the old part of the church
- Sacristy enhancement
- Green Cathedral – cleaning up – planting trees
- Brass tree committee nominations
- Painting exterior of sanctuary
- Sanctuary repair - replace carpet
- Marquee light
- Metal rail in kitchen
- Irrigation system
- Parsonage basement
- Parking lot lights
- Facility housekeeping
- Elevator repairs
- Furnace room fire retardation
- Major emergencies . . . and more



**DAVIDSONVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AND CROSSROADS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

CONDENSED PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

12 MONTHS JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31 2010

**DUMC PROFIT AND LOSS**

**12 MONTHS**

	<b>2010</b>		<b>2009</b>
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
GROSS REVENUES	\$355,354	\$372,000	\$371,290
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$351,069	\$371,527	\$342,843
NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$4,285	\$473	\$28,447

**CROSSROADS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

**2010**

**2009**

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
GROSS REVENUES	\$506,803	\$377,500	\$359,955
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$412,026	\$306,490	\$297,658
OPERATING PROFIT NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$94,777	\$71,010	\$62,297
INTEREST EXPENSE & BOND REDEMPTION	\$36,396		\$20,053
NET PROFIT	\$58,381		\$42,244

Praise the Lord for another year of DUMC service and witnessing in his name. Giving by DUMC in 2010 was below 2009 and less than budgeted. Prudent and prayerful stewardship applied funds to meet the bills of the church, including all conference assessments, and spend less than we received. Church reserves are intact. For continued stable finances, we individually and as a congregation, need to add to our giving to support the ministries DUMC provides in serving God's earthly kingdom.

Crossroads Child Care experienced an enrollment increase. Careful management at the Day Care Center enhanced the quality of our services, expanded the stellar reputation and generated cash profits. The cash profits enabled Crossroads to pay off all bonds head of schedule. 2011 is anticipated to be another rewarding year of providing child care in a God-loving environment and continued financial stability.

Ed Kelley, Treasurer

## Methodist Men

Bob Tomlinson is the new president of the Methodist Men. This group does a lot of work for the church after their Saturday morning meetings. In December, they decorated a large part of the church for Christmas and in January, they took everything down and stored it for another year.

The Fairways of Faith Golf Tournament is coming up the last part of April. They are also having another night out at Killarney House and considering something similar at California Pizza Kitchen. Bob said, "We kinda figure that the way our church likes to eat, this is a great way to accumulate funds for all of our projects and enjoy the satisfaction of eating with friends."

Other UMM events are Lenten dinners and the Mother/Daughter Dinner with entertainment.

The MM received a thank you letter from the Anne Arundel County Food Bank for their delivery of 1950 pounds of potatoes in December.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends -

First, I would like to express my gratitude not only for your generous gifts at Christmas but also for the kindness, compassion and grace you have extended to me during my recent separation. Folks tell me that it gets better, just hang in there. Through my faith, family and friends, I know that I am surrounded by amazing support and love.

Lately, because our staff is very diligent and organized, I have been reflecting on Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 9<sup>th</sup>) and our season of Lent together. How ironic it is to be putting away Christmas items and having my mind moving towards Lent and Easter at virtually the same time. I recently ordered a book of poems by Ann Weems, "Kneeling in Jerusalem." This is one of the poems that I have been reflecting on this winter:

**"Put Away the Tinsel"**

When Lent comes,  
you have to put away the tinsel;  
you have to take down your Christmas tree,  
and stand out in the open . . . vulnerable.  
You either are or you aren't.  
You either believe or you don't.  
You either will or you won't.  
And, O Lord, how we love the stable and the star!  
When Lent comes the angels' voices  
begin their lamenting,  
and we find ourselves in a courtyard  
where we must answer  
whether we know him or not.

You and I come to the manger at Christmas searching for the joy and peace that is experienced in the birth of our Savior. It is a magical time; people are unusually kind and generous. As the Lenten season approaches we notice the darkness, the daylight seems almost nonexistent and the dry wind numbs and dries our skin. Lent is a difficult time. It is a time when our faith is tested and it is a time, as the poem says, that angels lament. It is the season that seeks hope and that hope is experienced only after going through the darkness and reaching for Easter in the distance. Do we know him? Is he merely a babe in a manger or do we also seek him as the one that was crucified and rose again? In a short time, it will be time to put away the tinsel and plunge into the depths of Lent as we truly rejoice in the miracle of our risen savior at Easter. I pray that you and I experience the upcoming season of Lent in a healing way this year. Amen.

When I started this pastoral appointment just over six months ago, I had no idea what the past few months would hold for me, so thank you for the cards, calls, invites, hugs and most of all the prayers for strength, healing and peace. Be God's Pastor Lisa

## CONNIE'S CORNER

Dear Friends in Christ,

My son, Mark, asked me once why it was that God didn't speak to us today as he did to those in Biblical times.

Oddly, I had just seen a television program into the script of which was written the following: --

Which is crazier? To hear thunder and believe it is the voice of God or to hear the voice of God and believe it's only thunder? In my mind, life might be a bit easier if God always only spoke in thunder tones, but the truth of the matter is that whether He's thundering at you or speaking as gently as a summer's breeze, you're not going to identify with the voice of God unless you're really listening. I so wish I could have communicated that to Mark. The trouble is that I suspect when God speaks to us, we just tend to be too busy to listen. One can only pray for an open heart, and an open mind; then when you hear the thunder, you'll be ready to pay attention. Have you been called by God lately?

Peace and love,

Connie

### *God's Love*

By Elizabeth Cushing Taylor

We do not see the wind,  
We only hear it sigh;  
It makes the grasses bend  
Whenever it goes by.

We do not see God's love,  
But in our hearts we know  
He watches over us  
Wherever we may go

We do not have to see  
To know the wind is here  
We do not have to see  
To know God's love is near

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26. Council Planning RETREAT at West River Camp 8 a.m.

March 9.....Ash Wednesday Disposition of Ashes Service 7:30 in Sanctuary

Wednesdays March 16- April 13, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Dinners and Service to follow in the Sanctuary, informal communion will be served

April 17 Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 21 (Holy Thursday) 6:30 Dinner and Communion

Good Friday April 22 (time tba) Stations of the Cross at Holy Family

April 23....Easter Activities and Egg Hunt? (checking with Debby)

April 24 - Easter Sunday  
Easter Sunrise Service in the Green Cathedral (time: tba)  
Easter Services 8:30 and 11 a.m.

April 26 – Fairways of Faith Golf Tournament

April 29, 30, May 1 Cornerstone Theatre Musical





February 2011

**DUMC Prayer Warriors**

Prayers are requested for the following:

- Norma Ingram
- Norma Carpenter
- Dale and Anita Gray
- Julia Hardesty
- Virginia Howells
- Geneva Leitch
- Edgar Wayson
- Grey Wayson
- June and Bill Scrimgeour
- Kate Grimes
- Millie Crutchley
- Trussell and Moeslein families

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| 3 Erica Kontson      | 12 Eric Thibodeau   |
| 3 Margie Turkett     | 13 Tim Hopkins      |
| 4 Max Covington      | 16 Mathew Cobb      |
| 4 Cynthia Howe       | 16 Barbara          |
| 5 Morgan Barkdoll    | Whittington         |
| 5 Melissa Masters    | 18 Marc Colacicco   |
| 5 Betty Purdy        | 19 Doris Cummins    |
| 6 Dale Gray          | 19 Amelia Williams  |
| 9 Gwen Purcell       | 24 Lisa Alexander   |
| 9 Nicholas Tate      | 25 Robert Bence     |
| 10 Julianne Barkdoll | 26 Elizabeth Gibbon |
| 10 Dan Colacicco     | 26 Charlotte Gibbon |
| 10 Marty Sprecher    |                     |
| 12 Olivia Robertson  |                     |

*A special thanks  
to our church family  
for the overwhelming support  
during our time of grief.*

*Betty & John*

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,  
If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
That anyone could say.  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console  
Our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever  
The part.*

*The family of  
Hazel C. Trussell*

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**News Flash – Announcement**

As we go to press, we have learned that Joanna Salas, our CCDC Director, has given birth to Harrison, who arrived at 12:22 PM on Friday January 28, 2011, weighing in at 6 lbs/10oz and measuring 20 inches in length. Joanna, Dad (Ryan Delinger) and Harrison are all doing fine. Congratulations to Joanna and her family for their new addition.



## A Little February Fun

### To My Loving Wife

A couple from Maryland decided to go to Florida for a long weekend to thaw out during one particularly icy winter. Because both had jobs, they had difficulty coordinating their travel schedules. It was decided that the husband would fly to Florida on a Thursday, and his wife would follow him the next day. Upon arriving as planned, the husband checked into the hotel. There he decided to open his laptop and send his wife an email back in Maryland. However, he accidentally left off one letter in her address and sent the email without realizing his error.

In Houston, a widow had just returned from her husband's funeral. He was a minister of many years who had been "called home to glory" following a heart attack. The widow checked her email, expecting messages from relatives and friends. Upon reading the first message, she fainted and fell to the floor. The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife  
 From: Your Departed Husband  
 Subject: I've arrived!  
 I've just arrived and checked in. I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

(P.S. Sure is hot down here!)

From that great source – the Public Domain

## How the Internet really began

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called 'Amazon Dot Com.'

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why doth thou travel far from town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading. And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought up every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others."

And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay" he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO," said Abraham.

And that is how it all began.

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