



# *The Messenger*

The Newsletter of Manor Memorial United Methodist Church  
April 1, 2009

## **The Pastor's Corner**

### **The Great Comeback**

**Tim (The Rock) Raines returns to the Montreal Expos at age 41  
April 13, 2001.**

From THESTAR.COM MONTREAL (CP) - Tim Raines wasn't prepared for the deafening cheers from the usually quiet crowd when he stepped to the plate in his first game back in Montreal. For Raines, it was like being in the World Series and batting with two outs in the bottom of the ninth and the winning run on base. "It was that type of ovation," said Raines, who spent his first 12 seasons with the Expos before returning that year at age 41.

Raines had been in the World Series, winning it twice with the New York Yankees. But his comeback from lupus might be an even more impressive feat for one of the best leadoff hitters in baseball history. Raines' career appeared to have ended on July 19, 1999, when the Oakland Athletics placed him on the disabled list with a kidney inflammation. He was subsequently diagnosed with lupus. "Lupus took me away from the game, and I wasn't ready to give it up," Raines said. "That drove me back." Nobody, other than Raines, understood the odds against him better than his wife. "He didn't have any muscle and he was up to about 225 pounds from the lupus," Virginia Raines said. "With all the medication he was taking, his body was so weak that he couldn't do much."

Gradually, Raines was able to reduce his medication to the point where he took three pills a day, along with vitamin supplements. And so there was a thunderous reception in Montreal that week. It might have been the most gratifying moment for the man known as The Rock. "I had tears in my eyes," said his wife, Virginia. "I knew I was going to get goose bumps, I had those, but then I started crying. It was unbelievable. It was fantastic." The cheers continued throughout Raines' first at-bat. This was just one human being playing baseball, coming back as if from the dead.

However, the greatest comeback story is Jesus coming back from the dead on Easter morning! What does Jesus' "COMEBACK" mean to you? Do you cheer? Read the effect it had on some people in John 20.

Easter is the greatest comeback story ever! He came back to show God's love for us. We show our love for Him by coming back to Him each Sunday and giving Him our time, our energy, our love.

Join us this Easter and every Sunday for the greatest COMEBACK ever!

In His Service

Pastor Keith

**MANOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
PRESENTS SELECTIONS OF  
*TOUCHED BY THE CHRIST***

A Lenten Cantata directed by Dr. Betty Karol Wilson

*Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7pm*

The Adult Choir of Manor Memorial United Methodist Church will present selections from *Touched by the Christ*, a Lenten Cantata, on Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7pm in the Manor Sanctuary. *Touched by the Christ* recalls the testimonies of the people Jesus encountered during the last days of his earthly life. The blending of scripture-based monologues combined with music by Lloyd Larsen creates a compelling Lenten reflection. This experience will provide a fresh look at the events of Holy Week and the Christ who came to offer hope to the suffering. We have each been touched by the Christ and our lives changed. Invite your friends and neighbors and come hear the story, listening at the foot of the cross, and think about lives changed-- then and now.

AND



*A SERVICE OF SHADOWS*

*Good Friday, April 10*

*at*

*7pm*

*In the Manor Sanctuary*

**Holy Week Services**

**Palm Sunday** -April 5 - 8:30 and 11am worship services

**Maundy Thursday** -April 9 - 7pm, Communion Service. Cantata selections from *Touched by the Christ*

**Good Friday**- April 10 - 7pm, *A Service of Shadows*

**Cross Walk**- April 10 - 10am

**Easter Sunday**- April 12 - 7am Sunrise Service (Grass area behind the church)

8am - UMM serves breakfast

At the 11am service, the Manor Memorial Children's choir will present a special musical offering.

**Lenten Offering**- We are asking that your Lenten offering this year be "30 silver coins" (Matthew 26:14-16). Your offering can be any coin or cash - 30 pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters or dollars. The offering will be collected on Easter Sunday and added to the discretionary fund.

# KID'S EVANGELISM DAY

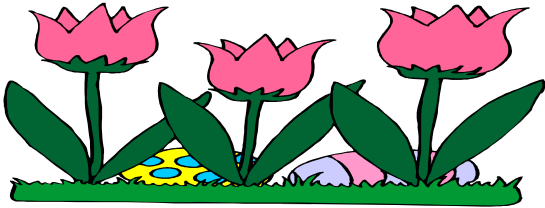
SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009

10am-12pm

At

Manor Memorial United Methodist Church

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

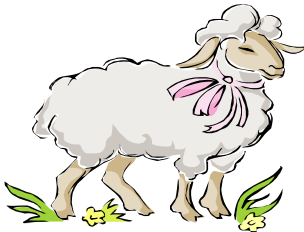


**Hear the Story of Easter**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Egg Dyeing**

**Crafts And More!**



## April Birthdays

Richard Kreutzfeldt	1
Patsy Comer	3
Gage Tefft	4
Lou Anne Lough	5
Rachel Lute	7
Brandi Estep	9
Bernie Schlaffler	14
Harold Burkholder	16
Winnie Wilkins	16
Dick Lamma	17
Jordan Laughlin	17
Travis Eaton	19
Noah Hughes	20
Mike Abel	24
Richard Harkness	24
Kimberly Wilkins	24
Monty Cox	25
Chuck Limbach	26
Ron Abernathy	27
Sue McCampbell	29
Megan Roberts	29

## May Birthdays

Christopher Wilkins	2
Mary Lee Roadcap	4
John Grandfield	6
Michael McCampbell	8
Justin Racer	8
Stacy Strawderman	9
Nancy Cotton	10
Wanda Kreutzfeldt	11
Susan Hughes	12
Rick Claybrook	13
Branson Estep	13
Garrett Estep	13
Allyson Lough	13
Trey McCoy	13
Ron Branner	14
Lee Hinkle	15
Martha Parrish	17
Bill Ritenour	19
Jeff Roadcap	20
Tina Roberts	20
Jim Shifflet	21
Blaze Barber	24
Corey Roadcap	24
Kaye Fadeley	25
Tom McCampbell	25
James Steptoe	28
Bob Danley	30



## UMM BBQ SCHEDULE

April 25  
May 23  
June 27  
July 25  
August 22  
September 26  
October 24

## MUSICIANS WANTED

for the Sunday 8:30 worship service. If you would be interested in playing in a worship band for the early service, please contact Becky Strawderman at 740-8506 or Tara Hinkle at 325-1653. All instruments and skill levels are welcome.

## MINISTRIES OF MANOR MEMORIAL UMC



UMM President-Stacy Strawderman

The UMM meets for breakfast on the first Sunday of each month at 7:30am in Farrow Hall.

If you know anyone who would be interested in the UMM Tape Ministry, please contact Pastor Keith Mottley or Ray Sedwick. We deliver a tape and a bulletin each week. We can also provide a tape if you miss a Sunday service.

**Harrisonburg District**

**United Methodist Men's "Spring Rally" Dinner Meeting**

**Manor Memorial United Methodist Church**

**April 28, 2009**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Rev. C. Edward Pruitt, Harrisonburg District Superintendent**



## United Methodist Women

UMW President-Pat Brumback

The next UMW unit meeting will be on April 21, 7pm, in Farrow Hall.

UMW Sunday is April 26. Becky Breeding, the VA Conference UMW Education & Interpretation Coordinator, will be the speaker at the 8:30 and 11am services.



## Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Food Pantry Coordinator-Lil Hughes

The Food Pantry is open on the third Thursday of each month, 11am-5:30pm. The Food Pantry holds a food drive on the first Sunday of each month. Please bring canned or packaged food to put in the grocery cart provided. The Food Pantry weighs and sorts donated food on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 3pm. If you would like to serve in the Food Pantry, contact Lil Hughes (740-8380) or Carol Driver (896-9907).

February report: 87 households and 251 individuals were served; 38 servants served 243 hours.

## Faithwalkers Relay For Life

Team Leader-Lou Anne Lough

The Longaberger Basket Bingo on Saturday, March 7, raised over \$5,000 for the Relay For Life.

**SHENANDOAH COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT**

Shenandoah County Fairgrounds, Woodstock, VA

Friday, May 22, 2009

Opening Ceremonies begin at 6pm

This event is open to the public, anyone can come walk the track in support of the cause...finding a cure for cancer. The *Faithwalkers* of Manor Memorial will be having a covered-dish dinner at our campsite (behind the Tunnel of Hope) at 7pm. **Everyone is welcome** to bring a chair, a dish to share and fellowship with us, as we walk in Faith, Hope and Love.



## Garrison Keillor on Methodists

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore", they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach!....And then down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. We are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A 7th and D 7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

- \* If you're dying, they will comfort you.
- \* If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.
- \* And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.
- \* Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.
- \* Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.
- \* Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.
- \* Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.
- \* Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.
- \* Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.
- \* Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.
- \* Methodists feel guilty for not staying to cleanup after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.
- \* Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.
- \* Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole add too much color.
- \* Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

All this means that, if you are to be counted among their numbers, you will know you are a Methodist when:

- \*It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- \*You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.
- \*Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.
- \*When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," and you respond, "and also with you."
- \*And lastly, you'll know you've been in the presence of a Methodist...if it takes ten minutes to say good-bye!

*Submitted by Wanda Kreutzfeldt*

## 2009 Church Council Policy Regarding Disposal of Church Property

On Tuesday, March 10, 2009, Manor Memorial's Church Council adopted a policy, which had been previously drafted by the Board of Trustees. This was done in an effort to ensure that church properties were disposed of in an orderly manner. The policy is as stated below:

"If an item was given to the church in memory of someone, the person or family which made the donation will be given first choice on receiving it back. Any item which our church no longer needs would be advertised for one month in the church bulletin, at a price set by the trustees, on a first come first served basis. After that month, those items not sold would be offered free of charge for two weeks. At that point, any items not sold would be dispensed of at the discretion of the trustees."

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Sunday Worship - 8:30am & 11am

Sunday School - 9:45am

+ Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month +

Pastor ..... Keith Mottley  
 Ministers ..... All Members of Manor Memorial  
 Lay Leader ..... Doug Loman  
 Chair of Church Council ..... Jim Douglas  
 Choir/Handbell Director ..... Dr. Betty Karol Wilson  
 Organist ..... Lynda Estep  
 Church Secretary ..... Barbara Lear  
 Bishop of the Virginia Conference ..... Charlene P. Kammerer  
 Superintendent of the Harrisonburg District ..... Ed Pruitt

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am-2pm

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**Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors**




**The People  
of the United Methodist Church**

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# April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10am-Bible Study 10am-Beautiful Threads  6pm-UMM Board Meeting  6:30pm-Trustees  6:30pm-Handbells 7:15pm-Adult Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10am-Kid's Evangelism Day  3pm-Emulators @ Life Care  8pm-AA
<b>5</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>  7:30am- UMM Breakfast  	<b>6</b> 6:30pm-Boy Scouts  7pm-Lay Leadership	<b>7</b> 6:30pm-Children's Choir	<b>8</b> 10am-Bible Study  6:30pm-Handbells 7:15pm-Adult Choir	<b>9</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b>  3pm-Food Pantry Sock Food  7pm-Worship Service	<b>10</b> <b>Good Friday</b>  10am-Cross Walk  4pm-Wedding Rehearsal  7pm-Worship Service	<b>11</b> 3pm-Wedding  8pm-AA
<b>12</b> <b>Easter</b>  7am-Sunrise Service  8am-UMM Breakfast  11am-Service	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30pm-Children's Choir	<b>15</b> 10am-Bible Study  10am-Beautiful Threads  6:30pm-Handbells 7:15pm-Adult Choir	<b>16</b> 11am-5:30pm-Food Pantry	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8pm-AA
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31 Pentecost						