



The Harmony Grit



Robert Hardy, Pastor

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Carnival Held June 26th

Harmony UMC held our 4th Annual "End of School Year" Carnival on Friday, June 26th. This year the event began at 6 PM and ended at 9 PM. There were train rides, carnival games, an inflatable obstacle course and a bouncer/slide combo, carnival games and other surprises. There were hot dogs, chips, drinks, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones and homemade ice cream to satisfy the taste buds. Director Sherri Hayward reports that 70 non-member children attended (in addition to our Harmony members)! Carole Salmons reported double and triple stacking plates of food on the counter as they set up for the meal. Ronnie Gibson filled the parking lot and had to open an unpaved area for the overflow of cars. Be sure to go to the link below to view photos of the event taken by Marie Farris.

<http://farris.zenfolio.com/p620935305/h37b6621#h37b6621>

2009 Vacation Bible School is "E.D.G.E"y

"Experience & Discover God Everywhere" was the theme of our Vacation Bible School this year. VBS began on Sunday, June 28th and concluded on Thursday, July 2nd. Participating children registered on Sunday night. Activities began at 6:30 PM nightly and ended at 8:45 PM. There were classes for students of all ages. In addition to studying the Bible and singing Christian songs, students had a crafts class, recreation time, and a snack and time to fellowship with other students. An offering was taken each night to give to Harmony UMC member Linda Davis to help offset her medical expenses for cancer surgery. An official amount has not been released, but it will be over \$500. The Adult class has been making fleece blankets for DOVES of Danville, VA. They will be delivered later this month.

Vacation Bible School director Kendra Hardy wishes to thank the "dozens" of volunteers who helped plan, prepare and run the program this year.

2009 Vacation Bible School photos by Marie Farris are available at the web site listed below. All photos should be posted by Friday, July 3rd (according to Marie).

<http://farris.zenfolio.com/p924339775>

Front Page Facts

Harmony members have been doing lots of work on the Danville District Habitat House this past month. An electrical crew (photo on back) roughed in the wires and boxes for lights, receptacles, phone and television connections. The breaker panel and the meter base were also installed. Then a siding crew showed up to help install the vinyl siding on the house exterior. The HVAC guys have done the rough-in for the heating and cooling systems. A drywall crew will begin shortly hanging sheetrock and covering the beautiful work of the electricians. Then the electrical fixtures can be connected and power turned on! So far, over 10 different Harmony members have worked on the house. There is still time for more to join in. Harmony has also donated \$875 to Habitat to help pay for the materials.

It is time to say a prayer for our pastor Robert Hardy. He will be spending his days in July attending Duke Divinity School. The poor fellow has to read 15 books and write numerous papers (and don't forget setting through all those lectures) while the rest of us are on summer vacation. In an effort to "lighten the load", Harmony Certified Lay Speakers will deliver the sermon for him on Sunday mornings. Speaking July 5th will be Butch Salmons, July 12th will be Jim Finney, July 19th will be Kenny Gibson and July 26th will be Ronnie Gibson.

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July 1st and 2nd (6:30 – 8:45 PM)
Wednesday, July 8th @ 7 PM
Sunday, July 12th @ 3 – 5 PM

Vacation Bible School
Ladies Fellowship Meeting
80th Birthday Party for Ida Mae Finney

Please note that the Kids for Christ, Youth Group and the Adult Bible Study meetings (normally held on Sunday nights at 7 PM) will not meet during the month of July but will resume on August 2nd. The 7 PM meal and 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service on Thursday nights will be held during July. Anita and Roger Newton, members of the New Song Community Choir, will conduct the service on Thursday, July 9th. Brothers John and Jim Finney will conduct the service on Thursday, July 16th. Check the church web site later in the month for the July 23rd and July 30th speakers.

July Birthdays: 10th – Ida Mae Finney 11th – Rebecca Madison 13th – Deloris Salmons 15th – Noah Wellington 16th – Irene Shropshire & George Wellington 19th – Irene Hamlett 20th – Hallie Gibson 25th – Lauren Purgason & Kenny Gibson 27th – Leroy Abbott

July Anniversaries: 15th – Joan & John Finney

Congratulations to Lauren Betterton and Allen Purgason on their June 13th wedding. The happy couple has returned from their Caribbean honeymoon and has moved into their new house.

July 1st begins a special time in the life of Rick and Sherri Hayward. Rick has been appointed as local pastor for Cascade United Methodist and Bethel United Methodist Churches. We will miss him on Sunday mornings and wish him much success in his service to the Lord.



Habitat volunteers from Harmony have been busy wiring and siding the Danville District house. Drywall is next!



The 2009 Carnival was a big Success. Children of all ages had loads of fun!