



The Visitor

April 2018



Our Mission/Vision is to learn and grow in Jesus Christ to serve others and transform lives here, across the street and around the world.

Family Games Night

The Hospitality and Fellowship Team would like to invite you to their first event this year - Covered-Dish Dinner and Family Games Night on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Room. You are invited to bring a covered-dish and your favorite indoor game. We hope you can join us! The committee will meet on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Roundtable Room if you would like to join their team.

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FUNdamentals of English Handbell Ringing

Join us on April 16 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Light refreshments will be available. Contact Debbie Heydt at 410-939-4428 with any questions.

Hand-made Scarves Needed

Cathey Robertson is collecting hand-made (knit and crochet) scarves to give to individuals through the Meals on Wheels program. Scarves should be no larger than 6" wide x 60"long, can be any stitch, will be collected all year long, and given to individuals during the month of December. In 2016, Meals on Wheels collected 950 scarves for 1,500 clients. A note will go into each bag (gallon size) with the scarf to indicate the scarf was made with loving hands and prayers from a member of the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, Havre de Grace, MD. A big Thank You goes out to Mrs. Elma Hollars (Shirley Pollitt's Mom) who has made 20 scarves already in 2018 to pass along to the program.

Sermon Series

April 1 – First Sunday of Easter: The Festival of the Resurrection

We celebrate the New Life that is ours in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord
Sunrise Service – 6:30 a.m. at Tydings Park & Citizens Care Service – 2:30 p.m.
“Writing the Rest of the Story”

Ephesians 2: 1-10, Mark 16: 1-8

The women flee the empty tomb in fear and tell no one! That’s not much of an Easter Story! But that’s not the end of the story. We have been raised with Christ. What are OUR resurrection stories? We provide the next chapter.

Worship at HdG UMC – 8:15, 9:45 & 11 AM with Holy Communion

“Mistaken Identity”

Mark 1: 16-20, John 20: 1-18

The apostles don’t recognize the resurrection that has occurred. Mary doesn’t recognize Jesus. These folk had walked, talked, eaten with and touched him, yet they do not know him! Jesus knows Mary, however, and calls her by name. We all belong to Christ’s circle and our identity is secure in him.

Easter Series: “The Gospel of Homecoming”: We tend to think of Christian faith in terms of believing leading to changed behavior and then belonging to the community of faith called the Church. Jesus, however, invites us to belong first and then behave and believe differently. Belonging is a powerful need and that comes before we even know what we believe or how to behave.

April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter

“The Cynic’s Creed”

Acts 4: 32-35, John 20: 19-31

Thomas has his doubts about the Resurrection but Jesus forms community, as in Acts, and lets our doubts work themselves out.

April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter; Native American Ministries Sunday

We remember those living here when Europeans arrived and lift up ministries with, and among, our Native American brothers and sisters.

*8:15 & 9:45 AM Worship

“Eating our Fear!”

I John 3: 1-3, Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus invites us to eat together in community. That act devours our fear and opens our hearts and minds to trust and believe.

*11 AM Worship

Spring Cantata: “Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah!”

Philippians 2: 5-11

The events of Good Friday were devastating but the triumph and joy of Easter remains with us.

April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

“Wrapped in God’s Love”

Psalm 23, I John 3: 16-18, John 10: 11-16

We are gathered together by Christ and wrapped in God’s love.

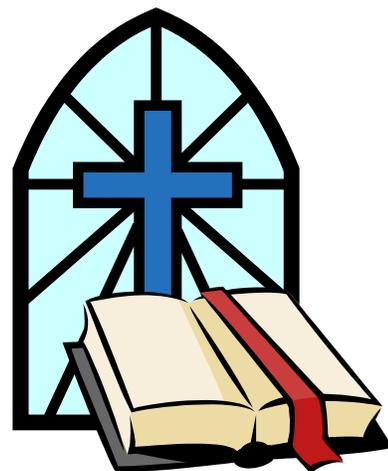
April 28 – 50th Anniversary of the Merger of the Methodists and the Evangelical United Brethren to create The United Methodist Church

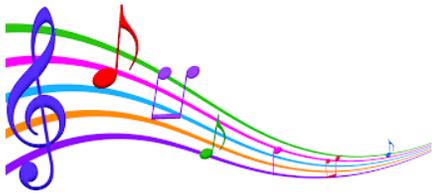
April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

“Midwifing Faith”

Acts 8: 26-40, I John 4: 7-12

Philip shows us how to invite others to belong to the community of faith.





Notes from the Chancel Choir

Easter Cantata

"Jesus! The Resurrection of the Messiah" cantata will be presented, Saturday, April 14 at 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m. worship.

More Bell Ringers Needed

Come join the Bell Ringers! Rehearsals are 7:45-8:45 p.m. on Monday nights. There will be a FUNdamental Ringing Clinic for those interested on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Weekly Chancel Choir rehearsals are 8 p.m. Thursdays following the Easter Cantata Practice. Beginning April 19 rehearsals will be 7 pm. More voices always welcome. Come grow and learn in musical knowledge and stretch your vocal chords for the LORD.

GriefShare

Grief Share is a Biblically based program which offers support to those who have lost a loved one through death. This program will run through at least May 30, 2018. It is held on Wednesdays at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church in the Mentzer Parlor. There are 2 sessions available: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. OR 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The program includes a video and discussion time. We use a workbook at a cost of \$15.00. Information in the workbook can be referred to during the week between classes as a guide and a comfort. Each session is independent of the others and members of the group can join us at any time during the 13-week experience. Call Carol Vann, 443-752-8753 or the church office, 410-939-2464, for additional information.



Summer Camp Fun!

Information is available for having a fun adventure at Summer Camp at two of our three Baltimore-Washington Conference Camps. Church camp offers the opportunity to make new friends, learn about God's world and deepen our faith. Programs are offered for all ages and camperships are available through our church. There are short weeks for young campers (grades 2-4), Grandparents Camp for children to come with an adult or two, Basketball camp, Sailing camp, Girls-only camp, Faith & Technology camp and others! Both camps offer water opportunities (flat or whitewater). Flyers are available in the church office or go to funfriendsfaith.com or search Camp West River or Camp Manidokan or call 410-867-0991.

Life Lessons from a Jigsaw Puzzle

- Don't force a fit. If something is meant to be, it will come together naturally.
- When things aren't going so well, take a break. Everything will look different when you return.
- Be sure to look at the big picture. Getting hung up on the little pieces only leads to frustration.
- Perseverance pays off. Every important puzzle went together bit by bit, piece by piece.
- When one spot stops working, move to another. But be sure to come back later (see above).
- The creator of the puzzle gave you the picture as a guidebook.
- Variety is the spice of life. It's the different colors and patterns that make the puzzle interesting.
- Establish the border first. Boundaries give a sense of security and order.
- Don't be afraid to try different combinations. Some matches are surprising.
- Take time to celebrate your successes (even little ones).
- Anything worth doing takes time and effort. A great puzzle can't be rushed



United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Cathey Robertson, Communications

Upcoming Events:

April 11, 2018 – UMW meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Table Room. Hope you can attend.

April 22 – May 13, 2018 – Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex to collect your change for Alpha's Glory in Aberdeen. This worthy mission is a non-profit Christian ministry, which compassionately presents biblical truths to affirm the value of life by providing pregnancy and pregnancy loss services to Moms, Dads, and their families. The Center is a community where every child has the opportunity to be born healthy and to be placed in the arms of a mother and father well equipped to provide a loving home to the glory of God. An article on Alpha's Glory will appear in the May VISITOR.

May 20, 2018 – UMW Sunday – Individuals who have supported the UMW and have received a Special Missions Pin in the past will be invited to be acknowledged during the services while wearing their pin.

Flower Fund – Individuals who have signed up to place altar flowers on a Sunday morning must pay for the flowers two weeks in advance or your flowers will not be ordered. This is critical to keep our account with Amanda's Florist current. Checks should be payable to UMW Flower Fund. Thank you to all who are paying for their flowers on time or in advance. It is greatly appreciated when time to pay the bill!! **Please be sure to return the containers.**

Pray: Lord, help me live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way, that even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for others. May I, in all the work I do, forever be sincere and true, and know that all I'd do for you, must needs be done for others, too. And when my work on earth is done, and my new work in Heaven begun, may I forget the crown I've worn, in thinking still of others. For others, Lord, yet, others: May this my effort be, that I may live for others and thus may live for thee. Written by Margaret B. Denning, Missionary, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, December 1914. Taken from THE RESPONSE, the magazine of women in mission, March 2018.

Organizing for Mission: Each organization unit of UMW will determine, on the basis of an assessment of its needs, the organizational form required to effectively implement the PURPOSE of the UMW, keeping in mind flexibility of structure and times of meetings. The program of the HDG UMW will provide opportunities for the participation and leadership of all its members, encouraging women to be in mission by growing spiritually, engaging in service and advocacy, educating for change, developing leaders, expanding and nurturing its membership and supporting the organization through Mission Giving.



Food Distribution

The Tabernacle of Faith (315 North Earleton Road) will distribute food on Friday evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on April 13, May 18, and June 15.

Cub Scout Report

Copies of the Cub Scout Report are available in the display rack in the southwest stairwell. See what great things our Scouting program is doing!



Where Does Our Money Go?

For every \$100 put in the offering plate, \$89 stays with our church to be directed by us (some here, some across the street, and some around the world). The remaining \$11 goes to support ministries beyond our church through our Conference "Apportionment" or "Mission Share." About \$2.90 of that Mission Share goes to support the General Church (the global United Methodist Church). The BWC has many resources online to tell the story of connectional giving. Visit: bwcumc.org/administration/finance/apportionment-giving/ for more information.

Church Trivia

1. Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?
 - A. Because He Lives
 - B. Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
 - C. Lift High the Cross
 - D. Sing with All the Saints in Glory
2. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?
 - A. Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
 - B. Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
 - C. Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
 - D. Sign of the Cross



See page 8 for answers.

Success the Hard Way

So [Moses] looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. Exodus 2:12

The title of Pastor Erwin W. Lutzer's 1975 book suggests a biblical approach to handling the failures we experience in life: *Failure: The Backdoor to Success*. If failure is the back door to success that means failure really isn't a failure at all! Failure can be part of success.

The Bible certainly does not hide the failures of its principle characters. Israel's national hero, Moses, experienced his fair share of failures both before and after being called by God. He had to flee Egypt because he murdered an Egyptian who was abusing a Hebrew soldier. That failure led him to a 40-year sojourn in Midian where he matured and met God. Though he argued with God about returning to Egypt, he eventually did -- though throughout the Hebrews' wilderness wanderings his temper and impulsivity got the better of him more than once. But to Moses' credit, he always rebounded from his failures and ultimately ended his life with God's blessing.

If you have failed in some way, take heart. Ask God to show you how to redeem the time and the circumstances. Ask him to let "failure" be your backdoor to success.

The Lord Jesus does not cast off his believing people because of failures and imperfections. --J. C. Ryle

Source: Today's Turning Point with Dr. David Jeremiah, January 15, 2014

Community Information

Free Tax Preparation Offered by the AARP in conjunction with the IRS and Harford County Tax-Aide Program. To schedule an appointment, call 410-638-3425, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Free QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer): Suicide Prevention Training April 3, 2:30-3:30 p.m., UM Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace Room. The information is easy to understand. You will receive the QPR booklet with warning signs, methods to encourage help and community resources. A suicide prevention gatekeeper is a person trained to recognize a suicide crisis and because of their training, knows how and where to find help. QPR offers hope through positive action. Register: 1-800-515-0044.

Free Diabetes Prevention Program April 3, 10:30 a.m., Havre de Grace Library. Type 2 diabetes can be prevented! This class is taught by lifestyle coaches from Upper Chesapeake Health. Register: 800-515-0044

Prostate Cancer Support Group April 4, 7 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center, Bel Air

Head & Neck Cancer Program April 11, 6 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center, Bel Air. This is an opportunity for patients and families to come together to share their experiences and to receive information from a variety of health care professionals.

Tired of Chronic Joint Pain? April 18, 6 p.m., Upper Chesapeake Health, Bel Air. This is a free information session on managing joint pain and knowing your options. Refreshments. Register: 800-515-0044.

Breast Cancer Support Group April 18, 7 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center, Bel Air.

Harbor of Strength, Nolan Gallion, III Memorial Run April 21, 8 a.m. This is a fund raising event for the Char Hope Foundation, a recovery support group. Their mission is providing sober living opportunities, financial aid, supervised agricultural learning experiences, and community outreach to help educate the public about addiction awareness. More information and sign-up: runsignup.com/Grace/MD/HavreDeGrace/HarborofStrengthNolanGallionIIIMemorialRun10K5K1MileWalk.

Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution April 25, 7 p.m., Free, Edgewood Recreation & Community Center, 1980 Brookside Drive, Edgewood. Register online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q7BZGRG. Contact Wendy Kanely with any questions – wendy.kanely@maryland.gov.

Living on Purpose

But [Jesus] said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent." Luke 4:43

In 2005, when the Barna Research Group surveyed pastors and Christian leaders about the books that influenced them most during the previous three years, Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life* was the most cited book (apart from the Bible). Warren's *The Purpose Driven Church* was the second most-often cited.

What does it mean that two Bible-based books on "purpose" sold tens of millions of copies around the world? At the very least, it suggests that Christians (and others) are very interested in discovering how to live life "on purpose." When we say we did something "on purpose," it means we did it intentionally; it means our actions were no accident. And if we model our life after that of Jesus Christ, we will live our life as purposefully as he did. Jesus came into the world with a purpose, a mission, from God and refused to let anything distract him from that purpose (John 5:19, 30; 6:38; 8:28, 42; 10:37-38; 12:49).

As God sent Jesus into the world "on purpose," so Jesus has sent us "on purpose" as well (John 20:21). Live purposefully, not accidentally, for Christ today.

Life can only be enjoyed as one acquires a true perspective of life and death and of the real purpose of life.
--Spiros Zodhiates

Source: Today's Turning Point with Dr. David Jeremiah, January 10, 2014

Harford County Health Care Initiatives-2018

Submitted by Pat Campbell

Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.
Jeremiah 33:6

Since 2011, the Harford County health care priorities have been obesity prevention, tobacco use prevention and behavioral health.

At this year's meeting of the Local Health Care Initiative group, Dr. Moy, Harford County Health Officer, stated that these three current areas; obesity, tobacco use, and behavioral health along with their associated high cancer rates, COPD, suicide and drug-related death rates continue to be problems. But, there are now concerns including access to health care, health care disparities, dental health, fall-related death and substance-exposed newborns that the county needs to focus upon.

Moving forward in 2018 the Harford County Health Department will work with the Local Health Care Initiative group members to refine community health improvement plans in the three health priority areas of behavioral health, chronic disease prevention and wellness, and family health and resiliency.

- Behavioral Health initiatives will focus on mental health, substance abuse disorders, and overdose prevention.
- Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness initiatives will focus on tobacco use prevention, healthy eating/active living and obesity prevention, chronic diseases to include cancer, COPD, diabetes, asthma and others.
- Family Health & Resiliency will focus on substance-exposed newborns, Adverse Childhood Experience scores/trauma-informed community, transportation and housing.

Please be on the lookout for community events that may help you, your loved ones and/or friends conquer some of these problems.

My prayer is that we may be as healthy as possible!



Here We Grow Again!

We welcome to our fellowship the following folk:

Crystal Duff who comes to us from Fishing Creek Salem United Methodist Church, Etters, PA

Carol Rainey who comes to us by Re-Affirmation of Faith in Christ

Gus Kowalewski who comes to us from the Roman Catholic tradition

Bruce Bennie and **Patti Foss-Bennie** who come to us from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen and

Jennie and **Gerald Horn** who come to us from Trinity Lutheran Church, Joppa.

May we journey into faith together with them.

Our Love & Sympathy to the Family & Friends of:

Charles ("Bim") Jones, Jr. who died March 9. Charles was known as a man of simple pleasures who was honest and kind and, especially, pure in heart. May all who mourn feel the loving presence of God in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord.



Commendation to . . .

Emily and **Ryan Fabriziani** on making the Honor Roll and **Sarah Fabriziani** on a great first report card. Congratulations to **Emily** on being selected to be a dancer in the middle school play, "Shrek."

Ryan Fabriziani and **Selona Baker** on being admitted to John Carroll where they will attend this fall. Also, **Selona** has been accepted into the Carroll Scholars Program (a new Honors Program at John Carroll).

May God bless you all as you continue to learn and grow.

Karen Jobs on being named in The Record as a top auxiliary member of Level Volunteer Fire Company. Karen worked 24 functions in the past year! Thanks for serving our community.

Michael Phillips on receiving the United Methodist Cross & Flame Award on Cub Scout Sunday February 11. The Cross & Flame Award is given to folk who work with children and youth through The United Methodist Church and Youth-serving Civic agencies like Cub Scouts. Michael is an Eagle Scout, has served in Scouts in many capacities including working as a leader at Camp Broad Creek, has been tapped for the Order of the Arrow (Scout Service/Honor Society) and now teaches Physical Education and Health at North East Middle School. Bill Yeakel, Regional Area Scout Representative, was in worship to present our Scout Charter and to recognize Michael. We applaud Michael's service to youth and pray God's blessing upon him as he continues in a life of service.

Answer to trivia

Question 1: Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?

Answer: B - Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

In 1740, Charles Wesley wrote the lyrics to Hymn #173 with the original title "A Morning Hymn". Filled with scripture references, the hymn personifies "Sun", "Dayspring", and "Daystar" in the person of Jesus Christ and emphasizes the differences between lightness and darkness. After triumphing "o'er the shades of night", Jesus scatters the singers' unbelief, leaving us to shine in "the perfect day".

Question 2: What does INRI mean on a crucifix?

Answer: C - Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews

John 18:19-23 (CEB) describes the sign put above Jesus' head on the cross. "Pilate had a public notice posted on the cross. It said 'Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews'. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city and it was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. Therefore, the Jewish chief priests complained to Pilate, 'Don't write, The King of the Jews', but 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.' Pilate answered, 'What I've written, I've written.'"

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

"If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait."

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"



Havre de Grace United Methodist Church

"Blessed to be a blessing....reaching the unreached"

"God has blessed us so that we might make his will known to all people that all people may praise God" Psalm 67:1-3

MISSIONS NEWS

Here, across the street and around the world

New Hope Christian Fellowship

Submitted by Ridge Pilcher

The New Hope Christian Fellowship at 2048 Watergate Court in Edgewood, Maryland has been around for twelve years as a mission on our United Methodist Baltimore-Suburban District. As a day shelter in the Edgewood area, it has provided breakfast from 9:00-10:30 a.m. and lunch from 12:00-1:00 p.m. year round. Meals are provided by church groups every day, Monday through Friday. Breakfasts are provided by donations of cereal, juice, butter, coffee and milk from many groups: WAWA and 7-11 donate day old merchandise. As Jackie McNally, the volunteer manager says "I have no budget. When we run out of cereal, the police drop by with a big carton of donations for us, or a church group brings some food. It's all through prayer that we have what we need." Donations of clothing and canned goods are stored and are appreciated by people in the neighborhood. Folks coming into New Hope for help may range from a dozen to more than twenty on any given day. Access to the Internet allows people to look for jobs or housing options.

During the winter months when the Emergency Rotating Shelter is housing homeless folks in various churches, New Hope is the place they are able to stay during the day. On some days there may be as many as thirty people on site. During the twelve weeks of the ERS which ended March 11, 2018, the shelter was open until 4:30 p.m. every day. Edgewood was the hub for homeless services: the Epicenter on Route 40 provided showers three days a week, bus routes are close by, and the Harford Community Action Agency is within walking distance of New Hope. A laundry accepted ERS vouchers for folks to wash their clothes.

Now that the winter services are over, New Hope continues to serve the community every day. Grandparents bring a child for lunch and homeless folks in the area continue to stop in. On Friday, all the tables that are used for meals are folded up and moved into the storage area. Everything is scrubbed and chairs are moved in place in front of the altar. Church services are on Saturday from 9:30 until 11:30. The congregation, though small, is vibrant. The pastor, James Hamilton, brings God's word. In the welcome statement New Hope proclaims"

"Church can happen anywhere. It happens when we create learning opportunities that transform lives. It happens when we create safe environments where children can play and learn. It happens when education makes the path to citizenship a little easier. And when our sacrifices help nourish students' minds and bodies. That's putting beliefs into action."

New Hope can use our donations of paper plates, cups, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels, cans of coffee, cleaning supplies, and non perishable creamers and sugar packets. There are boxes in each vestibule for your gifts.

God is good all the time. All the time, God is good.



Thank You

Thank you Pastor Norman so much for your visit while I was recovering from recent foot surgery. I appreciate your prayers and thoughtfulness. I also appreciate all the cards, well wishes and kind words from members of the congregation. I'm blessed to be a member of such a loving church family. Fondly,

Candy Powell

The Summer Youth Mission Trip thanks everyone that supported the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and Cathey's Crafts, Cathey Robertson for her continued generous support of the youth, United Methodist Women for their donation to help with costs of the dinner, United Methodist Men, especially Doug Wooten for inviting us to join them again this year for the dinner. We also thank the folks that supported our Paint and Snack fundraiser on March 11 and Sue Ellen North for her continued generous support of the youth; \$460 was deposited towards the mission trip costs.

Kim Fillinger, VIM coordinator

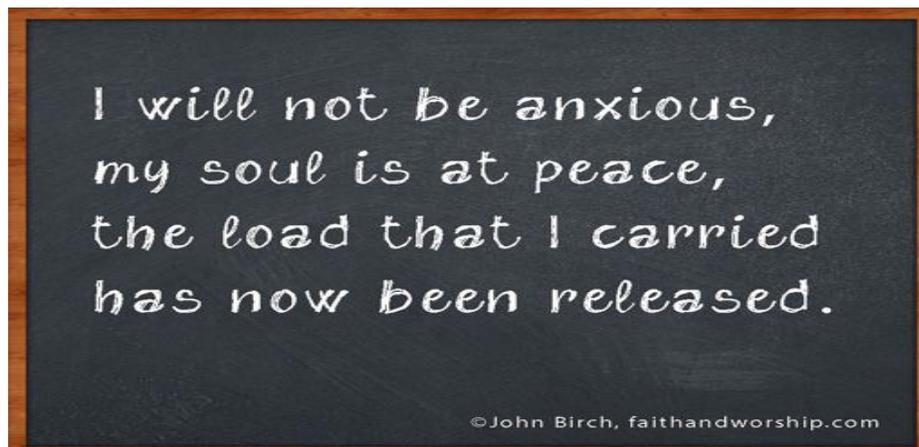
Thank you for all of the beautiful scarves. The clients we serve will be more comfortable this winter because of your generous contribution. Thanks for thinking of Meals on Wheels. Sincerely

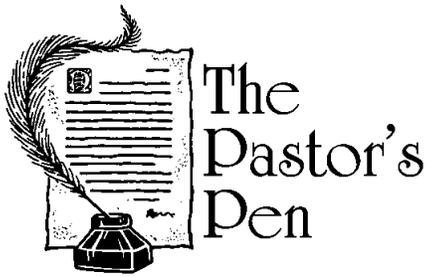
Ellen Falk, Meals on Wheels

Peg Carroll, Cathey Robertson, Marge Zimmerman (friend of Cathey's), and Elma Hollars (Shirley Pollitt's Mom) crocheted or knitted around 30 scarves during the months of September and October for Meals on Wheels individuals; scarves were delivered in November. The thank you above was received at the church.

Thanks to Ridge Pilcher for sharing her testimony in the February issue of UMConnection, our Conference newsletter! See the display rack for a copy.

Thanks to the congregation of Havre de Grace UM Church for their generosity in supporting Church World Service Blanket Sunday. Because of our gifts, families who lost homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters received blankets, food, shelter and help rebuilding their lives. Because of our gifts, people facing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices to feed themselves and have food to sell. Because of our gifts, children have access to safe water and nutritious food. In 2017, CWS distributed 243,952 baby, school, or hygiene kits, clean-up buckets and blankets in Cuba, Dominican Republic, Syria, Georgia, Armenia, Guyana, Jordan (for Syrian refugees) and the US (including Puerto Rico). We received a Blankets+ Honor Certificate for our support for this ministry.





The Aftershocks of Easter

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! – II Corinthians 5: 17

Dear Friends in Christ:

The Gospel of Matthew reports that Easter morning there was a great earthquake and an angel came and rolled back the stone to show the women that Jesus' tomb was empty. An empty tomb, however, does not make a resurrection. So the story continues. It continues with stories of folks' encounters with the risen Christ. It continues with accounts of the Acts of the Apostles and the work of the Holy Spirit. It continues with stories of the life of the Early Church. These are all life-changing events.

We know that earthquakes are followed by smaller aftershocks that often are just as psychologically devastating to a frightened populace as the original quake they endured. The earthquake of Easter was a positive event but it, too, had aftershocks in the lives of Jesus' followers. And WE are Jesus' followers. So what difference does Easter make to our lives? What implications does it have for our lives?

Here are some:

- *Jesus recognizes us even when we don't recognize him (John 20: 1-18)
- *Jesus is not put off by our doubting (John 20: 19-29)
- *Jesus calls us to care for others (John 21: 15-17)
- *Jesus calls us to be his witnesses (Luke 24: 48)
- *God's love is for everyone (Acts 10: 34-35; Luke 23: 34)
- *We can have hope (I John 1: 1 – 2: 2)

I invite you to ask yourselves what other implications Easter has for your life. What difference does the Resurrection make? For these are the aftershocks of Easter that bless us!

May you have a joyous Easter season and may Easter bless your life!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norman

Imagine

Imagine getting to heaven and God saying: Before I laid the foundations of the earth, I thought of you and of the days you would live on earth. I planned out the people and the places I would give you. I laid out your neighbors and your workplace, the places you would attend school, and your family; I laid out enough days to do all the good works that I purposed for you, and I equipped you with all you would need to accomplish those purposes here. I filled you with My Spirit to encourage and remind you and lead you. I gave you My Word so you would know Me and know what to do. I gave you people to run with and people who need Me.

Let's talk about how all that went.

Author: Jennie Allen, Restless study guide, page 118



Please contact Anita Bliesener at 443-876-3898 or the office at 410-939-2464 to add or remove persons from the Prayer List.

Jodi Adams	John Fisher	Ruth Sale	Youth of our Church and Community
Ian Anderson	Donna Fordon	Patty Scaggs	All Shut-Ins
Shirley Baker	Lois Gilbert	Cameron Schallawitz	Those Grieving
Julie & Jr. Barton	Jody Gillette	Ron Schallawitz	Those Homeless
Mike Bedwell	Gary Gray	John Schmick	Those with Addictions
Bev Bennington	Andrew Hill	Mitch Shank	Refugees
Tom Bennington	Cecil Hill	Adam Slak	Children of Zion Village
Janet Bingham	Sharon Hoffman	Shawn Smith	Sillamae Church
Vern Bingham	Buddy Holbrook	Thelma Thomas	Victims of Terrorism & Natural Catastrophes
Cheryl Bowman	Neal Horne	Becky Tompkins	U.S. Military Personnel serving around the world
Byron Boyd	Shelly Ingram	Daniel Travis	Family Unity
George Brown	Catherine Jones	Peg Trimboli	Our Police Officers
Danny Buck	Herb Jones	Tom Trimboli	All Missionaries
Larry Chance	Janet Jones	Brandon Vaughn	Family Unity
Ann Chandler	Carol Lilly	Meg Moretti Voscurg	Drug Free Community
Ben Chase	Payton Lynch	Jean Walker	LeBlanc's
Irene Chrisner	Michelle Kaylor	Naomi Wehland	First Responders
Harvey Cunningham	John MacLean	Jerry Whited	Our Country & Leaders
Ann Cuppola	Jean Mahoney	Olive Wiegand	Victims of Lyme Disease
Michelle Cymek	Alison McDonough	Cody	
Jackie Davis	Noble Mentzer	Dustin	
Ashton Dean	Ron Neugebarger	Sabrina	
Tony DeLuca	Edna Newsome		
Linda Demby	Mike Newsome		
Eric Dominek	Gerard Northam		
Johnny Dry	Jack Ploweman		
Linda Ebaugh	Cindy Preston		
David Elswick	Clara Preston		
Pat Fedock	Julie Quimby		

Jeremiah 17:14
Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved,
For You are my praise.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

April

Evan Hartmann	3
Keith Beckley.....	6
Lynn Van Keuren.....	12
Muriel Greenland.....	15
Gail Burcham	20
Capt. Donald Gividen, Jr.	26
Robert Hartmann.....	28
Pam McCullough	30

May

Nancy Beckley	7
Pamela DiMauro	9
Dennis Gehman.....	6
Lee Gehman	10
Bridget M. Tramontana.....	18

Anniversaries

May

Dennis & Lee Gehman	6
Russ & Jennett Ebright.....	16

Have You Submitted Your Name and Date?

If you would like your name included, please contact the church office with the date of your birthday and/or anniversary and your name.

Rejoice today and be glad for all the beautiful things the Lord has done in your life. May God's grace continue to shine upon you. Happy birthday!



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Serving in Worship

<i>April 1</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Tammy Brinkman	Tammy & Greg Stewart	Dee Ashby & John Fisher
Nursery	Bring Your Kids to Church!		Bring Your Kids to Church!
Sound Tech	Niki Haug	Kim Rusin	Keith Beckley
Liturgist	Ronald Labhart		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Nolan Robertson
Anointing	Carol Vann, Billie Labhart & Janyce Smalley		Peg Trimboli & Billie Labhart
<i>April 8</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Kim Fillinger	Phil Barker	Melissa Fetzter & Pam Smart
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		Karen Jobes & Barbara Moore
Sound Tech	Doug Wooten	Kim Rusin	Doug Wooten
Liturgist	Cathey Robertson		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Alana Cymek
<i>April 15</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Mary Fisher	Jason & Kerrie Bauer	Pat Whited & Susan Dougherty
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		Candy & Phil Powell
Sound Tech	Paul Mauldin	Kim Rusin	Paul Mauldin
Liturgist	Nancy Bratcher		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Emily Fabriziani
<i>April 22</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Tack & Carol Vann	Crystal Duff	Terrie & David Glenn
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		Kerrie & Jason Bauer
Sound Tech	Niki Haug	Kim Rusin	Dean Cymek
Liturgist	Susan Capp		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Sam Teefy
<i>April 29</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Shirley Pollitt	Ginger Neal	Donna & Harry Gruber
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		Julie & Patrick Baker
Sound Tech	Niki Haug	Kim Rusin	Dean Cymek
Liturgist	Shirley Pollitt		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Charles Gamatoria

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Church Calendar

Havre de Grace UMC, Havre de Grace, MD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 6:30am Sunrise Service @ Tydings Park 2:30pm Citizens Care Service	2	3 10 am & 7 pm Bible Study 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	4 10 am & 6:30 pm Grief Share 6 pm Praise Band 6 pm GS #1711 7 pm Cub Scouts	5 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 12 pm N.A	7 9 am Door Project 5:30 pm Cover Dish and Game Night
8 Deadline for The Visitor articles 9 am & 10: 30 am Holy Cup Coffee 6 pm Confirmation Class	9 6:30 pm GS #571 7 pm Finance Mtg 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	10 8:30am Grace Place 10 am & 7 pm Bible Study 5 pm AA 7 pm NA 7 pm Hospitality & Fellowship Mtg.	11 10 am & 6:30 pm Grief Share 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm UM Women	12 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 6 pm Cantata Rehearsal	14 8 am UMMen's Breakfast at Chesapeake Grill 3 pm Spring Cantata with reception
15 3:30 pm GS #4111 6 pm Confirmation Class	16 Welcome One Shelter Day 7 pm Trustees 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	17 5 pm AA 6 pm Relay for Life Mtg 7 pm NA	18 10 am & 6:30 pm Grief Share 5 PM Missions Mtg 6 pm GS #1711 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Cub Scouts	19 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA	20 12 pm N.A	21 Relay For Life Yard Sale
22 4:30 pm GS #4109 6 pm Confirmation Class	23 6:30 pm GS #571 7 pm Church Council 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	24 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	25 10 am & 6:30 pm Grief Share 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 PM Worship Team	26 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 12 pm N.A	28
29 4:30 pm GS #4109 6 pm Confirmation Class/ Ice Cream Social	30 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	<i>Sunday School 9:45am for All Ages!</i>		<i>Regular Sunday Services: 8:15 am, 11:00 am Praise & Worship 9:45 am</i>		

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Schedule

- 8:15 a.m. Informal Worship Service**
with Celebration of Communion
(Nursery care available)
- 9:45 a.m. Praise & Worship Service**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages**
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**
(Nursery care Available)

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