



The Visitor

June/July 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.

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Congratulations 2018 Graduates!

Havre de Grace UMC would like to recognize our students graduating from high school, college, university, trade or vocational school. Please send the names of graduates to the church office



(hdgumc@verizon.net) at your earliest convenience. Include the name of the institution, degree earned, honors, and future plans. Graduates will be honored on June 10 in worship.

Scholarships Available

Scholarship applications for full members of Havre de Grace UMC Church are available in the church office. These may be completed for college or vocational school. They are due by July 1 and applicants will be notified of awards by August 15. See application for further details.

Independence Parade Float

We plan on having an entry again in this year's Independence Parade at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 1. By tradition, Havre de Grace NEVER has its parade on July 4 and it is a huge event! This is a great opportunity for us to reach out to the community and share information about our Vacation Bible School and our annual Animal Blessing and Pet Expo. We will need many hands to decorate, ride on and walk with our float. Please contact Amy Sheckels if you can help at 443-252-5461 or asheckels@icloud.com.

Sermon Series

“Peter: A Story of Redemption”

This summer we will explore the life of the Apostle Simon Peter and what his story tells us about how God works in our lives.

June 17 – Father’s Day

John 1:40-42, Matthew 4:18-22

“Claimed and Named”

Jesus sees in us what we often don’t and calls us before we qualify.

June 24 – Dedication of Summer Mission Team

Mark 1: 35-39

“Seeking Jesus”

Where is Jesus? Peter shows us how to find Jesus in prayer and service.

July 1 – Independence Sunday

Matthew 14: 22-33

“To Be a Water Walker”

Yes, he sank but at least he got out of the boat!

July 8

Matthew 16: 13-26

“Rocks, Keys and Secrets”

Who is Jesus? And what does that mean for our lives?

July 15

Matthew 17: 24-27

“God and Government”

Peter shows us where our real allegiance should lie.

July 22

Psalms 103: 1-19; Matthew 18: 15-35

“Forgiveness is Not a Numbers Game”

Peter shows us how infinitely we are called to forgive...and are forgiven.

July 29

Mark 10: 17-31

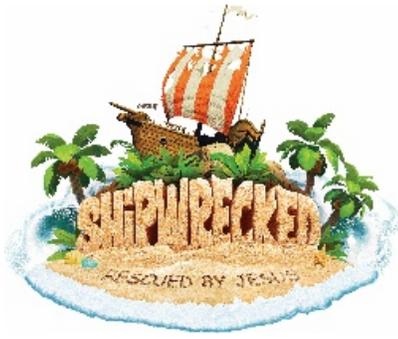
“Whining or Witness?”

Jesus shows us true sacrifice and reward.



Adult Summer Sunday School

The adult Sunday school class will continue to meet throughout the summer. They will be doing a special study: *Short Stories by Jesus - The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. The author takes us back in time to understand how the original Jewish audience heard the stories. With this revitalized understanding, the author interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us – and how they still challenge and provoke us 2,000 years later. If you would like to join the study, contact Tammy Brinkman at tbrinkman@verizon.net for more details or just come to Mentzer Parlor at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays.



Vacation Bible School 2018

Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus

VBS plans are underway for Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus. VBS will be held beginning Sunday, July 8th thru Thursday, July 12th from 6:15 to 8:15 each night. We are excited to learn how Jesus Rescues when we are lonely, when we worry, when we struggle, when we do wrong and when we are powerless. These concepts will be learned through song, Bible discoveries, games, crafts and skits. We are looking forward to a fun week. We will begin Sunday evening with Dogs and Documents, a hot dog dinner for families to register for VBS and enjoy dinner and fellowship. Children will then rotate thru opening, bible discoveries, games, crafts and snack before finishing the evening in the sanctuary for a recap of the day's events. We will end Thursday evening with a closing program and ice cream and cookies in the Social Room. You will find applications in the Narthex or call the Church Office at 410-939-2464.

Helping with VBS this year are:

Pre-K: Shirley Pollitt, Kerri Bauer, Dawn Mitchell
K/1: Phyllis Tayon, Leslie Slack, Mary Kowalewski
2/3: Cathey Robertson, Crystal Duff
4/5/6: Julie Baker, Nancy Hill
Middle School: Jeff Adams, Dan Slack
Music: Debbie Heydt, Judy Glassman, Tina Wright
Art: Sue Ellen North, Donna Waller
Games: Wendy and Erik Fabriziani
Snacks: Susie Passwaters and Amy Sheckels
Bible Discovery: Pastor Norman
Adult Class: Ridge Pilcher
Spotlight on VBS: Keith Beckley and Doug Wooten
Mistress of Ceremonies: Janyce Smalley
Jim Nolan (VBS Mascot): Ian Smalley
VBS Coordinator: Nancy Beckley

In addition to all of these amazing adults who are volunteering, we have many teen helpers who will assist with games, art and moving the groups to their various activities.

We are in need of a few extra hands to help Sunday and Monday with the 4/5/6 group as well as Sunday and Wednesday to lead games. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Beckley.

Wish List

1,000 8 oz. water bottles	2 jumbo beach balls
5 rolls of making tape	12 beach balls
5 rolls of painter's tape	6 plastic drop cloths
6 large sponges	20 plastic gallon jugs
3 packages of multi-colored stickers	3 packages of tennis balls
3 spools of 2" red ribbon	6 life preservers (swim rings)
3 spools of 2" yellow ribbon	6 backpacks (clean out your closets – they do not have to be new)
6 rolls brightly colored duct tape	2 packages of sandwich bags
Picnic basket	3 fishing nets
Plastic play food	1 clear plastic tub (can use a Rubbermaid container)
12 flower leis	1 plastic toy boat
100 green paper plates	2 packages of glass gems



Food Distribution

The Tabernacle of Faith (315 North Earlton Road) will distribute food on Friday evening, June 15 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry Events

Watch out for pop-up youth events over the summer months!

August 26, meet us at 2:00 p.m. for a Back to School gathering at Aberdeen Swim Center on Old Robin Hood Road. We will provide snacks and water. All ages are welcome! Come have some fun in the pool, meet some new friends, or reconnect with old friends! You need not be a member of the pool to attend.

A Face of Addiction and Homelessness

Submitted by Ridge Pilcher

My friend Anna, always a friendly and cheerful person, called me a few weeks ago to say her fiancé, Johnny, had died suddenly. They had been living with friends of his while they looked for an apartment. Anna had been unable to work for the past year because of health problems and Johnny's disability check had been keeping them afloat. She was overwhelmed with Johnny's death and looking for a job, any job, so she could pay rent to stay where they had been. I was able to give her a lead on a part-time job.

And then I could not reach her; the phone went unanswered. The following week she called from the hospital; she had been drinking and had a seizure. I visited her and learned that the seizure was actually a stroke, and that Anna had major memory loss, and aphasia. She had not been taking her medicine ("Johnny always kept after me so I wouldn't forget.") Her depression was overwhelming as she tried to cope with the loss of her fiancé, her lack of financial resources, and her memory loss. We went to Harford County Community Action Agency to help with the homelessness but there were no options available for her since she had no funds at all. We applied for social services income (SSI) but were told that it would take weeks for the application to be evaluated. Anna had no family close by, and her sister in Texas could not be reached by phone.

Anna, who had been staying in a motel paid for by her church, gave up and started drinking again. Again she was hospitalized, but her memory loss and her depression limited her ability to heal. Eventually she was told she had been placed in a shelter in Baltimore—that her insurance would not cover any further hospital days. I drove her to Baltimore to what we thought was a shelter. The woman answering the door said this was a transportation hub and she had no knowledge of Anna's situation. "Hospitals are always dropping people here with no warning, sometimes in hospital gowns." Eventually she said she had found a bed for Anna but did not tell me where it was, or even if she would be there for more than one night. I left Anna there, reluctantly, wishing I could have her live with me, but living in senior housing myself, I couldn't.

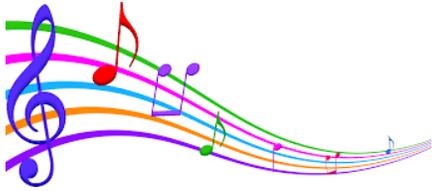
Anna is 54, alone in a city she does not know, with no income, no phone and no one who cares about her.

HOMELESSNESS is a terrible situation. Each story is unique and painful. Issues of addiction and mental health diagnoses color so many stories. Before I left, I told Anna where a Catholic church was, only several blocks away. She has her rosary and may find help within its doors.



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.



Favorite Hymn Survey Results

Our recent survey of favorite hymns turned up some interesting results. The most frequently nominated hymn was "Amazing Grace" followed by two others that are traditional: "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross." A fourth highly favored hymn is a contemporary but very loved one: "Here I Am, Lord."

Two hymns were nominated that do not appear in our hymnal: "His Eye is on the Sparrow" and "To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King." Both are wonderful tunes and we will get them into use over the coming year. Each week we have two hymns from this "Hymn Hit Parade" list and one "wild card" chosen by the pastor!

May our singing glorify God!

Church Trivia

1. What is John Wesley's birthday on current calendars?
 - A. May 24
 - B. June 17
 - C. June 28
 - D. July 5
2. Which is NOT a tip for good health from John Wesley?
 - A. Take cold baths
 - B. Go to bed at 9 p.m. and rise at 4 or 5 a.m.
 - C. Stand while reading and writing
 - D. Exercise to the point of weariness



See page 7 for answers.



Cross & Flame Award

The United Methodist Cross and Flame Award has been presented to **Nancy Beckley**. This award is given to those who have dedicated many hours of service with children and youth through the United Methodist Church and Civic Youth-serving Agencies like Scouts. Nancy has been a Girl Scout leader for many years, leading Troop #2873, and has served for at least six years as our Sunday School Superintendent. She teaches the Grades 2-3 Sunday School

Class and has been our Vacation Bible School Director for at least the last six years. Nancy can often be found in the church buildings putting up bulletin boards, preparing for class, laminating materials for display, organizing Sunday School materials or helping out in other ways. Thank you, Nancy, for your service.



United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Cathey Robertson, Communications

Scholarships are available for members of our church who plan to further their education after high school. The UMW and Board of Trustees are offering continuing education scholarships from the Thelma Payne

Scholarship Fund and the Laura Ewalt Endowment Fund. Applications are available in the church office. Applications must be completed along with required documented criteria and returned to the church office by July 1, 2018 for the committee to have time to review the applications. The applicants will be notified of awards in writing no later than August 15, 2018.

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations through our annual Alpha's Glory Baby Bottle collection. We will provide the final dollar amount collected in the August newsletter.

We have donated funds to Heifer International which have helped struggling families worldwide with improving their shelter by providing Biogas stoves, as well as funding a flock of chicks, ducks/geese, and tree seedlings. Funds help them earn an income to feed their families pay for health care and school for their children. The power of our gifts helps them become successful and pass on the gift, and the simple act of giving an animal will go on to help an entire community. Our donations help us to share in their joy as they share the offspring of their animals, their knowledge, resources, and skills with others, in an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance.

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.

UMW Mission Pin - Each December the UMW votes on a deserving person(s) who will receive our annual UMW Mission Pin. This pin is given to those who provide a commitment to not only our church but women and children to develop leaders in our community. This year's honors were awarded to **Dan** and **Kim Rusin**. Pins were given to them during UMW Sunday on May 20.

Dan has tirelessly volunteered with our church's Cub and Boy Scouts over the past several years. He is also our lay leader for our United Methodist Church and its families. His many hours of commitment to supporting the Kairos Ministries in Maryland have not gone unnoticed by his church family. Kim has been a continuous volunteer as sound technician at our Praise and Worship practice on Wednesday nights and during the Sunday service. She has held many positions within our Cub Scouts unit as a den leader, and until recently, as both Cub Pack Committee Chair and the Chartering Organization Representative. She also provides advice and leadership as an official Board member to Alpha's Glory pregnancy/parenting center in Aberdeen. Please offer congratulations to both Dan and Kim when you see them.

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.

Cub Scout Pack 967 Scouting for Food

Thanks to the generous support of our congregation, over 200 pounds of non perishable food was donated on Sundays March 18th and March 25th to our Cub Pack 967's Scouting for Food Campaign. The Cub Scouts personally delivered the food to Grace Place during their meeting on Wednesday April 18th. Thanks to Louise Silsby who was kind enough to meet us at Grace Place on a Wednesday night even though they were not open. Accompanied by Lynn Colburn, one of our Grace Place Coordinators, the Cub Scouts and parents were given a tour of the facilities. Louise explained to them how they feed up to 100 people every week and give them all a bag of food items to take home. They have a lot of empty shelves in the pantry that need to be filled (please see photo). More donations of food and money are desperately needed. It was a wonderful and educational experience for our Cub Scouts.



God's Newest Gifts

Emmett Ashby Marking was born April 26 to Sarah and John weighing 5 lbs, 13 oz. His proud big sister is Addie and his proud grandmother is Dee Ashby!

Virginia Tate Robertson was born to Jennifer and Dan at 1:40 a.m. on May 12 weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz and measuring 19 inches. Paul is the proud big brother and Sandy Horton is the proud grandmother!

Carter Christopher North was born to Kyle and Dianna at 8:30 a.m. on May 13 (Mother's Day) weighing 8.5 lbs. Sue Ellen North is the proud grandmother!

May they grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and their peers.

Answer to trivia

QUESTION 1 – What is John Wesley's birthday on current calendars?

ANSWER: C – June 28. This is a trick question. England was using the Julian calendar when Wesley was born. Under that calendar, his birthday was June 17, 1703. It changed to June 28 when England adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752. No records of any special birthday cakes for the founder of the denomination, but he did note in his journal in 1774: "*Today I entered on my eighty-second year and found myself just as strong to labour, and as fit for any exercise of body or mind, as I was forty years ago.*" Wesley gave credit for his health to the Lord. He died at age 88.

QUESTION 2 – Which is NOT a tip for good health from John Wesley?

ANSWER: D - Exercise to the point of weariness. John Wesley did advise regular exercise in his 1747 book, Primitive Physick: or An Easy and Natural Method of Curing Most Disease. However, he told people to end workouts before becoming weary. He also warned against "all pickled or smoked or salted food, and all high-seasoned." Primitive Physick was a best-seller in Wesley's day and sold more books than anything he ever wrote.

Source: UMC.org

Community Information

Harford County is sponsoring **Hook a Kid-on-Golf** June 18-22 or July 30-Aug. 3. For children 8-13 years old. Questions: mifrosolone@harfordcountymd.gov or 410-638-3988.

Check out children's activities at the **Anita C. Leight Estuary Center**. There are camps for children 5-15 years old. Everything from kayaking, discovering nature through trail walks, model making, and learning about the wonders of water and wetlands. www.otterpointcreek.org or 410-612-1688.

Cancer Thriving & Surviving – June 4, 1 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center, Bel Air. This is a 6 week workshop to help people thrive as cancer survivors. It is led by professionals and cancer survivors. It's specially designed for cancer survivors and caregivers. Register: 443-643-3350.

Infant CPR – June 5, 7 p.m., UM UCH. Practice CPR for use on newborns to a child of 1 year of age. Register: 800-515-0044.

Prostate Cancer Support Group, "Open Discussion" – June 6, 7 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center. This is a free educational support program for men and their spouses. It is led by professional facilitators. It offers one an opportunity to share resources, discuss medical information, and coping strategies.

Blood Cancer Support, "Creating a personal vision board for survivorship" – June 11, 6:30 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center. This program is provided in collaboration with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It's open to all adults and family member affected by leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and myelodysplastic syndrome.

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) – June 12, 12:30 p.m., UM UCH. This is a national program that teaches one how to identify and help persons who are thinking about suicide. Register: 800-515-0044.

Weight Loss Surgery Information Session – June 12, 5:30 p.m., Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace.

Infant Safety – June 12, 7 p.m., UM UCH. Topics discussed are SIDS, sleeping positions, car-seat safety and home safety. Register: 800-515-0044.

Fresh & Local=Health Healthy Cooking Demonstration – June 18, 6:30 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center. A healthy cooking demonstration using fresh produce. Register: 443-643-3350.

Carfit – June 20, 9 a.m., St. Mary Magdalen Mission, 1716 Churchville Road. This is a FREE, interactive and educational program that teaches mature adults how to make their personal vehicle "fit" for maximum safety and comfort. It provides information on how to use safety features on your vehicle to maximum protection and other safety tips. Register: 800-515-0044.

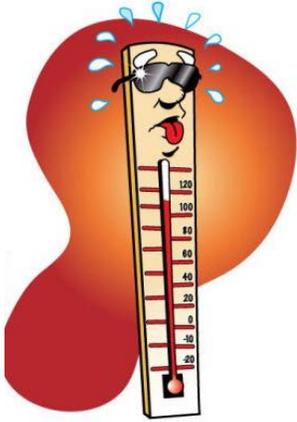
Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna is in greater need of volunteers, both on their construction sites and at their Aberdeen ReStore!

Construction Sites: There are two new build sites that we are hoping to finish by the end of June. The first project is the home of this year's Women Build, and it's located at 309 Sweetbriar Court, Joppa, 21085. This is a rehab home, and although it may be a Women Build, everyone is encouraged to volunteer! The second site is the home of our Habi-Tech build, a new home build in partnership with Harford Technical High School. We are also building a second neighboring home on this lot, and we will begin framing soon! The address for this site is 814 Giles Lane, Aberdeen, 21001. Both sites have exterior and interior work that need to be completed, and both sites can accommodate volunteers 16 years and older. They can take volunteer groups up to 20 people on Wednesdays-Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on either site. Individuals can register online using their construction calendar; online registration is required.

Aberdeen ReStore: The ReStore is in need volunteers on the following days and times: Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers can do 2-hour to 4-hour shifts. Volunteers must be 16 years or older to volunteer; however, volunteers that are 14-15 years old can volunteer with a parent or guardian. Interested volunteers should contact John Lanigan at [jlanigan@habitatsusq.org](mailto:jlانigan@habitatsusq.org) to set up their volunteer day.

New Member Exploration

This event will be held on June 24 in Mentzer Parlor. Anyone considering joining our fellowship (or who has joined it already but hasn't had the opportunity to attend an orientation) is invited. Attending does not obligate you to join, but is an opportunity to meet others considering taking this step and learn a little about us, our history and ministry.



How to Stay Safe in Hot Weather

Submitted by Pat Campbell

Then you will go your way in safety, and you will not get hurt. Proverbs 3:23

The hot and humid days of summer are upon us. The American Red Cross offers us ways to stay safe during these hot and muggy days.

HOT CARS CAN BE DEADLY – Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature can quickly reach 120 degrees! Other heat safety steps include:

- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water.
- If someone doesn't have air conditioning, they should choose places to go to for relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day (libraries, theaters, malls, etc).

HEAT EXHAUSTION – Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

If someone is showing signs of heat exhaustion (cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, exhaustion), move them to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person. If they are conscious, give small amounts of cool water to drink. Make sure the person drinks slowly. Watch for changes in condition. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, **call 9-1-1 immediately.**

HEAT STROKE LIFE-THREATENING - Signs include hot, red skin which may be dry or moist; changes in consciousness; vomiting and high body temperature. **Call 9-1-1 immediately** if someone shows signs of heat stroke. Move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the person's body by immersing them up to their neck in cold water if possible. Otherwise, douse or spray the person with cold water, or cover the person with cold, wet towels or bags of ice.

I pray that everyone and every family has a healthy, safe and fun summer!



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

ServeFest

Submitted by Cathey Robertson

ServeFest was established in 2010 as a day for the churches in Harford County to serve the community with no strings attached, a day of unity joining with other Christians to testify to God’s love and of increasing our network with like-minded churches, agencies, and ministries in Harford County. In 2012, our church, Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, joined in this effort to be a Living Proof of a Loving God and volunteer in our community.

ServeFest was aimed at igniting a movement of people who live a lifestyle of serving in Jesus’ Name, and everyone should feel empowered and encouraged to serve your neighbors in whatever way God is leading you. Look around and figure out where there are needs and opportunities to unleash love right where you are, whether those needs are next door or just people you see all the time. Gather your family or call some friends and take on a project together to have fun and build relationships. Find something that would honor God, blessing others, and just doing it!

After a huge success in prior years, in 2017 the churches decided to go out on their own (rather than through a “County-Wide” organization) and spread Christian love in the community through individual congregations helping others. Over the years, we have supported New Hope Christian Fellowship Methodist Church in Edgewood (home of our day shelter), Citizens Care Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, St. Johns Towers, and Havre de Grace Housing Authority.

April 2018 was our 7th year participating in ServeFest (always the fourth Saturday in April). We grabbed gloves, shovels, rakes, trash bags, paint, and paint brushes (and a lot of energy) and went to St. Johns Towers and Havre de Grace Housing Authority, along with members of the Havre de Grace Police Department, to serve our neighbors. What a great time everyone had in doing God’s work.

The second greatest commandment given by Christ, in Mark 12:31, is to love your neighbor as yourself. SERVEFEST is an amazing way to serve your neighbor and the community!

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



Thoughts for Summer

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are

something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. – Galatians 6: 1-10

Dear Friends in Christ:

As of July 1, 2018 I will have served as a United Methodist pastor in the Baltimore-Washington Conference for 30 years. It is a privilege to do so in a continuing appointment here at Havre de Grace UMC.

In remembering back over the years, I have been drawn to the Bible passage above, which was used by Rev. Charles (Bill) Weber during a crisis on the District in which I first started. It is a meaty scripture filled with many deep thoughts, but it also strikes me as the reflections of an experienced pastor. The Apostle Paul was very angry with the Galatians when he wrote to them. They had disappointed him deeply. Yet, here at the end of his letter he offers this tender and encouraging guidance and advice.

I am especially struck by two points he makes in this little passage. One is that Church is about community. We are called to care for one another, to share with one another and not to seek our own advantage at other's expense.

The second is that we must not give up but remain faithful – even when it is hard. This can be difficult. Some days it may be that all we can do is put one foot in front of the other. Yet, if we do, our faithfulness is rewarded.

So this summer, especially if you take time away to be renewed, ponder this passage and its message for us. For it has much to give.

May you have a blessed summer.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Norman

Here We Grow Again!

We welcome to our fellowship the following folk who confirmed their Baptismal vows and re-affirmed their commitment to Jesus Christ on May 13:

Madelyn Adams, who attends Perryville Middle School and enjoys art, soccer and swimming. Supporting her faith-walk are her parents, Jodi and Jeff, and her sisters Gabby and Nadelie. Madelyn is active in our Sunday School.

Nick Barker, who attends middle school in Bel Air. He is supported in his faith-growth by his parents Sandy and Chris, and his older sister, Kiara, and his younger brother, Lucas. Nick, who attends our Sunday School, enjoys basketball, soccer, baseball and hip-hop dance!

Emily Fabriziani enjoys dancing, singing and cooking...but not all at once! Besides Sunday School, Emily is active in our Youth Fellowship. At Havre de Grace Middle School she participates in Chorus and Drama. She is supported in her spiritual life by her parents, Wendy and Erik, her older brother, Ryan, and her younger sister, Sarah. Emily serves as an acolyte in worship.

Ryan Lazor attends Havre de Grace Middle School where he is active in the Running Club. He also enjoys soccer, basketball and lacrosse, swimming and video games. He is supported in his journey into faith by his parents, Matt and Jen and his sister, Brianna. Ryan is active in Sunday School and has helped with our Summer Mission Trip fundraising.

Jack Ryan enjoys football, lacrosse, swimming and time with family. He attends Havre de Grace Middle School where he is involved in Destination Imagination, Drama and Student Government. He is supported in his faith-walk by his parents, Val and John, and his sisters, Mollie, Laidan and Alexandra. Jack attends our Sunday School and often helps in worship.

May we be a blessing to them as, together, we grow in faith.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy to the Family and Friends of:

Clara Louise Hodges Preston, who died April 12. She was a reflector of God's love and grace into the world. She experienced a faith re-birth in her 40s and found relief from depression. From then on she shared her faith with her children and others around her in profound ways -- always being careful to point toward Christ as the truth source of our salvation, rather than anything we do. We cherished Clara on our Prayer Team. For years she hand-made the cards sent those for whom we were praying. Hers was a wonderful ministry as a loyal member of HdG UMC from 1968 when she moved to Havre de Grace and transferred her membership here from her church in Baltimore.



Margaret Jane Carson Johnson, who died May 2. She was a spunky disciple of Christ Jesus and a loyal member of HdG UMC since 1950. A person of remarkable grit and determination she was able to keep an active lifestyle until very recently. Besides being the Director of the Havre de Grace Cooperative Preschool Center for many years, Margaret loved her country, her family and God. She was very active in UM Women and its predecessor bodies, WSCS and the Women's Guild, serving as President, baking, making crafts, helping lead the Laura Ewalt Circle and providing transportation for others to attend. Margaret also helped support Grace Place, served as President of Young-at-Heart and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

May the promise of the Resurrection bring hope and comfort to all who mourn.



Prayer Requests

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	Linda Ebaugh	Cameron Schallawitz	Youth of our Church and Community
Kim Altland	David Elswick	Mark Schallawitz	All Shut-Ins
Ian Anderson	Pat Fedock	Ron Schallawitz	Those Grieving
Shirley Baker	John Fisher	John Schmick	Those Homeless
Glenn Barrick	Donna Fordon	Rev. Paul Simmons	Those with Addictions
Julie & Jr. Barton	Lois Gilbert	Mitch Shank	Refugees
Mike Bedwell	Jody Gillette	Pastor Ron Smith	Children of Zion Village
Bev Bennington	Gary Gray	Shawn Smith	Sillamae Church
Tom Bennington	Stella Griffith	Dorothy Stalnaker	Victims of Terrorism & Natural Catastrophes
Pastor Vladimr Beregovoi	Delmar Hamm	Thelma Thomas	U.S. Military Personnel serving around the world
Janet Bingham	Buddy Holbrook	Becky Tompkins	Family Unity
Vern Bingham	Doug Hutchins	Daniel Travis	Our Police Officers
Cheryl Bowman	Catherine Jones	Peg Trimboli	All Missionaries
Byron Boyd	Janet Jones	Tom Trimboli	Family Unity
Cathy Boyd	Michelle Kaylor	Brandon Vaughn	Drug Free Community
George Brown	Gus Kowalewski, Jr.	Hunter Vaughn	LeBlanc's
Danny Burk	John MacLean	Meg Moretti Vosburg	First Responders
Larry Chance	Alison McDonough	Jean Walker	Our Country & Leaders
Ann Chandler	Debbie Mentzer	Verna Walton	Victims of Lyme Disease
Peggy Cobb	Ginger Neal	Olive Wiegand	The Special 2019 General Conference
Brian Connelly	Ron Neugebarger	Connie Wiles	
Pattye Crane	Edna Newsome	Gary Williams	
Harvey Cunningham	Mike Newsome	Ricky Wilson	
Abby Dalal	Gerald Northam		
Ashton Dean	Jack Ploweman	Cody	
Tony DeLuca	Cindy Preston	Dustin	
Linda Demby	Pat Rybarczyk	Sabrina	
Richard Dombey	Ruth Sale	The Family and Friends of Noble Mentzer	
Adam Dominick	Patty Scaggs		





Thank You

Thanks to the following folk who helped clean up the church grounds, plant flowers and remove old copper piping from the attic during our May work day: Jean Willan, Karen Jobes, Chet Thurlow, Paul Mauldin, Tom Haug, Jim Carroll and Ridge Pilcher.

Thank you very much for allowing the Girl Scouts to use the church buildings for meetings and activities. We are at the end of the season and many girls are elevating to the next level and we couldn't provide them with the programming without meeting space. We are encouraging girls to be go-getters, innovators, risk takers and leaders and couldn't do this without all your support. Thank you,

Terri Hartmann
Volunteer Girl Scout Leader
and Havre de Grace Service Unit Manager

Thank you all for your thoughtful prayers and kind words during the passing of my mother, Clara Preston. Thank you to the women who served the lunch, the greeters and to Pastor Norman. I especially thank those who were such good friends to Mom and took her visiting, doctor appointments, Prayer Circle, or just out to eat. In God's love,

Sandy Moore

I would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards and prayers following my lumpectomy and radiation treatment. Pastor Norman was at the hospital with Steve and I for prayer and support before my surgery. His presence brought great comfort. I appreciated his frequent contacts after my surgery and during radiation treatment. The Prayer Circle sent get well cards that lifted my spirit with their encouraging words from the Bible. Reading all the names of the people that signed the Prayer Circle card was heartwarming. Cathey Robertson surprised me one Sunday morning by delivering a beautifully crocheted prayer shawl to my house from Hands of Grace. Havre de Grace United Methodist Church is a very loving and prayer filled church. Blessings to everyone!

Sharon Hoffman

Commendations to...

Kim Justus-Rusin for her years of service to our Cub Scout Pack #967 (and prior Boy Scout Troop). She is stepping down from her role as Pack Committee Chair. Until recently she served in that role AND as Chartering Organization Representative AND Den Mother! Our thanks to Kim for all her efforts helping to establish and run our Cub Pack! **Haidee Hynes** is stepping into the role of Pack Committee Chair and **Dewayne Roper** is taking over from Haidee the role of Advancement Chair. Thanks to you all for your service to our church's Scouting ministry!

Cathey Robertson on being honored as Volunteer-of-the-Month on April 27 at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

Maren Craig on being named Student-of-the-Month for Meadowvale Elementary School. Maren is noted for her entrepreneurial spirit, her total commitment to learning, her amazing running ability and her special care of the Kindergartners for which she is responsible! Keep up the good work in Middle School!

Brendan Stewart who has been named to the Emmorton Recreation 9/10 Baseball All Stars Team. This is the 5th year in a row that he has been named to the All Stars Team!



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

June

Alana Cymek	6
Emily Fabriziani.....	6
Bonnie Teefy.....	6
Katie Cymek	10
Emerson Kelley.....	11
David R. Craig	12
Karen Jobs	17
Casey L. Craig	18
Tatum Overbay	20
Laura Greuter	26

July

Betty Pyle.....	1
Neal Hartmann	4
Cecelia C. Tramontana.....	6
Sharon Gorham	7
Hilary DiMauro.....	10
Meredith Kelley	11
Taylor Lynch.....	14
Anne Siewierski	15
Stephanie Steinhilber	17
Frank Steinhilber.....	20
David P. Tramontana	22
Karlee DeSantis	24
Robert Perry	24
Jennett Ebright	25
Melvin Hagan.....	26
Wendy Fabriziani.....	31

Anniversaries

June

Ned & Linda Tomarchio.....	4
Jim & Trudy Newby	9
John & Sandy Horton.....	25
Robert & Alice Perry	27
Keith and Nancy Beckley	28
Dan & Jennifer Robertson	30

July

Patrick & Julie Baker	31
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My Father Is A Christian

*My father is a Christian;
He leads our household well;
With instruction from the Bible,
Right behavior he'll compel.*

*Yet he steers us with compassion;
His gentle love is true;
He conforms to our Lord Jesus,
So we know just what to do.*

*He teaches us with purpose,
Guides us in all Godly ways,
So we will take the right path,
And serve our Lord with praise.*

*I'm glad you're a Christian, Dad;
You help me see things clearly.
I'll always look up to you,
And love you very dearly.*

Catherine A. Herbert RAW 05/29/2012

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Serving in Worship

June 3	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	The Woodfords	Kerrie & Jason Bauer	Nancy & Keith Beckley
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Niki Haug	Kim Rusin	Niki Haug
Liturgist	Tom Haug		David Stevens
Acolyte	James Woodford		Ian Robertson
Anointing	Janyce Smalley & Tina Wright		Steve & Sharon Hoffman
June 10	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Susan Capp	Linda Garman	Bill & Sandy Chase
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Doug Wooten	Kim Rusin	Doug Wooten
Liturgist	Donna Minton		Angela Scarlato
Acolyte	James Woodford		Emily Fabriziani
June 17	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Tom Haug	Alisha & Brian Bennett	Lynn Colburn & Brenda Mergler
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Niki Haug	Kim Rusin	Niki Haug
Liturgist	Bob Williams		Rayma McRoberts
Acolyte	James Woodford		Sarah Fabriziani
June 24	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Kim Fillinger		Shella Bierlair & Annabelle Thurlow
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Doug Wooten	Kim Rusin	Dean Cymek
Liturgist	Shirley Pollitt		Jamie Rickey
Acolyte	James Woodford		Nolan Robertson

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Serving in Worship

<i>July 1</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Bob & Vicki Williams		Karen Jobs & Betty Caffo
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Paul Mauldin	Kim Rusin	Keith Beckley
Liturgist	Ridge Pilcher		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Charles Gamatoria
Anointing	Carol Vann & Cathey Robertson		Sandy Chase & Peg Trimboli
<i>July 8</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Cathey Robertson		Alice Perry & Ruth Jessup
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Paul Mauldin	Kim Rusin	Paul Mauldin
Liturgist	Susan Capp		Mason Waller
Acolyte	James Woodford		
<i>July 15</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Lee Bennett & Carolyn Lewis		Dee Ashby
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Doug Wooten	Kim Rusin	Doug Wooten
Liturgist	Leslie Slak		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Mason Waller
<i>July 22</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	Shirley Pollitt		Melissa Fetzer & Pam Smart
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Niki Haug	Kim Rusin	Niki Haug
Liturgist	Peg Carroll		
Acolyte	James Woodford		Cole Campbell
<i>July 29</i>	8:15 a.m.	9:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeter(s)	The McCoy Family		Pat Whited & Susan Dougherty
Nursery	Dennis & Sarah Gehman		
Sound Tech	Doug Wooten	Kim Rusin	Dean Cymek
Liturgist			
Acolyte	James Woodford		Charles Gamatoria

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JUNE 2018

Church Calendar

Havre de Grace UMC, Havre de Grace, MD

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12 pm N.A	2
3	4 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	5 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	6 6 pm GS #1711 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Education Team Mtg.	7 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 12 pm N.A <i>Pastor returns from vacation</i>	9 8 am UMMen's Breakfast at Chesapeake Grill
10 Graduate Recognition 9 am & 10:30 am Holy Cup Coffee	11 7 pm Finance Mtg 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	12 8:30am Grace Place 9 am Evergreen Garden Club Luncheon 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	13 5 PM Missions Mtg 6 pm Praise Band	14 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	15 12 pm N.A 7 pm Butler/ Billings Wedding Rehearsal	16 Welcome One Shelter Day. 5:30 pm Butler/ Billings Wedding
17 Father's Day	18 7 pm Trustees <i>Church Administrator on vacation</i>	19 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	20 5 pm Missions Team Mtg. 6 pm Praise Band	21 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA	22 12 pm N.A	23
24 7 pm New Member Exploration	25 7 pm Church Council	26 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	27 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Worship Team Mtg.	28 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA	29	30

*Regular Sunday Services:
8:15 am, 11:00 am
Praise & Worship 9:45 am*

*Sunday School
9:45am for All Ages!*

JULY 2018

Church Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	4 Church Office Closed 6 pm Praise Band	5 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA	6 12 pm N.A	7
8 Deadline for The Visitor articles 9 am & 10: 30 am Holy Cup Coffee 5 pm Hot Dogs & paperwork for VBS	9	10 8:30am Grace Place	11	12 10 am Prayer Circle	13 12 pm N.A	14 8 am UMMen's Breakfast at Chesapeake Grill
	<i>Vacation Bible School 6: 15 – 8:15 pm</i>					
15	16 Welcome One Shelter Day. 7 pm Trustees	17 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	18 5 pm Missions Team Mtg. 6 pm Praise Band	19 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA	20 12 pm N.A	21
	<i>Social Room/Basement closed for maintenance</i>					
22	23 7 pm Church Council	24 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	25 6 pm Praise Band	26 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA	27 12 pm N.A	28
29	30	31 5 pm AA 7 pm NA				

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- 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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