



# The Visitor

## May 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.



### 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](mailto:hdgumc@verizon.net)) at your earliest convenience. Include the name of the institution, degree earned, honors, and future plans.

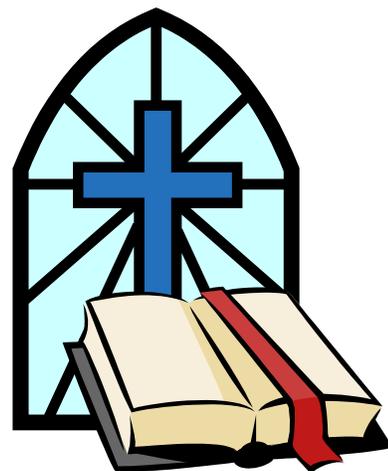
### Hand-made Scarves Needed

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.

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# Sermon Series

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.



## **May 6 – Sixth Sunday of Easter: Celebration of Holy Communion**

### **Firefighters’ Sunday; Nurses’ Day**

“When Jesus Interrupts”

Acts 10: 34-48; John 15: 9-14

Even after his ascension, Jesus keeps interrupting and messing with our settled notions of how faith works! For the Spirit blows where it wants. It includes folk we might not expect to be included and does things “out of order.”

## **May 13 – Ascension Sunday; Confirmation Sunday; Mother’s Day: Festival of the Christian Home; Police Sunday**

Dedication of Baby Bottles

We remember the ascension of Christ and the challenge he gives us to be his witnesses in the world

“In the World”

Acts 1: 6-11; Ephesians 1: 15-20; John 17: 6-11

Christ calls us to be in, but not of, the world, to represent him well. That is our hope and prayer for our Confirmands, all new believers and ourselves.

## **May 20 – Pentecost: Festival of the Holy Spirit; UM Women’s Sunday**

“Playing the Long Game”

Acts 2: 1-21; Romans 8: 22-27; John 15: 26-27, 16: 12-15

God gives the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Risen Christ, because human history is long and we are playing a long game! God is still at work in us! John Wesley would say we are on the road of sanctification.

## **May 27 – Memorial Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday; Trinity Sunday**

We remember those who have died in our nation’s wars; we pray for peace with justice in all relationships and all lands, and we lift up ministries of reconciliation

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Nupp

# 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 2, 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.



## **Food Distribution**

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

# Youth Ministry Events

We have several Youth Ministry events coming up in the months ahead. Mark your calendars!

May 5, 4:00 p.m. we will be enjoying a game of mini-golf at Churchville Mini-Golf and then head over to the Arctic Circle for some cold treats. All ages are welcome! Bring a friend.

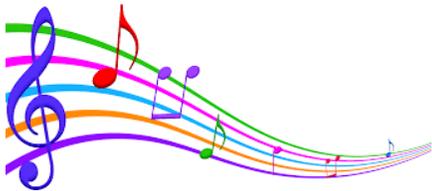
We will be taking "off" June and July - have a safe and fun summer!

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.



## 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](http://funfriendsfaith.com) or search Camp West River or Camp Manidokan or call 410-867-0991.



## Notes from the Chancel Choir

### More Bell Ringers Needed

Come join the Bell Ringers! Rehearsals are 7:45-8:45 p.m. on Monday nights.

### Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Weekly Chancel Choir rehearsals are 7 p.m. Thursdays. More voices always welcome. Come grow and learn in musical knowledge and stretch your vocal chords for the LORD.

## Church Trivia

1. What new holiday was recognized at General Conference 1912?
  - A. Father's Day
  - B. Labor Day
  - C. Memorial Day
  - D. Mother's Day
2. Who was the first woman ordained in the United Methodist tradition?
  - A. Helenor M. Davisson
  - B. Leontine T.C. Kelly
  - C. Marjorie Matthews
  - D. Anna Howard Shaw



See page 4 for answers.

**Looking for a way to make regular giving easier? We got you covered!!**

**Online Giving is One Option**

Visit HdeGUMC online at [hdgumc.org](http://hdgumc.org)

On the home page, select **online giving**

**You control** your giving options and the ministries you wish to support.

The screenshot shows the church's website with the following content:

- Havre de Grace United Methodist Church**  
Our Mission: To learn and grow as followers of Jesus Christ to serve others and transform lives here, across the street and around the world.
- Service Times**  
Sunday Worship Schedule  
8:30 a.m. Informal Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
9:45 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship  
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
- Coffee Social**  
The Holy Cup Coffee Hour Join us Apr 8th! 9:15-11:00
- Welcome**  
Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, a congregation with a proud history and a bright future, invites you to worship and fellowship with us. Our beautiful facility, located at the intersection of Union and Congress Avenues in historic Havre de Grace, has served as a community cornerstone of faith for more than 100 years.  
Commitment Cards can be found on the Stewardship page along with campaign videos.
- Support Havre de Grace United Methodist**  
When you shop at [smash.amazon.com](http://smash.amazon.com)
- Electronic Giving**  
Fast, easy, & secure. Support the work of our church through Electronic Giving. Have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically—you'll receive a receipt. If you prefer your checkbook again! Major credit cards are accepted. Instructions on how to set up electronic giving can be found here.
- Weather Cancellation Policy**  
In the event of inclement weather during the weekdays, if schools are canceled or close early, ALL meetings and activities at the church are automatically canceled, and the Church Office is closed. Should it become necessary to cancel weekend activities or worship services because of inclement weather, a cancellation notice will be on the answering machine at the Church by 7:30 a.m., and we will attempt to have a cancellation announcement on WOCN 103.7FM or SMASH Hits WHGM 104.1.

## Answer to trivia

QUESTION 1 – What new holiday was recognized at General Conference 1912?

ANSWER: D - Mother's Day in the U.S. may be credited to Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, the wife of a Methodist pastor in West Virginia. Her daughter, Anna, led the campaign to create the holiday based on her mother's wish for a memorial to all mothers, living and dead.

QUESTION 2 – Who was the first woman ordained in the United Methodist tradition?

ANSWER: A - For many years, scholars believed Anna Howard Shaw was the first woman to be ordained in the United Methodist tradition when The Methodist Protestant Church ordained her in 1880. However, the North Indiana Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church ordained Helenor M. Davisson in 1866. Women now make up approximately 25% of clergy in The United Methodist Church.

Source: UMC.org

## Here are some of the people we helped by our purchase of African Palms crosses...

Thanks to you the villagers of Masasi, Tanzania were able to supplement the meager income they earned from subsistence farming by hand-weaving your palm crosses. The Youth and Mothers Conference on AIDS education – organized to spread information on how to avoid this deadly disease – was partially funded by a grant from African Palms USA. Another grant provided medical supplies for a newly constructed surgical ward where major operations will be conducted. Water and sanitation projects, designed and built by the people of Africa, were funded by a grant from African Palms USA. Orphan housing, vocational training and educational opportunities are just a few of the other programs supported by African Palms USA. We use African Palm Crosses each year to celebrate Palm Sunday.



# United Methodist Women News

Submitted by Cathey Robertson, Communications

## Upcoming Events:

April 22 – May 13 – 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.

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. We will also recognize the 2017 recipients of the Special Mission Pin during the church services.

**Activities:** The HDG UMW unanimously voted to donate \$100 to the fire victims of the Perryville Fire on Easter Sunday. We also voted to donate \$100 to the Heifer Project.

We are speaking with other UMC UMW's in the local area to see if they would like to combine our meetings and discuss our mission to support women and children.

**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.**

**LISTEN: GOOD RULE OF LIFE:** "A rule of life will include prayer, worship, partaking in the sacraments, and good works, among other activities. Similarly, a good rule of life will include life-giving self-care practices, which will vary from person to person. It is important to ensure that accountability is worked into the plan through a small group or in other ways. In sum, a good rule of life must give us the space to engage our God-given gifts for the kingdom of God. While following a rule of life may be difficult, especially in the beginning, it ultimately leads to a life of joy and abundance. A rule of life is a framework for living into our unique and called selves. It is a posture of contemplative and holy living, not just a list of daily tasks. "Living faithfully requires that we carefully frame our world so that our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds are always open to the work of God around us and in us. The book of Romans exemplifies this kind of life when it says: In order to do this work, we must develop a way of life that lets God into our lives more tangibly and profoundly. This includes the act of noticing when God shows up in our lives through others and through the creation. It also means making time to nurture our relationship with God, as well as with our friends, families, and communities. If we expect this work to occur without any effort on our part, we are sorely mistaken. While God is always at work in our lives, our participation is necessary if we truly wish to grow and awaken to the ways of the spirit". Taken from "Response, the magazine of women in mission, April 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.

## Community Information

**Free Diabetic Prevention Program** - Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., HdG Library. Information and registration: 800-515-0044.

**Infant CPR** - May 1, 7 p.m., Upper Chesapeake Medical Center, Bel Air. FREE, basic review of infant CPR, including hands on practice with an infant manikin. Register: 800-515-0044.

**Rotary Opioid Awareness Event** - May 2, 6:30 p.m., Mountain Christian Church, Abingdon. FREE, no registration required. The four Rotary Clubs of Harford County will present an Opioid Awareness Night. Representatives from Char Hope Foundation and the Homecoming Project will also be present for the panel discussion. The H.O.P.E. House will be available for tours. This is a trailer modeled to show where those using drugs might "hide" their drugs in their/your home. To tour the H.O.P.E. House, one must be at least 18 years old.

**Tobacco Cessation Class** - May 3, 6 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center, Street Conference Room. Register: 443-643-3350.

**Cancer Thriving and Surviving** - May 7, 1 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center. This is a special designed 6 week workshop to help people THRIVE as cancer survivors. Classes are led by trained professionals and cancer survivors. This program was developed by Stanford Medicine for cancer survivors and their caregivers. Register: 443-643-3350.

**Weight Loss Surgery Information Session** - May 8, 5:30 p.m., Harford Memorial Hospital. Registration is not required. For more information call 800-515-0044.

**Free Car Seat Check-Up** - May 12, 8:30 a.m., Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. Register: 800-515-0044.

**Infant Safety** - May 15, 7 p.m., Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. This class will discuss SIDS, sleeping positions, car seat and home safety. Register: 800-515-0044.

**Breast Cancer Support Group** - May 16, 7 p.m., Kaufman Cancer Center.

**Relay for Life** - Saturday, May 18, 12 p.m. – 10 p.m., Concord Point Lighthouse. This is the primary fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. We walk to remember those we have lost, to honor cancer survivors and care givers, and to ensure that all who are touched by cancer know they do not walk alone. Donations are used to fund life-saving cancer research, patient support services, prevention and education information, and detection and treatment programs. You can help: Join our team (Heralds of Hope): [www.relayforlife.org/havredegracemd](http://www.relayforlife.org/havredegracemd), make a donation, purchase luminaries, donate canned goods, purchase fundraising prize tickets, help us set up/break down before/after the event. Let's Beat This Cancer!!!! We appreciate your prayers and your support. Contact Janyce Smalley at 410-652-1115 for information.

**AARP Smart Driver** - May 19, 9 a.m., Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. This is a one day class for drivers 50 and over. \$15 for AARP members, non-members \$20. (If an AARP member, please remember to take your membership card for the discount.) Register: 800-515-0044.

**ReStore** in Aberdeen is in need of volunteers on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in May. Volunteers can do 2-hour to 4-hour shifts. If you are interested, please contact John Lanigan at [janigan@habitatsusq.org](mailto:janigan@habitatsusq.org).

# Hand-Washing

*The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He recompensed me.* Psalm 18:20

Submitted by Pat Campbell

Many of you may have read the CDC's report, in the *PATCH*, about the emergence of the antibiotic resistant, "nightmare bacteria", here in Maryland. (The more proper name of this bacteria is Carbapenem Enterobacteriaceae or CRE for short.) Although there is much research being done to find a way to control this bacteria, the CDC is currently recommending: 1. Tell your primary care provider if you recently had health care in another country; 2. Talk with your health care providers about infection prevention and be sure you are current with your vaccinations; and 3. Practice good hand-washing and keep cuts clean until healed.

Hand-washing is one of the best methods to prevent the spread of infections and to help keep YOU from getting sick from someone else. Therefore, here are a few guidelines from the CDC on hand-washing.

## **WHEN SHOULD YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?**

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before & after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

## **HOW SHOULD YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?**

- Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap
- Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Be sure to lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails
- Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a time? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice
- Rinse your hands well under clean, running water
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them

## **WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOAP & CLEAN, RUNNING WATER?**

Washing hands with soap & water is the best way to reduce the number of germs on them in most situations. If soap & water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs & might not remove harmful chemicals.

## **HAND SANITIZERS ARE NOT AS EFFECTIVE WHEN HANDS ARE VISIBLY DIRTY OR GREASY.**

### **HOW DO YOU USE HAND SANITIZERS?**

- Apply the product to the palm of one hand (read the label to learn the correct amount)
- Rub your hands together
- Rub the product over all surfaces of your hands & fingers until your hands are dry

I continue to pray that God will guide medical researchers to more and better surveillance methods, vaccines, diagnostics and treatments. May you all stay well!

Source: CDC.gov



## 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

## Pregnancy Resource Center

### Alpha’s Glory

Submitted by Cathey Robertson

Alpha’s Glory opened in September, 1990 with the ministry having one staff member and two counselors. Fast forward to the end of 2017 and they now have three staff members and more than 21 volunteers. What a blessing! The mentoring program and parenting classes have taken shape and grown into the largest services Alpha’s Glory offer. Their post-abortion ministry, The Secret Garden, has developed and continues to grow to four counselors.

In 2017, Alpha’s Glory served 121 new clients. Together with the returning clients, they made 773 visits, 20 men came for classes and there were six Secret Garden clients. They were able to support 216 Gospel presentations and 37 professions of faith. Of the clients, 40 claimed to be Christians when they came to Alpha’s Glory with seven clients referred by their church. There were 15 babies born during 2017 to their clients and a total of 265 different children were served.

All client services at Alpha’s Glory are free of charge. These services include pregnancy tests, education on abortion alternatives, community referrals, client education regarding sexual integrity, volunteer peer counseling, Mentoring Moms (an earn-while-you-learn program), Mentoring Dads (a program just for fathers), parenting classes and a post-abortion recovery program.

How can you get involved? As an Individual: Prayer-the foundational need for a successful ministry; Liaison-be the contact person in your church family; Financial-become a monthly partner, give a one-time gift, or give a gift in memory or honor of a loved one or friend; Volunteer-become a client advocate or serve the Lord by answering the phone, painting, cleaning, or helping in the Boutique. As a Church or Groups: Make baby blankets or offer assistance with their fundraiser projects; host a baby shower to help stock the shelves of the Baby Boutique with baby items; participate in the Baby Bottle Drive (which our United Methodist Women sponsor each year around Mother’s Day with support from our giving congregation) by collecting change in baby bottles to help change lives; and invite a speaker to the church group (which HDG UMC has done).

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



## Coming and Going

Jesus said: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While... they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been

taken up from you into heaven, will come...” -Acts 1: 8-11

Dear Friends in Christ:

May is a month of transitions. Some of our youth will be celebrating the Confirmation of their Baptismal Vows. Havre de Grace High School and other schools will be celebrating Baccalaureate services and commencement exercises or graduations. Even Memorial Day marks a transition as death moves us from life to life after life.

These transitions inevitably involve a lot of coming and going. There are rehearsals to attend, out-of-town family to meet and shuttle around, parties to attend, patriotic celebrations to plan, and other activities that involve a lot of coming and going.

Transitions, by their nature, include both endings and beginnings. Something comes to an end in order for something new to begin. High school ends, for instance, in order for work or further education to begin. So transitions often involve mixed emotions. There is joy over what has been accomplished. There is excitement about opportunities ahead. But there is also a bit of sadness about what has been left behind. And there is anxiety about whether all the preparation needed has been adequately done. Parents, especially, may be hoping that enough work has been done to prepare their children for the future.

As it happens, this year we celebrate the end of the Easter season with Ascension Sunday and Pentecost in May. These days celebrate transitions in the life of Jesus’ disciples, in the life of the Early Church. And like other transitions, they involve a lot of coming and going – gatherings of disciples back and forth between Bethany and Jerusalem. The passage above describes the Ascension of the Risen Christ ten days before Pentecost. It is a poignant moment. This is the last time Jesus’ followers will see him in bodily form on earth. Perhaps they felt bewildered, sad and even abandoned. Maybe they felt confused and unsure how to move forward. No wonder they stand looking up into the sky!

And notwithstanding the notion that the Risen Christ knows all things in God, maybe he wondered if the little band of followers he was leaving behind was ready for the mission ahead of them! After all, very little over the past three years, especially over the past month and a half, had shown them to be particularly skillful, insightful or loyal!

There is, however, something else going on here. There is beginning as well as ending in these comings and goings. The Risen Christ goes but the Holy Spirit comes. In fact, the Holy Spirit IS the Spirit of the Risen Christ. So the Church will be empowered to move forward in wonderful ways very shortly on Pentecost. Also, the two men who appear to the lonely disciples gawking into the sky announce to them that Christ will come again. And so he does. Christ comes again and again to us, knocking on the door of our heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, such a LOT of comings and goings have gone on over the centuries of Church history as the Holy Spirit has, again and again, inspired revival in the Body of Christ! Thanks be to God!

So, this May, no matter what transitions we experience, what endings and beginnings we celebrate, what comings and goings we plan, what mixed feelings we may have, I pray we will trust God, allow the Spirit to guide us and claim the forward vision of the Early Church to share the Gospel.

Grace and Peace,  
*Pastor Norman*



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	David Elswick	Patty Scaggs	Youth of our Church and Community
Ian Anderson	Pat Fedock	Cameron Schallawitz	All Shut-Ins
Shirley Baker	John Fisher	Mark Schallawitz	Those Grieving
Glenn Barrick	Donna Fordon	Ron Schallawitz	Those Homeless
Julie & Jr. Barton	Micah Geigan	John Schmick	Those with Addictions
Mike Bedwell	Lois Gilbert	Mitch Shank	Refugees
Bev Bennington	Jody Gillette	Adam Slak	Children of Zion Village
Tom Bennington	Gary Gray	Leslie Slak	Sillamae Church
Janet Bingham	Sharon Hoffman	Shawn Smith	Victims of Terrorism & Natural Catastrophes
Vern Bingham	Buddy Holbrook	Dorothy Stalnaker	U.S. Military Personnel serving around the world
Cheryl Bowman	Catherine Jones	Thelma Thomas	Family Unity
Byron Boyd	Janet Jones	Becky Tompkins	Our Police Officers
Cathy Boyd	Kyle Lowy	Daniel Travis	All Missionaries
George Brown	Peyton Lynch	Peg Trimboli	Family Unity
Danny Buck	Michelle Kaylor	Tom Trimboli	Drug Free Community
Larry Chance	John MacLean	Brandon Vaughn	LeBlanc's
Ann Chandler	KathyMahan	Meg Moretti Voscurg	First Responders
Ben Chase	Sarah Marking	Jean Walker	Our Country & Leaders
Peggy Cobb	James & Daisy Martin	Naomi Wehland	Victims of Lyme Disease
Brian Connelly	Alison McDonough	Olive Wiegand	
Harvey Cunningham	Noble Mentzer	Connie Wiles	
Abby Dalal	Ron Neugebarger	Bob Williams	
Jackie Davis	Edna Newsome	Gary Williams	
Ashton Dean	Mike Newsome	Ricky Wilson	
Tony DeLuca	Gerald Northam	Cody	
Linda Demby	Jack Ploweman	Dustin	
Loren Dixon	Cindy Preston	Sabrina	
Eric Dominek	Brenda Ringsaker		
Linda Ebaugh	Ruth Sale		

*The Will of God never takes you  
to where the Grace of God will not protect you.*



## Here We Grow Again!

We welcome to our fellowship the following folk:

**Bode Winnes Wiesner**, son of Kari and Bill, who was baptized April 8. Ian is the proud big brother.

**Lily Anne Menken**, daughter of Stephanie and John Menken, who was baptized April 8. Jude is the proud big brother and Robert & Georgia Weber are her proud great-grandparents.

May we be a blessing to them as they grow into faith.

## Our Love & Sympathy to the Family & Friends of:

**Lorna May (Elligsen) Wortman**, who died March 14. Lorna was an active member of our congregation from 1954. She sang in the choir, participated in UMW, prayed with our Prayer Team, helped produce our Church Newsletter, cooked for church dinners, helped make our Chrismons and was part of the Quilting group. Lorna was skillful in many traditional ways (tatting, baking, cooking) but also an avid reader, active in book clubs, an appreciator of fine Modern Art and an amateur ornithologist. She served Christ by serving others through FISH, Grace Place and the Tax-Aide Program.



**Col. Willard Neal Mills**, who died March 20. He was the son of Jane Ireland. Neal served as a transport pilot in the US Air Force -- including bringing home our fallen warriors, a UN peace monitor in Egypt, a Deputy Director of Homeland Security for Delaware and Director of Planning for Havre de Grace. He also was a father who cared for his family. Neal served Christ as he served and protected others.

**Sara Elizabeth (Montgomery) Vesper**, who died March 30. She was the mother of Jenett Ebright, grandmother of Robin, Rebecca and Rachel, and great-grandmother of Carmen and Cole. Sara was an excellent cook, a generous friend to those who found their way to her door and a fearless defender of her children. She was ecumenical in faith, connecting with Roman Catholic, Baptist and United Methodist churches, and instilled her Christian faith and values in her children. She served Christ as she cared for her family, including Carmen, her husband of 52 years.

May God comfort all who mourn through the Spirit of Christ the Risen One!

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# *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

## Birthdays

### May

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

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Alana Cymek .....	6
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Bonnie Teefy.....	6
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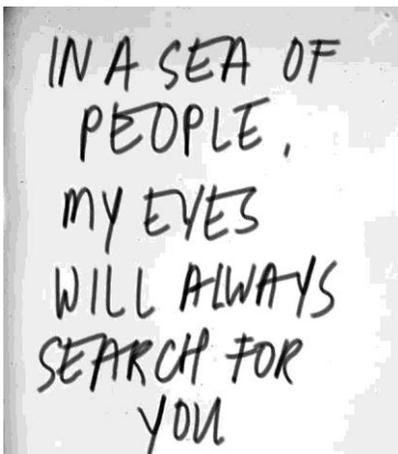
## Anniversaries

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Dennis & Lee Gehman.....	6
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## *The Holy Alphabet*

Although things are not perfect  
 Because of trial or pain  
 Continue in thanksgiving  
 Do not begin to blame  
 Even when the times are hard  
 Fierce winds are bound to blow  
 God is forever able  
 Hold on to what you know  
 Imagine life without His love  
 Joy would cease to be  
 Keep thanking Him for all the things  
 Love imparts to thee  
 Move out of "Camp Complaining"  
 No weapon that is known  
 On earth can yield the power  
 Praise can do alone  
 Quit looking at the future  
 Redeem the time at hand  
 Start every day with worship  
 To "thank" is a command  
 Until we see Him coming  
 Victorious in the sky  
 We'll run the race with gratitude  
 X alting God most high  
 Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...  
 Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



CHRISTian poetry by deborah ann

Song of Solomon 2.11-12

## A Visit from the Pastor

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, suddenly stopped coming to church. After a few weeks, the Pastor decided to visit. The Pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his Pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.



After some minutes, the Pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and lifeless.

The Pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave, he slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen.

Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken. What silent message would God have you share with someone today?

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." ~ Matthew 5:16

## The Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly.

So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!' This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't.'

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.

# Carrots, eggs, coffee...

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire.

Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied. Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water. "Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean? May you have enough happiness to make you sweet, enough trials to make you strong, enough sorrow to keep you human and enough hope to make you happy. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way. The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can't go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so at the end, you're the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.



**MAY 2018**

**Church Calendar**

**Havre de Grace UMC, Havre de Grace, MD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Regular Sunday Services: 8:15 am, 11:00 am Praise &amp; Worship 9:45 am</i>		<b>1</b> 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	<b>2</b> 10 am & 6:30 pm Grief Share 6 pm Praise Band 6 pm GS #1711 7 pm Cub Scouts	<b>3</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 12 pm N.A	<b>5</b> 9 am Church Work Day 4 pm Jr. & YF Mini-Golf & Ice Cream
<b>6</b> 3:30 pm GS #4111 6 pm Confirmation Class	<b>7</b> 3 pm Staff Mtg 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 8:30am Grace Place 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	<b>9</b> 10 am & 6:30 pm Grief Share 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Cub Scouts	<b>10</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>11</b> 12 pm N.A	<b>12</b> 8 am UMMen's Breakfast at Chesapeake Grill
<b>13 Mother's Day Confirmation Sunday</b> Deadline for The Visitor articles 9 am & 10:30 am Holy Cup Coffee 12 pm Reception for Confirmands 3:30 pm GS #4111	<b>14</b> 7 pm Finance Mtg 6:30 pm GS #571 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 5 pm AA 6 pm Relay for Life Mtg 7 pm NA	<b>16</b> 5 PM Missions Mtg 6 pm GS #1711 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Cub Scouts Welcome One Shelter Day	<b>17</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 12 pm N.A	<b>19</b> 12-10 pm Relay for Life @ Concord Pt.
<b>20 Pentecost UMW Sunday</b> 4:30 pm GS #4109	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm GS #571 7 pm Trustees 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 5 pm AA 7 pm NA 7 pm Hospitality Mtg.	<b>23</b> 6 pm Praise Band 7 pm Cub Scouts <i>Pastor Norman leaves on Vacation</i>	<b>24</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 6:30 pm AA 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 12 pm N.A	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 2 pm HdG High Baccalaureate 4:30 pm GS #4109	<b>28 Memorial Day</b> 7 pm Church Council 7:45 pm Handbells Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 5 pm AA 7 pm NA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<i>Sunday School 9:45am for All Ages!</i>	
<i>BWC Annual Conference</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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