

The Visitor

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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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Emergency Winter Shelter

The Emergency Winter Shelter began operating in January and will run through March and into early April. This year half the hotel rooms will be reserved for families with children. Churches are asked to help provide meals and other things. So far, all the needs for meals have been met.

Online Worship Service

In consultation with our Re-Uniting Safely Task Force, we are temporarily suspending in-person worship, Sunday School and meetings in our buildings. With our local hospitals using Crisis Standards of Care, the high transmission rate and some vaccine resistance of the Omicron variant, we need to take a break in order to prevent adding to the spread of Covid and for safety.

This temporary policy does not mean leaders cannot access needed items in the building in order to do ministry virtually or remotely.

Worship will be online via Facebook Live at 11 a.m. Sundays and posted to YouTube later that day.

The Church Office is closed to the public. The mail slot may be used for small deliveries and the red cupboard for larger items. It is checked regularly. If you need to visit the office, please call ahead and wear a mask.

Sunday School

- Pre-K through grade 5 classes will have materials mailed to them.
- Middle school meets by Zoom at 10 a.m.
- Senior high/young adults will be contacted by Mr. Phil with instructions about how to meet safely.
- The adult class meets at 9:45 by Zoom.

Worship Live Streamed Sundays at 11 a.m.



Lenten Sermon Series: "Risky Business"

We are called as disciples of Christ to imitate Jesus. The season of Lent, culminating in Holy Week and the Passion of Christ, focuses us on what Jesus risked for us. In this series we explore what we are called to risk for Christ, for his service, for the redemption of the world.

March 2

Ash Wednesday

Watch for updated information on how we will celebrate this

To make a right beginning of Lent we receive the mark of ashes as a sign of our mortality, repentance and willingness to take up our cross to follow Jesus.

Psalm 90: 1-13; Philippians 3: 4b-14

"Death, Hope and Redemption"

March 6

The First Sunday in Lent

We enter a season of penitence and renewal of faith in preparation for Easter, the Festival of the Resurrection.

Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13

"The Risk of Temptation"

March 13

The Second Sunday in Lent

Girl Scout Sunday (tentatively)

We continue our journey toward Jerusalem and the Cross and we celebrate the ministry of Girl Scouting.

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1; Luke 13: 31-35

"The Risk of Loving our Community"

March 20

The Third Sunday in Lent

Luke 13: 1-9

"The Risk of Being Misunderstood"

March 27

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

UMCOR Sunday

We celebrate the ministry of the United Methodist Committee on Relief

Joshua 5: 9-12; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

"The Risk of Loving Prodigally"

Lenten Study and Devotional Booklets

"Speak a Word" is offered as a weekly study using scripture, prayer-poems and reflections written by our Bishop, LaTrelle. She will cover topics such as truth, trust, healing, hope, love, humility, journey and joy. It's available now on the Conference website: BWCUMC.org. Click on "Lent 2022" in the drop down menu under "Resources."

Lenten Devotional booklets provided by the Society of St. Andrew, a gleaning ministry we support, are available to pick up from the Red Cupboard or the Church Office. The daily devotions are written by folk all over the country focusing on the theme of "The Cup of Salvation" and are quite inspiring.

Online Sign Language Class

Lenten Study: Learning Sign Language as a Spiritual Discipline. **Saturdays, March 12, 19 and 26 at 11 a.m.**, via ZOOM. Children are welcome with an adult. For information/questions contact Rev. Leo. Register at bwcumc.org.

Scholarships Available for Students



Scholarships for students planning to go into religious leadership are available from Eastern Star. Guidelines and application form are available in the Church Office. Application is due by **March 15**.

The annual BWC College Scholarship application period is now open. Students who are currently enrolled in college or who are seniors in high school are encouraged to apply. There are several different scholarships sponsored by the BWC. Find out more by going to our Conference's website (www.bwcumc.org), click on "Administration" at the top toolbar, click on "Local Church Resources" and then on "Scholarships." Apply online by **March 24**.

The Otter Point Creek Alliance, the non-profit friends group of the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, will be offering a \$500 scholarship to Harford County graduation seniors wishing to pursue studies in the field of environmental sciences or nature education. The deadline for submission is **May**. Contact Dawn for more information or for an application.

Summer Camp Registration

Summer Church Camp opportunities are available for young adventurers at Camp West River and Camp Manidokan (Grades 1-12 based on fall 2022). Go to bwccampsandretreats.com or call 800-922-6795 for more information including the latest Covid safety practices. There will be open houses at both camps from 2 to 5 p.m. on **Sunday, April 10**.

Summer Staff applications are available at www.bwccampsandretreats.com/get-involved. Volunteer registration opens **March 1** and Campership applications open **March 1** (our congregation also has funds available to help with camp costs).

A Virtual Culinary Journey: Chesapeake Farm and Bay to Table

Chesapeake Farm and Bay to Table are celebrating Women's History Month. We are honored to have Carla Hayden, the 14th Librarian of Congress- the first woman and the first African-American to hold this post, in the kitchen with Chef John and Library CEO Mary Hastler. We'll explore early American recipes along with the amazing women who created them. It's going to be a taste of culinary history and a how-to history class featuring St. Mary's County Stuffed Ham and much, much more.

This event will be presented virtually on ZOOM and is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 16**, from 7 to 8 p.m. Visit https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wKDVXXoHSSWXZpSvBUN6-A to register.

United Methodist Women Online Event

Submitted by JoAnn

The United Methodist Women are hosting The Legacy Endowment Fund, an online event on **Wednesday, March 23** through Facebook Live. Embrace the future for women, children and youth, and find out how your gifts are being put to use. For more information visit, www.unitedmethodistwomen.org

Thoughts from our Lay Leader

Submitted by Pat with blessings and peace

First, on behalf of the Congregation, I would like to congratulate Pastor Norman and Suzanne on the birth of their first granddaughter, Aurora James! We pray for many years of happiness, joy, love, growth and memory making.

Now, let us finish up the business of the 2021 Annual Conference. We have two more resolutions to address:

1. Creating a Green Baltimore-Washington Conference

Be it resolved, that churches within the Baltimore/Washington Conference will address creation care through one or more of the suggested actions or others of their choosing:

1. Do a study of creation care, using “Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action,” edited by Pat Watkins, or other Climate/Environmental Book with consultation with and input from the BWC Creation Care Action and Advocacy Team.
2. Support and encourage one or more members to do the Earthkeeper online training (<https://umcmmission.org/EarthKeepers>).
3. Create a Green Team that will organize to educate and activate their church in creation care. These teams are encouraged to create relationships with Interfaith Power and Light (ipldmv.org) and Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (interfaithchesapeake.org), both of which are important regional partners in creation care.

If anyone is interested in creating a Green Team within our congregation, please sign up for the Earthkeeper training noted in number two above and please let me know. Thank you!

2. On the Maryland Environmental Human Rights (MDEHR) Amendment



Be it resolved, that the Baltimore-Washington Conference endorses the passage of the Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment and encourages BWC congregations in Maryland to publicize this endorsement in their respective church bulletins, newsletters, and on their websites.

Please see the Amendment below. If anyone would like to sign the petition, please go to: mdehr.org

To: Senate President Bill Ferguson, Speaker Adrienne Jones, Senator William Smith, Chairman – Judicial Proceedings, Senator Paul Pinsky, Chairman – Education, Health, Environmental Affairs, and Delegate Kumar Barve, Chairman -Environment and Transportation

We, the people of Maryland, call upon the Maryland General Assembly, commencing January 12, 2022, to pass the Maryland Environmental Human Rights Amendment and thus add this amendment to the ballot at the next general election on November 8, 2022.

This amendment to the Declaration of Rights section of the Maryland Constitution would guarantee that every person, as a matter of basic human dignity, has a fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful, stable environment. It would codify that the State is trustee of Maryland’s natural resources, including its air, lands, waters, wildlife, and ecosystems, for the benefit and enjoyment of both present and future generations.

“Each person’s fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful environment” was established in the Maryland Environmental Policy Act that the Maryland General Assembly passed in 1973.

We, the people of Maryland, believe this right needs to be protected in our state constitution for the following reasons.

1. It is a moral imperative to protect the basic human dignity of having a healthful environment.
2. The health of the people of Maryland is negatively impacted by environmental pollution and degradation. The health disparities are more egregious in communities of color and low-income neighborhoods where environmental pollution and degradation is concentrated.
3. An Environmental Human Rights amendment would empower all Marylanders, local governments, and the state to protect and defend this fundamental right.
4. A constitutional right would be the foundation for improved laws and regulations, and act as a true guardrail to prevent the most egregious forms of harmful actions now and for future generations, providing environmental justice in our state.
5. A constitutional right, as opposed to a regular law, would ensure that environmental protection is considered among the highest obligations of the government, pursued as “a matter of the highest public priority,” (per MEPA) and not merely “good public policy.”

We, the undersigned people of Maryland, ask the leadership of the Maryland General Assembly to bring this amendment to a vote on the floor in both chambers and support passing the Environmental Human Rights Amendment during the 2022 legislative session. Give the people of Maryland the right to decide whether the right to a healthful environment is a constitutional priority.

As we were also asked to address gun violence, I pray some attended the Conference's webinar, "Gun Violence Prevention" that was held on February 15.

The 2022 Annual Conference will again be held virtually on June 1-3. The committee on Annual Conference decided this following a poll they sent out to registered attendees; all clergy of the Conference and Lay Delegates to Annual Conference. Our Lay Delegates are Dan and myself, Pat.

There is still no decision on General Conference being held late summer this year due to issues with COVID vaccinations and VISAs for all of our members from around the world. Please keep in prayer that by some safe means General Conference will be held this year.

That's about it for this month. As always, if anyone has any questions or concerns, PLEASE feel free to contact me.

World Day of Prayer Service

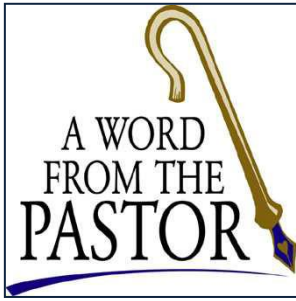
Submitted by JoAnn



Hopewell United Methodist Church, located at 3600 Level Road in Havre de Grace, is holding a service on **Friday, March 4** for World Day of Prayer. The sanctuary opens at 11:30 a.m. with the worship service beginning at noon. Lite fare will follow the service in the social hall. Worshippers are asked to wear a mask and follow social distancing.

World Day of Prayer in the U.S. promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnerships, service and celebration. For more information, visit www.wdp-usa.org. RSVP to JoAnn.

Journey to the Cross



--When the days drew near for him (Jesus) to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

--Luke 9:51

Dear Fellow Disciples:

The verse above is unique to the Gospel of Luke. It is not found in any of the other three Gospels. It speaks of a decision, a choice, a turning point in Christ's ministry. From here on, he is traveling resolutely and inevitably toward the conflict in Jerusalem and the Cross that awaits him on a hill outside its walls. In Luke, as Jesus travels, he teaches.

In this is a metaphor for Lent, the season of penitence and repentance in preparation for the joyous celebration of resurrection at Easter. As we travel through Lent we learn, along the way, about ourselves, our faith and our Lord. This year Easter falls in mid-April which means that the bulk of Lent falls during the month of March – beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 2. Jesus' journey to the Cross is a metaphor, too, for our life-long spiritual journey. We make our way deeper into faith, learning as we grow.

It also happens that March is Women's History Month. There is much history of, about and involving women that is just now being unearthed or reclaimed, but recently there has been a focus on the history of women in the U.S. getting the right, privilege and responsibility to vote. A little over a century ago this was achieved. It did not happen quickly or all at once but over a long period of time and activism beginning with the writings of Abigail Adams, gaining strength during the push for the abolition of slavery preceding the Civil War and continuing with the effort to secure voting and civil rights for African-Americans following the war. Some of those activities took place in our very region, such as the Prairie Schooner Women's Suffrage Campaign of 1915 which passed through North East and Havre de Grace and other nearby locations. (A leading organizer of this campaign, LaBerta, an active member of our congregation, lived in the home that previously occupied the site of our current Parsonage.) Along the way there were successes and setbacks, but ultimately full enfranchisement became the law of the land.

So, it is with our march to spiritual maturity. As United Methodists, inspired by John Wesley, we believe we are called to go on to Christian perfection, to grow deeper in our faith. It is, however, a journey. There are setbacks and successes. Lent is part of that journey as we travel with Jesus to kneel at the foot of his Cross.

Often, we think of the Lenten discipline or practice of "giving up" something for the season. We might, however, also – or instead -- consider "taking up" something for Lent. This year we are offered the opportunity to donate items to go into "Cleaning Buckets." These are 5-gallon buckets, formerly called "Flood Buckets," provided for us to fill with a set list of items. These kits are given, by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), to households recovering from natural disasters so they can clean their homes. UMCOR always needs more of these to replenish their stock as they help folk recovering from things such as floods or the recent tornadoes in the south-central U.S. Check on page seven in this issue of *The Visitor* for more information about the items needed. The list includes items of varying price and size.

So, as we travel through March toward Easter in April, may we choose a holy Lent and journey on toward a closer connection with Christ our crucified, risen and living Savior.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norman

UMCOR Cleaning Kits for Lent

Submitted by Tom



For something different this Lenten season, the Mission Team is offering us an opportunity to reach out to those in need of a helping hand in recovering from disasters nationally and around the world.

During Lent, we will be collecting the items needed to assemble UMCOR Cleaning Kits. We will be using the familiar procedure of placing tags on the breezeway door opposite the office. Tags will be posted, and collection will begin on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**. Items may be dropped off in the red cupboard next to this door.

The cupboard is also used for Grace Place collections, so please attach one or more of the tags or mark the donations with UMCOR. The goal is to collect enough items for 10 buckets by **Easter Sunday, April 17**. When referring to the list, please note that UMCOR has very specific guidance for some of the items, and we need to follow their guidance for items to be used. If you prefer, monetary gifts will be gratefully received. Checks may be written to the HdGUMC with UMCOR Cleaning Kits in the memo line.

Cleaning Kit List

- One 32-64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner
 - No spray cleaners
- One 16-34 oz. bottle dish soap
- One 4-8 oz. pump spray air freshener
- One 6-14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10-20 wipes also acceptable)
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers
- One scrub brush (With or without handle)
- 18 re-useable cleaning wipes
 - No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging
- Five scouring pads
 - No stainless-steel pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging
- 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)
- 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33-45-gallon sizes)
 - Remove from packaging
- Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1-3 mm thickness)
 - No surgical masks
- Two pairs kitchen gloves
 - Durable for multiple uses
- One pair work gloves
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Thank you,
Your Missions Team



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**

Here, across the street, and around the world

Board of Child Care

Submitted by Cathey

One of the new missions our church is sponsoring in 2022 is the Board of Child Care (BCC) located in Baltimore. The BCC is committed to honoring differences, acknowledging uniqueness, and amplifying all voices. A culture of inclusivity empowers individuals at every level to enrich communities, one family at a time. The BCC has pledged that “Together, we can face racism and injustices to create a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive BCC community.”

The commitment to caring for children has lasted generations. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Kelso Home for Girls, Strawbridge Home for Boys, and Swartzell Methodist Home for Children provided a safe and caring place for vulnerable children to live. The operations of these homes eventually merged under one organization structure, called the Board of Child Care, in 1960.

The children who grew up at Kelso, Strawbridge and Swartzell thrived through the decades, and the youth are following this same legacy today. They are leaving the BCC prepared to meet the world and live healthy, productive lives. Through patience, love and care, the BCC is continuing to help future generations transform themselves and become productive citizens.

The BCC is a separate entity from the United Methodist Church; however, the programs operate within the Baltimore-Washington, Peninsula-Delaware, and Susquehanna Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church. Historically, BCC has followed the teachings of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who once said: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”

John Wesley promoted social justice in his ministry, serving the poor, the uneducated and the neglected in society. The vision of BCC, in accordance with United Methodist roots and John Wesley’s teachings, is to be a community of hope: providing an opportunity to heal, and a safe and caring environment for children, youth and families.

Spiritual life (SL) experiences contribute toward BCC’s goal to be a conduit of healing, safety, well-being and permanency for the youth entrusted to the care of BCC. The programs are open to any individual regardless of their religious beliefs, and they honor wherever a youth is in his/her faith journey.

The affiliation between the BCC and the United Methodist Church is deeply rooted in BCC’s history. With this in mind, the SL program seeks to provide worship, fellowship, outreach, and counseling experiences to meet the needs of both residents and staff. The SL program provides various opportunities, but it is always an option for the youth in the care of the BCC.

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

MISSIONS NEWS

All God's Children

Submitted by Ridge



Memories are so valuable when you become old. I think about who I used to be and miss that person. I worked in Baltimore City for 20 years as an outreach nurse and case manager, mainly with homeless and poor folks, mentally ill persons, addicts, and children with rare and expensive conditions (REM), people who often fall through the cracks. They taught me so many important things about life and being human.

Ernest was a chronic alcoholic, a bear of a man, always cheerful and happy, but always drunk. He visited HealthCare for the Homeless (HCH) nearly every day. At a medical visit he was found to have diabetes and trying to provide correct treatment was difficult. I visited him when he was a patient in the hospital. He said the dietitian had visited and said he needed to be on a 1100 calorie diet. He showed me her plan for him—fresh vegetables, limited carbohydrates.

“Ernest, did you tell her you eat your meals in soup kitchens and shelters?” “Yes, ma'am.”

He joined a diabetes class at HCH that met every week. After I left HCH I did not see him, and then as a case manager in a Medicaid program I met him again. He had his own apartment, neat and orderly. His food was stored safely, and he showed me the canned foods, noting the carbohydrates on the labels. He had lost weight. A miracle had occurred. The addiction counselor at HCH had gotten him into a recovery program. He attended AA meetings. He was delighted to see me, and still the cheerful, happy Ernest.

Alice was a quiet 45-year-old woman with HIV, a third-grade education and a tragic history. She had been molested as a child, had used drugs and bore the emotional scars of these experiences. When I met her, she was no longer using drugs, had found a job in a community program and was at HCH for health care. The nurse practitioner who saw her tried to check her for cervical cancer, but Alice was too frightened. We arranged that Alice and I would see a gynecologist at Mercy Hospital. I would be with her, and she could hold my hand. She was able to tolerate the exam and we treated ourselves to ice cream afterwards. Alice worked till she developed AIDS. I visited her as often as I could. She was a wonderful cook, and her collard greens with smoked turkey neck were wonderful.

Fancy was six years old, a beautiful little girl with renal failure. As her case manager I called her mother every month to make sure things were going well and visited every three months. At the first visit her mom said she had no problem getting the meds, they liked the doctor and a cab picked them up and took them back and forth to the clinic. She was very capable and watched Fancy's diet. Fancy and I sat on the steps of her porch in the sunshine. I had given her a book, “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,” and we read it together – twice, with Fancy singing out “chitty chitty bang bang” at the right time. What a lovely day. She was so proud of her book.

I had an opportunity to provide a class on stress reduction at the South Baltimore Station, a bus station that had been turned into a recovery program. Thirty men were in the program. The food was good, and the structure was supportive—twelve step meetings, classes for getting a GED, job training. Many of the men used HCH for their health care. I was there every Friday. When I learned that the men HAD to come to the group, I began to bring cookies every week. And I let the men know I did not mind if they slept—“but please don't fall off your chair.” (They called me “Cookie Lady.”) We had good discussions, and I learned so much. Always the concern was the potential for relapse. Triggers around holidays, certain people, or memories. But the men supported each other. William shared with the group that he had gotten a job, but was afraid when he got his first pay check. He did not feel safe coming though South Baltimore on Friday evening with money in his pocket. He knew he would be tempted to buy and use drugs. He talked to his friend Reggie. “I asked Reggie to meet me at the bus stop and we walked back to the station together.” Sometimes all we need is a companion for the journey.

Raymond was a young man with bipolar disorder. He had been in foster care (his mother was a drug addict) and aged-out at age 18 and became homeless. He was tall and muscular with a big smile. He saw the psychiatrist and medical provider at HCH and was trying to find a place to live. Having SSI disability was a help. When cold weather came, we always had coats, gloves, scarves and hats for our clients/friends. So many of our folks were outside much of the day. One morning Raymond came in to see us and I noticed that he had no gloves. I hurried to find him a pair. When I handed them to him, he said, "Miss Ridge, I had some gloves, but I met a man who ain't had no gloves, so I gave him mine. I have nice warm pockets. My hands are nice and warm." He felt "blessed to be a blessing" to someone else!

God bless Raymond and all the folks I learned to love in Baltimore City. Here in Harford County folk face many of the same issues. We are blessed to be able to help through the Welcome One Shelter (FCCA) and the Emergency Winter Shelter (HCHHA). Some of us have gotten to know some of the guests over the years. God bless those folk who work with the guests at these shelters and God bless our guests we have learned to love in Harford County.

God's Newest Gift

Aurora James ("Rory") was born to Lauren and Daniel at 1:07 a.m. Pacific Time weighing 8 lbs, 8 oz and measuring 20 inches. Pastor Norman and Suzanne are now grandparents! May she grow in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and her peers.

Thank Yous

My deepest thank you to my Church family for the prayers, cards, calls, and food during my mother's illness and passing. It means more to me than you can ever know. God has blessed me immensely, and I will continue to sing his praises even in my grief because he sent me each of you, and I am blessed by your care and thoughtfulness. May you be blessed as you have blessed me. **Tammy.**

Thank you Pastor Norman and the Prayer Circle and congregation for all the prayers and messages for our time of illness and the needs of relatives. **Ron and Tricia.**

Thanksgivings

Commendations to **Elliana** who was a runner-up in the recent Langston Hughes Oratorical Contest and took home a \$100 prize. She also played a medley of piano music during the intermission. Elliana has been a youth-leader in our Vacation Bible School and a cast member in at least one of our VBS skits.

Commendations, also, to **Addison** who was a runner-up in the same Contest and took home \$100. Addison is the Girl Scout who refurbished and provided our Red Cupboard outside the Church Office that has proven so useful during the pandemic!



Congratulations to **Karen** who recently retired from APG after many years of service protecting the environment. Seen here are Karen and her daughter Alicen during her retirement ceremony. Pictures courtesy of APG Pictures.

First Aid for Mental Health



See the world through the eyes of others. One in every five Americans (52.9 million people) experience mental illness each year.

Live virtual training is available on **Thursday, March 10 and Thursday, March 24.**

Recognizing the need to create a more empathic community and environment within the United Methodist Church for those struggling with mental health, Wespath is offering first aid training for mental health. First Aid for Mental Health erases the stigma surrounding mental health and emphasizes that it's OK, not to be OK.

It also teaches attendees how to accept their own mental health struggles without embarrassment or shame. The training teaches how to:

- Identify when you or someone you know may be struggling with mental health
- Start a conversation with someone who is struggling
- Respond with empathy
- Help those who are struggling get the help they need
- Take action to manage your own mental health challenges

First Aid for Mental Health is for EVERYONE. All are invited to attend—at no cost. The skills acquired can be applied to many situations, including home, social and professional environments. To register, visit <https://a18814.actonsoftware.com/acton/fs/blocks/showLandingPage/a/18814/p/p-0007/t/page/fm/0?sid=TV2:pRRgkedsd>

Community Information

GriefShare Groups

- **Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., March 1 through May 24.** Online through Conowingo Baptist Church. Contact: Betty. Cost: Free
- **Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m., March 11 through June 3.** Online through Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Contact: the Church Office at 667-229-5560. Cost: Free

Red Cross needs blood! Donors of all blood types, especially O and those giving platelets are urged to make an appointment to give now. To donate, visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

Feeling stressed, lonely or upset? For mental health here are some resources:

- *Lonely? Call 211 or visit 211MD.org
- *Upset? Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746
- *Stressed? Text TALK to 741741
- *Emotional Health Crisis Line: 1-866-342-6892
- *Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- *Optum Public Crisis Line: 1-866-342-6892

UM Upper Chesapeake Health has many classes and support groups meeting virtually, including car seat checkups. Simply go to: umms.org/uch/community/events to survey their offerings.

Grace Place Food Donations Needed

Help restock our pantry at Grace Place with the following items:

Canned tuna fish (5 oz)	Baked beans
Canned chicken (5 oz)	Oodles of Noodles
Canned soups	Canned spaghetti sauce
Fruit (4-oz cups)	Canned Spaghetti O's
Macaroni and cheese	Peanut butter
Ramen noodles	Jelly
Box of spaghetti	Canned ravioli
Canned chili	Canned meat
Instant oatmeal	



Toiletry items (no razors)
Target brand diapers (sizes 5 and 6)
Target brand pull-ups (size 4T-5T, boy or girl)
Target brand wipes (scent free)

PLEASE – No glass jars, outdated food or fresh milk or bread.

Grace Place is currently trying to distribute foods in reusable fabric bags rather than plastic. If you have extra clean reusable grocery bags at your house, please consider donating them to help reduce plastic use in our community. Our guests at Grace Place appreciate your generosity. God bless you.

Church Office and the Red Cupboard

Any items we are collecting (food, reusable grocery bags, etc.) may be put in the red cupboard by the office door under the breezeway. We have folk willing to sort items and get them to the right place. Upper Room devotionals and Lenten devotionals are available in the Red Cupboard for pick-up. Please call the office for Church Directories or Adult Sunday School books.

Church Trivia

1. What Methodist woman wrote more hymns than Charles Wesley?
 - A. Frances Alexander
 - B. Fanny Brice
 - C. Fanny Crosby
 - D. Frances Willard
2. Who was the first woman to run for president of the U.S.?
 - A. Betsy Ross
 - B. Carrie Nation
 - C. Hillary Clinton
 - D. Victoria Woodhull

Answers on page 14

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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.

Birthdays

March 13 Jenee	March 22 Selona	March 23 Jesse
March 25 Bob	March 26 Melania	March 27 Courtney Lee
March 29 Pamela Ryan	March 31 Cathey	



April 3 Evan	April 6 Keith	April 12 Lynn	April 15 Muriel
April 20 Gail	April 26 Capt. Donald	April 28 Robert	April 30 Pam

Anniversaries

March 5 Robert and Terri
March 15 Shawn and Pam

April 22 Bill and Donna

Continued Support

Your continued support of Christ's ministry at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church is appreciated – especially while we are unable to gather for worship. To continue your support of Christ's ministry through our church when you are unable to attend, there are several options:

- 1) Gifts may be mailed to or dropped off at the church office via the mail slot in the door;
- 2) Some donors have found bill-pay options offered by their bank convenient, and
- 3) We have an on-line donation option on our website.

Thank you for your ongoing faithful and generous support. It has allowed us to remain here seeking to serve others and transform lives in Jesus' name by providing spiritual care.



Trivia Answers

Answer: C. Fanny Crosby. She wrote more than 9,000 hymns, including "Blessed Assurance" and "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior."

Answer: D. Victoria Woodhull. Victoria Claflin Woodhull was nominated for President of the U.S. by the Equal Rights Party on May 10, 1872.

Source: umc.org

Prayer List

To update the Prayer List or add a name, please contact Anita or the church office at 410-939-2464 or hdgumc@verizon.net. Thank you!

Craig	Cathey	Sharon
Josh	Cody	Shawn
Tammy	Lois	Pattie
Katie	Cheryl	Renee
Keith	Edith	Joe
Johnette	Marco	Sandy
Vern	Jessica	Carl
Janet	Tommy	Pat
Lindsey	Scott	Bob
Patricia	Gerald	Jane
Ron	Maxine	Clayton
Steve	Alice	
Elsa	Kimberly	Anthony
Tina	Jack	Beverly
Mabel	Eric	Frank
Suzy	Edie	Mary Ann
Vicky	Kerri Ann	Nelson
Rick	Emily	Rick
Tom	Jimmy	
Mindy	Dan	

*All who are battling COVID-19; an end to racism, Reconciling Team, conflict in the Middle East, persecuted Christians and Jews, disaster victims, families dealing with suicide, first responders, veterans, police, all educators and students, the homeless, health care providers.

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11:00 AM Livestream only

9:45 AM Sunday School in varied forms

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