



The Visitor

June 2022



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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We hope you will join us for worship and Sunday School each week!

In-Person Worship Services

Worship is 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. with entrance via the front doors on Union Avenue only. Livestream worship is at 11 a.m.

Masks are now optional for worship, but physical distancing is still important. Any of us that want to wear a mask will have that choice respected. We are asked to please watch on-line from home if we feel ill. Our church strives to be a safe and nurturing place for all of God's people.

For individuals not wishing to appear in the Livestream service at 11 a.m. seats behind the projector and in the rear gallery are not in the view of the camera.

Nursery care will not be available, but we welcome children of all ages in worship.

Sunday School

Pre-K through grade 5 meet upstairs in the education building each week at 9:45 a.m.

Middle school meets in-person in the Middle School room 9:45 a.m.

Senior high students meet at 9:45 a.m. on the Congress Avenue side of the church to go to Concord Point Coffee.

Adult Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. each week in both the Mentzer Parlor and by Zoom.

Masks remain optional for Sunday School. Mask if you would like. We will continue to follow social distancing as well as keeping our classrooms clean and safe. This will also be followed during "the best week of summer," i.e., Vacation Bible School -- from **June 26 through 30**. We look forward to seeing those smiling faces we have missed so much!

Worship In-Person and Live Stream



Summer Sermon Series 2022

As people of faith, we seek to know God. We realize, however, that God is not fully knowable. The Bible reflects this mystery of the divine. God is both hidden and revealed. The Bible is the story of God's encounters with us, with human beings. This summer we will explore what we learn from "Encountering God" in these stories, both what we learn about ourselves and about God and God's character.

June 5

Pentecost; Confirmation Sunday; Celebration of Holy Communion

Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 12-17; 25-27

"Footsteps, Potholes and Fire!"

We remember the birth of the Church and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We celebrate with those confirming their faith in Jesus Christ.

June 12

Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday

Romans 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

"The Truth Behind the Trinity"

We celebrate God made known to us in the Trinity.

We acknowledge our calling to work for peaceful solutions, seek justice and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We receive a special offering to pay for ministries to equip action in support of justice priorities. Half of this offering is designated to be used within our own Conference. The United Methodist Church is represented in the World Council of Churches and our Board of Church and Society participates as an NGO consultant to the UN.

June 19

Charles Wesley Day

Festival of the Christian Home 2.0

Juneteenth

Genesis 6: 5-8; 7: 11-13, 16-17, 23-8: 3, 21b-22

"God and Noah: A Contrast in Commitment"

We remember Charles Wesley, "Father of Methodist Hymnody."

We celebrate the gift of Christian homes and affirm the Christian family in its wholeness.

We remember and celebrate the end of African-American slavery in the United States

June 26

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

"Belief Beyond Belief"

In a confused account Abraham both doubts God's Promise and is credited with belief in it! This "faithfulness" is believing despite evidence to the contrary. But underlying the whole story is GOD's faithfulness to the Covenant.

Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through, VBS 2022



VBS planning is underway for Rocky Railway to be held from **June 26 through June 30** from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. each evening.

Each night, the children will begin with Sing and Play Express where we will be introduced to Cam, played by Ian and, of course, our Railway director Janyce. Each night they will introduce our character, Bible point, Bible verse and story to the children before they go onto their stations: Bible Adventures and the Chew Chew Snacks, Loco Motion Games, Imagination Station (crafts) and finally Rocky Wrap Up with Janyce. During Sing and Play Express Miss Judy will help us learn our theme song and during Rocky Wrap Up she will help us learn a few other songs to share during our closing program.

During Rocky Railway, we will learn that Jesus' power helps us do hard things, Jesus' power gives us hope, Jesus' power helps us to be bold, Jesus' power lets us live forever and Jesus' power helps us to be good friends.

Groups will be offered for Pre-school (must be potty trained) through Kindergarten class, Grades 1 through 3, Grades 4 through 6, a Teen class and an Adult class. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the program as well. If you are interested, please contact Nancy or Lisa. We would love to have you!

Please check the glass door by the church office beginning in June for supplies we need to help make our program fun and exciting for the children. One thing we need right away are large boxes for trains. The boxes should be knee high so they can be used by the children as train cars for games. As always, we appreciate your generous support of our VBS program. It truly is the best week of summer!

Early registration is encouraged so we can have a better understanding of class size and how to manage things safely. The form is available in the newsletter, the narthex of the church, and can be emailed directly to you!

Lisa, Education Chair, VBS Director
Nancy, Co-VBS Director

Juneteenth Celebration

Juneteenth, short for June 19th, is the day set aside each year to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the U.S. It marks the day in 1865 when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, to ensure that all enslaved people in the U.S. were freed, a full two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. It is one of the oldest African American holidays and officially became a federal holiday last year on June 17, 2021.

This year, the Harford County NAACP Branch will serve as a volunteer partner organization for the Upper Bay Juneteenth Festival hosted by the Historic Hosanna School Museum. This is the longest-running Juneteenth celebration in our area. This family-friendly event will include music, food, vendors, performances, history and more. As a partner with us, please not only come out to enjoy the festivities, but also to volunteer to support it in some way. There will be plenty of opportunities to serve! In the meantime, please mark your calendars for a day of family fun and celebration!

Date: Saturday, June 18

Time: 12 to 6 p.m.

Location: The Historic Hosanna School Museum, 2424 Castleton Road, Darlington, MD 21034

Ticket Cost: \$18.65 in advance; \$20 at the event; free for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.hosannaschoolmuseum.org/events-1/upper-bay-juneteenth-festival-2022>

Thoughts from our Lay Leader

Submitted by Pat with blessings and peace

Breaking news: The United Methodist Women has been rebranded as The United Women in Faith. The United Methodist Men is keeping its same name but is now offering The United Men's Ministry platform as a collection of resources to assist churches, ministry leaders, organizers, or anyone seeking to lead men's ministries to go deeper.

The Council of Bishops had their Spring Meeting at the end of April. Bishop Cynthia of the Louisiana Annual Conference and the first Hispanic woman to be President of the Council of Bishops, passed the gavel to Bishop Thomas of the New York Annual Conference. He will be President for the next two years. Bishop Tracy of the East Ohio Conference was elected President-Elect. She will become President of the Council of Bishops in 2024. She is the first African-American woman to hold this position.

The Global Methodist Church (GMC) kicked off on May 1. It will be the more traditional version of the UMC. For more information visit: globalmethodist.org.



I would like to offer another easy way of meeting your vow for service. (Remember last month I mentioned being a reader/liturgist.) How about being a **GREETER**?! It's fun, **EASY**, and you will be able to attach faces to names you've heard!! You just need to be at the church 30 minutes prior to the service. If you would like to explore this easy and simple way of serving, please contact Lisa for the 8:15 a.m. service and Carolyn and John for the 11 a.m. service. THANK YOU!

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Prayers for a safe and fun summer!

Conference Events

Washington East District Lay Servant Academy: Introduction to Lay Ministry- The BASIC Course

Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, and 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Class will be held by Zoom. Information will be provided prior to the class start date. This course will help laity explore and discover their unique call in serving God, neighbor, and the greater church. It is foundational for all courses in lay servant ministries and must be taken by everyone seeking certification as a lay servant, lay speaker, or lay minister.

Instructor: Pastor Kermit

Required Text: *Lay Servant Ministries* (Basic Course Participant Book) by Sandy Jackson

Reading Assignments: Please read the text prior to class.

Online Registration Only: \$40. Registration deadline is June 3.

Support Migrants Seeking Asylum

The Baltimore-Washington area is receiving a new influx of migrants from the Southern Border. Conference leaders are noting a significant need for basic items and temporary shelter. They are also calling on United Methodists to call on congressional leaders to end Title 42.

What does the Church say?

As United Methodists we believe that, *“the center of Christian faithfulness to Scripture is the call we have been given to love and welcome the sojourner. We call upon all United Methodist churches to welcome newly*

arriving migrants in their communities, to love them as we do ourselves, to treat them as one of our native-born, to see in them the presence of the incarnated Jesus, and to show hospitality to the migrants in our midst, believing that through their presence we are receiving the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” Welcoming the Migrant to the US 2016 Book of Resolutions, #3281.

How can the Church respond?

The United Methodist Church is called by Christ to offer love and welcome to the sojourner and now is the moment to proclaim this love in action.

- Pray for the journey and strength of the migrants seeking safety and security, for the health and vitality of volunteers, for the political will of our government leaders, and for you and your commitment to God’s ongoing call to justice and to care for God’s beloved community.
- Provide **short-term** and **long-term housing support** (1 overnight to 2 month stays). If you or your congregation have room, a house or a building for our migrant neighbors. For questions contact: Dr. Emma or Rev. Neal.
- **Donate:** online to the co-op feeding our new neighbors.
- **In-kind donations:** Drop off supplies at the Baltimore-Washington Conference Center at 11711 E Market Place Fulton, MD 20759. With note “Solidarity with Migrants from Texas.” Adult clothing of all types and sizes are needed, so are shoes, and toys and comfort items for children.
- **Voice your support to members of Congress and call for an End Title 42.**

For more information on donating, volunteering, and housing visit bwcumc.org

The Unfinished Church Podcast

Tune in **every other Thursday** on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Anchor, Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts to listen to The Unfinished Church, a **new podcast** focusing on the holy work of anti-racism. The podcast is a place for dialogue, learning, and transformation as people of faith coming together to build a world in which racial prejudice has no power.

The debut season of The Unfinished Church explores humility, implicit bias, building right relationships, compassionate listening and more as the bishops talk with well-known activists, authors, preachers and teachers about what it means to do the work of anti-racism.

Visit theunfinishedchurch.org to learn more and hear the official trailer. To stay connected and up-to-date follow us on social media at @unfinishedumc. Join us as we create space to learn how to love our neighbors in the ways Christ has called us to love. God is not done with us. Our work is unfinished.



We Rise United Prayer Call

For those doing ministries of justice and equality, join us every month on the **first and third Wednesdays** for a prayer call on Zoom, from **12 to 12:30 p.m.** We all must look to God for help, guidance, and support during this time, and as we journey forward towards reaching the goal of being an anti-racist Church. Let's lift our voices and be heard so that together, We Rise United.

<https://bwcumc.zoom.us/j/99403251553?pwd=QVIPMTdyMzExWmplbjZKcHJOMjEydz09>

Meeting ID: 994 0325 1553

Passcode: 049330

Dial in by phone: 301 715 8592

Meeting ID and passcode are the same when dialing in by phone.

The United Methodist view on Abortion



Below is the statement on Abortion from our Social Principles in the 2016 The United Methodist Book of Discipline. The Social Principles are a thoughtful effort to speak to human issues in our contemporary world from a sound Biblical and theological foundation. They are a call for us as Christians to prayerfully connect faith and practice. This statement comes from the part of the Social Principles entitled “The Nurturing Community.” There are additional statements in our Book of Resolutions also coming from General Conference.

The beginning of life and the ending of life are the God-given boundaries of human existence. While individuals have always had some degree of control over when they would die, they now have the awesome power to determine when and even whether new individuals will be born. Our belief in the sanctity of unborn human life makes us reluctant to approve abortion.

But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child.

We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers. We support parental, guardian, or other responsible adult notification and consent before abortions can be performed on girls who have not yet reached the age of legal adulthood. We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection or eugenics (see Resolution 3184).

We oppose the use of late-term abortion known as dilation and extraction (partial-birth abortion) and call for the end of this practice except when the physical life of the mother is in danger and no other medical procedure is available, or in the case of severe fetal anomalies incompatible with life. This procedure shall be performed only by certified medical providers. Before providing their services, abortion providers should be required to offer women the option of anesthesia.

We call all Christians to a searching and prayerful inquiry into the sorts of conditions that may cause them to consider abortion. We entrust God to provide guidance, wisdom, and discernment to those facing an unintended pregnancy.

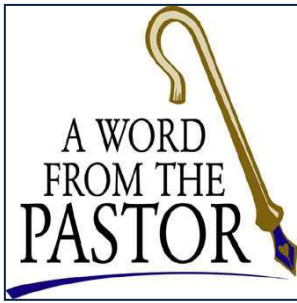
The Church shall offer ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies. We commit our Church to continue to provide nurturing ministries to those who terminate a pregnancy, to those in the midst of a crisis pregnancy, and to those who give birth.

We mourn and are committed to promoting the diminishment of high abortion rates. The Church shall encourage ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies such as comprehensive, age-appropriate sexuality education, advocacy in regard to contraception, and support of initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all women and girls around the globe.

Young adult women disproportionately face situations in which they feel that they have no choice due to financial, educational, relational, or other circumstances beyond their control. The Church and its local congregations and campus ministries should be in the forefront of supporting existing ministries and developing new ministries that help such women in their communities. They should also support those crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women explore all options related to unplanned pregnancy. We particularly encourage the Church, the government, and social service agencies to support and facilitate the option of adoption. (See ¶ 161M.) We affirm and encourage the Church to assist the ministry of crisis pregnancy centers and pregnancy resource centers that compassionately help women find feasible alternatives to abortion.

Governmental laws and regulations do not provide all the guidance required by the informed Christian conscience. Therefore, a decision concerning abortion should be made only after thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the parties involved, with medical, family, pastoral, and other appropriate counsel.

Exploring Who We Are



--The Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then...the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. – Genesis 3: 21, 23

Dear Fellow Disciples:

With June, the summer months begin and a somewhat slower pace. It can be a time to reassess where we are and who we are. We are people in relationship with God. So, part of exploring who we are is exploring who God is. The Bible is the story of God's encounter with human beings like us. So, this summer we will engage in a sermon series about "Encountering God" as we explore various stories in which God meets people in life-changing ways.

Human infants learn and grow a great deal as they explore their world. They learn where the boundaries are between their body and the wider world. They learn how the fingers and toes they see are attached to themselves. They also develop an identity, a sense of self. Part of that is learning they are separate from other people, including their parents.

The origin-story of Adam and Eve, of humanity in the garden of Eden, is very much like this. They are created to be in relationship with God and put in the garden to keep it. Sin, however, enters the picture spoiling things and they are separated from God and, in ways that become clearer later when the first murder occurs, from each other.

The story of Eden ends with humanity needing to leave the garden. God, however, cares for them by making clothes for them. God still seeks to be in relationship with them by providing protective care. The separation of children from their parents and of us from God is a poignant reality of human existence.

The rest of the Bible is the story of the relationship between God and us. It is the story of our seeking after God or often seeking to avoid God. It is, more importantly, the story of God seeking us! This is what our summer sermon series will seek to explore.

The summer months are also a time when we are often reminded of our nation's history. Memorial Day, Flag Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day and Labor Day all call to mind events in our nation's past and the beliefs we hold about our country. In a similar way, this upcoming sermon series, during the flow of time over the next three months, will also help us call to mind our "salvation history." For, from Creation to Christ, God has been seeking to save us.

May you have a blessed summer, seek after God and remember, and rejoice in, God's salvation.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norman



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

UMCOR Cleaning Kits for Lent

Submitted by Tom



Traditionally we celebrate the season of Lent by giving up something we like. We do this to honor the 40 days following Jesus' baptism, when He went into the wilderness without food or water. This year we had the opportunity to help others in need during this season by providing supplies for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) cleaning kits. UMCOR collects cleaning kits, school kits and hygiene kits through United Methodist volunteers for distribution after disasters in the United States and its territories. These kits are stored in depots across the country, and when a request is received, they are shipped to those in need.

Using UMCOR's detailed list, you provided enough items for 8 kits plus lots of left-over supplies! These will be a blessing to victims of natural disasters who are faced with cleaning up their homes and attempting to salvage personal property.

In addition to shipping kits to areas of need, UMCOR also has trained disaster teams that provide on-site case management to guide folks through the process of getting professional help for repairs, as well as hands-on help in mitigating the effects of natural or human-caused disasters. When events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own, UMCOR can provide essential relief supplies, response, and support for long-term recovery. UMCOR is not a first response organization but is there to support communities through the long haul to recovery. You can find out more about UMCOR by exploring their website at umcor.org.

If you missed the opportunity to participate in our cleaning kit project, you can support UMCOR directly either online or mailing your gift to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR,
GPO, P.O. Box 9068,
New York, NY, 10087-9068.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our UMCOR Cleaning Kits program.



Donated Supplies Boxed and Ready to Go

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

MISSIONS NEWS

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 are available in the Red Cupboard for pick-up. Please call the office for Church Directories or Adult Sunday School books.

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All newsletter contributions should be left in the Church Office in the box marked for The Visitor or e-mailed to the Church Office.

Deadline for submission of items is the 2nd Sunday of the month by 10:30 a.m. preceding publication.

Anything received after that date will be placed in the next month's newsletter.

The editors reserve the right to edit for content and space.

We welcome your suggestions and contributions for The Visitor.

Christian Love and Sympathy

Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:



Elizabeth Louise (Betty) who died May 5 after a short illness. A resident of St. John's Commons, Betty was a member of our congregation since 1955 when she professed faith in Jesus Christ at age 11 -- presumably as part of a Confirmation Class during the pastorate of Rev. Lloyd L. Krug.

Maxine Parsons who died May 6. She was a loyal member of Havre de Grace since transferring from St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Perryville in 1960. A woman of simple faith, she loved all people and humbly served many as she reflected God's grace in the world -- including volunteering for the Emergency Rotating Shelter before Welcome One Shelter was born.

Here We Grow Again

We welcome to our fellowship, as a Preparatory Member, **Serena Isabelle**, daughter of **Megan and Zach**, who was baptized May 8, 2022.

We also welcome as Full Members **Zachary John** by Confirmation of his Baptismal Vows and Profession of Faith and **Megan Marie** by Reaffirmation of Faith in Jesus Christ, also on May 8, 2022 (Megan comes to us from Way of Life Church (now Freedom Church) in Hickory, MD). May we journey together with them into deeper faith.

Thank You

Thanks to the following folk who helped spruce up our church property this spring:

Kim and Lisa, Jerry and Lynn, Ron, Becky, Jon, Harry and Paul. Your good work helps reflect to the world our vibrant ministry.

Church Trivia

1. Father's Day like Mother's Day, was inspired by folk in The UMC?
True or False?

2. Juneteenth commemorates the day that President Lincoln gave the Emancipation Proclamation?
True or False?

Answers on page 14

Continued Support

Your continued support of Christ's ministry at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church is appreciated. 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.

We Held Canning Parties

Submitted by Ridge

Remembering the past, I found a clipping from *The Aegis* of fifty years ago: “The Presbyterian Women of Harford County held a workshop on hunger...” We learned that our county had pockets of hunger because people who had limited money were given donated food only. The county had chosen not to provide food stamps for those who were poor. This meant no fruit or vegetables were available – only cheese, milk, rice, dried beans, and the like. After some discussion the women decided to use the resources we had in our churches to meet some of the nutritional needs of our neighbors. Our assets were:



- 1) We had kitchens.
- 2) We did not work outside the home
- 3) We had time available during the day
- 4) We had youth group teens who could babysit
- 5) We knew farmers who might have extra crops to share.

Our church governing boards gave approval and added extra funds if we needed to buy some produce.

Through the Department of Social Services, we obtained lists of families who would like to participate in “canning parties” at our churches on specific days. The first goal was to reach out to families and arrange to get them to the church. No one had cell phones in those days, and few had landlines. So, on Monday designated moms would drive to the homes of our potential cooks and make sure they could come. We counted the number of children knowing that moms could not leave the kids at home: “I’ll pick you all up at 9 tomorrow – kids and all. Lunch is provided.” Meanwhile women at the kitchens were counting jars, scalding them, picking up donated produce and planning how much more we would need to buy. Others were buying supplies for lunches – bread, bologna, cookies, chips and drinks. Two women who had transportation checked with a farm near them and were able to glean the fields for string beans after the farmer was done picking! How Biblical is that?! The youth group teens were planning things to do with the kids. Our own kids would be there as well.

At 9 the next day we all gathered: children in the Sunday School rooms for stories or outdoors for kickball. We all washed our hands, put on aprons and began to prepare the food. Apples had to be cored and cooked for apple sauce, tomatoes scalded to remove the skins and cut into chunks, and green beans snapped and washed. One time we had an 87-pound pumpkin donated – wow! We had several pressure cookers going, as well as hot water bath cookers. Those of us experienced in canning explained how to do each step of the preparation and why. When the cookers were going strong, we all stopped for lunch, relaxed, ate together and enjoyed our success. We applauded the 99-year-old great-grandma who was so skilled at cutting up windfall apples. We had been working together and sharing time and talent.

The jars were too hot to be moved (but we had planned for this), so we got everyone home and then took the jars to them the next day. All the hard work may have only netted each family eight or nine quart jars but no one was unhappy, and we reminded all our recipients to “save your jars for next year!”

After four canning parties “410 quarts of food have been prepared.... In those four parties 18 families (85 people) have been served.” Our churches canned with Social Service recipients for four seasons, and people did save their jars. Finally, the County Council approved the use of food stamps and folks were able to buy fruit and vegetables.

Thinking back on those days, we might have decided to buy cans of vegetables and fruit in bulk to be given out. Thank God that did not occur to us. Instead, I remember how much fun we had! My kids had new friends with whom to play. We met folk we never would have gotten to know and the concept of Mission was changed for me forever: **WE WORK TOGETHER!**

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

June 6 Alana Emily Bonnie	June 10 Katie	June 11 Emerson	June 12 David	June 14 Lee
June 17 Karen	June 18 Mary Jane Casey	June 20 Tatum	June 26 Laura	

July 4 Neal	July 6 Cecelia	July 7 Sharon	July 10 Hilary	July 11 Meredith
July 14 Taylor	July 15 Anne	July 17 Stephanie	July 20 Frank	
July 22 David	July 24 Karlee	July 25 Jennett	July 26 Melvin	July 31 Wendy

Anniversaries

June 4 Ned and Linda	June 9 Jim and Trudy
June 23 Chet and Annabelle	June 25 John and Sandy
June 28 Keith and Nancy	June 30 Dan and Jennifer

July 31
Patrick and Julie

Kids' Corner

Courtesy of today.com

Have fun sharing these jokes with dad this Father's Day.

What's more unbelievable than a talking dog? A spelling bee.
How did the barber win the race? He knew a short cut.
How do you fix a broken tomato? With tomato paste.
Why was the math book sad? It had too many problems.
What did the ocean say to the beach? Nothing. It just waved.



Community Information

GriefShare Groups

- **Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.** Group starts **June 7** and runs through August 30. Pleasant View Baptist Church, 150 Downin Lane, Port Deposit. Contact: Marlene. Cost: Free
- **Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Group runs through August 11. St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 1200 E. Churchville Road, Bel Air. Contact: the Church Office, 410-838-3178. 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.

Church Calendar

JUNE 2022

Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Education Team	2 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir	3 12 pm NA	4
			Annual Conference			
5 Confirmation Sunday 4 pm GS #1711 5 pm BSA-G	6	7 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	8 6 pm Cub Scouts	9 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir	10 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	11 8 am UMMen's Breakfast
12 Peace With Justice Sunday 5 pm BSA-G 5 pm Hymn Sing @ Tydings Park	13 7 pm Trustees	14 8:30am Grace Place 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	15 5 pm Missions 6 pm Cub Scouts	16 10 am Prayer Circle 4 pm Welcome One Shelter 7 pm Choir	17 12 pm NA	18
19 Charles Wesley Day 4 pm GS #1711 5 pm BSA-G	20 7pm Finance	21 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	22 6 pm Cub Scouts	23 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir	24 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	25
26 5 pm BSA-G	27	28	29	30		
Vacation Bible School 6: 15 – 8:15 pm						

Prayer List

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

Jim	Shawn	Jane
Katie	Chris	
Vicki	Pattie	Becky
Lois	Al	Christine
Don	Joe	Eric
Matthew	Peg	Ginny
Fred	Sandy	Jamie
Jessica	Buzz	Shelby
Edna	Carl	
Alice	Pat	
Jack	Wanda	

*All who are battling COVID-19; an end to racism, 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, the people of Ukraine and Russia, peace between nations, inner city crime, Confirmants, graduating seniors.

Trivia Answers

1. Answer: True. In 1909, Spokane, Washington, Sandra Dodd heard a Mother's Day sermon. Afterwards she was inspired to honor her father and fathers everywhere. Her father had raised six children alone after his wife died. Father's Day became an official holiday in 1972 to be held on the third Sunday in June.

2. Answer: False. Juneteenth, June 19, marks the day in 1865 when U.S. federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the state and ensure all African-Americans were freed. This took place a full 2.5 years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

The Milfred A. and Yvonne A. Bodt Scholarship

Through the generosity of the Bodt family we have a new scholarship to offer for students pursuing a career in service (e.g., health care, law enforcement, public safety, education, Christian ministry, landscape design). Please see previous issues of *The Visitor* or the bulletin for a full list of scholarship requirements. The application deadline is **Friday, July 1**. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

This scholarship is in memory of Milfred and Yvonne Bodt. They were married nearly 68 years and were lifelong members of the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church, joining in 1948. Theirs were lives in service.

Milfred was a World War II Navy combat veteran and a career law enforcement professional, spending 25 years of his career as Assistant Security Officer (the highest-ranking civilian position) at Bainbridge Naval Training Center, Port Deposit, Maryland. He served on many church ministries, including 25 years as its Property Committee chair.

Yvonne was a Registered Nurse who spent most of her career at the U.S. Veteran's Hospital at Perry Point, Maryland with specialization in alcohol rehabilitation and psychiatric care. She established the church library, sang in the Senior Choir, served on or chaired every local church committee except the Board of Trustees, was President of the United Methodist Women, Flower Chairperson, Lay Member of Annual Conference and, at the Conference level, Chair of Missions.

Vacation Bible School 2022 Child Registration Form



(Please complete one form per child)

Child's Name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Child's date of birth: _____ Last grade completed in school: _____

Name of parents: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Emergency contact: _____

Emergency contact phone number: _____

Permissions. Please initial if you consent to the following:

I give permission for my child's photo to be taken for use during VBS. _____

I give permission for my child's photo to be used by the church either in publication or on the web site. _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For VBS use only

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Schedule

8:15 AM In-Person

11:00 AM In-Person and Livestream

9:45 AM Sunday School

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