

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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We hope you will join us for worship this summer!

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 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.

For **Sunday, July 3**, we will be holding in person worship at both 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Placards will be available to put in your car windshields on Sunday, July 3. These will alert police that we are attending worship services and not violating parking restrictions due to the Independence Day Parade. For more information, contact the Church Office.

Sunday School

Sunday School for Grades Pre-K through 5 will not be held during the summer months. These classes will begin again in September 2022. Middle School will meet at 9:30 on these dates for walking and learning tours in Havre de Grace: July 31, August 14 and 21. For more information check with Amy. Sr. High Sunday School plans to continue to meet Mr. Phil by the church sign on Congress Avenue to go to Concord Point Coffee, but for updates contact Mr. Phil.

Adult Sunday School continues to meet weekly throughout the summer at 9:45 a.m. each week in both the Mentzer Parlor and by Zoom.

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.

July 3

Independence Sunday

Celebration of Holy Communion

Genesis 18: 1-33

"The God who Listens"

We celebrate our nation's independence and the freedoms we enjoy. We also acknowledge our responsibility as Christian citizens to protect those freedoms for others.

Abraham surprisingly questions God's judgment! God invites us into dialogue.

*****Please note: We will worship at both 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., but placards will be available to put in our windshields alerting City police we are not violating parking restrictions for the Independence Day Parade.**

July 10

Genesis 16: 1-16

"The God who Sees Me"

The first person in the Bible to give God a name is Hagar – a slave-girl and the ancestor of the Bedouin tribes and the faith of Islam! Her name for God captures part of God's merciful nature: God truly sees us.

July 17

Celebration of Confirmation

We celebrate with those confirming their Baptismal vows by profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Genesis 28: 10-22

"The God who Speaks to Us"

In the story of Jacob's Ladder God is revealed to Jacob; God visits and speaks to him. Jacob has a very flawed and human backstory, but God and Jacob develop a personal relationship. Jacob responds to God's revelation with faithfulness.

July 24

Genesis 32: 3-32

The story of Jacob wrestling at night.

Guest preacher – Rev. Jane

July 31

Exodus 3: 1-14; 4: 1-17

"The God who Intervenes"

In the story of Moses at the Burning Bush, the mystery of the Divine Name is revealed. God intervenes on behalf of the downtrodden but partners with us to do some of that work.

Thoughts from our Lay Leader

Submitted by Pat with blessings and peace



First, I would like to again welcome our newest members into the life of Havre de Grace UMC; **Charlotte, Ella, Kate, Nolan, Sarah and Zachary**. I pray we will soon welcome **Cameron and Isabella**, also, as they were unable to attend worship on June 5.

Annual Conference was held, virtually, June 1-3. The theme of this year's session was "Persevere: In Hope, Faith and Joy." The Scripture passage that guided the conference was Hebrews 12:1-3. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart."*

Here is the summary of events by Melissa Lauber, Director of Communications for our Conference. Before I share her comments, I would like to say that I learned that our Baltimore-Washington Conference is the most diverse Conference in our connection! My favorite parts of Annual Conference are the worship services, especially the Service of Ordination--it is just beautiful with the Orders of the Elders and Deacons processing in their white robes/red stoles followed by the Candidates and Ordinands. Seeing each being ordained with her/his sponsors at their side then turning to face the congregation with such a smile on his/her face is so very heart-warming. AND one of our nearby pastors was ordained with Pastor Norman and our D.S., Rev. Dr. Ann at her side, The Rev. Lynne of the Susquehanna Charge (Wesleyan Chapel and Hopewell UMC).

Now, on to Melissa's synopsis. (Comments in parenthesis are mine.) Among the highlights of the 238th Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference:

IN HOPE:

- During an interactive presentation, The Discipleship Ministries team outlined the pillars of vitality, designed to help fulfill the conference's vision of 100 percent of its churches becoming 100 percent vital.
- In anticipation of the Nov. 2-5 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, BWC members endorsed the Rev. Joseph of Emory UMC in Washington, D.C., as a candidate for the episcopacy. (I'm excited to have one of our own BWC elders up for episcopal candidacy! Should he be elected, he will not remain in our Conference. He **WOULD** remain in our NE Jurisdiction.)
- Online offerings were taken and \$2,460 was collected to assist those in war-torn Ukraine, \$1,170 was given to support Africa University on its 30th anniversary, and \$1,110 was contributed to assist with resources for clergy wellbeing.
- The Laity Session focused on youth ministries and creating disciples with a presentation from Chris, director of the denomination's Young People's Ministries, and members heard inspirational messages from high school student Cayleigh of Cokesbury UMC and Jamal, a leader of the University of Maryland's Terp HUB. (Chris stressed that a separate Intentional Discipleship Program should be developed for our youth, because they have different levels of maturity.)
- Bonnie of the New England Conference delivered the laity address, speaking about the power of choice and the possibilities that come with being a United Methodist.
- Camps Manidokan, West River and Harmison announced plans to open fully this summer and encouraged volunteers to participate as leaders.

- Richard, of the Committee on Native American Ministries, joined Bishop Easterling in a litany to honor the land and our heritage.

IN FAITH:

- Members passed a \$18.2 million budget and set the collection rate at 90 percent and the benevolence factor at 17.55 percent.
- In brave conversation, members shared ideas on creating an inclusive, diverse, equitable and anti-racist church and world.
- The Board of Ordained Ministry reported on an on-going study of gender, race and ministry; and shared revisions to the continuing education policy for clergy and the BWC's sexual misconduct policies.
- Members passed five resolutions that give the Black United Methodists for Church Renewal caucus intentional input into decisions about the proceeds from the sale of Black churches in the BWC; endorsed the Christmas Covenant (see a short summary below); made Salem Hispanic UMC in Baltimore a mission of the Conference; created a new position on the Action and Advocacy Team to work in the area of ensuring housing for all; and called for increased and nuanced discussions about climate change. Members approved closing Cherry Run UMC in Hedgesville; while also approving Mountain View UMC in Damascus and New Beginnings Fellowship in Jarrettsville disaffiliating from the denomination. (They are disaffiliating because they do not like the direction the Conference is taking. Paragraph 1553 in the Book of Discipline.) A report was presented by the BWC Trustees that clarified the disaffiliation process for churches wishing to leave The United Methodist Church.
- The equitable compensation rate for clergy was increased three percent, bringing the base salary to \$47,990 and the recommended housing allowance to \$21,394.
- A request was made for a report to be presented at next year's session about possibly setting a minimum reimbursement rate for pastors' continuing education, travel and other expenses.
- Members affirmed the work of the Nominations Committee, which reported 73 changes in people serving on conference committees and agencies.

IN JOY:

- Bishop Easterling ordained nine Elders and three Deacons, and she commissioned nine Elders and three Deacons as provisional members at a worship service, where the Rev. Antoine Love, preached on life, faith and the redeeming gift of relationship in a sermon called, "Say My Name, Say My Name."
- The lives and ministries of clergy, clergy spouses and lay members were celebrated at a Service of Remembrance, where the Rev. Frankie of LaVale UMC lifted up a message about sorrow, loss and the need to be patient and gentle with oneself and loving and forgiving of your neighbor, as Jesus stands always by our side.
- Rehoboth UMC was given the BWC's Advocacy and Action Award; Oak Chapel UMC in Silver Spring was honored with the Wellness and Mission Award; and Emily of Community UMC in Crofton was named the BWC's Youth Worker of the Year.
- Six Certified Lay Ministers were recognized for completing their training.
- Two new EarthKeepers – the Rev. Stacey and Thea (our district Lay Leader) were welcomed into the fold of the BWC's 15 other EarthKeepers.
- District superintendents paid tribute to 22 clergy retirees at a Service of Celebration.
- Pisgah UMC in La Plata and Hughes UMC in Wheaton were presented with \$1,000 and the One Matters Award for their discipleship.
- The Conference celebrated Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore, the oldest church in the Conference, which celebrates its 250th anniversary this year, along with Dumbarton UMC in Georgetown and Melville Chapel UMC in Elkridge.

A short summary of what the **Christmas Covenant** proposes follows:

- "Establish five new episcopal areas in Africa as decided upon by the 2016 General Conference. This is a proposal from the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.
- Establish a United States Regional Conference as proposed by the Connectional Table (our Christmas Covenant legislation embraces and incorporates this proposal)

We propose the following actions, constitutional amendments, and legislative changes to our Book of Discipline:

- Establish a vibrant and equal regional conference structure for The United Methodist Church which transforms existing central conferences into regional conferences, and the formation of a regional conference for the church in the United States.
- Upon ratification of a new regional conference structure, General Conference shall authorize a study to update and perfect the new regional conference structure to realize full equity between regions. The study is to be conducted by the Connectional Table and the Standing Committees on Regional Conferences in the United States and around the globe. A report, including any recommendations, will be presented to the 2024 General Conference for action.

As always, should anyone have any questions or concerns, PLEASE feel free to contact me. May you all have a safe and blessed summer!

Conference Events

The Land of Jesus – Then and Now: Join Bishop LaTrelle Easterling on a Holy Land pilgrimage Jan. 29 – Feb. 7, 2024. The 10-day trip to Israel and the West Bank is \$3,439. Register with the Society for Biblical Studies.

Emergency response training for certification and re-certification will be held at five locations this summer and fall. The training is designed for those wish to work in disaster response ministry. The cost is \$35.

- June 11 – Calvary UMC, Martinsburg
- July 30 – Hiss UMC, Parkville
- August 20 – BWC Mission Center, Fulton
- October 15 – Benevola UMC, Boonsboro
- November 12 – BWC Mission Center, Fulton

Lunch and Listen-Unfinished Church Podcast—Thursdays, July 7 and 21, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. The Unfinished Church podcast is for all who are ready to unite and build a world in which racial prejudice has no power. Hosted by United Methodist Bishops LaTrelle Easterling, Michael McKee, and Gregory Palmer, it is a place for discussion, learning and transformation. Engage with *The Unfinished Church* podcast by hosting a listening party or join others at The Unfinished Church's Lunch and Listen every other Thursday via Zoom from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

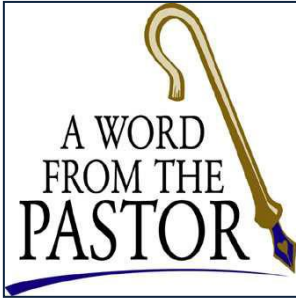
ALS Night at Ripken Stadium



Saturday, July 16 is ALS Night at Leidos Field at Ripken Stadium. The Aberdeen IronBirds will play the Jersey Shore Blueclaws with the first pitch at 6:05 p.m. Tickets include a free IronBirds cap.

This is an event for the ALS Association which funds research and provides care and programs for those with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease. ALS is a neurodegenerative condition leading to progressive loss of voluntary muscle control. For more information contact Joanne.

Christ or King?



"Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But (Jesus) perceived their craftiness and said to them, "Show me a denarius. Whose head and whole title does it bear?" They said, "The emperor's." He said to them, "Then give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
--Luke 20: 22-25

Dear Fellow Disciples:

Looking across the news landscape this summer we see items about Covid, race relations, government, democracy, mass shootings, immigration, war, etc. These are big issues! What would Jesus say about these things? What would Jesus do? (WWJD bracelets were quite popular a while ago).

Jesus was challenged about paying taxes by some folk hoping to trap him. It was a fraught question because he lived in a Jewish nation occupied by a pagan imperial power. The denarius was imperial propaganda. It had an image of the emperor on it and an inscription that made clear the emperor was divine, or close to it. This coin represented Rome's power.

Opposing paying taxes would be swiftly and severely punished. Supporting paying taxes would inflame the religious zealots, the freedom fighters and the disgruntled – who hoped for a messiah to liberate them from Rome. After all, these taxes would support pagan Roman armies – including the one occupying the very land of the Jews.

What we do with our money is still a moral issue. So is our allegiance to the state. Where does our loyalty to God call into question our loyalty to our nation? WWJD? Or, maybe more importantly – especially given recent stories in the news -- WWJHUD? What would Jesus have us do? These big news items invite us to ask ourselves how Jesus wants us to address them as his disciples.

Jesus' answer in the passage above stumps the authorities questioning him, but he is really posing a question to us as his followers: What belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God? What belongs to king and what belongs to Christ?

May we faithfully wrestle with this question always.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norman

The Milfred A. and Yvonne A. Bodt Scholarship

The application deadline for the Milfred A. and Yvonne A. Bodt Scholarship is **Friday, July 1**. Please see previous issues of *The Visitor* or the bulletin or contact the Church Office for a full list of scholarship requirements.



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

Christar and Jeff and Sharon

Submitted by Pat

As one of our "around the world" missions, we provide financial support, through Christar, to Jeff and Sharon. As you recall, they spoke to us three or four years ago about their missionary work with Farsi speakers living in Asia Minor.

CHRISTAR is based in Texas. Its vision is "...to cultivate Christ-honoring transformation in communities where He is yet to be worshipped." Its core values are:

- GODLINESS, growing love for God, a humble dependence upon His Word and a serious commitment to prayer
- THE BODY OF CHRIST, the importance of Church in its diverse expressions
- PEOPLE as individuals, families and teams
- EFFECTIVENESS, equipping workers to minister fruitfully.

Jeff and Sharon have had a busy and exciting year. They have worked through COVID-19 using ZOOM like many of us. They just returned to Asia Minor in early June praying to receive a one-year visa instead of short-term visas as they've had this past year. Presently they are excited to have taken a new team with them to establish a ministry for the deaf, and they ask for prayers that this ministry is accepted and successful.

Other happenings this past year:

- Started a ZOOM couples, face-to-face group with 16 couples in the first group.
- Use of the Clubhouse app on ZOOM which is similar to talk radio and is interactive. Through this they made contact with souls in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia. One-half of all the salvations that Jeff and Sharon have participated in were online!
- Since September, they have been helping folk from Afghanistan, with the help of "the Follower," a Tajik pastor, find shelter and food.
- During the last hours of 2021, their son, Darius, wrote his testimony on how the Lord had intervened in his life. Darius had been caught up in this world's temptations. He feels his addictions have been removed by God's grace. Darius was "dunked" (aka baptized) in February! PTL
- In March, Sharon and Jeff became grandparents of a little girl, Ava. Her parents are their daughter, Lydia and her husband Josh. Sharon and Jeff were in the U.S. during this time. Sharon helped care for the baby while Lydia completed her studies and graduated college.
- They are presently helping to build the "Ya Church," a Mozaik Center which will house four faith groups. It will include a worship center, Sunday School rooms and offices.
- This Spring, Jeff released his book Searching Below the Surface: A Deeper look and Covenant and Contract. He talks about "the whys in how God of the Bible functions by covenant while the Allah of Islam demands a contractual expectation." It is available on Amazon.

The Missions Team thanks you for your continued support! Approximately 10 percent of your church donation goes to our missions.

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

MISSIONS NEWS

Election Information



As Christian citizens we have an obligation to participate in the electoral process since, in a democracy, we ARE the government! Below is some information about upcoming elections.

NEW THIS YEAR: The primary date has been moved from June 28 to **July 19**. A new redistricting plan has changed certain boundaries of state legislative and U.S. congressional districts and may affect which candidates appear on your ballot. Redistricting also may affect polling place locations for some voters.

Maryland's July 19 Primary will determine which candidates appear on November's general election ballot for Governor, U.S. House and Senate, and state legislature, among other races. Go to VOTE411.org to explore your Voter Guide (Personalized Ballot and Candidate Information). This site is committed to ensuring voters have the information they need to successfully participate in every election. Whether it's local, state or federal, every election is important to ensuring our laws and policies reflect the values and beliefs of our communities. Another website that provides information is: <https://states.aarp.org/maryland/election-voting-guide>

The last day to request a mail-in ballot for the primary is **Tuesday, July 12**.
(https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2022/index.html#mail_in_ballot)

Sign up for alerts about key election dates and deadlines at: <https://votingtool.aarp.org/>

Primary Election:

Early Voting – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Thursday, July 7 -- Thursday, July 14**
Election Day – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, July 19**

General Election:

Early Voting – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Thursday, October 27 -- Thursday, November 3**
Election Day – 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. **Tuesday, November 8**

All voters who are in line at 8 p.m. are allowed to check-in and vote even though the polls are officially closed at 8 p.m. Use the State's voter portal (<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch>) to find a polling place near you. Ballots include races for: governor, one U.S. Senate seat, all eight House seats, all 47 State Senate seats, all 141 State House seats and Maryland Court of Appeals.

Does my party affiliation matter when I vote in the primary?

Yes. Only those registered with a particular party may vote in their party's respective primary. Unaffiliated voters cannot participate, EXCEPT they can vote for candidates for nonpartisan offices like school board races.

How can I get a mail-in ballot?

Any registered voter can request a no-excuse mail-in ballot and vote from home in July's primary and in November's election. Apply for a mail-in ballot online, by mail or in person. Voters are now permitted to take their mail-in ballots to an early voting center or polling place. Voted mail-in ballots will have their own secure "Mail-In Ballot Bag." Individuals who are not registered to vote may now register at their assigned polling place on election day.

Voters with disabilities have the same rights as all other voters.

Polling locations have special equipment to assist the visually or physically impaired. The state board of elections (<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/accessibility.html>) has more information about resources available to voters with disabilities.

By action of the State Legislature at the 2022 term the following will appear on the General Election ballot: Marijuana: A referendum for voters to decide whether to legalize recreational marijuana use is headed to the November ballot. A companion bill set to become law would legalize possession of up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana, remove criminal penalties on possessing up to 2.5 ounces and create a system to expunge past criminal records for those convicted of possessing marijuana.

For more information, call the Harford County Board of Elections at 410-638-3565.

“REMEMBER: YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!”

Thanksgivings



Commendations to **Emily** on being inducted into Tri-M (the Music Honor Society) and into The Archbishop John Carroll Honor Society (a Service Honor Society). Keep up the good work!

Commendations to the following youth who have been inducted into the National Junior Honor Society: **Zachary, Nolan, Isabella, Charlotte and Kate**. NJHS is for Middle School students who exemplify Scholarship (usually a B or 3.0 average but it can be higher), Service, Leadership, Character and Citizenship. We have some great students who reflect values that would make Jesus proud (as well as their parents).

Commendations to **Judy** on being named one of our Top Nurses in Baltimore Magazine. Judy works on the Intensive Care Unit of Harford Memorial Hospital. Our praise is due to all nurses in these Covid-times!

Church Trivia

1. John Wesley has two birthdays.

True or False?

2. Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore:

1. Is the first Methodist church in Maryland
2. Is known as the Mother Church of Methodism
3. Will be closing its doors in 2023
4. Was where the Christmas Conference was held

- A. 1
- B. 2 and 4
- C. 1 and 3
- D. 1, 2, and 4

Answers on page 19.

Recognizing Our Graduates

Congratulations to the following recent graduates! (Listed here in alphabetical order.)



***Selona**, daughter of Julie and Patrick, graduated in the top five percent of her class from Archbishop John Carroll High School, in Bel Air, on May 27, earning the AP Capstone Diploma with Distinction in Science. She received cumulative honors for all four years (meaning she earned first honors for every quarter for four years) and was named an Archbishop John Carroll Scholar. She was inducted into National Honor Society, Tri-M (Music Honor Society) and the International Thespian Society. She will attend Clemson University this fall to major in Wildlife Biology. She'll be a Clemson Tiger!

***Allyssa**, daughter of Tara and Fred, was commissioned at her Pinning Ceremony on May 20 and graduated from Salisbury University Nursing School on May 21. She was selected to give the graduation address to her nursing class! She has been working the last two years at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore and has signed a contract with them to work the next two years – starting on the Medical-Surgical/Post-Anesthesia Care Unit. Allyssa will be sitting for the Registered Nurse Board Exams in July.

***Andrea**, daughter of Sonya and Sam, graduated with Honors from Montana State University December 17, 2021 with a degree in Conservation Ecology and Biology. She is presently working in a science-related field.

***Samantha**, daughter of Sonya and Sam, graduated from the Havre de Grace High School Biomedical Sciences Signature Program June 8 with a 4.75 GPA (12th in her class). She played Varsity Volleyball and Lacrosse all four years of high school and was a Huddle Leader three years for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She also participated in Student Government and Key Club. She received seven scholarships including from Havre de Grace Lions Club, the Kay Mike Scholarship through the Soroptomists, the Havre de Grace High Class of 1962 Scholarship, the Tydings Memorial Scholarship and one from the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maryland in Baltimore. She'll be attending Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, PA, to major in Graphic Design which required acceptance by both the University and the College of Art.

***Lindsey**, daughter of Stephanie and Brett, graduated May 4 from Temple University in Philadelphia. She already has a part-time job and her full-time job prospects are very good. She'll be looking to transition into the world of employment.

***Ryan**, son of Wendy and Erik, grandson of Lee and Dennis, graduated May 27 from Archbishop John Carroll High School and will be attending Auburn University this fall. He plans to major in Architecture. He was inducted into the National Honor Society, Tri-M (Music Honor Society), Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society and Archbishop John Carroll Honor Society (a Service Honor Society). He also received the Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award, the Jim Chrismer Excellence in the Study of United States History Award and the Patriot Award in Varsity Swimming, and he was named as an All-County Swimmer.

***Cainan**, son of Kendra and RJ, graduated from Havre de Grace High June 8 where he was active in choral music. He received the Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus (only one male and one female are selected each year for this prestigious award). He also received a Havre de Grace Letter Patch for maintaining a 3.0 or better GPA throughout high school. In fact, he earned a perfect 4.0 GPA his Senior year! He is going on to study Business Administration through the Towson University Leadership and Management Program at Harford Community College.

***Caroline**, daughter of Jenny and Brian, graduated from Havre de Grace High School's Biomedical Sciences Signature Program on June 8 in the top five percent of her class with a 4.75 cumulative GPA. She was recognized as a Maryland Distinguished Scholar and was given the Biomedical Sciences Student-of-the-Year Award. She also won the Havre de Grace High Student Government Association Scholarship and the Maryland Retired Teachers Scholarship. She'll be attending West Virginia University Honors College this fall on a 75 percent scholarship, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

***Colin**, grandson of Jackie, graduated from Coastal Carolina University with a degree in Marketing. He has begun working for Carahsoft, a leading and growing private software sales company selling Google-Adobe-Microsoft products to many businesses including all branches of the U.S. military. He is currently in training but will work from home.

***Levin**, son of Margie and Will, graduated from Havre de Grace High School June 8 and will be attending Stevenson University on a Soccer scholarship.

***Liam**, son of Margie and Will, graduated from Havre de Grace High School June 8. He is working for GetFit and teaching summer fitness classes at Havre de Grace High School.

***Payton**, daughter of Michele and David, granddaughter of Karole, graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts on May 15. She got a Bachelor of Science degree, with Magna cum Laude honors, majoring in applied Exercise Science – after completing two internships and two years of ROTC! She received an award from the New England Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine. She attended school, in part, on the Instagram Axtell Undergraduate Scholarship. Meanwhile, she competed in gymnastics for four years placing in Nationals twice. Payton worked as a Dormitory Resident Assistant and served as President of the Campus Activities Board, which plans student events, such as raising funds for children with cancer. Her future plans are not yet settled, but she has many opportunities.

***Maggie**, is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church but one of our "honorary youth" who engaged in our Summer Mission Trips. Maggie graduated from St. Mary's Honors College in southern Maryland, a year early, with a degree in Art! She has a part-time job working with children at Port Discovery and is looking for additional work around Baltimore. She has made a wonderful recovery from her serious injury a few years ago in a hiking accident.

***Lydia**, daughter of Barb and Shonn, granddaughter of Joe and Sara, received her Master's degree in Clinical Counseling from Johns Hopkins University on May 20 and completed her internship work as well. She has accepted a position at Mindful Healing Works in Dundalk where she completed her internship.

***Jack**, son of Jamie and Jon, grandson of Lois, graduated from University of Maryland, College Park, in August 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He formed a consulting firm with his best friend from high school to develop an options marketplace for cryptocurrencies. He's also working to get a second job with a cybersecurity firm to advise their clients how to protect the assets they hold in those currencies.

***Ian**, son of Christy and Andrew, grandson of Barbara, graduated from Bel Air High School June 8 and will be continuing his education at Harford Community College. He is planning to become a nurse practitioner.

***Preston**, son of Amy, graduated from Havre de Grace High School June 8. He will be attending Sheffield Institute for the Recording Arts in Phoenix, MD with plans to go into music and broadcasting.

***William**, son of Amy, graduated from Havre de Grace High School June 8 and is going on to serve our nation by joining the United States Army. He'll be shipping out to Basic Training in early August.

***James**, son of Bill and Kat, graduated from Bel Air High School June 8. He was a scholar-athlete his entire Senior year, earning a 3.9 Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher while participating in cross country, wrestling and lacrosse. This fall he'll be attending SUNY Maritime School to pursue a degree in Marine Operations. (Please get our supply chains going again!)

Please let the church office know of any additions or corrections to this information.

Christian Love and Sympathy

Our Christian Love and Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

Benjamin James (Jim), who died May 26. Jim had been a member of Havre de Grace UMC and raised his sons here. Later in life he was active in North East UMC serving as a Communion Steward there. Recently, before Covid, he had regularly attended here and continued, till his final illness, to worship on-line. Jim was generous of spirit in being willing to help others and very proud of his family of four generations, including those folk he gained through marriage. They, in turn, loved and cared for him very well.

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.



Here We Grow Again!

We welcome to our fellowship the following folk who are received as members this summer (all of them are youth except where noted):



***Zachary** confirms his baptismal vows by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ. He is an avid baseball player and also plays basketball and football. He has completed 7th Grade at Havre de Grace Middle School. He has been active in our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. He makes his home with his parents, Kerrie and Jason, and his older brother, Bryce.

***Sarah** has completed 7th Grade at Havre de Grace Middle School where she participates in Chorus. She also enjoys Dance at the Cecil Dancenter in North East. She lives with her older brother, Ryan, and older sister, Emily, and her parents, Wendy and Erik. She is the granddaughter of Lee and Dennis. Sarah has been active in Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and our Summer Mission Trips. She confirms her Baptismal vows by Profession of Faith in Jesus.

***Cameron** confirms his faith in Christ, declared for him by his parents at his Baptism. He attends Havre de Grace High School where he plays trumpet in the Band and plays Varsity Soccer and Lacrosse. He will be entering 10th Grade this fall. He has been part of Sunday School and Youth Fellowship. He makes his home with his younger sisters, Isabella and Emme, and his parents Andrew and Jennifer.

***Isabella** confirms her Baptismal vows by Profession of Faith in Christ. She plays saxophone in the Band at Havre de Grace Middle School where she has just completed 7th Grade. She has participated in Sunday School and Youth Fellowship, and she enjoys playing soccer and lacrosse and doing arts and crafts. She shares her home with her older brother, Cameron, and younger sister, Emme, and her parents.

***Jennifer and Drew** are transferring their membership to our fellowship from Grace UMC in Aberdeen. They are both teachers and enjoy gardening, hiking, reading, card games, crafting with their three children and Duke University basketball! Besides their two children listed above, they also have a younger daughter, Emme, who will be joining us as a Preparatory Member.

***Kate** was baptized on Profession of Faith in Christ. She has completed 7th Grade at Perryville Middle School where she enjoys Chess Club and the Book Club. Not surprisingly she likes to read. Kate has been active in our Sunday School over the years. She lives with her younger brother Andrew and her parents Rob and Lisa.

***Nolan**, son of Christy and Andrew and younger brother of Ian, and grandson of Barbara, is confirming his Baptismal vows by Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ. He has been part of our Youth Fellowship and Vacation Bible School, and has helped cook at the Welcome One Shelter in Riverside. He has completed 7th Grade at Southampton Middle School where he enjoys the Running Club. He also enjoys activities at the Arena Club, swimming, hiking, reading and video games. Nolan has lots of extended family, many of whom are members of our fellowship.

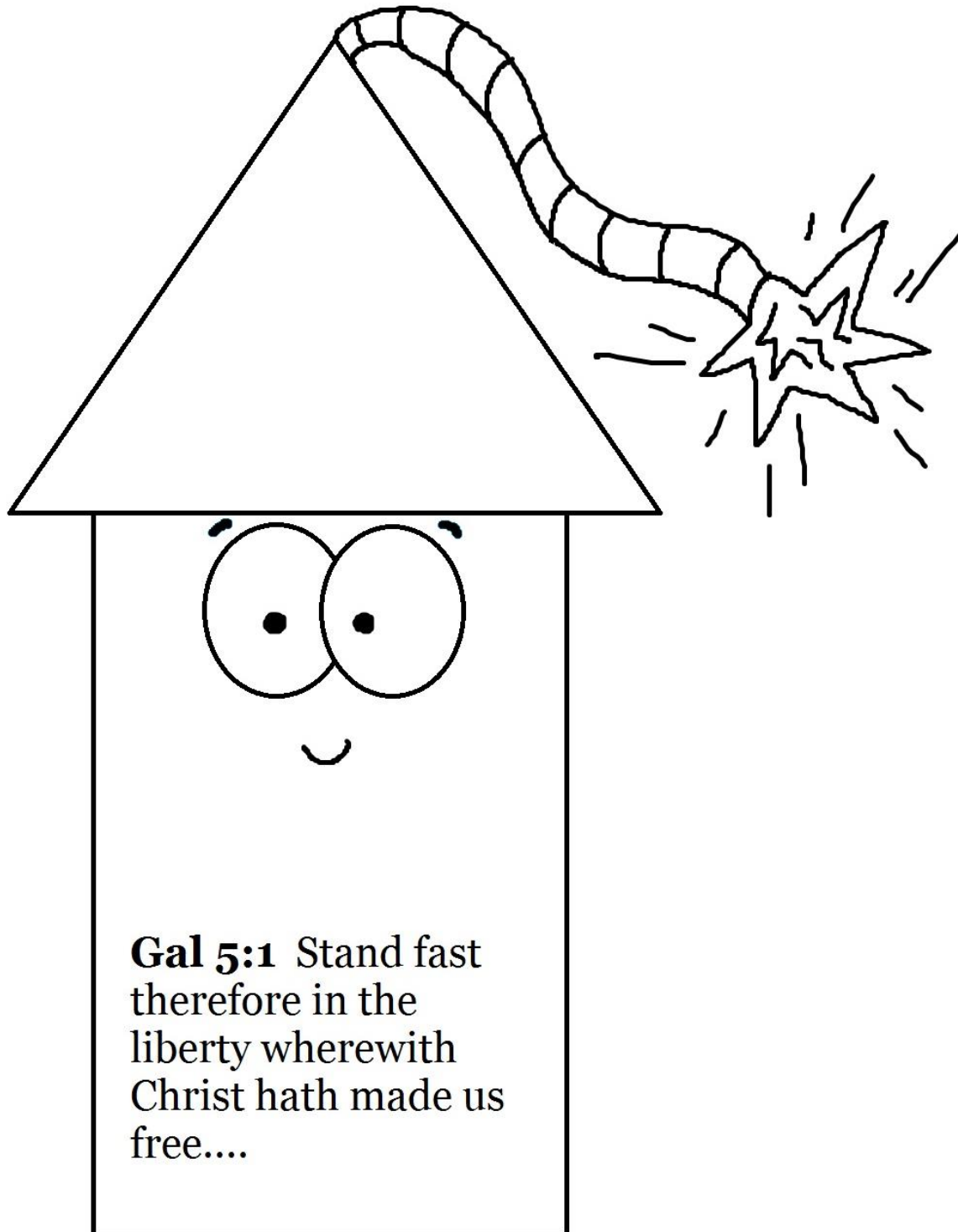
***Charlotte** has just completed 6th Grade at Swan Creek School. She lives with her parents, Renee and Paul, and her older sister, Ella, and their special dog, Cooper. Charlotte confirms her Baptismal vows by Profession of Faith in Christ Jesus. She enjoys reading, drawing and dance. She has been active in our Sunday School through the pandemic.

***Ella**, Charlotte's older sister, also confirms and professes her faith in Christ that was declared for her by her parents at her Baptism. She enjoys Ballet, reading and painting and has been part of our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. At Swan Creek School she enjoyed dance, clarinet and art. This fall she'll begin high school. She makes her home with her younger sister, Charlotte, and her parents, Paul and Renee.

May all of these folk journey into faith more deeply together with all of us.

Kids' Corner

Courtesy of Church House Collection



Monkeypox: Get the Facts

Submitted by Pat

We've been hearing a lot recently about Monkeypox. I thought a little information might make things a little clearer to us. I pray that this information from the CDC might help us. Note, as of June 8, there have been no reported cases of Monkeypox in Maryland. May you be blessed with safety from Monkeypox and COVID-19.

- Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by the monkeypox virus
- Monkeypox can make you sick including a rash or sores (pox), often with an earlier flu like illness.
- Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, personal, often skin-to-skin contact including:
 - Direct contact with monkeypox rash, sores or scabs
 - Contact with objects, fabrics (clothing, bedding, or towels), and surfaces that have been used by someone with monkeypox
 - Through respiratory droplets or oral fluids from a person with monkeypox
- This contact can happen during intimate sexual contact including:
 - Oral, anal or vaginal sex or touching the genitals or anus of a person with monkeypox
 - Hugging, massage, or kissing and talking closely
 - Touching fabrics and objects during sex that were used by a person with monkeypox, such as bedding, towels and sex toys
- We know the virus can be spread in fluid or pus from monkeypox sores, and are trying to better understand if the virus could be present in semen, vaginal fluids or other body fluids

What are the symptoms?

- Early flu-like symptoms of monkeypox can include:
 - Fever
 - Headache
 - Muscle aches and backache
 - Swollen lymph nodes
 - Chills
 - Exhaustion
- A rash or sores, sometimes located on or near the genitals or anus, but sometimes in other areas like the hands, feet, chest or face—sores go through several stages before healing
- Sores may be inside the body, including the mouth, vagina or anus
- Some people experience a rash or sores first, followed by other symptoms and some only experience a rash or sores
- Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until all sores are healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed—this can take several weeks



If you have a new or unexplained rash, sores or other symptoms...

- See your healthcare provider—if you don't have a provider or health insurance, visit a public health clinic near you
- When you see a healthcare provider for possible monkeypox, remind them that this is a virus circulating in the community
- Avoid sex or being intimate with anyone until you have been checked out

If you or your partner have monkeypox...

- Follow the treatment and prevention recommendations of your healthcare provider
- Avoid sex or being intimate with anyone until all your sores have healed and you have a fresh layer of skin formed

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/monkeypox

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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We welcome your suggestions and contributions for The Visitor.

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

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

August 2 Heather Brenda	August 5 Bill	August 10 Eli	August 11 Jerry Pat	August 13 Kay
August 17 Muriel Janyce	August 19 Tom Sandy	August 23 Randolph Caroline	August 28 Peter	
August 29 Susan	August 30 Phyllis			

Anniversaries

July 31
Patrick and Julie



August 2
Dick and Janice
Gardner and Pam

August 12
Ron and Tricia

August 14
David and Melinda

August 17
Brian and Jenny

August 31
David and Michele

Community Information

GriefShare Groups

- **Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m.** Group runs through August 30. Pleasant View Baptist Church, 150 Downin Lane, Port Deposit. Contact: Marlene Backert, 410-378-4476. 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

JULY 2022

Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 12 pm NA	2
3 5 pm BSA-G	4 Church Office Closed	5 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	6 7 pm Worship Team	7 10 am Prayer Circle	8 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	9 8 am UM Men's Breakfast
10 5 pm BSA-G 5 pm Hymn Sing @ Tydings Park	11 7 pm Trustees	12 8:30am Grace Place 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	13	14 10 am Prayer Circle	15 12 pm NA	16 4 pm Welcome One Shelter
17 5 pm BSA-G	18 7pm Finance	19 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	20	21 10 am Prayer Circle	22 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	23
24 5 pm BSA-G	25 7 pm Church Council	26	27	28	29	30
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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!

Katie
Vicki
Wayne
Talmadge
Lois
Don
Matthew
Fred
Jessica

Edna
Alice
Jack
Shawn
Pattie
Joe
Buzz
Carl
Pat

Wanda
Jane

Eric
Ginny
Jamie
Shelby

*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, hospital workers.

Independence Day Prayers

Courtesy of buildfaith.org



For the Nation

Lord God Almighty, who has made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen
Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, page 258

On Independence Day

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn; Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, page 242

Trivia Answers

Answer: True. Wesley was born on June 17, 1703 while England was still using the Julian calendar. England adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752 making John's birthday June 28!

Answer: D. #1, 2 and 4. Lovely Lane UMC was originally the Lovely Lane Meeting House built in 1768. In 1778, the famous Christmas Conference was held there, birthing the Methodist Episcopal Church; hence the Mother Church of Methodism.

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Please join us for worship.

Schedule

8:15 AM In-Person

11:00 AM In-Person and Livestream

9:45 AM Sunday School (Adult Class only in Summer)

For all other program information,
please phone 410-939-2464