

The Visitor

August 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 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.

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: August 14 and 21. For more information, check with Ms. 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.

Please look for "God sightings" that can be shared in worship. They may be sent by email, printed and brought to worship or submitted using the yellow prayer cards.

August 7

Celebration of Holy Communion

Exodus 33: 7- 34:1

"Seeing God's Back"

God has a very personal relationship with Moses, yet Moses wants more -- to see God's glory! Even Moses, however, could not see God's face or fully know God. God is beyond our full comprehension.

August 14

Deuteronomy 34: 1- 12 "In the Arms of God"

Moses dies on Mt. Nebo, unable to enter the Promised Land, and is buried by God in an act both poignant and personal. Sometimes we don't get what we want, but we still live in the care of God's loving arms.

August 21

Numbers 22: 15-35

"Being Careful What we Bless"

God uses a donkey to work God's will. In the strange story of Balaam's Donkey, Balaam is asked to say something God has not approved. Words have power. Do we bless the things God calls us to bless? Or do we bless things God would not approve? Do we seek God's will?

August 28

Judges 4: 1-23

"From a Surprising Place"

In the story of Deborah and Barak, Deborah is channeling God's word and Jael the wife of Heber kills the leader of the enemy of God's people. Sometimes God speaks to us from surprising sources and salvation comes from unexpected places.

Ice Cream Social

An Ice Cream Social will be held on **Saturday, August 20** from 2 to 4 p.m. on the church lawn facing Union Avenue. This will be an opportunity to enjoy ice cream and toppings, fellowship and present a pleasant, welcoming face to the public as we prepare to re-launch our ministry programs for fall. Come out and meet some friends -- both familiar and new ones!

Thoughts from our Lay Leader

Submitted by Pat with blessings and peace

I'll be brief this month. We all need a summer break!

I would like to, once again, welcome **Cameron and Isabella** into the life of our Fellowship via Confirmation and **Jennifer and Drew** via transfer from Grace UMC in Aberdeen to us!

If you haven't noticed, our Reconciling Logo is up in each marquee outside the church. It has already attracted a young family who simply would like their children to have a church where they will feel comfortable inviting all their friends whoever they may be.

Becoming a Certified Lay Servant, Speaker or Minister. Our Baltimore-Suburban District is reviving the School of Christian Growth! It's a chance to get to know others in our Conference/District, to gain a better understanding of our denomination, and best of all to become better disciples. The process is simple. Sign up for the Basic Course then an Advanced Course of which there are many interesting ones available. (They are available on the Events Calendar at BWCUMC.org.) Once you've done these two you are set for three years before needing to take another advanced course. Should you choose to become a Certified Lay Minister, there are additional courses needed. You can find more information at **bwcumc.org/ministries/certified-lay-servants** and/or you may also contact me.

Praying you all have a safe and blessed end of summer!

Conference Events

Church Conference Training will take place on **Tuesday**, **August 23 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** This is for folk responsible for fill out any church conference forms. Register online at BWCUMC.org, Training Tuesdays, Church Conference Training.

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.

- August 20 BWC Mission Center, Fulton
- October 15 Benevola UMC, Boonsboro
- November 12 BWC Mission Center, Fulton

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

Second Sunday Hymn Sing

Hymn Sings are offered on the second Sundays of each month on August 14 and September 11 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Tydings Park. Please contact Jeanne if you are interested in providing music or singing.

Notes from Sunday School

Submitted by Nancy, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday school is set to begin **Sunday**, **September 11**, **2022**. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back. Please fill out your registration form located on page 14 of this issue (one for each child) and return it to the office in person or via email so we can plan for staffing and materials.

We want to thank **Miss Julie** for her thirteen years of faithful teaching. We are going to miss seeing her every Sunday upstairs. **Miss Nancy** will move into the third, fourth and fifth grade class. We want to welcome **Miss Renee** to our Sunday school family. She will be teaching the pre-school through grade two class. Some of our kiddos got to meet her at VBS. We are so happy to have her. **Miss Amy** will continue to teach our middle school class and **Mr. Phil**, our senior high class.

We are in need of teaching assistants and substitutes for our Sunday school program. If you are interested in serving as an assistant or substitute, please contact Nancy.

Adopt a Scholar

Submitted by Cathey



This year our church is sponsoring 10 children at Havre de Grace Elementary School with school supplies. There are "bookbag tags" on the door going into the church (Education/Office side of the building) where you can pull a tag (or more) to purchase the items needed. Please be sure the tag is with your item when it is returned to the church. Items must be delivered to the church by **Monday**, **August 15** in order to meet the deadline to get the bookbags to the school prior to Open House. You can drop off your items when you come to church on Sundays in the

boxes in the Welcome Center (Narthex) or the red cupboard next to the office or drop off in the Church Office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Additionally, we are urged to write notes of encouragement for the upcoming school year. We are allowed to sign them "from your friends at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church."

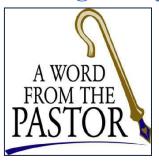
Continued Support

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.

Getting Ready



--Jesus said: "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'"

--Luke 14: 28-30

Dear Fellow Disciples:

As a child, September -- and the return to school -- seemed a long way off at the beginning of August. I now understand all the activity that happens in August to make school in September possible. Renovations are being completed. Equipment is being serviced. Books are being shipped and inventoried. Supplies are being purchased. Teachers are being hired, oriented and trained. Much of this activity is hidden from view; it's not obvious as we drive by school buildings.

It's the same here at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church. August may seem like a quiet time in the program-life of our congregation, but hidden preparations are being made for fall. Music is being planned. Cantata music is being reviewed and purchased. Sunday School teachers are being recruited. Classrooms are being readied. Floors are being stripped, waxed and buffed. Worship services are being outlined. Plans are being made. Calendars are being coordinated.

All of this is in preparation for the beginning of the ministry program-year of our congregation. We'll be relaunching Sunday School up through Grade 5 and for the Middle School. We'll be inviting rising 9th Graders into our Sr. High/Young Adult Class. We'll be stepping up events for our Youth Fellowship. We'll be relaunching our Chancel Choir. Many other things will happen in the fall. All of this will be happening in light of Covid which adds another factor – an element of uncertainty – to our planning.

In our spiritual lives preparation is also important. The faith-grooves we lay down prepare us for the challenges, crises and uncertainties we may face in the future. So, the activities of the fall season are, themselves, hidden preparation for our future. What is hidden is important. Consider the fact that 90 percent of an iceberg lies hidden beneath the surface of the sea. That 90 percent, though, may be deadly to colliding ships! (Doesn't this make you feel cooler – discussing icebergs in August?)

In the passage above about estimating the cost of building a tower, Jesus is talking about preparation in the context of the cost of discipleship. If we are to be honest disciples, we need to face and weigh the costs of that commitment to Christ. There are other places in the Gospels where Jesus speaks of the need for good faithfoundations. He speaks of two houses – one built on sand but the other built on solid rock (Matthew 7: 24-27 and Luke 6: 47-49). He also speaks of the hiddenness of God's work in our lives – how seeds planted are hidden in the earth till they sprout and grow and how yeast is hidden in dough but causes the dough to rise (Mark 4: 26-32, Mathew, 13: 31-33, Luke 13: 18-21).

The challenge for us, and the invitation to us, is to engage in prayer, study, worship, fellowship, service and other ministries so that by these "hidden" means we prepare for ourselves the solid faith-foundation God wants for us. May we respond to Christ's invitation.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Norman

MISSIONS NEWS



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

Helping Up Mission

Submitted by Ridge



The Helping Up Mission (HUM) was established in East Baltimore in 1885 to serve Baltimore's needy. Its motto is "God's love can set people free." It is located at 1029 East Baltimore Street (21202) on The Block that used to be known for strippers and bars. Blaze Starr was famous in her heyday for her shows and her following, including politicians.

As an outreach nurse with HealthCare for the Homeless, I went there Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. to take blood pressure, give tests to check for TB, give flu shots, assess for health needs and bring hygiene items. I saw the men in the overnight shelter. In the '90's the extensive recovery program was just beginning. It was a nice site to visit: the staff were friendly, and it was safe. There are 50 overnight beds.

Today HUM has a treatment program for addiction that has 300 beds for the year-long program, 16 beds for the Bridge program with the Dept of Veterans Affairs for homeless vets, and 20 for transitional housing. HUM opened a program for women this past February starting with 40 women and will include children by the end of the year.

Recognizing the impact the opioid problem has had on so many lives, the Mission Committee included the Helping Up Mission on our yearly plan several years ago. The Recovery Program provides men (and soon to be women) with everything they need: food, clean, comfortable shelter, clothing, medical care, dental care, and as my friend told me, "They even helped us sign up for food stamps."

The first 45 days are BLACKOUT-no contact with anyone by phone, email or letter. The focus is on counseling, support groups, spiritual training and work therapy. The members are taught the 12 steps of Narcotics Anonymous. Work therapy includes making hundreds of lunches for the overnight guests (so they all leave with a bag of sandwiches every morning) and washing all the sheets on the 50 beds every day.

The second phase of the program is Alpha (days 46-105): focusing on personal and spiritual growth, going to outside meetings and learning healthy living. Men may apply to be an intern staff member and be paid for their work during this time. There is NO COST for any of the program.

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

Missions Continued

Omega (days 106-196) are spent on personal growth, education and training for a career and relapse prevention.

Life Prep (days 196-365) continue with long term spiritual growth, looking for employment and maintaining a healthy life.

Graduation Day is special. For many of these men, this has been the first significant success they have had in many years, and family and friends are invited to attend the banquet. The food is sumptuous, and they have reason to celebrate!

And they come back into the world well prepared to remain free from drug use, healthy and a part of the NA family.

Keep on Learning

Submitted by Ridge



No more teachers, no more books! No more students' dirty looks!" That was the song the last day of school when I was in public school, but it wasn't really true. After high school came college or trade school or certification programs. With parenthood came Dr. Spock and dialing 1-800-mom ("What do I do now?") I did fine when my kids were in school -- but grandkids and NEW MATH?? Now my grandsons help me with my computer and phone and don't roll their eyes ay my limitations.

Learning how to can vegetables, sew a straight seam or run a Cub Scout group all took time and help from others. Being a Sunday School teacher was learning by doing. Some of my best learning came from making mistakes. "Oops! Start over." I got my RN degree when I was 40 and learned from my patients how to be a nurse. The medications and skills were one thing, but the most important things—showing empathy and respect—came with practice.

Now I'm retired and living alone in a community of older folks. Some of us pray together and work on community projects. We eat together and share ideas and laugh. We rely on each other when our family members are not available. We trust each other when we are ill or lonely.

And I am finding out that I am learning weekly from my church. The prayers and sermons each week make me think, make me check the Bible for the rest of the story. Our Adult Sunday School class allows us to consider Bible passages and the purpose behind the words of Jesus. Others' thoughts are enlightening. I'm comfortable sharing my feelings, making new friends and laughing with them. I have books to read that stretch my mind, lovely music that calms me when I am anxious, but welcoming friends at church are God's members of the Body of Christ in my neighborhood. Vacation Bible School was exciting and active and joyful! "TRUST JESUS!" was our theme.

The food pantry where I volunteer is setting up a class for us to learn how to "Stop the Bleeding!" taught by local EMTs so we will be trained if a tragedy happens. When we keep our eyes open, we will always find ways to keep learning!

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)
Canned soups
Canned spaghetti sauce
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.

Church Trivia

1. Mr. Stephen J. Seneca, a local businessman and former mayor of Havre de Grace offered to completely build our beloved Havre de Grace United Methodist Church.

True or False?

- 2. How many organs have graced our sanctuary?
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

Answers on page 12

Summertime Jokes

Courtesy of tinybeans.com

- Q. Why does a seagull fly over the sea?
- A. Because if it flew over the bay, it would be a bagel.
- Q. What kind of tree fits in your hand?
- A. A palm tree.
- Q. How do we know that the ocean is friendly?
- A. Because it always waves.
- Q. Where do sheep go on vacation?
- A. The Baaa-hamas.
- Q. Why does ice cream always get invited to the party?
- A. Because it's cool.



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

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			

September 1	September 4	September 7	September 8	September 13
Annabelle	Chris	Maxwell	Walter	Patrick
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 25	
Aidan	Trudy	Harry	Jennifer	
September 30 Harry (Bob)				

Anniversaries

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



September 4 Jerry and Pat

September 24 Len and Gail Harry and Donna

Community Information

GriefShare Groups

• Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Group runs through November 7. Haven Community Church, 48 Flint Drive, North East. Contact: Donna to register. 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 1-1800-985-5990 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

AUGUST 2022	MON	TUE	WED	THU FR	Church Cal	AT
	1	7 pm Nominations	3 2 pm Staff Meeting 7 pm Education Team	4 10 am Prayer Circle	5 12 pm NA	6
7 5 pm BSA-G	8 7 pm Trustees	9 8:30am Grace Place 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	10	11 10 am Prayer Circle	12 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	13 8 am UMMen's Breakfast
14 5 pm BSA-G 5 pm Hymn Sing @ Tydings Park	15 7pm Finance	16 4 pm Welcome One Shelter-UMMen 5 pm AA 7 pm SPRC Meeting 8 pm NA	17 5 pm Missions Team	18 10 am Prayer Circle	19 12 pm NA	20 2-4 pm Ice Cream Social
21 5 pm BSA-G	22 7 pm Church Council	23 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	24	25 10 am Prayer Circle	26 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	27
28 5 pm BSA-G	29	30 5 pm AA 8 pm NA	31			

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. Also, please call, text or email Anita with addresses if you are willing for her to send a get-well card (or email the church office or bring address to worship.) Thank you!

Connie Bonnie Pat Katie Gardner Helen Macey Ron Craig Wayne Edna Mickey Cindy Alice Jane Talmadge Rachel

Lois Jack Anthony
John Shawn Eric
Rosalie Phyllis Ginny
Elma Joe Shelby

Don Buzz Fred Carl

Trivia Answers

Answer: False. Mr. Seneca **did** offer to build the Havre de Grace Methodist EPISCOPAL Church a stone edifice for worship, BUT the congregation would need to install the heating, lighting and furnishings.

Answer: B, 2. The original pipe organ, built by W.W. Kimball Co., of Chicago, had 910 individual pipes and 14 ranks. The original was pneumatically operated but later electrified. It was replaced in 1968 with a custom-built Moller Pipe Organ with 1092 individual pipes, 20 ranks and chimes.

Revel in Summer

Courtesy of Xavier.edu

Dear God,

Let us revel in summer.

Let us soak up the long days and warm sun.

May our feet walk on sandy beaches and our heads rest on thick grass under blue skies.

May we listen to and marvel at the singing of the birds and stop to watch blissful children at play.

This summer, God, may our breathing slow and our hearts open. God help us to be present to all that is so that we might best see all that might be.

Written and offered by David Johnson

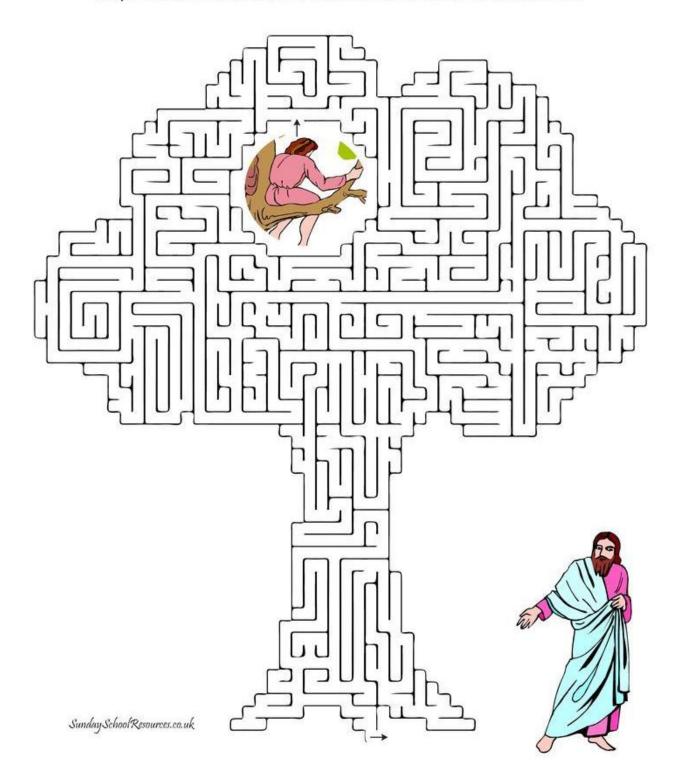


^{*}All who are battling COVID-19; an end to racism, conflict in the Middle East, persecuted Christians and Jews, disaster victims, families dealing with suicide, first responders, veterans, police, all educators and students, the homeless, the people of Ukraine and Russia, peace between nations, inner city crime, hospital workers.



Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

Help Zacchaeus climb down from the tree so he can meet Jesus!



Havre De Grace United Methodist Church Sunday School 2022-2023 Registration

(Please complete one form for each child and fill out both sides)

Name	Birth Date	
Address	Home phone	
	Cell phone	
Email address:		
	one number:	
	Closing Number to receive Text:	
Grade level or class in wh	h you are enrolling your child	
	(All children must be potty trained)	
Special Needs Information allergies to food or medic	of your child: Please list any learning problems, emotional or physical needs artion:	₁d
My child ca	walk unescorted to and from the Sunday School Classroom. by child to and from the Sunday School Classroom.	
	I grant permission for photographs showing my child involved in on church websites, newspaper articles, posters etc. that can be viewed	
	I grant permission for my middle school or high School child to leave church nool hours for local field trips with their class teacher.	
(Please	omplete one form for each child and fill out both sides)	

Are you willing	to Teach, Assist or	Substitute for a Sunday	School Class as needed?	
Yes	No (Tr	aining will be provided i	f necessary)	
Child lives with	(indicate names a	nd relationship)		
Father		Name		
Mother		Name		
Guardian Name				
Please list name from above:	es, addresses and ${}_{\parallel}$	ohone number where m	ailing and phone calls sho	ould be directed if different
Family Informa	tion:			
Parents are:	Married	Divorced	Separated	other
Please explain	other:			
Name of the Ch	nurch parents belo	ng to, if not Havre De Gr	ace United Methodist Ch	urch.
Father		Mothe	·	
Signature of pa	rent or guardian:			
Date:		<u> </u>		

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Please join us for worship.

Schedule

8:15 AM In-Person

11:00 AM In-Person and Livestream

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

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