



# The Visitor

## October 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.

### In-Person Worship Services

Worship is at 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. 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 is not available, but we welcome children of all ages in worship.

### Sunday School

Sunday School for Grades Pre-K through middle school resumed for the school year in September. Classes meet at 9:45 a.m. Middle School class plans to walk to Concord Point Coffee on the first Sunday of each month.

Senior High Sunday School meets Mr. Phil by the church sign on Congress Avenue to go to Concord Point Coffee.

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

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**Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.**

# Worship In-Person and Live Stream



## October 2

World Communion Sunday

We celebrate The Lord's Supper in communion with Christians around the globe.

"A Thin Place"

Matt 11: 25-30

Jesus embodies "a thin place" between us and God, when the divine and the earthly get very close. We meet God in Jesus.

## October 9

"We are Ruined!"

Isaiah 6: 1-8

God encounters Isaiah during worship in the Temple. Isaiah feels undone and his nation is in peril. Yet God comes with hope.

## October 16

"The Search for Wisdom"

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31

Wisdom is personified as a woman in the Book of Proverbs. Some have connected Wisdom with the Holy Spirit. Do we seek wisdom, or does she seek us?

## October 23

"How Can This Be?"

Luke 1: 5-24, 57-80

God's angel Gabriel announces good news, but Zechariah does not believe it. Do we sometimes disbelieve God's Good News?

## October 30

Reformation Sunday

We celebrate the historic Reformers who birthed the Protestant traditions and acknowledge our ongoing need for reform.

Stewardship Celebration

We celebrate our stewardship of God's gifts and accept the challenge to be good stewards of all of God's creation.

"The Power of Vision"

Acts 16: 6-15

The Apostle Paul receives a vision that impels him to share the Gospel more widely and brings him into the orbit of Lydia, his first European convert. Do we have a vision for Christ's ministry for us?

## Quiet Autumn Mornings Prayer Time

Fall is a transition time. It is a time of wisdom and giving thanks. Please join us for some peace and quiet led by Rev. Jane. Held four **Mondays in October: October 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.** in Memorial Hall (entrance under Breezeway by Church Office) with opportunity to walk and pray around town before returning to church. All are welcome for this time of prayer and do not have to attend all four sessions. Please RSVP by calling the Church Office.



## Church Picnic

A Church-wide Picnic will be held at 1 p.m. on **Sunday, October 16** at the American Legion Pavilion. Please bring a covered-dish to share (and lawn chairs if you want). The pavilion has picnic tables and a lawn for children to run and play. Chicken, drinks and table settings will be provided.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

**Sunday, October 9:** Corn Maze. Meet at church at 1:30 p.m., and we will caravan to a local corn maze. Bring a friend!

**Saturday, November 19:** Annual Great Cookie Bake at 12 noon in the Social Hall. We will enjoy pizza before baking cookies for our college students.

**Sunday, December 11:** Christmas Caroling. Immediately after church, meet in the social hall for lunch before we go caroling. All voices welcome!

## 2023 Budget Requests

Budget Requests for 2023 are due to AI, Finance Chair, by **Saturday, October 15**. Being mindful of the need for thrift in the face of continuing challenges from the pandemic, please email AI the projected budget needs for your committee or area of responsibility.

## Envision HdG Comprehensive Plan

The City of Havre de Grace is inviting the input of the community to plan the future of Havre de Grace for the next 20 years by kicking off *Envision HdG*, the City's Comprehensive Plan. The city is using seven story maps to engage citizens in the process, and folks can comment on the themes by completing a survey at the end of each story map. The story maps and surveys will be live on the city's website through December. Surveys are anonymous.

Below are the links to the city's press release and story maps.

<https://havredegracemd.gov/home/envision-hdg/>

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/98aba52fa08149ffb60caa995564dc2d>

## 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 allows us to continue seeking to serve others and transform lives in Jesus' name by providing spiritual care.

# Thoughts from our Lay Leader

*Submitted by Pat, CLS, with blessings and peace*



Welcome Fall with all its God given smells, colors, and temperature changes. And, of course, Halloween for our children.

First and foremost, during this Pastor Appreciation Month, on behalf of our congregation, I would like to give **THANKS TO PASTOR NORMAN** for his continued guidance of his flock these past years of COVID and ALL that he does for all of us all the time!!!!

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend both services on September 11! Let's pray this continues and more folk return to in-person worship and become active disciples. As Pastor Norman once challenged us, I'll put out his challenge again: Each of us invite another person to attend worship with us.

Church Council continues to consider signing the Anti-Racist Pledge. Please see the article later in this newsletter, "Why is the Church Talking About Racial Justice?"

Have you ever thought about becoming a Certified Lay Servant? Many of you are already very involved in church activities. Why not consider it, especially since the Basic Course, which is required of all Lay Servants, Lay Speakers and Lay Ministers, is available this month? (See under Conference Events below.) You might ask "What is a Certified Lay Servant (CLS)?"

A CLS is a person who:

- Provides programs, leadership, assistance and support
- Conducts or assists in conducting services of Worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses
- Leads meetings for prayer, training, study and discussion
- Provides congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries
- Assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion
- Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Now don't let all this scare you away! Each pastor uses his/her CLS in different ways. This is simply the list of possibilities noted on the BWC site.

If you would like more information on how to proceed and what comes next, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. If anyone has **any** questions, concerns or ideas about anything, PLEASE contact me at the above email address. Praying everyone has a beautiful, safe and blessed October.

## Conference Events

- **Tuesday, October 11**, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Training Tuesday: See All the People, community prayer and how to conduct relational one on ones. Zoom. Register at [bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org)
- **Saturday, October 15**, from 9 to 11 a.m., UMM Annual Planning Meeting, theme "Life Balance." Zoom. Register at [bwcumm.org](http://bwcumm.org).
- **Thursday, October 20** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30pm, "Next Level Speaker Series" with Bishop Latrelle and Tod. Register at [bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org)
- **Friday, October 21**, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., "Basic Lay Servant" class. (This is the first class one would take if thinking about becoming a Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, or Certified Lay Minister.) It will be held by Zoom. Cost is \$35. Register online at [bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org) by Friday, October 14. This class will be taught by the Rev. Tony.

- **Tuesday, October 25**, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Training Tuesday: Deepening Discipleship, creating an Intentional Discipleship Pathway. Zoom. Register at [bwcumc.org](http://bwcumc.org).
- Emergency response training for certification and re-certification will be held on **Saturday, October 15** at Benevola UMC in Boonsboro and **Saturday, November 12** at the BWC Mission Center in Fulton. The training is designed for those wish to work in disaster response ministry. The cost is \$35.

## "Why is the Church Talking About Racial Justice?"



### **Social Principles: The Social Community (Book of Discipline, 2016)**

The rights and privileges a society bestows upon or withholds from those who comprise it indicate the relative esteem in which that society holds particular persons and groups of persons. We affirm all persons as equally valuable in the sight of God. We therefore work toward societies in which each person's value is recognized, maintained, and

strengthened. We support the basic rights of all persons to equal access to housing, education, communication, employment, medical care, legal redress for grievances, and physical protection. We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation. Our respect for the inherent dignity of all persons leads us to call for the recognition, protection, and implementation of the principles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that communities and individuals may claim and enjoy their universal, indivisible, and inalienable rights.

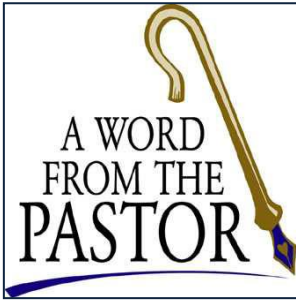
**Rights of Racial and Ethnic Persons:** Racism is the combination of the power to dominate by one race over other races and a value system that assumes that the dominant race is innately superior to the others. Racism includes both personal and institutional racism. Personal racism is manifested through the individual expressions, attitudes, and/or behaviors that accept the assumptions of a racial value system and that maintain the benefits of this system. Institutional racism is the established social pattern that supports implicitly or explicitly the racist value system.

Racism, manifested as sin, plagues and hinders our relationship with Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself. In many cultures white persons are granted unearned privileges and benefits that are denied to persons of color. We oppose the creation of a racial hierarchy in any culture. Racism breeds racial discrimination. We define racial discrimination as the disparate treatment of persons, and the lack of full access and equity in resources, opportunities, and participation in the Church and in society, based on race or ethnicity.

Therefore, we recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons. We rejoice in the gifts that particular ethnic histories and cultures bring to our total life. We commit as the Church to move beyond symbolic expressions and representative models that do not challenge unjust systems of power and access.

We commend and encourage the self-awareness of all racial and ethnic groups and oppressed people that leads them to demand their just and equal rights as members of society. We assert the obligation of society and people within the society to implement compensatory programs that redress long-standing, systemic social deprivation of racial and ethnic persons. We further assert the right of historically underrepresented racial and ethnic persons to equal and equitable opportunities in employment and promotion, to education and training of the highest quality: to non-discrimination in voting, access to public accommodations, and housing purchase or rental; to credit, financial loans, venture capital, and insurance policies; to positions of leadership and power in all elements of our life together; and to full participation in the Church and society. We support affirmative action as one method of addressing the inequalities and discriminatory practices within the Church and society.

I pray that we will open our minds and hearts, beyond our own local community, to understand and help provide justice for peoples of all colors everywhere.



## Take My Yoke

*Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

*--Matthew 11: 28-30*

Dear Friends in Christ:

Fall is a time of transition. For some of us it is a turning from the growth of summer to the harvest of autumn. For others it is the turning from life to death or from busy-ness to quiet. For some it is the turn from summer vacation to school.

The late Phyllis Tickle, farmer, mother and Christian writer, said this in an essay entitled "Final Sanity": "The farm in the summer becomes like the city is all year ... too much color, too much noise, too much growing, too much hurry to stave off loss and destruction, too little natural death and gentle ending, too little time for play, too little pointless imagination." She reflects on the gift of the slower pace of winter before spring comes again.

Similarly in the Gospel passage above, Jesus invites us to take his yoke upon us. The yokes we carry in life – the burdens and baggage and obligations -- can be very heavy, but his yoke is light, and he offers us rest.

This October we are offering a new ministry program of "Quiet Autumn Mornings" (see elsewhere in this issue of *The Visitor*). Whether or not we choose to participate in this ministry we always have the opportunity to settle into the arms of God. What a comfort and joy it is to know that our burden is light, and our yoke is easy when we share it with Jesus.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Norman

## Church Trivia

1. Ordained Deacons in The UMC may administer the sacraments.  
True or False?
2. One of John Wesley's main emphases for Methodism is grace. What are the three graces that he emphasized?
  - A. Prevenient Grace
  - B. God's Grace
  - C. Sanctifying Grace
  - D. Amazing Grace
  - E. Sanctifying Grace
  - a. A, B, C
  - b. B, C, D
  - c. C, D, E
  - d. A, C, E

*Answers on page 11*

## Thank You from Havre de Grace Elementary School

*Submitted by Kristin, Title I Teacher Specialist*



I wanted to thank each of you for your donation towards our Adopt-A-Scholar program. Because of you, we were able to give 163 students a free backpack filled with their school supplies for the year. Last night was our Back-to-School night where many of our students got to pick them up. They were so excited by all of the different backpacks - and they got to choose the backpack that best fit their personality! I saw so many of them, an hour after picking up their backpack, still wearing it proudly. One parent even said that she was pretty sure her child was going to sleep still wearing their backpack!

I had one grandparent come up to me with tears in her eyes, to tell me how much this program means to her. Due to life circumstances, things are a bit hard right now and to see how excited her grandchildren were to pick their very own backpacks and be excited for school meant the world to her.

I hope you know how very much this means to us as well. Our goal at Havre de Grace is for ALL students to feel safe, to feel loved, and to have the tools they need to achieve all that they set out to do in this world. Though it may feel small, I can assure you, the time you spent buying folders and glue sticks and crayons is helping to set them up for an incredible year. They felt first hand last night a community that loves them. They can enter the first day of school feeling safe, knowing that there isn't a single thing they are lacking. And both of these help to set them up for a year where they can achieve more than they ever thought possible.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you! We love and appreciate each of you.

## Adopt-A-Scholar Thank You

*Submitted by Cathey*



A huge thank you to all our congregation who purchased school supplies and delivered and donated funds for our Adopt-A-Scholar program. This year, we supported four book bags for second graders, three book bags for third graders, and three book bags for fourth graders, a total of 10 book bags. This amounted to 217 items that were “stuffed” into the book bags. A special thank you to **Christine, Dorothy and Karole** for cutting out the book bag tags (which also included 217 tags). Thank you, also, to **Pat** for helping stuff the book bags and going with me to the school to deliver them. As you can see from the message from the teacher at Havre de Grace Elementary, this was a huge success for the Havre de Grace

Community who supported this program. Thank you so very much for your support.

## Blessing of the Animals and Pet Expo

*Submitted by Lisa, Bake Sale Table Chair*

I just wanted to thank everyone who took the time to bake an item for the bake sale table. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our event due to rain. We do not have a rain date for the event, but your baked goods did not go to waste. As it was our Church's turn to provide desserts for the Grace Place Meal that Tuesday, the donated baked goods were used as the desserts in the meal bags that went out to those in need.

Thanks again for signing up to bake for the animals. Hopefully, we will get better weather in 2023! God bless!



## 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**

## Red Bird Mission Building on a Legacy of Faith

*Submitted by Cathey*



Red Bird Mission is one of the many missions that, when funding is available, our Havre de Grace United Methodist Church supports. They have been providing education and Christian evangelism ministries in their region of the Appalachian Mountains (Southeastern Corner of Kentucky) since 1921.

In May 2022, 17 graduates were once again, after a two-year absence due to COVID, able to graduate from the Red Bird Christian School. A baccalaureate was held at Beverly United Methodist Church. The event concluded the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration for Red Bird on the campus of the original school. The graduation ceremony was held at the current school site.

The Red Bird Mission is located in Beverly, Kentucky and recently supported flood victims along with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). While the Mission, itself, was spared from the devastating flooding in Eastern Kentucky in late July, resources on hand went out immediately to shelters and distribution points before the flood waters receded.

Two of the Red Bird Dental Clinic staff loaded up a minivan containing food, clothing, and personal hygiene supplies to help victims arriving at designated shelters in Perry County. One of the second-grade teachers, whose home was devastated by the floods in Letcher County, also supported the flood victims. She joined her family in distributing hundreds of meals daily to victims. Many teacher colleagues joined her in bringing needed supplies.

Staff administrators posted to social media pages regarding available shelters, resources, and needs. An online donation form added a special fund for monetary donations to be used exclusively for flood relief. A few days later, more staff members loaded up a large van with more food, clothing, blankets, household cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene items for distribution at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Healthcare distribution location (Hazard is the County seat of Perry County, KY).

The Mission continues to work with responders across the impacted areas monitoring needs and finding resources to meet emerging priorities on a daily basis. While they were working closely with every county to make sure they got the right resources to the right place, right away, they are asking for continued prayers for all of their communities.

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

**MISSIONS NEWS**



## Christian Love and Sympathy

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

**Alice Mae** who died September 11 after a short time in hospice. She was a loyal member of our congregation since joining by Profession of Faith in Christ on November 23, 1969 during the pastorate of Rev. Julian. Alice lived out her faith in Jesus Christ in a quiet way. She was an officer in the UMW (United Women in Faith), played in our hand-bell choir, helped with fundraisers by donating wonderful baked goods, participated in our Relay for Life Heralds of Hope Team and showed kindness and generosity to all.

May God comfort all who mourn her death.

## Enjoying the Seasons

*Submitted by Ridge*

The first leaves are turning red and orange. Labor Day has passed. And my friend Doug says tomorrow pumpkins and turkeys and Santas will be in the stores!

Let's not hurry the seasons. Hot days are still ahead, and teachers and students are just getting adjusted to the new school year. I remember so many good things to anticipate as the year moves from summer to fall—things that have nothing to do with what stores are selling.

My mother would take down the summer curtains and put up the heavier fall drapes. These helped keep the house warm and cut back on fuel costs. All the fruits and vegetables she had canned over the summer would begin to appear on the dinner table. Our sweaters and jackets were hanging on the coat hooks for us to grab on our way to school. Flower beds would be cut back for the winter, and we loved the last rose—one year we had a rose blooming in December!



Raking leaves was always a treat—would we be allowed to jump in them before we put them in bags? My dad would dig up the last potatoes, and kale and greens would still be growing in the garden. Out on the farm where my dad had grown up was a root cellar with root vegetables—beets, yams and turnips. It's dark, earthy smell was interesting. Going to the orchard for apples provided us with treats for several months.

We had family together for Thanksgiving, but we took turns having Granny, my mother's mother. She went to Aunt Mary's on alternate years. We always had Aunt Marcelene and my dad's brother Arthur. What a lovely time, even though the children's table was off to the side. After the meal folks gathered in the living room to chat and relax (before TV) while the women did the dishes. After TV, the great god “Football” reigned.

Preparing for Christmas became a time of making gifts for our parents and friends, baking cookies and fruitcakes soaked in rum. Without TV my sister and I did not know about all the possible gifts we might desire so our parents were able to be prudent—new pajamas, one “big” gift and stocking gifts including a tangerine.

When our children came along, we eliminated the idea of Santa and “good children” getting gifts. We lived in an area where many families had limited incomes and the kids rode the bus together. My friend Mary, and her husband, who lived on “the Hill” had six children. Sharing toys was the rule. Practicing for the Christmas pageant started with Advent. Our understanding of the seasons was based on faith and church and family.

All seasons bring new things, and memories of previous times warm our hearts. Fall is the time we plant tulip and daffodil and hyacinth bulbs to enjoy next spring. The love and kindness we are sharing now will bloom abundantly in future seasons.

# Thank You

Dear HdGUMC Scholarship Committee and Pastor Norman, Thank you so much for choosing my application and granting me a scholarship. I am writing this three weeks into college, and I am having a lot of fun. Your generosity is going a very long way in helping my family and I pay tuition, and I cannot begin to express my gratitude. Peace and God bless, **Ryan**.

# Kids' Corner

*Courtesy of Pinterest*

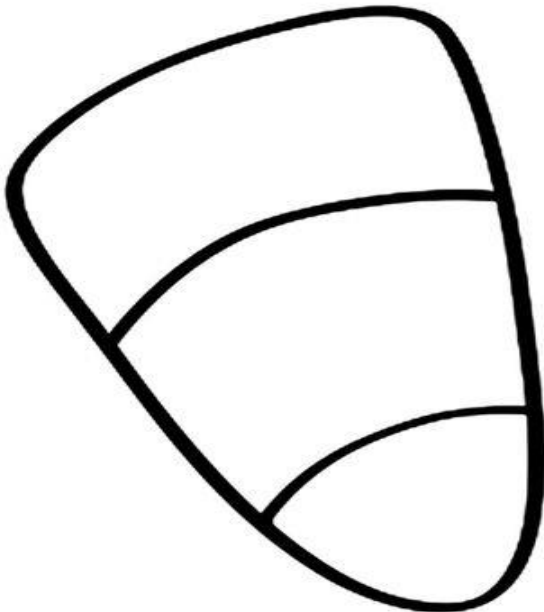
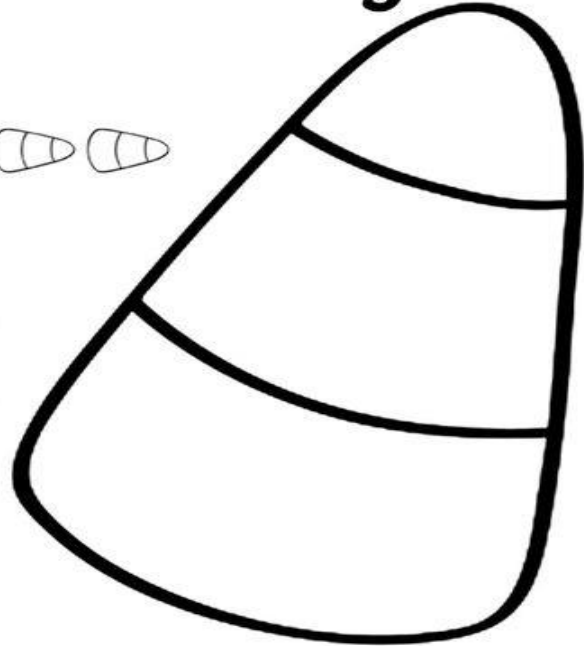
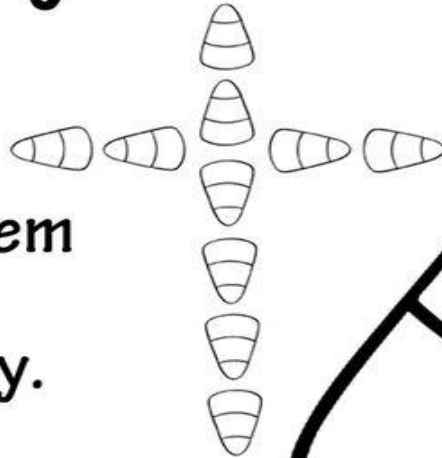
# Count your Blessings

**A**nd

**N**ame them

**D**ay by day.

**Y**ou'll be reminded



**G**hrist Jesus' love

**O**verflows to you,

**R**ight now, in

**N**early every way.

# Christmas Candlelight Tour 2022

Submitted by Nakina



This is your HEADS UP!!

It's been a few years since we were able to get together like now. On **Saturday, December 10 from 4 to 8 p.m.** when the Christmas Candlelight tour of historic Havre de Grace churches comes around, we can all participate and enjoy the opportunity to reconnect with our church and others in the area.

Those who visited in the past enjoy learning the history of the church(es) and visiting with the other folks who are participating in this fun event. Our Methodist Church treats visitors to the sight of our massive sanctuary with its vaulted ceilings, the chandeliers, balcony and stained-glass windows, and the sound of its equally massive organ. The acoustics in the sanctuary are perfect to enjoy music recitals and cantatas, as well as Sunday services. The 1,100 pipes in the organ are actually veiled by the voiceless (decorative pipes) that are seen stretching about the organ console. The painted pipes little affect the sound that comes through them.

In prior years, many have wished they could stay longer to enjoy the acoustics and ambiance in our church, but they are on a tour and must continue on. At the end, most say, "... and we'll be back next year."

In previous years the sanctuary was the primary place people were shown. This year – in 2022 – we are planning to incorporate Memorial Hall into our church tour. Memorial Hall is where the team who re-did the church in 2000 set aside display space for some of the historical items of our church. Memorial Hall is the area behind the sanctuary where the choir room, the church library, a couple of other multi-use rooms are and where the history room is. By then we plan to have more displays to view and some fun things to do.

Perhaps this year we can provide an experience you and they will enjoy so much everyone will be saying "... and we'll be back next year."

## Wreaths Across America

Wreaths Across America will place wreaths on the graves of veterans at Angel Hill, Mt. Erin and St. James cemeteries on **Saturday, December 17**. If interested in providing support, please send to Joseph L. Davis Post 47, 501 St. John Street, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.

## Trivia Answers

Answer: False. Deacons are ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of *Word, Service, Compassion and Justice, to both the community and the congregation in a ministry that connects the two*. Elders or pastors are ordained by a bishop to a lifetime ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service. By the authority given in their ordination, elders are authorized to preach and teach the Word of God, to provide pastoral care and counsel, to administer the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion, and to order the life of the Church for service in mission and ministry.

Answer: D. Prevenient Grace: The grace that causes our first thoughts of God and draws us to God. Justifying Grace: The grace from God that is willing to accept us and forgive us, "just as if" we had never sinned. Sanctifying Grace: The grace that continues to nurture us and increase our knowledge so we can more fully love God and our neighbor.

## 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.

# 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

October 1 Jean	October 8 Donovan	October 10 Ruth Pam	October 13 Ian Anita
October 16 Dan	October 22 Terri Sammy	October 23 Ian	

November 2 Meghan	November 4 Rick	November 17 Joseph
November 18 Sarah	November 24 Morgan	November 25 Russ

## Anniversaries

October 9 Rick and Melania
October 21 Henry and Muriel

November 4 David and Courtney
November 5 Frank and Becci
November 23 Dennis and Bonnie



# Community Information

## GriefShare Groups

- **Mondays October 3 through January 23 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** Bel Air United Methodist Church, 21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air. Contact: Judy to register. Cost: Free.
- **Thursdays, October 6 through January 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.** Harford Community Church 2504 Creswell Road, Bel Air. Contact Deborah. Cost: \$20, scholarships available.
- **Loss of Spouse Program**, one-time event, **Sunday, October 2 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Mountain Christian Church, 1802 Mountain Road, Joppa. Contact Courtney. Cost: \$5.

**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
- \*Resources for substance abuse or suicidal thoughts: 988

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

# Church Calendar

## OCTOBER 2022

## Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 World Communion Sunday</b> 4 pm GS #1711 4 pm BSA-G	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm AA 7 pm Education Team 8 pm NA	<b>5</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 Worship Team	<b>6</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 12 pm NA	<b>8</b> 8 am UM Men's Breakfast @ Chesapeake Grill & ZOOM
<b>9 Blessing of Sports Eq.</b> 1:30 pm Youth Fellowship to Corn Maze 4 pm BSA-G	<b>10</b> 9:30 am Quiet Autumn Mornings 7 pm Trustees	<b>11</b> 8:30am Grace Place 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	<b>12</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>13</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 1 pm Church Picnic @ American Legion 4 pm GS #1711 4 pm BSA-G Welcome One Shelter	<b>17</b> 9:30 am Quiet Autumn Mornings 7pm Finance	<b>18</b> 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	<b>19</b> 5 pm Missions Team 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>20</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 12 pm NA	<b>22</b> 1 pm Church Conference via ZOOM
<b>23</b> 4 pm BSA-G	<b>24</b> 9:30 am Quiet Autumn Mornings 7 pm Church Council	<b>25</b> 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	<b>26</b> 6 pm Cub Scouts	<b>27</b> 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Stewardship Sunday</b> 4 pm GS #1711 4 pm BSA-G	<b>31 All Hallows Eve</b> 9:30 am Quiet Autumn Mornings					

## 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](mailto: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!

Katie	Jack	Anthony
Wayne	Shawn	Donald
Deanna	Edda	Eric
Lois	Joe	Ginny
John	Joan	Jennifer
Jerry	Carl	Jordan
Drew	Pat	Leslie
Dianne	Helen	Lisa
Fred	Craig	Shelby
Al	Mickey	
Gardner	Jane	
Edna		

\*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.



O God of Creation,  
you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,  
may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves  
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air  
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance  
we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of the summer's spirit remind us  
of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

~Author Unknown

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**Please join us for worship.**

**Schedule**

**8:15 AM In-Person**

**9:45 AM Sunday School**

**11:00 AM In-Person and Livestream**

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

