

The Visitor

July 2023



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.

Worship Services

Worship is at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Livestream worship is at 11 a.m.

Masks and physical distancing are optional for worship. The center section of the sanctuary is still roped for those who want to be careful. 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 in or under the back balcony are not visible on camera.

Nursery care is not available, but we welcome children of all ages in worship and the Nursery may be used by parents with their children. The TV in the Nursery is provided to watch worship. Just turn it on and adjust the volume.

Sunday School Resumes

Sunday School for all ages will resume on **September 10**. In the fall, our youngest class welcomes all children who are potty trained and at least age 3 by then.

We'll also welcome back all our other Pre-K through Grade 5 students and welcome back our Middle Schoolers to meet every Sunday.

Over the summer the Middle Schoolers are meeting several times for walks (dates TBA), the Senior Highs are continuing to meet with Mr. Phil to walk down to Concord Point Coffee and the Adult Class is continuing to meet in Mentzer Parlor and via Zoom.

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Sunday Worship Times

8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Summer Worship



Summer Sermon Series II: A Season of Creation

The second part of summer and possibly into the fall we'll be exploring God's Creation under various topical themes. We modern folk have come to feel separated from the created order, and this hurts us. The truth is we are part of God's wonderful web of life. There is so much destruction evident in the world that we are in need of God's re-creation.

July 9 "Rivers"

Trouble sometimes comes to us from others upstream. We also cause trouble downstream. This truth applies environmentally, temporally and morally.

July 16 "Sky"

Recent wildfires in Canada have impacted our air quality. Smoke doesn't respect borders. We all breathe the same air. Perhaps that truth can draw us closer.

July 23 "Sun"

The sun is very far away and yet its heat is close to us. It warms our very skin! So it is with God's love. God is both far above us and right beside us at the same time!

July 30 "Forest"

The Bible begins and ends with stories about trees, and in between Jesus dies on a dead tree. What does this tell us about God's will for Life?

Support of Christ's Ministry



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 find bill-pay options offered by their bank convenient, and
- 3) We have an on-line donation option on our website or use this QR code.

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.

GriefShare Group

A new cycle of GriefShare will be starting on **Tuesday, August 29**. This cycle will run through November 21. We will meet each Tuesday at the church from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This will be a new edition of GriefShare, GriefShare 4.0. Your facilitators are looking forward to this new edition! Please sign up at GriefShare.org so you will be able to access all the extras on their site. There is no cost to attend.

Report on Annual Conference 2023

Submitted by Pat, CLS



On Wednesday, May 31, Janyce and I travelled to the Baltimore Hilton to attend the 239th session of The Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. This year's theme was "IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE."

The guiding Scripture passage was John 13:31-35 (NRSVUE): "When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.'"

On Wednesday afternoon we attended the Laity Session, while the Order of Elders were having its session and voting on Ordinands and Commissioners. Our session was titled "Living In the Age of Anxiety." It was presented by the Rev. Jack who is the director of the Center for Vital Leadership, a resource of the Baltimore-Washington and Pen-Del Conferences. To be a good leader one must know his/her own beliefs and provide a non-anxious presence. We were also introduced to the new class of Certified Lay Ministers and welcomed by the new President of the United Women of Faith and the new President of the United Methodist Men.

Wednesday evening was the opening worship service with Bishop Easterling preaching that "Love is as love does...Love is not an emotion; it is an action. It is better provided than professed." We then were served communion and, yes, we used the same Communion kits as we do in worship here. The offering from this service went to the Bishop's "Seeds of Security" -- a ministry that offers healing and a safe haven for survivors of domestic violence/intimate partner violence. A grand total of a little over \$17,000 was collected. There is also a spring golf tournament that benefits this ministry. If anyone would like to donate go to: bwcumc.org/ministries/wellness-missions/seeds-of-security.

Thursday morning was Bible Study with retired Bishop Peter. He focused Thursday's and Friday's Bible Study on Pentecost and being spirit-filled and spirit-led. (He was quite entertaining!) We then moved on to "Circles of Love." We were assigned to tables of six to eight where we were to discuss three questions using a two-minute timer for each person and holding a candle acknowledging the speaker of the moment. The three questions were:

- All persons are created in the image of God. Yet not all of us look, think, move, dream, love, live and/or experience God alike. With this in mind, how has God's love guided you to love others?
- With our commonalities and differences, what is a gift of our God-given diversity and what is a challenge?
- What am I doing to create an environment where othering or hate is never taught and always challenged?

Thursday afternoon was filled with rules and resolutions. (At the end of this I will list all the resolutions and how we voted on them.)

Thursday evening was the Service of Remembrance with the Rev. Linda preaching. This is when pastors, Deacons, their spouses, and members of Annual Conference who have gone on to glory in the previous year are remembered. This year as each person was named, white paper doves were "flown" to the altar/stage and placed on white lighted trees. Afterwards, the family members were able to receive their loved one's dove. Following

this service, we went back into plenary. (Our days were filled from the time we got up 'til the second we went to bed. I do not know how the Bishop "survived" the entire four days and then had to move on to hold the Pen-Del Annual Conference! Janyce and I were pooped!!)

Friday morning again started with Bible Study. Then we broke into groups for doing our first off-site mission project titled "Love in Action." Some folk went to area schools and worked outside/inside doing yard work, painting, etc. Many of us stayed at the hotel packing 2,000 backpacks for all grades in six Baltimore City elementary schools. The backpacks were to be delivered on Monday and given to the children for use over summer vacation in hopes of keeping them involved in learning.

Friday afternoon, we heard addresses and reports from various conference committees such as the Board of Ordained Ministry, Stewardship and Ministries Reports, and awards were announced.

Friday evening was more plenary sessions, including Discipleship Council and Nominations Committee Reports, followed by a Festive Evening of Fellowship and Fun led by Young Peoples Ministries. The Bishop is very concerned about our youth as they are the future of our denomination. They celebrated with a couple hours of karaoke.

Saturday morning was a plenary with a Confirmation Celebration and Focus on Young People. There were maybe 10 or 12 youth who were confirmed by the bishop. How special! Later there was a service of baptism by the bishop. There was a family with three young boys who were baptized! In the afternoon was the Service of Ordination and Commissioning (one of my most favorite worship services at Annual Conference). The Orders of Elders and Deacons file in with their white robes and red stoles. This year they surrounded the room with love before taking their seats. There were eight folk given provisional membership (six Elders and two Deacons). There were seven folk ordained as Elders. After the Ordination service, Janyce and I hopped on the bus and were brought back to Bel Air UMC.

Resolutions:

- Passed a protocol and policy that addresses providing paid bereavement leave for clergy;
- Supported steps to ensure the best alternative use of available church properties for missional purposes;
- Voted to identify and oppose apartheid in the Holy Land;
- Supported two weeks of paid maternity and paternity leave for clergy foster/resource parents;
- Affirmed the Queer Delegates' Call to Center Justice and Empowerment for LGBTQIA+ People in the UMC;
- Opposed a resolution to request district superintendents to aspire to preside at each local church conference;
- Moved to postpone indefinitely a resolution that asks that those seeking to leave the denomination not serve in positions of leadership in the conference, districts and local churches; and
- Voted to support the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference (the Christmas Covenant).
- Referred a resolution to the Conference Trustees on how to handle churches that disaffiliated and then want to return to the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

The budget for the Conference was approved at \$18,107,147 for 2024.

We voted for four churches to be closed: Carlos, Friendship, Hyattstown and Marley UM Churches. These are usually due to declining membership, but each church's legacy lives on.

We voted for 23 churches to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church: Alpine, Brandenburg, Butlers Chapel, Cedar Grove-Oakland, Community with a Cause, Davis Memorial, Ebenezer, Fairview, Greenwood,

Highland, Mizo, Mount Oak, Mount Pleasant, Mount Zion-Bel Air, Mount Zion in Great Cacapon, Murleys Branch, New Covenant, Oakdale Emory, Oakdale-Emory, Oakland, Parkhead, Prosperity, Salem and Union (Aberdeen) Churches.

We need more folk to go into ministry. Just this year we had 27 retirees and only seven new Elders....

Minimum salary for clergy was approved for a four percent increase to \$49,910 per year.

There are still immigrants being bussed to D.C. Capitol Hill UMC is trying to care for them. If you would like to help out, donations can be made at: <https://www.bwcumc.org/migrantcrisisdonations>

Bishop Easterling is going on a Holy Land Pilgrimage from January 29 to February 7, 2024. The tour includes airfare, transportation, lodging, breakfast and dinner daily. Visits will be to Jerusalem, Galilee, Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. Information can be found at: bwcumc.org/holy-land-pilgrimage.

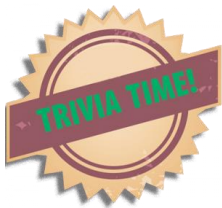
Well, I guess this is about it. If anyone would like more information about happenings during Annual Conference, please feel free to reach out to me or Janyce.

Please continue to ask God to lead our Denomination to where He wants it to go; for our Bishops and Elders to be given strength and direction while they lead us during these liminal times and that God will bless each with his/her own comfort and peace.

Thank you for supporting Janyce and myself for being able to attend this most important connectional meeting of The United Methodist Church.

Blessings,
Pat

Church Trivia



1. At the age of five, John Wesley was rescued from....
 - A. A devastating fire in his home
 - B. The sea, following a shipwreck
 - C. A terrible flood
 - D. A well he had fallen into

2. If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline?

- A. Articles of Religion
- B. The Index
- C. List of bishops
- D. Nicene Creed

Answers on page 14.

Did You Know?

Submitted by Betty, UMC Health and Safety Advocate

This is not actually a quiz. As your Health and Safety Advocate, I have come to learn of some health-related items at church that I did not know existed. I am guessing that a few of my fellow church family members may not know of them, either.



Did you know that we have an AED (automatic external defibrillator)? This lifesaving easy-to-use device is located just outside the sanctuary door that leads to Congress Avenue and the Social Hall. If anyone becomes unconscious and the AED is brought to the person and opened, instructions are given aloud to direct its use. You cannot actually harm the person because the device will determine if the AED is needed. Just think! You might save a life by knowing the location of the AED.

Did you know that the church maintains a dose of Narcan that can reverse symptoms of an overdose? This medicine is also located in the small AED cabinet.

Did you know we have seven first aid kits located in our buildings that are filled with age-appropriate first aid items and checked regularly? I invite you to roam around on your own scavenger hunt to locate them:

- Off of the Narthex in the NW stairwell under the stairs by the lift
- Choir Room
- Kitchen
- Mentzer Parlor Kitchenette
- 2nd Floor Education Building Hallway
- Second Grade Classroom in the Education Building
- 1st Floor Nursery Restroom

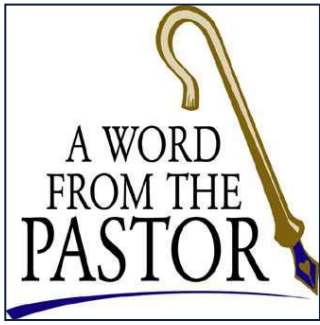
Did you know there are Emergency Procedures printed on the inside cover of each hymnal? This information can be very useful in case of any in-worship health emergency. Go ahead, look for these procedures.

Finally, **did you know** that one of my roles is to visit church family members in their home, nursing home, or hospital? This role augments the visits made by Pastor Norman to connect with those who are unable to attend church. These are meant as friendship visits, along with prayer time if requested. You can find introductory letters and my information cards located in the display rack in the Narthex and in the church office.

There you have it. Let's all stay healthy at church and be prepared to offer first aid to anyone in need.

New Chair Needed for Animal Blessing Event

A Chair is needed for the annual Animal Blessing and Pet Expo held the second Sunday in September, with this year's event taking place on **September 10, 2023 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.** at Concord Point Park. The event already has great committee members and just about runs itself, but it needs someone to oversee everything. If the Spirit moves you to take on this event, please contact Tammy, and she will give you all the details. Thank you for your consideration.



Sabbath Rest

—Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

—Genesis 2: 1-3

Dear Fellow Disciples:

Our yearly and weekly rhythms vary in intensity depending on the type of work we do and the kind of life we lead. The Bible, however, tells us to observe Sabbath. This was a practice that set the Hebrews apart from all those peoples who lived around or among them. They were even expected to observe Sabbath during plowing and harvesting seasons, the busy times in the agricultural year.

The concept of Sabbath is developed several ways in the Bible. God is pictured as making all of Creation in six days and resting on the seventh day. This is taken as a basis for Sabbath. Sabbath is codified into law in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20: 8). It is given special importance in that it is mentioned again as an important mark of God's Covenant with the Hebrews just before God hands Moses the two stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed (Exodus 31: 12-18).

Exodus connects Sabbath to God's justice. It explains that children, slaves, foreigners and even work animals are to be given rest on the seventh day in order to be refreshed (Exodus 23: 12 and 20: 9-10). God's justice also comes into focus in Deuteronomy 5: 15 where God's people are reminded that they were once slaves in Egypt – when presumably they were not given any Sabbath, not allowed to rest.

Finally, Jesus makes the point that “The Sabbath was made for humankind...” (Mark 2: 27). So, Sabbath is for our benefit. It is a gift of God. It is meant to honor God but it also is meant to renew us. It was part of the Hebrews' special covenant with God and it is an enduring part of our new covenant with God in Christ.

Sabbath can take different forms. Some folk take a Sabbath from devices or social media. Some folk have unusual work schedules and take Sabbath at non-traditional times. However we mark Sabbath, it is intended to re-connect us with God, mark our dependence upon God and refresh our spirit.

So may we observe Sabbath in our lives – this summer and throughout the year.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norman

Thanksgivings

Last month we shared that the Havre de Grace High School Varsity Baseball Team won a regional championship for the first time in 25 years. One thing we forgot to mention is that our own **Jason**, father of **Bryce**, one of the players, is an Assistant Coach for this winning team and was one of the players from the team that took regionals 25 years ago! Way to go, Jason! Keep up the good work leading and influencing our community youth.



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

MISSIONS NEWS

Open Letters in Appreciation of the Congregation of the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church

Submitted by Nakina

As a congregation, the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church has provided generously. These are just a few of the comments, thank yous and recognitions. Many have been paraphrased for reading.



Anna's House—Many Marylanders will benefit from the support of donors like you, we are able to provide life-changing services to at-risk friends and neighbors. We can provide meals for the neighbors who are hungry, shelter to those with no place to live, training and placement for those in search of employment, and hope to many seeking help. (Bel Air)



Welcome One Emergency Shelter—We appreciate your partnership works towards making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring in Harford County. Your kindness and compassion provide 90 days of not having to worry where to sleep, how to get food, or where to wash, time to heal from life traumas and living on the street. Thank you for caring. (Harford County)



Harford Family House—Because of your generosity, we ... provide shelter and support services to families with children experiencing homelessness right here in our own community. Please know you have made a difference in the lives of a family here in Harford County. We are thankful you are part of our extended family! (Aberdeen)



Red Bird Mission— With so many things to do it is easy to lose sight of the main thing. Pray with us that we keep God as the main thing as we go about His work. Your contributions make a difference in our community every day. (Kentucky)



Community Projects of Havre de Grace— ... your donation which was used to help with Thanksgiving Dinners. The event is always an overwhelming success as we serve dinners to those who came to eat, received deliveries or carried out meals. It is people like you who help to make our dream of a successful Thanksgiving Dinner a reality for those in our community who want or need a meal. (Havre de Grace)

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



Global Ministries (for UMM disaster response donation)— ... hurricanes devastated many areas. Many such as you were moved to prayer, giving, and action. We are pleased to share 100 percent of your contribution for disaster relief and response. Thank you for joining us in God's mission. (Across the Street and Around the World)



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY

Society of St. Andrew— ... for making the Society of St Andrew your partner in ending hunger with your gift. Through this you are sharing fresh, nutritious produce with people who simply don't have enough to eat. (Across the Street)



Manna House—Please accept the grateful thanks of all at Manna House ... One of the many services offered is a hot breakfast 365 days a year. At a cost of \$2 per breakfast we can provide many hot meals to the poor and homeless. During the summer break, children are special beneficiaries of your generosity because the schools are not open to provide the meals they would normally have gotten. For being a member of our Breakfast Club at Manna House in Baltimore. Your gift will serve almost 200 people a hot breakfast. (Baltimore)



Children of Zion—We would like to thank you for the donation from the family at Havre de Grace United Methodist Church. We are so very thankful for this blessing that will go to fulfill the mission of caring for and bringing the Lord's love to the children at the village. The support from generous church families such as you make it possible to care for the amazing children at COZV and is the reason for their survival. (Around the World -- Africa)

Pregnancy Resource Center
Alpha's Glory



Alpha's Glory—you ever wonder why you receive a letter like this, ... We don't send letters because it is the "thing to do" or because we've got computer programs to spit them out quickly. I write because we are in this ministry together. I know when you send a gift here, it is through

hard work in a tough economy that you sacrifice for those who come in our doors. When we say you are a "partner," it is true. Every life that is changed, every life that is saved, is due in part to your commitment. Thank you with all that I have for your ministry. (Aberdeen)



Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

UMCOR—Thank you! Your support is enabling Global Ministries to continue the mission of the Church. ... you are part of a vital network of interactive relationships in more than 60 countries around the world. On behalf of the people who are

recipients of the love of God through the direct ministry of a Global Missions missionary—Thank you! (Here, Across the Street, and Around the World)



Tree of Life Ministries—Thank you With people like you we are able to help many families and individuals meet essential daily needs. "Give and it will be given to you... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." (Luke 6:38) (South Dakota)

Congratulation to this congregation for your generosity and support!!

Matthew 25:40—The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Recognition of our 2023 Graduates



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

***Nana Akwasi**, younger son of Abby. He graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2 and will be attending University of Maryland Baltimore County.

***Kiara**, daughter of Chris and Sandy, granddaughter of Donna and Bill. She graduated in late May from CCBC–Essex and will start her career as a Respiratory Therapist at Baltimore-Washington Medical Center.

***Katie**, daughter of Nancy and Keith. She graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2 with Maryland State Honors. She'll be attending Susquehanna University to major in Luxury Brand Marketing and Management.

***Savannah**, daughter of Carolyn and Lee. She graduated from Perryville High School on June 2. She plans to attend Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC to major in Intelligence and National Security Studies. Along the way, Savannah also received her Silver Award in Girl Scouts and got a mural painted on the new baseball dugouts at Perryville High. These paintings and quotations show the link between physical and mental health, and will be a legacy for future students and fans. To achieve this, she navigated the bureaucracy of Cecil County Public Schools and the Cecil County Arts Council to receive \$500 in funding for supplies!

***Donovan**, son of Randy and Jessica, grandson of Melinda and David, graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2. He will be attending Harford Community College for a semester and then transferring to the University of Maryland.

***Morgan**, daughter of Tara and James. She graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2 and is planning to attend college.

***Alana**, daughter of Michele and Dean, graduated from Havre de Grace High School June on 2 with honors as a member of the National Honor Society and will be enrolling in the Veterinary Technician program at the Community College of Baltimore County.

***Katie**, daughter of Dean and Michele, graduated cum laude (with honors) from St. Mary's College of Maryland on May 12 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. She has accepted a position with the National Institutes of Health doing research on addiction.

***Neal**, son of Terri and Rob. He graduated on May 24 from the University of Maryland College Park with a Bachelor of Arts degrees in both Criminology/Criminal Justice and Sociology.

***Renee**, daughter of Terri and Rob. She graduated with honors from Harford Community College on May 22 with an Associate's Degree in Business Management and an Accounting Certificate. Renee is transferring to Towson University at TUNE to pursue a degree in Health Care Management.

***Ty**, son of Dawn and Michael, and grandson of Mary and Gus, He graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2. He plans to attend Harford Community College and wants to get into the building trades.

***Taylor**, daughter of Michele and Dave, granddaughter of Karole. She graduated on May 6 from High Point University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Computer Science with a concentration in Cyber Security. During her years there she served as Pledgemaster for Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity that

volunteers with many community clean-ups and at animal shelters. She also was a member of Code Club that engaged in Cyber Competitions. Taylor is presently interning at a bank in New York State.

***Molly**, daughter of Taryn and Bill. She graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2. She served this past session as a Page at the Maryland State Legislature and was honored for her work there.

***Joshua**, grandson of Brenda. He graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA on May 13 with a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance. He is a member of the Phi Chi Theta professional business fraternity and plans to work as a Community Branch Management Associate for M&T Bank.

***Henry**, grandson of Bob and Vicki. He graduated from the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio with a Bachelor's degree in Global and International Studies.

***Preston**, son of Amy. He has completed his studies at Sheffield Institute for the Recording Arts in Phoenix, MD and is working on getting his motorcycle license. He has a job as an Audio-Visual Installation Tech for Midpoint Technologies.

***Sam**, son of Bonnie and Dennis. He graduated from Havre de Grace High School on June 2 with a GPA of 4.66, having never gotten a grade lower than "A" on any report card since starting elementary school! He also served as captain of the soccer and track teams. He was recognized as a Scholar Athlete at the Minds in Motion Ceremony at Ravens Stadium – the first Havre de Grace student in a long time, if ever, to receive this award. He was also recognized at a House of Delegates ceremony as one of the top-three scholars for the Havre de Grace Class of 2023. He'll be attending Washington and Lee University in August, studying pre-med/biology.

***Alexandra**, granddaughter of Linda and Ned. She graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland on May 13 and is pursuing employment in geriatric care.

***Kurt**, grandson of Ned and Linda. He graduated from Perryville High School on June 2. He was lacrosse team captain and has played very well.

Kids' Corner

Courtesy of familyfaithbuilders.org

The Summer Bible Bucket List is meant to help you dig into God's word this summer.

- Memorize one new Bible verse each week.
- Write a letter to Jesus.
- Write out the Lord's Prayer.
- Name the first five books of the Bible.
- Name the four Gospels.
- Write a prayer and keep it in your Bible.
- Learn which books of the Bible begin with the letter Z.
- Write down the names of people you pray for in a prayer journal. Keep the list so you can look back and see how God answered your prayers.



Grace Place Donations Needed

You can help restock our pantry at Grace Place with the following:

Canned tuna fish (5 oz)	Canned spaghetti O's
Canned chicken (5 oz)	Canned ravioli
Canned soups	Vienna sausage
Fruit (4-oz cups)	Spam
Macaroni and cheese	Baked beans
Ramen noodles (chicken, beef or shrimp)	
Canned chili (with or without beans)	



Target brand diapers (sizes 1, 3, 5 and 6)
Target brand pull-ups (size 4T-5T, boy or girl)
Target brand wipes (scent free)

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

Grace Place is trying to distribute food in reusable fabric bags to reduce plastic use in our community. If you have extra clean reusable grocery bags at your house, please consider donating them.

****When Grace Place cannot use items, we repurpose them to re-fill the Cupboard at St. John's and/or the Pantry at the Havre de Grace Middle-High School.**

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

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 Jenett	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 Gardner and Pam Dick and Janyce
August 12 Ron and Tricia
August 14 David and Melinda
August 17 Brian and Jenny
August 31 David and Michele

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. 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!

Kim	Bruce	Rob
Carrie	Rex	Myra
Katie	Lowe	Helen
Alice	Richard	Craig
Jan	Michael	Linda
Nathan	Marilyn	Trish
Sidney	Edna	Jane
Anna	Gerald	
Bill	Susie	Charlie
Phil	Rachel	Jack
Zachary	Jack	Jana
Diane	Patty	Lindsey
Lois	Alea	Oliver
Jody	Dick	Shelby
John	Shawn	Theo
Helga	David	
Debbie	Ned	

*All who are battling COVID-19; an end to racism, conflict in the Middle East, persecuted Christians and Jews, crime and disaster victims, families dealing with suicide, first responders, veterans, police, all educators and students, the homeless, peace between nations, inner city crime, hospital workers, folk with addictions, an end to mass shootings, Children of Zion Village.

**Family and friends of Ruth and Larry.

Trivia Answers

Answer: A. A devastating fire in his home.

Answer: A. If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with *The Articles of Religion* in The Book of Discipline. In 1808, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed the first Restrictive Rule, ensuring that the Articles of Religion may not be changed. To this day, the articles are printed unchanged in each edition of The Book of Discipline.

Source: umc.org

Community Information

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
- *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 to survey their offerings.

Church Calendar

JULY 2023

Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Return of Summer Mission Team
2 Independence Sunday 2 pm HdG City Parade 6:30 pm BSA-G	3	4 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	5	6 10 am Prayer Circle	7 12 pm NA	8 8 am UMMen's Breakfast @ Chesapeake Grill & ZOOM
9 5 pm Hymn Sing @ Tydings Park 6:30 pm BSA-G	10 7pm Trustees	11 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	12	13 10 am Prayer Circle	14 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	15
16 6:30 pm BSA-G Welcome One Shelter	17 7 pm Finance Team	18 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	19	20 10 am Prayer Circle	21 12 pm NA	22
23 6:30 pm BSA-G	24 7 pm Church Council	25 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	26 7 pm Worship Team	27 10 am Prayer Circle	28 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	29
30 6:30 pm BSA-G	31					

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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

