

The Visitor

October 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.

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Sunday Worship Times

8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and Live Stream

Sunday School is at 9:45 a.m.

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. Directions for use are provided: Just turn it on and adjust the volume.

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages resumed in September. Our youngest class welcomes all children who are potty trained and at least age 3.

All our Pre-K through Grade 8 students meet every Sunday. Grades 5-8 meet and walk to Concord Point Coffee the first Sunday of each month.

The Senior Highs meet with Mr. Phil to walk down to Concord Point Coffee and the Adult Class meets in Mentzer Parlor and via Zoom.



October Sermon Series

For the month of October, we'll engage in a short series of sermons about some of Jesus' "Hard Sayings" in the Gospel of Matthew. Let's be honest, some of Jesus' sayings are hard – hard to understand, hard to swallow or hard to hear because they seem harsh! We'll explore some of these and pray for insight as we do.

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday: We celebrate The Lord's Supper with Christians around the globe in recognition of our unity in Christ and receive a special offering to support scholarships to help diverse students achieve their educational goals and transform communities.

"Parables that Bite!"

Matthew 21: 23-32

Did Jesus really mean this? Ouch!

October 8

"Who's a Pharisee Now?"

Matthew 21: 33-46

The Pharisees seem to be set up as the villains in the Gospels but who are Pharisees now? When is our pride misplaced?

October 15

"Where's Your Ticket?!"

Matthew 22: 1-14

Ever been denied entrance to a venue because you didn't have a ticket? In this passage Jesus seems so welcoming at first but then not so much! He wants to throw someone out! What's up with that?!

October 22

"Tithes or Taxes?"

Matthew 22: 15-22

How are we to use our money? Where we invest says much about our loyalties. Loyalty to Christ or country can be a thorny issue!

October 29

Reformation Sunday: We remember the work of Martin Luther and others in seeking to reform the Church of their day and commit ourselves to reform the Church of our day and to the ongoing reformation of ourselves.

"What?!"

Matthew 22: 34-46

We're called to live a cruciform or cross-shaped life, but what does the last part of this passage even mean?!

Annual Blessing of the Animals and Pet Expo Rescheduled



The Blessing of the Animal and Pet Expo has been rescheduled for **Sunday, October 22**, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm on the Church Grounds. Admission is free, but a donation of pet food and/or linens for area shelters and rescues would be greatly appreciated. Blessing service will take place at 1 p.m. with individual pet blessings after the service; free gift with each blessing. We will also recognize our loved pets who are no longer with us (you may bring cremation remains to be blessed). Vendors, animal rescues, and free children's activity table,

It is expected that all animals will be leashed or crated and have required vaccinations. For more information contact Tammy.

Quiet Autumn Mornings in October

Fall is a time for balancing light and dark, letting go, and accepting the impermanence of things. Come away for prayerful peace and reflecting on this season of transition led by Rev. Jane. Gather in Memorial Hall at 9:30 a.m. **Mondays, October 9, 16, 23 and 30** for introductions and prayer, then move into silence 9:45 – 10:30 and close together in prayer by 10:45. During silent time we may walk outside and invite the Holy Presence that can bring peace, insight, action or resilience.

Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will be at 3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, October 21** via Zoom. This meeting is open to all church members as we report on ministry, make plans for the coming year and vote on the means to be in ministry. Our Conference will be presided over by the Rev. Dr. Stacey, who has spoken here at Havre de Grace UMC on behalf of the Board of Child Care. More information will be made available closer to the date of our Conference.

2024 Budget Requests

Budget requests for 2024 are due to Tom, Finance Chair, by **October 15**. Being mindful of the need for thrift in the face of continuing challenges following the Covid pandemic, please email Tom the projected budget needs for your committee or area of responsibility.

Youth Fellowship Bonfire Worship Night

Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to Wendy and Erik at 7 p.m. on **Saturday, October 14** for a Bonfire Worship Night! Besides experiencing informal/First Century/P.O.W. worship we'll have s'mores. How can we worship without Bibles, hymnals, musical instruments, powerpoint, and lights?

Future Youth Events:

*Annual Great Cookie Bake -- 9 a.m., **Saturday, November 4** in the Social Room. We'll bake cookies for our college students and make cards to encourage them.

*Community Christmas Caroling -- Noon, **Sunday, December 10**. We'll gather for a quick lunch in the Social Room after the 11 a.m. worship service and spread joy to those who cannot get out easily. All voices welcome!

Children of Zion Bingo

Come join us for an evening of fun on **Saturday, October 14** at 7 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church Youth Tent, 1643 Churchville Road, Bel Air. Cost is \$25. All proceeds support Children of Zion Village, our orphanage in Namibia. For more information contact info@childrenofzionvillage.org.



Christmas Cantata

Our annual Christmas Cantata will be presented at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 16 and 11 a.m. on Sunday December 17 in memory of Miss Ruth. Cantata rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, October 5** and Chancel Choir rehearsals will move to 8 p.m. on Thursdays thereafter. All are invited to join the Cantata Choir as a temporary commitment.

Recycling Used Ink Cartridges

Please bring in your used ink cartridges to the Church Office or put in one of the collection boxes in the Narthex. Please store them in a plastic bag so that any leftover ink doesn't stain any of the boxes. We can turn them in for credit on our Staples account, and save money!

School Supplies Donated to Havre de Grace Elementary

Submitted by Cathey



Once again, our congregation has risen to the challenge of filling 14 backpacks for the students at Havre de Grace Elementary School. We even had two extra backpacks that we were able to provide. Thank you so very much! We had many, many items that were collected for the students. Special thank you to **Christine, Dorothy, and Karole** for printing and then cutting out all the paper backpacks and thank you to Christine for filling out all the paper copies for our selection. Special thank you also to **Pat** for helping me fill the backpacks and then taking them to the school for delivery in time for Back-to-School night. We

are truly blessed by what everyone does in helping make this “Blessings in a Backpack” project through the Mission Team.

HDG UMC Women’s Group

Submitted by Cathey

The Women’s Group met for the first time since the beginning of COVID-19 on September 6. We discussed our way forward to do God’s mission work. Officers for the remaining of the year will be **JoAnn** (President), **Julie** (Secretary), **Carolyn** (Treasurer), and **Cathey** (Communications).

The Women’s Group will sponsor the Heifer International Project for 2023. Heifer International is a global nonprofit, working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer International distributes animals, along with agricultural and values-based training, to families in need around the world as a means of providing self-sufficiency. Recipients must agree to “pass on the gift” by donating animal offspring, as well as sharing the skills and knowledge of animal husbandry and agricultural training with other impoverished families in the community.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 11 – Women’s Group Meeting – 7 p.m. in the Nursery

Saturday, October 28 – White Elephant Sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the church social hall. Information for donations and rental of tables will be forthcoming.

Wednesday, November 8 – Women’s Group Meeting – 7 p.m. in the Nursery

Saturday, December 16 – Annual Cookie and Bake Sale, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church social hall. Sign up for goodies to donate and those willing to help will be coordinated closer to the date.

The White Elephant Sale and the Annual Cookie and Bake Sale will support the Heifer International Project and Scholarship funds for our church students going to college. Scholarships for 2023 were awarded to **Kathryn**, **Ryan**, **Morgan**, and **Sam Teefy**.

We look forward to more women joining our group as we move forward into the New Year.

GriefShare Group

Just a reminder, that even though the present cycle of GriefShare has started, one can join at any point. This is possible because sessions do not build upon each other. Each session is a separate topic. The current session meets Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Mentzer Parlor and runs until November. Please register online at GriefShare.org.

Stewardship Letter

Dear Family and Friends of Havre de Grace UMC:

Let me start out by expressing my gratitude for the generosity and faithful stewardship that you, our church family, have shown in supporting the ministry and mission of the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church. Through the COVID experience (which still nags us) and the challenges of our country's economy, our church has been there for us, and continues to minister to our church family, and to our brothers and sisters here at home and worldwide. We will be focusing on the Church's program areas during the Stewardship Celebration this year. It's much more exciting to talk about the ministries and missions than building maintenance, electric bills, and salary expenses! We are fortunate to have a beautiful facility in which to worship the Lord, and an outstanding pastor and staff to support all the Church activities and ministries. Salary and facility operation and maintenance are the largest portion of our budget, and without them we would not have a program. This is a prequel of what is coming in November.

Worship experiences on Sunday include our 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Online worship is offered on Facebook and YouTube. If you haven't made it back since the COVID shutdown, we welcome you at either service. Don't hesitate to invite family and friends to share in worship with us. We have plenty of room in the Sanctuary for more people to attend!!

The Education Team has been blessed as more children are attending Sunday School. This year we have in-person classes available for preschool through high school/young adult. The Sunday School program also includes a hybrid online and in-person class for adults. Contact the church for more details about joining Sunday School. I can't leave out Vacation Bible School which was a success again this Summer!

The Church continues to reach out to help those in need through the Missions team. This team has taken a serious look at ministries where the available resources will have the most impact. You have been generous with second mile giving for programs such as the Christmas Angel Tree, food collections for Grace Place and the HdG Middle/High School food pantry, fixing dinners at Welcome One Emergency Shelter, and most recently filling backpacks for the Adopt a Student Project.

The Hospitality and Fellowship team provides opportunities for our Church family and friends to gather and share in fellowship. The ice cream social and the annual picnic are events where we can get together socially and maybe introduce new friends to our church family.

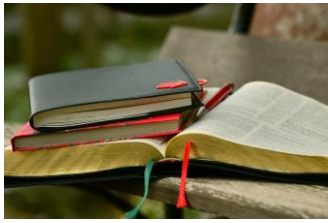
I don't know about you, but my mail is always full of requests for donations, each one pulling on heart strings, promoting their cause as the one you should support. Sometimes it seems the church is right there too, trying to guilt us into giving more. I feel the Church is better served by guidance Paul gave in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 9:7-8), "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." I know there are many deserving choices for charitable giving, so how does giving to the church make it to the top of the list? We only need to look to Deuteronomy 16:17 to understand that all we have comes to us through the grace of God: "All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you."

So, please gratefully ponder God's blessings in our lives and prayerfully consider your support of the Church and its good work in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Tom
Finance and Stewardship Chairperson

Conference Events



Training Tuesday—SPRC

Tuesday, October 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Learn best practices for serving in ministry on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee in this Training Tuesday webinar on Hope and Healing in the Midst of Conflict. Register at BWCUMC.org

Training Tuesday—Nominations

Tuesday, October 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Discover new possibilities for creating a leadership pathway for your church. Learn about leaders and discipleship development in this Training Tuesday webinar on the Nominations Committee. Register at BWCUMC.org

Next Level Speaker Series

Thursday, October 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Wyoming UMC, 216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling joins in conversation with the Rev. Kenda Creasy Dean, one of the nation's premier spiritual innovators, during Next Level.

Dean is an ordained United Methodist clergywoman serving at the Mary D. Synnott Professor of Youth, Church and Culture at Princeton Theological Seminary. She works closely with Princeton's Institute for Youth Ministry and the Farminary and is a cofounder of Ministry Incubators, which assists congregations and communities doing innovative ministry. Those who register for Next Level will receive a copy of her newest book, *Innovating for Love: Joining God's Expedition through Christian Social Innovation*.

There are three options to attend this event. You can register for the in-person experience, attend virtually, or purchase a copy of the event to enjoy at your convenience. Registration closes on October 6 for in-person attendees and on October 13 for those choosing the virtual or video options.



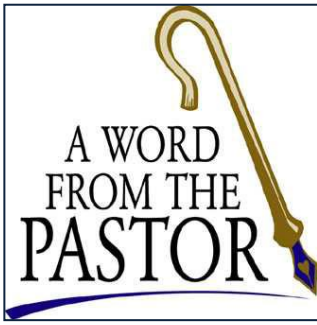
Lighthouse Congregation

Havre de Grace United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Church Trivia

1. Where was John Wesley born?
 - A. Aldersgate
 - B. Epworth
 - C. London
2. John Wesley attended the _____ University.
 - A. Cambridge
 - B. Harvard
 - C. Oxford
 - D. St. Andrews
3. How old was John Wesley when he was called Home?
 - A. 67
 - B. 77
 - C. 87
 - D. 77

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The World is Shrinking

—One of (the Pharisees), a lawyer, asked (Jesus) a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

—Matthew 22: 35-40

Dear Fellow Disciples:

It has long been said that “the world is shrinking.” By this, some mean that the planet holds more people than ever before, putting more strain on resources. Most, however, mean that modern transportation and communication have brought far off places close to us – right into our homes on our cell phones and TVs – and nearly in real time! Contrast that with the fact that the Battle of New Orleans in 1815 was fought because news of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, bringing peace by ending the war of 1812, had not yet reached our shores. At that time, it took about 30 days to sail from England to the US and there were no telegraph lines or other mode of communication faster than written letters.

In the last month alone, news of deadly wildfires in Maui, Hurricane Idalia in Florida, an earthquake in Morocco and flooding in Libya has reached us. Closer to home we are anticipating real challenges sheltering our homeless siblings here in Harford County this winter in the face of the end of all government Covid benefits. These are hard times for many. Our role as followers of Jesus, who calls us to love God and love our neighbor, is to share hope in hard times.

In a sense, our liturgical calendar, our Church Year, is part of that message. October ends with Reformation Sunday on October 29 because on Hallowe’en of 1517 Martin Luther posted his famous “95 Theses” objecting to current Church practice and seeking to reform the Church. One result of this attempt to reform the Church, however, was the splintering of the Western Church into many denominations.

Bracketing Reformation Sunday, though, are two other Sundays. All Saints’ Sunday, celebrated the first Sunday of November, is when we remember all those saints who are not famous, including those known to us locally and those whose names are forgotten to time and known by no one. World Communion Sunday, celebrated the first Sunday of October, reminds us of all our Christian siblings around the globe worshipping together with us though in different time zones. So, despite what separates us – time, distance or opinion – we are more alike than different, more united than we might like to admit, more joined in Christ to whom we all pledge our loyalty. So, the world shrinks.

Also, in a sense, because we know about more people, we have more neighbors. As Jesus makes clear in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, a neighbor is anyone we meet who is in need, who we choose to help. In the passage above Jesus makes clear that our commitment to love God means loving our neighbor as well (a point also made in I John 4: 20).

As disciples of Jesus, recognizing the vast needs of human beings around the globe, we have the greatest tool for bringing hope in hard times – the gospel, the Good News of God’s love made known in Christ, the message that does, indeed, love each of us. May we feel that message is true and may we share it with others in whatever way is possible.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Norman



Havre de Grace United Methodist Church

"Blessed to be a blessing.... reaching the unreached"

**"God has blessed us so that we might make his will known to all people
that all people may praise God." Psalm 67:1-3**

Here, across the street, and around the world

The Helping Up Mission

Submitted by Ridge

The Helping Up Mission (HUM) has been a fixture in East Baltimore since 1885 to serve Baltimore's needy. Its motto is "God's Love Can Set People Free." It is located at 1029 East Baltimore Street on the block that used to be famous for strippers and bars. Initially HUM only had overnight beds for homeless men; now its focus is more on treatment and recovery. Along with the overnight beds there are 300 beds for the year-long program, 16 beds for the Bridge program with the Department of Veteran Affairs for homeless vets and 20 for transitional housing.

Last year a program for women with addiction was opened with 20 beds. There is provision for their children as well. The recovery program provides the men and women with everything they need; food, clean, comfortable shelter, medical care through Johns Hopkins Hospital and Mercy Hospital, dental care through the dental school and spiritual support.

The recovery program is carefully structured. The BLACKOUT part --the first 45 days allows no contact with anyone by phone, email or letters. The focus is on spiritual training, work therapy, counseling and support groups. The men wash all the sheets of the overnight beds every day, and make sandwiches so each overnight guest leaves with a bag lunch. They are taught the twelve steps of Narcotics Anonymous.

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

OMEGA (days 106-196) are spent on personal growth, education and training for a career, and relapse prevention. Life Prep (days 196-365) continues with long term spiritual growth, looking for employment and maintaining a healthy life.

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

As recovering addicts, they are ready to pass on what they have learned to another person in need.

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

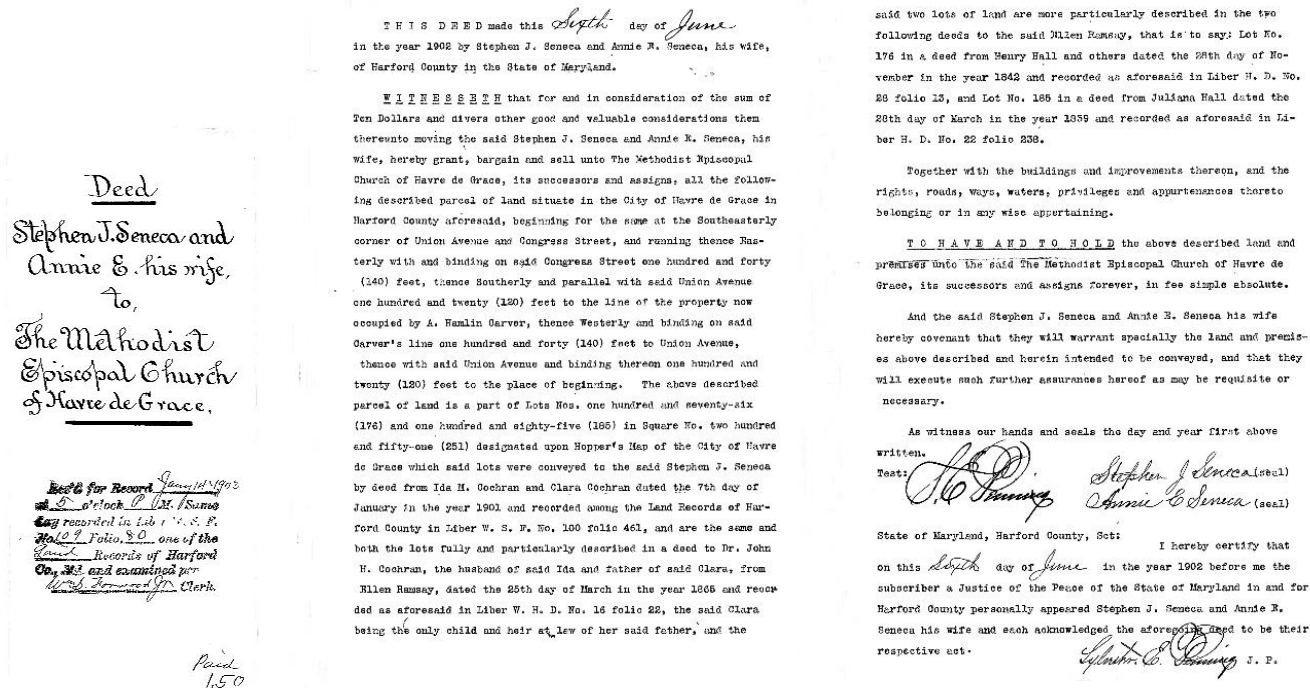
MISSIONS NEWS

Your Deed, Your Property, Your House, Your Future

Submitted by Nakina

Back in June 1902, a little over one-hundred-twenty years ago, this church was given the property deed. Can you imagine the joy and celebration that gave the parishioners who had worked so hard to complete the requirements that had been asked of them? What will you do when you can call your house paid for? What did you do when you were able to say the house was yours? When the time comes will your house be passed down to a family member?

This is a copy of that deed.



Now in 2023 we have a 120-year-old house. Can you imagine the maintenance and upkeep to maintain this beautiful building? We have a 120-year-old slate roof, an HVAC system that has been replaced over the years but still requires repeated maintenance and other items also needing help.

I know if the church is to continue, an increase in ways to keep the church in the public eye is required. Staying in the public eye means we have a web page and services are streamed every Sunday. Sometimes we even have events such as bands or choirs performing which brings the community into our house and makes them aware of us as a place to worship and as a place of joy and free of stress.

As historian, I have seen records showing family events –births, deaths, Sunday school records, and weddings. So many life events happen here! What can we do to keep the church in the forefront for all families?

We have a deed that makes the church ours to take care of. What can be done to make sure our church will be here in the next 50, 100, or even 120 years for us and our families?

If you have comments or questions, please email hdgumchistory@gmail.com.

Waiting for the Rest of the Story

Submitted by Ridge



I've been thinking about this journey of faith: The seeds that sprouted, voices that nourished, broken things that forced growth, and the bursts of water and sun and grace that keep me going.

I was raised in a home where we were practicing Christians – all of us always attending Sunday School and Church. Daddy went to the men's class, served as a trustee and lived what he believed. My mother, a sometimes Baptist, had to be baptized before the preacher would marry Daddy and Mother--she had not chosen to be baptized before that. She was the stronger of my parents in sharing and doing what her faith taught her to do and be.

So, the first "planks" in my foundation of faith were living and giving what we believed. I learned to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep," learned from faithful Sunday School teachers and learned from Confirmation Class. My mother taught the Confirmation Class on Sundays and Reverend Althouse taught us on Wednesdays. Mother covered the history and Reverend covered the rest. Growing up, a big problem was learning that Santa Claus was not real. That put all the miracles in the Bible at risk. I was skeptical for many years about this. Not until college when our New Testament religion professor, Mr. G convinced me that the foundations of the gospels were strong historically and theologically, was I able to let Jesus feed the five thousand. (I killed off Santa for our own kids).

Jim and I were active in our Presbyterian church – Jim was an Elder and I was active in the women's group. We volunteered to tutor neighborhood kids, planned canning parties for folks who depended on donated food (there were no "food stamps" or SNAP cards back then) and grew in faith.

Our sons, however, fell into addiction and we had learned that good parents don't have kids who use drugs. Our Reverend Monroe had died suddenly at age 46 and there was no one to guide us. We moved (was this an attempted geographical cure?) and stumbled into a Charismatic faith community. This was a help: The community supported our sons, and we began to heal. We found another church and met some folks who invited us to go on an Emmaus retreat. We did and learned how to love God and our neighbors and be part of the Body of Christ.

Eventually our sons found recovery, and we grew, and outgrew another church. Finally, Jim came to Havre de Grace UMC, found a home and brought me along. Then, all the broken pieces were mended. Questions were answered. Meanwhile, I had been working at HealthCare for the Homeless, and then as a Medicaid case manager, and God had shown me what Matthew 25: 30-41 meant.

Now, I'm at the end of the Beginning. The next stop is Eternity, and I have my bags packed and my ticket! May God bring us all closer to God as we journey in faith.

Thanksgivings

Commendations to **Allyssa**, daughter of **Tara and Fred** on graduating from the Mercy Hospital Nurse Residency Program on August 9, being certified to treat stroke victims and becoming part of the Mercy Stroke Response Team. Thanks to her and all who serve as nurses.

Here We Grow Again

We welcome to our fellowship as a Preparatory Member, **Clara Mae**, daughter of **Casey and Jack**. She was baptized August 27. May we be a blessing to her as we all grow into faith.

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.

Grace Place Winter Items Needed

Please consider helping to keep our Grace Place clients warm this winter by donating new or gently used hats, scarves, gloves, or socks. Bring them to the red cabinet or narthex until **October 8**. For information, contact Lynn or Jean. Thank you!

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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 Pam	October 13 Ian Anita
October 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



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	Jean	Ned
Tom	Gail	Myra
Anita	Nancy	Helen
Becky	Edna	Craig
Alice	Gerald	Linda
Sidney	Linda	Jane
Joyce	Susie	
Anna	Rachel	Anthony
Lori	Jack	Charlie
Zachary	Patty	Chris
Wendy	Shelly	Oliver
Lois	Shawn	Shelby
John	David	Theo
Billy Ray	India	

*All who are battling COVID-19; an end to racism, persecuted Christians and Jews, crime and disaster victims, families dealing with suicide, first responders, veterans, police, the homeless, peace between nations, folk with addictions, an end to mass shootings, Children of Zion Village, healthcare workers, GriefShare Group, survivors of climate disasters.

**The Family and friends of Jim, Fred, Carl, and William.

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.

Trivia Answers

Answer: B. John Wesley was born on June 17, 1703 in Epworth, England. (On today's calendar it's June 28.)

Answer: C. John Wesley attended Oxford University.

Answer: C. John Wesley was 87 when he died.

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

OCTOBER 2023

Church Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 World Communion Sunday	2	3 11 am GriefShare 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	4 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Education Team	5 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 12 pm NA	7
8 4:00 pm GS #1711 6:30 pm BSA-G	9 9:30 am Quiet Fall Mornings 7pm Trustees	10 11 am GriefShare 2 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm AA 7 pm SPRC 8 pm NA	11 6 pm Cub Scouts	12 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	13 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	14 8 am UMMen's Breakfast @ Chesapeake Grill & ZOOM 7 pm Youth Bonfire Worship
15 6:30 pm BSA-G	16 9:30 am Quiet Fall Mornings 7 pm Finance Team Welcome One Shelter	17 11 am GriefShare 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	18 5 pm Missions Team 6 pm Cub Scouts	19 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	20 12 pm NA	21 3:30 pm Church Conference via ZOOM
22 12:30-3:30 pm Pet Blessing 4:00 pm GS #1711 6:30 pm BSA-G	23 9:30 am Quiet Fall Mornings 7 pm Church Council	24 11 am GriefShare 6 pm AA 7 pm SPRC 8 pm NA	25 6 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Worship Team	26 10 am Prayer Circle 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir Rehearsal	27 10 am Knitting Ministry @ Concord Pt. Coffee 12 pm NA	28 9 am – 1pm UWF White Elephant Sale
29 6:30 pm BSA-G	30 9:30 am Quiet Fall Mornings	31 All Hallow's Eve 11 am GriefShare 6 pm AA 8 pm NA	Grace Place Collection: 9/10 – 10/8 – hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & socks!			

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8:15 AM In-Person

9:45 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM In-Person and Livestream

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