

# The Visitor

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From Dr. Toole...

## THE BLESSING OF ECHOES

At first I thought my reflections suddenly came out of nowhere. But then I realized that there are many times in our lives when echoes from the past are most likely to happen.

While I am aware that not all echoes are pleasant, it is the positive ones that occupy me as I write this.

I am grateful that I still can conjure up the voices. Each of them is unique - of grandparents, parents, and other family members. I know there may come a day when I may have to struggle to bring them back, or even find it impossible to do. But for now they are one of the blessings of my life.

Some echoes become ingrained because we heard them day after day. That is not only true of family and friends but of teachers as well. Sometimes it is the echo of a minister or priest's voice. I can still hear the rich Virginian drawl of my minister. He baptized me and years later was part of my ordination service. It is a warm and cherished voice of faith and comfort.

Easter time for me gives birth to some of those echoes. Memorable for me are those childhood Easters of walking to church with parents and my brother. Approaching the church we would greet others upon entering the sanctuary. Then we would be engulfed by organ music and thrilled with the aroma of the mass of flowers up front.

But, most of all, for Christians, it is the echo at the heart of the Easter story. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25-26).

May you and I always have those words lodged safely and permanently in our minds and hearts, for they are the echo of joy, life, and hope!

In Easter joy!

Rev. Dr. George Gray Toole



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## Thank You

A Special thank you to all my church friends for the prayers, cards, and kind words of sympathy for the loss of my brother (and buddy). Jerry, you helped my grieving in so many ways.

Wanda Andrews



The Thrift Shop reports a February sales total of only \$100 according to John Vecchio and the Deacons.

It was a short month with one icy and rainy day Feb 7th, causing a closure and a Federal Holiday on the 19th. That left only 6 days the shop was open for business, so \$100 was not such a bad figure, really. It was just shy of January's \$106 total.

The weather has been a mixed bag of ice, snow and then warmth of around 70 degrees of a day or two. Early March, coming in like a lion, brought the Nor'easter, rain, winds and then a week later a day of snow forcing another closure. But even with the closures, Easter decorations are out and the winter clothing is being replaced with more spring-like items.

## Scouts

Invitation from the Scouts:

The Cross Over Ceremony for the Arrow of Light will be April 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm in Mitchell Hall. We would love to have all in attendance that would like to join us and welcome in the new members of Boy Scout Troop 802.



## Spring Gathering

**Presbyterian Women**

in the Presbytery of Baltimore  
Churchville Presbyterian Church

2844 Churchville Rd

410-836-2146

**BLOSSOMS OF HOPE**

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

**10 a.m.—1 p.m.**

See BethAnn for more information  
or to register by April 15th.



For VBS, one of the crafts we will be making is a drum. We will need coffee cans, oatmeal containers, large margarine tubs or any other container the kids can make a drum from. Since VBS is a rain forest theme, we will also need pictures of rain forests and the featured animals - Strawberry dart frog (aka blue jeans frog), leopard, monkey, toucan, and butterfly. Please see Judy Bennett if you have any questions, or to give your containers or old magazines with rain forest pictures and animal pictures to.

## "Deacons' Doings"

Great  
are the  
works  
of the  
Lord.

**CUPBOARD NEWS** Volunteers who helped with the February 13 TEFAP order: Nancy Bounds, Larry & Helen Farmer, Marsha & Bruce Gerdorn, & Richard Harrison! As always, many thanks for their efforts. We continue to have a need for assistance with this effort! Please contact Linda Dempsey or Marsha Gerdorn if you are willing to be on call on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. We appreciate your consideration and will notify you if the delivery is at 10:00 am or 1:00 pm.

**And...Good Cupboard News** We passed our annual MD Food Bank inspection of our cupboard practices, storage procedures & paperwork requirements! Again, we will be partnering with TEFAP, MD Food Bank and Harford Community Action Agency for another year!

**More Cupboard News** We look forward to several food drives in the upcoming weeks . which means lots of work for us! How great is that? God is, indeed, good! If you would like to help sort & stack the food collected during these events, please contact Linda, Marsha or any Deacon. The sorting usually takes place within a few days after these events:

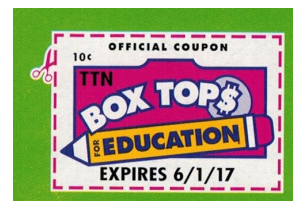
Apr 28 . Aberdeen Earth Day Celebration

May 12 . USPS Food Drive



**PANERA BREAD** Each week, Panera Bread generously donates %day old+ breads & sweets to our food cupboard! These baked goods are very much appreciated by our cupboard visitors (& Martha's Meals (guests). The 2017 total value received by our cupboard was \$16,229.07! WOW! We encourage everyone to visit Panera as a way of showing our thanksō And, be sure to mention to the manager how much Grove appreciates their generosity!

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** Please remember to save your Boxtop\$ for Education from General Mills products to help support our neighborhood school, Halle Cross Roads Elementary School! The school's goal for the project this year is \$700.00 . one 10¢ Boxtop at a time! With lots of folks remembering to cut them out & bring to church - we will get them to the school . we wouldn't be surprised to see them surpass that goal! THANKS!



Cupboard Needs:  
Jelly, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit

*Blessings to all!*



980 Hospitality Way  
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# FREE Movie Night



Grove is hosting a FREE movie  
night for families

We will be showing the movie *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*  
**Friday, April 13 at 6:15 p.m.**  
**Please call the church office to make reservations.**



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**(Corner Post Rd. & E. Bel Air Ave.)**

Popcorn and drinks will be provided.  
Bring blankets and chairs to sit on in front of the HUGE screen.  
- Children must be accompanied by an adult who stays  
with them during the movie.  
We can't wait to see you there!



April 1	Carol Troy
April 2	Lucy Burnett
April 3	Morgan O'Connor
April 4	Ralph Tonge
April 5	Beth Keithley
April 6	Jim Hall
April 7	George Hartwig
April 8	Mary Jones
April 8	Olivia O'Connor
April 15	Edward Lieske Sr
April 19	Charlie Himmer
April 19	Yvonne Phillips
April 20	Sheryl Schubert
April 21	Carol Himmer
April 24	Ann Kelly
April 26	Kim Schubert



**Deadline for the  
May Grove Visitor  
is Monday,  
April 23**



### **WINTER BROCCOLI CASSEROLE**

Betty Feroli

2 10 oz pkg. frozen broccoli spears or fresh broccoli

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

2 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 can cream of mushroom soup

½ cup mayonnaise

½ cup finely chopped onion




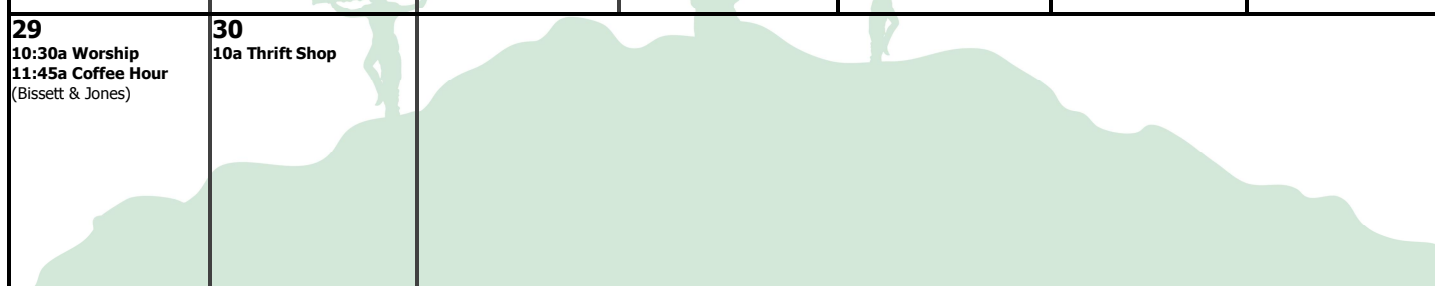
¾ cup herb-seasoned stuffing mix

2 Tbs butter or margarine, melted

Cook broccoli and drain well. Arrange broccoli in a lightly greased 11 x 7" baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and set aside. Combine eggs and next 3 ingredients: spread over cheese. Combine stuffing mix and melted butter; sprinkle over casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:30a Worship</b> <b>11:45a Coffee Hour</b> (Fellowship) 	<b>2</b> <b>7p Rebekah's Circle</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> <b>8-10a Deacons</b> <b>10:30a Bible Study</b> <b>7p Bible Study</b> <i>7p Cub Scouts</i>	<b>4</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>7p Deacons Cupboard</b>	<b>5</b> <b>11:30a Martha Meal</b> <b>5p HFFH</b> <b>7-9p AA</b> <b>7p Chancel Choir</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6p Kurt Schlegel</b> <b>7p AA</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Patel Family</i>
<b>8</b> <b>10:30a Worship</b> <b>11:45a Coffee Hour</b> (Viele & Holmes)	<b>9</b> <i>9a Farmer</i> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>3p HFFH</b> <b>7p FAP</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8-10a Deacons</b> <b>10:30a Bible Study</b> <b>7p Bible Study</b> <i>7p Cub Scouts</i> <b>IHop Fundraiser</b> 	<b>11</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>7p AA</b> <b>7p Deacons Cupboard</b>	<b>12</b> <b>11:30a Martha Meal</b> <b>7-9p AA</b> <b>7p Chancel Choir</b>	<b>9</b> <b>6:30p Movie Night</b> <b>7p AA</b> 	<b>10</b> <i>Schubert Family</i>
<b>15</b> <b>10:30a Worship</b> <b>11:45a Coffee Hour</b> (Lieske & Troy)	<b>16</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>5:30p Trustees</b> <b>7p Deacons</b> <i>6p Bel Mar Coin Club</i>	<b>17</b> <b>8-10a Deacons</b> <b>10:30a Bible Study</b> <b>7p Bible Study</b> <i>7p Cub Scouts</i>	<b>18</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>7p Deacons</b>	<b>19</b> <b>11:30a Martha Meal</b> <b>5p HFFH</b> <b>7-9p AA</b> <b>7p Chancel Choir</b>	<b>20</b> <b>6p Kurt Schlegel</b> <b>7p AA</b>	<b>21</b> <i>Cub Scouts</i>
<b>22</b> <b>10:30a Worship</b> <b>11:45a Coffee Hour</b> (Himmer & Cameron)	<b>23</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>7p Session</b>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>24</b> <b>8-10a Deacons</b> <b>10:30a Bible Study</b> <b>7p Bible Study</b> <i>7p Cub Scouts</i>	<b>25</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b> <b>7p Deacons</b>	<b>26</b> <b>11:30a Martha Meal</b> <b>7-9p AA</b> <b>7p Chancel Choir</b>	<b>27</b> <b>7p AA</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>10:30a Worship</b> <b>11:45a Coffee Hour</b> (Bissett & Jones)	<b>30</b> <b>10a Thrift Shop</b>					

**FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED**

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