



Neighborhood Gatherings October 2016

Newsletter of Relief and Hites Chapel United Methodist Churches



Technology is a tool. Many church buildings will have a sound system. If adjusted properly, that system helps people hear the sermon and announcements. You

might have been in a setting at which the system was turned off or too loud. Instead of a help, the system hindered your hearing the message. A person or congregation can use wisely what has been given and make changes when needed. Sometimes the system is upgraded because of new technology. The technology is not worshipped but used to help in worship.

There is always room for improvements and more effective work. Sometimes because of change in church membership and gifts available a new ministry is begun and an established ministry is curtailed. Traditions are important. Those can guide us. None of us would want to start everything anew. In fact much that we are about is helpful. The concern is that when we go through the motions and what we are doing does not bring honor to God or help people. We do it just because we have always done it.

God is at work bringing change. Persons are renewed and transformed. The first disciples were called by Jesus to follow Him. That involved a change in their lives.

Paul became changed by an encounter with the resurrected Jesus. You could also witness a renewal and transformation in your life. Jesus is the rock for your life. He provides a firm foundation. So much change occurs that we desire some stability. Even with the foundation, change is needed. Jesus spoke of repentance. Repentance is a change in direction. This is a turning towards God. By their actions and attitudes, many persons were away from God. Those persons needed a spiritual change and Jesus offered it. Change involves fear because of newness and a reorientation of life.

Change can be needed at times. That could be a change in spiritual direction or a change in use of technology. This is not change for change's sake. You and I can be open to where God is leading us. We might be surprised at what occurs. Our plans might be changed in unexpected ways which provides us better ways. Paul wrote to the Ephesian Christians, "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20–21)

*In Christ Jesus,
—Pastor Richard*



“Observed the first Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to be the universal, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches.”

—*The United Methodist Book of Worship*

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is a meeting in which the budgets for the church and charge and nominations reports are ratified. Much of what takes place at Charge Conference is routine and business, yet it needs to be done. The reports would have been voted upon by the church council. This year the Charge Conference for Relief and Hites Chapel will be held Sunday, October 23rd, 6:30 pm, at Round Hill United Methodist Church, Northwestern Pike in Frederick County. This conference will be held in conjunction with some other United Methodist Churches. You are requested to attend.

Winchester District Conference and Training Day at Braddock St., UMC on October 29th, 2016. See bulletin board for details.

HITES CHAPEL NEWS

*“The Church in the Corner
of the Woods”*

150 Chapel Road (Rt. 627)
4-1/2 miles west of Middletown
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am.



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

10/19 *Darren and Janie Lloyd*

10/01 *Shalyn Keeler*

10/06 *Dennis Bly*

10/07 *Dickie Tevalt*

10/08 *Patricia Feathers*

10/12 *Stephen Heller*

10/18 *Kristen Hinman*

10/19 *Jason Tevalt*

10/19 *Josephine Tevalt*

10/24 *Angie Feathers*

10/25 *Melissa Hall*



	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
8/28	16	\$ 543
9/04	16	\$ 478
9/11	16	\$ 230
9/18	<u>18</u>	<u>\$ 352</u>
Avg.	16	\$ 400



Our Hites Women's Group meets on Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend our meetings!

Verse to Remember: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding."
—Psalm 111:10



THE AUTUMN OF LIFE

What a wonderful time is life's autumn,
when the leaves of the trees
are all gold,
when God fills each day as He sends
it with memories, priceless and old.
What a treasure-house
filled with rare jewels
are the blessings of year upon year,
when life has been lived
as you've lived it
in a home where God's presence
is near—
May the deep meaning
surrounding this day,
like the paintbrush of God up above,
touch your life
with wonderful blessings.

—Helen Steiner Rice
Collection of Hope

RELIEF UMC NEWS

"In Sharing, We Know Christ."
5275 Middle Road (Rt. 628)
Six miles SW of Valley Avenue

Sunday Services at Relief:
Sunday School, 10:00 am
Worship, 11:00 am



	<u>S.S</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>
9/04	11	32	\$ 1,573
9/11	16	51	\$ 1,598
9/18	14	48	\$ 1,943
9/25	-	<u>49</u>	<u>\$ 1,531</u>
Avg.	14	45	\$ 1,661

Also received:

C-CAP	\$ 59
Church/Shelter Use	\$ 375
Witness	\$ 92



10/12 Herb & Ruth Earnshaw
10/17 Kenny & Teena Boyd
10/22 Mark & Phyllis Snider



10/02 Sharon Boyd
 10/02 Matthew Gentry
 10/02 Brittany Ginn
 10/02 Jennifer Roy
 10/06 Robert E. Snapp
 10/09 Eunice Musser
 10/10 Bruce Luttrell
 10/10 Kim McDonald
 10/12 Sammy Orndorff
 10/13 Eddie Sours
 10/15 Mary Lowery
 10/18 Ivan Snapp
 10/18 Jonathan Sweet
 10/18 Jonathan Watten
 10/21 Margaret Douglas
 10/21 Dale Watten
 10/22 Matt Anderson
 10/24 Kyle Moffett
 10/25 Karen Luttrell
 10/25 Rebecca Miller
 10/27 Donna Wisecarver
 10/28 Frank Brumback
 10/30 Bambi Beringer
 10/30 Bonnie Chumley
 10/31 Savana Boyd
 10/31 Terry Boyd

OCTOBER LAYREADER

Kim McDonald
(First and Third Sundays)



OCTOBER OUTREACH SPOTLIGHT

A special thanks to all who filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. I don't have a full count yet, but I know that each box and the shipping cost will be greatly appreciated, especially to all the children who receive the boxes. If you would still like to fill a box, there are still boxes available. Just see me for a box and the information.

During the month of October, we will be getting Christmas Cards ready to send to our troops/veterans, to seven Mid-Atlantic Veteran Hospitals and to ten Fisher Houses around the world. A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA Medical Centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are seventy-one Fisher Houses located on twenty-four military installations and twenty-nine VA Medical Centers. Many more houses are under construction or in design. These cards will be sent through the South Washington County Military Support Group. Last year they sent over 119,412 cards (420 boxes). You can get your own Christmas Cards, make cards (no glitter please) or get cards from the basket on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. Please have all cards/supplies in by no later than Sunday, November 6th. All these items have to be boxed and shipped in order for the troops/veterans to receive them by

Christmas. These Christmas Cards do not need envelopes. You can include a personal appropriate greeting on each card and please sign each card. If you wish, you can also include your address, but this is optional.

Dates to Remember

October 2nd

Brucetown UMC will host a Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social at 3:00 pm. The freewill offering will go to support STOP HUNGER NOW.

November 5th

STOP HUNGER NOW will be packing meals at the Stonewall Ruritan Building at 10:00 am. The goal is to pack 20,000 meals. Why not come out and join them? There is a job for everyone, regardless of age or ability.



A special thanks to all who donated metal coffee cans. The Mission Team used the cans this month to make Tin Can Ice Cream with the Our Family Group and they loved the activity. Currently, we do not need more cans.

Used eyeglasses and hearing aids can be placed in the box at the back of the Sanctuary office. These are given to the local Lions Clubs.

Please continue to bring food items and place in the box in the vestibule for C-CAP,

as well as money on the altar on Communion Sunday.

Empty bleach bottles in one gallon and one-half gallon sizes are still needed for an Easter Project with the Our Family Group.

The WATTS Dinner will be either the week of March 12th or March 19th. We will be serving on Monday night as we have done in the past. More information to follow.

Our November/December project will be the Blanket Drive. All new blankets will be appreciated. They will be given to local charities.

Sometime during the next couple of months, possibly Children's Sunday, a special offering will be received for the United Methodist Family Services. Please be generous in helping this service that helps with adoptions, foster homes, counseling and many other services throughout the state for children and families.

A special thanks to all for the support of Outreach/Missions throughout the year. Many people in our area are touched by your generosity.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

—*Elwanda Luttrell*
Outreach Chair

The following people are members at Relief UMC and I do not have a correct address for them. If you know a current address, please let me know. You may call the church office at 869-5775, leave a note on the desk in the office or email me at amitch@shentel.net. Thank you!!

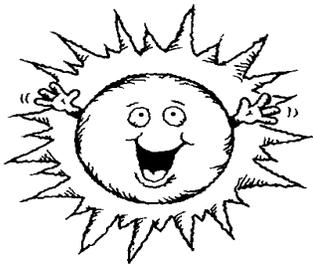
—*Brenda*

Jeffery & Wilma Boyce	Robert E. Snapp
Lauria Gentry	Bobby Vorous
Ellen Parker	Jonathan Watten



Albert and Annette Mannino would like to invite anyone who visited Gary Earnshaw with the Mt Airy 4-H Club to help celebrate the 65th Wedding Anniversary of his parents, Herb and Ruth. It will be a covered-dish luncheon at the Mannino's home, 331 Merrimans Lane, Winchester, **2:00 pm on Sunday, October 23rd**. Please bring your special dish of food to share and join them. Your presence will be their present. **If you are planning to attend, please let me know by Wednesday, October 19th**. You can either phone me at 869-7198 or email elwand@verizon.net, or text to 539-4616. The Manninos are out of the country until October 13th, so I was asked to get a head count.

—Elwanda Luttrell



**SUNSHINE CARD SIGNING
AFTER WORSHIP
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2016**

Thank you and God bless all who signed cards last month: Joanie Anderson, Margaret Douglas, Herb Earnshaw, Elwanda Luttrell, Jeanie Painter, Ruth Snapp, Sheila Snapp, and yours truly. Several of our regular signers were unable to sign. I pray they will be able to sign this month!

On Card Signing Sunday, we send cards to missionaries who have birthdays, those who are homebound, in care facilities, have lost loved ones, have very special birthdays, get-well, graduation, retirement or any challenging or extra special occasion. We are expressing God's love for them by our caring, and they seem to really appreciate it! Please let me know if you know of someone who needs a card.

Many times I've had relatives of those we sent or send cards to say how much their loved one and they appreciated them. So, won't you please try to take the time and make the effort to bring joy to the hearts of these very special people?

Nat Painter's Note written September 12th "September just started and by the time you get this note it will be half over. I enjoyed the literature and program update on Homecoming. For me, Homecoming was always a sweet time and socializing with folks you had not seen since last Homecoming and beyond. Last week, Betty Vonn Snapp sent me a program dated August, 1964 when the church was dedicated. Betty reminded me that I was singing tenor in the choir and she was the choir director at that time. I remember it all too well. As a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, we had a lot of activity going on such as yard parties, scrap drives for the new church to be built and picnics. Betty Vonn chaperoned the MYF often and one long trip we took was on the back of one of the farm trucks and we rode all the way to Lost River State Park, WV. I believe my first Sunday School picnic to Martinsburg City Park I rode with Mr. Carl Martin. The following year I drove Daddy in his 1952 Mercury to Martinsburg, whee! Thank you all for being there for me. Love, Nat"



SPEAKING OF CARDS!

Please be generous with your time and effort to sign Christmas Cards to send to our troops, veterans, those who are in the seven Mid-Atlantic Veteran Hospitals and to the ten Fisher Houses around the world as requested in the Outreach article on Page 4 by Elwanda Luttrell.

The Christmas Cards will bring much joy to the recipients and show them we really appreciate our troops, veterans, their families and the effort they all make to keep our country safe. May God bless them all!



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 11th at 10:00 am in the Willing Workers Room at Relief. We hope you will be able to join us for it. **We are all about mission!**

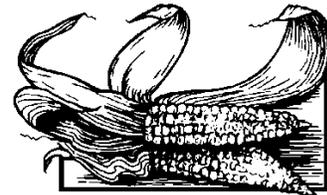
In addition to our regular Sunshine Cards, we'll have a birthday card for Rachael Harvey who is a deaconess in PA, and is celebrating her birthday on the 11th. (That's how we got started with cards, just sending them to the Prayer Calendar people who were celebrating birthdays on our meeting night.)

Judy Poole, who is another deaconess serving in Birmingham, AL at the McCoy

Adult Day Care Center, wrote "We all need to be needed. Thanks be to God that there is a place provided by the United Methodist Church where persons can GET and GIVE help while maintaining their dignity and quality of life. What a joy to serve those who are the children of yesterday in your name."

Deaconesses' Motto: "I serve neither for gratitude nor reward, but from gratitude and love. My reward is that I may serve."

NOTE: We collect Box Tops for Education only now. We appreciate your support of this project.



SoSA

Waiver forms are on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and need to be completed each year before arrival to glean. If you would like to join in the local gleaning activity, please contact our Winchester gleaning coordinator: Betty Heishman, at 540-336-2177 or gleaningworks@gmail.com.

The Society of St Andrew gleaning box was on the table at the back of the sanctuary during September, Hunger Action Month. Pastor Richard announced it twice. It was also announced in the bulletin and the newsletter. The single contribution of a \$20 bill is greatly appreciated. Combined with the \$83.60 through August equals \$103.60. It will be used for local gleaning and will go a long way toward feeding those less fortunate than we!

— Ruth Earnshaw



The deadline for our November Neighborhood Gatherings Newsletter is Friday, October 21st. The November Newsletter will be available Sunday, October 30th.

It would be nice to have articles and information from your committee or group to let our congregation know what's going on in the church.

The Monthly Newsletters are now on both church Websites. I hope you like the new format and if you have any suggestions, please feel free to let me know.

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Thank you, Brenda

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