



# Dublin Beacon

## From the Desk of the Pastor

The Essenes formed a community in the desert outside of Jerusalem. They were a religious community that was trying to purify the worship of the Jewish people. We do not totally know what was going on, but we can pretty well surmise that it was enough that this group, of almost monastic quality, was determined to reform the way that things were being done. They were trying to fulfill the prophecy found in Isaiah 40: A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; ..." They kept to themselves, and shielded themselves from the evil of the world around them. If a person wanted to join the group, there were elaborate rituals that were followed to insure that the person was serious, and that the vision of the group was strictly followed. It is an interesting story to follow for the history buff, and the summary that I have outlined is only like a grain of salt compared to the information that is available. The story is still relevant today, and we are still attempting to reform ourselves, just as the Essenes of the day did.

If we examine ourselves in the light of what the Essenes had done, transcribing scripture and storing the transcripts in jars in caves to preserve the historical documents that we call the Dead Sea scrolls but have a good portion of the old testament in them. Don't we search for confirmation that the God that we follow, and have faith in, really did do the things that are written in these scrolls? I know that I am accurate, because I have had so many people question, and debate, and wrestle with ideas and biblical passages. But if we take that just a little deeper, don't we mimic what they are doing? We hide away

in our churches, and we try to purify our ways of thinking, but we do not go into the world to share the Word; Jesus Christ. After all, isn't that really what the Great Commission is all about? "Go out and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and in the Son, and in the Holy Spirit." "Go out", those are the pertinent words. Never did I read that Jesus said anything about people coming to Him. (Even though they often did go to Him) We always saw Jesus going into the community, and not locking Himself in the temple, waiting for the right time, or waiting until He knew more, or until all of the threat was alleviated. He went and found people who needed to be spiritually revived.

So here we are. How can we spiritually revive when there is tension in the House of God? When do we rebuild relationships, and then carry that relationship out into the community. We need to be receptive to the fact that we are not in charge, but rather God is. We need to form relationships that we nurture each other in the Body of Christ. The Christian faith is partly about obeying the will of God, but it is also about our Christian relationships. Can you say that you are keeping yourself hidden away, and rewriting the scriptures and tucking them away in the far reaches of the brain? Can you say that you are nurturing relationship, or are you creating division? I think that we need to envision what our community of worshipers is going to be, and how we are going to act, and what it is that we are called to do.

I encourage you to be praying that God will reveal to us the purpose of this church. That we will be awake when we are brought from the darkness into the light of Jesus Christ. May God Bless your life in the days before us. Peace Pastor Jim

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If I have learned one thing in this life, it is that God will not tie my shoes without me.

- Doug Boyd

## A Message from the Youth

We want to thank Mr. Bob Hudson and Mrs. Jen Finholm, for our mission to the Bel Air Heath and Rehab on Sunday July 10. We gathered together at the church, where we loaded up our flowers, (in the pots that were decorated last VBS), and the youth and headed for the nursing home. We visited 12 residents there, giving them a plant for them to share and nurture, and a prayer to give them hope and a sense of encouragement. Our leaders are really good role models, and lead us on a eye opening experience. Thank you. The Tweens.



## United Methodist Women

We wish to thank Gloria & Jerry Wolff for inviting us to use their yard for our picnic. The day was HOT but we had a cooling breeze to keep us somewhat comfortable. Lots of good food, fun and fellowship was the order of the day. The “clucking chicken” at the Dominos game was an attention getter.

The UMW is on vacation. Our next meeting is on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at June Patrick’s home. All women are invited to join us. We are looking for new members. Call Gail Henry at (410) 838-5578 for directions to June’s home or for questions about the UMW.



## Mission News

The school bus is coming and its first stop will be at Dublin UMC on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and remain there until Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We are asking you to fill the school bus with school supplies for Dublin Elementary School. Some suggestions are: pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, Kleenex and hand sanitizers, etc.). The school nurse also asks for clothing (such as pants, sweat pants, shorts, shirts, underwear, socks, etc.) sizes 4 through 14 but sizes 4,6,8, are needed and used most often. Gently used clothing will be accepted, but for health reasons only new underwear is preferred.

## Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be August 1st through August 5th. A light supper will be served beginning at 5:00p.m. Followed by the start of the

program. The theme of the program will be announced soon. Volunteers are requested and needed please contact Sherri Sauers if you are interested. A list of supplies/donation request will be out soon.



## Prayer Concerns



- ⇒ Jerry & Helen Fields
- ⇒ Mae Burkins
- ⇒ Tristan Stone
- ⇒ Brittany Miller
- ⇒ Bill & Ruth Knight
- ⇒ Gene Barberry
- ⇒ Jack & Ruth Lewis
- ⇒ Diane Springer
- ⇒ Maggie Harrison
- ⇒ Mary Dorney
- ⇒ Mattie Waddell
- ⇒ Marguerite Hall
- ⇒ Bill Caldwell
- ⇒ Kathy Bridges
- ⇒ Bill Walker
- ⇒ Dennis Scarborough
- ⇒ All those in our church family serving in the military.

## Sympathy

Our sympathy to Lorraine Horton and Jerry Wolff on the death of their sister, Doris Knott and to the Family of Marie Lundeen on her passing. You are all in our prayers.



There is hope if people will begin to awaken that spiritual part of themselves, that heartfelt knowledge that we are caretakers of this planet.

- Brooke Medicine

## Charge Conference



Dublin's Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2011 following the 10:30 AM worship service. Dr. Rev. Karin Walker will be preaching that Sunday and she will lead the Charge Conference meeting. A light lunch will be served before the meeting begins. All Administrative Board members are encouraged to attend.

All Committee Chairpersons wishing to make a report for the Charge Conference Packet are asked to have a type-written copy put in Gail Henry's mailbox by September 4<sup>th</sup> or email your report to her by that date. A copy of your completed required Charge Conference Form should also be given to Gail as soon as possible, but no later than after the September 20<sup>th</sup> Ad Board. If you have questions see Pastor Johnson or Gail.

## Greeters & Ushers

If anyone wishes to be a Greeter/Usher on Sunday morning for the 10:30 a.m. service, please call Evelyn Miller at (410) 457-4447. She needs a list of those willing to serve and the dates you are available.

Duties of the Greeter/Usher are:

1. Be at the front door by 10:00 a.m. Attach your name tag.
2. Make sure the handicapped ramp door is unlocked.
3. Hand out the bulletins while greeting attendees coming in the doors.
4. Help make all visitors welcome.
5. Have visitors sign the guest book with their names and addresses for follow-up contacts.
6. Introduce visitors to someone in the congregation so they can sit with them or assist them during the service if the visitors are unfamiliar with the Methodist Hymnal, etc.
7. Direct visitors to the restrooms or nursery when needed.
8. Ushers may also be the Acolytes – lighting the altar candles at 10:25 a.m. and extinguishing them after the Benediction. There is a procedure that needs to be followed and you must learn this before attempting to light the candles. If you are new or unfamiliar with the procedure, ask someone to instruct you or ask the Pastor for directions.
9. Sit in the chairs in the narthex during the service so you are available to greet latecomers or help those needing assistance in anyway.
10. The Pastor will direct you when to come up front to receive the collection plates for the offering. (This is in the bulletin for you to follow.) After collecting the offering, stand in the back until the organist begins to play the Doxology, and then proceed up front to hand the plates to the Pastor. Remain there during the Doxology and the Pastor's prayer. When the Pastor turns back to the congregation, then you can return to your seats in the narthex.
11. On Communion Sunday, as members of that day's worship team, and at the direction of the Pastor, you will gather around the Communion table with the others members and receive the consecrated elements first. After being dismissed from the Table, you will direct the congregation to the railings by standing at the end of each pew, starting at the front. Each side or table will accommodate 8 people comfortably. People sitting on the right will go the right and those on the left to the left. When the choir is singing however, they are to receive Communion before the congregation with just them at the railings. Once the choir returns to the choir loft, then direct the congregation to the railings. Once everyone has received Communion, you are to return to your chairs.
12. You are to take the attendance count and put that number on a piece of paper and place it in an offering plate for the counters.



## Greeters/Ushers & Liturgists

### Greeters & Ushers:

Budd & Gail Henry - August 7th  
Eloise Gouge & Evelyn Miller - August 14th  
John Day & Ed Miller - August 21st  
Debbie Johnson & Evelyn Miller - August 28th

### Liturgists:

Bob Hudson - August 7th  
Fred Graybeal - August 14th  
Ruth Ann Cleary - August 21st  
Emma Dill - August 28th



## Birthdays & Anniversaries...

### Birthdays:

Angela Bowling - Aug 1st  
 Jerry Fields - Aug 3rd  
 Tina Dawson Brewer - Aug 8th  
 Michael Sherman Sr. - Aug 8th  
 Gloria Wolff - Aug 8th  
 Christina Richard - Aug 11th  
 Bruce Grammer - Aug 12th  
 Joseph White - Aug 13th  
 Patrick Barberry - Aug 15th  
 Tyler Horton - Aug 19th  
 Lorraine Barberry Stuchinski - Aug 19th  
 Carol Mullen - Aug 19th  
 Anna Watson - Aug 20th  
 Nancy Childers - Aug 20th  
 Jen Finholm - Aug 22nd  
 Matthew Johnson - Aug 24th  
 Tammy Vreeland - Aug 25th  
 Candy Rickard - Aug 26th  
 Dale Bridges - Aug 28th  
 Gail Jones - Aug 28th  
 John Day - Aug 30th

### Anniversaries:

Tim and Jen Finholm - Aug 7th  
 William and Ruth Knight - Aug 9th  
 Jack and Ruth Lewis - Aug 15th  
 Gerard and Wendy Chaney - Aug 17th  
 David and Brenda Lundeen - Aug 19th



Mark Your Calendar!



## August Opportunities:

- ◆ Boy Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Patrick Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Men's Group: 3rd Saturday of the month - 9AM
- ◆ SPRC Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Month - 7PM
- ◆ Bible Study: Monday Evenings, 7PM
- ◆ VBS: 1st-5th 5-8:30PM
- ◆ Mini Rock: 7th, 3-9PM at BAUMC
- ◆ COM: 9th, 7PM
- ◆ Boy Scout Leaders Meeting - 10th
- ◆ Girl Scout Leaders Mtg: 16th, 7PM
- ◆ Movie Night: 27th, 7PM
- ◆ Choir Practice: 28th

## September Opportunities:

- ◆ Girl Scouts: Monday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Cub Scouts: Tuesdays - 6PM
- ◆ Boy Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Patrick Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Men's Group: 3rd Saturday of the month - 9AM
- ◆ SPRC Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Month - 7PM
- ◆ Trustees Mtg: 13th - 7PM
- ◆ AD Board - 20th - 7PM
- ◆ Charge Conference: 25th - 12Noon



# Future Events

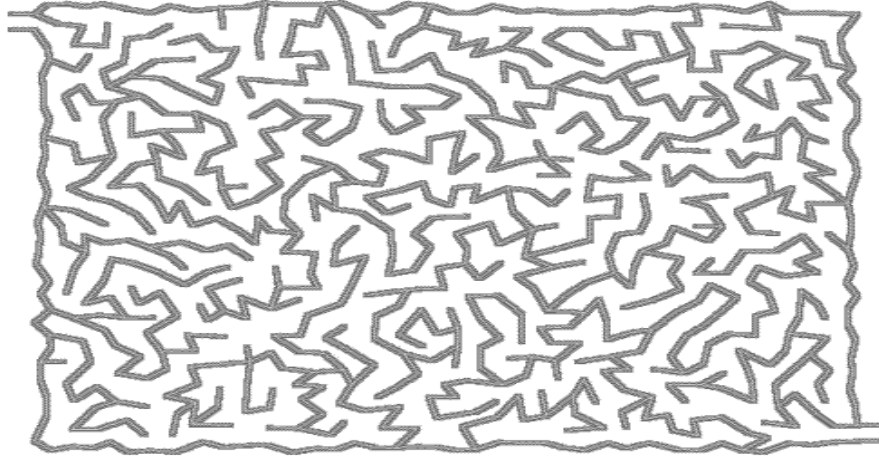
Happening Soon!

# Amazing Maze #10

Trace your way out of the Amazing Maze!

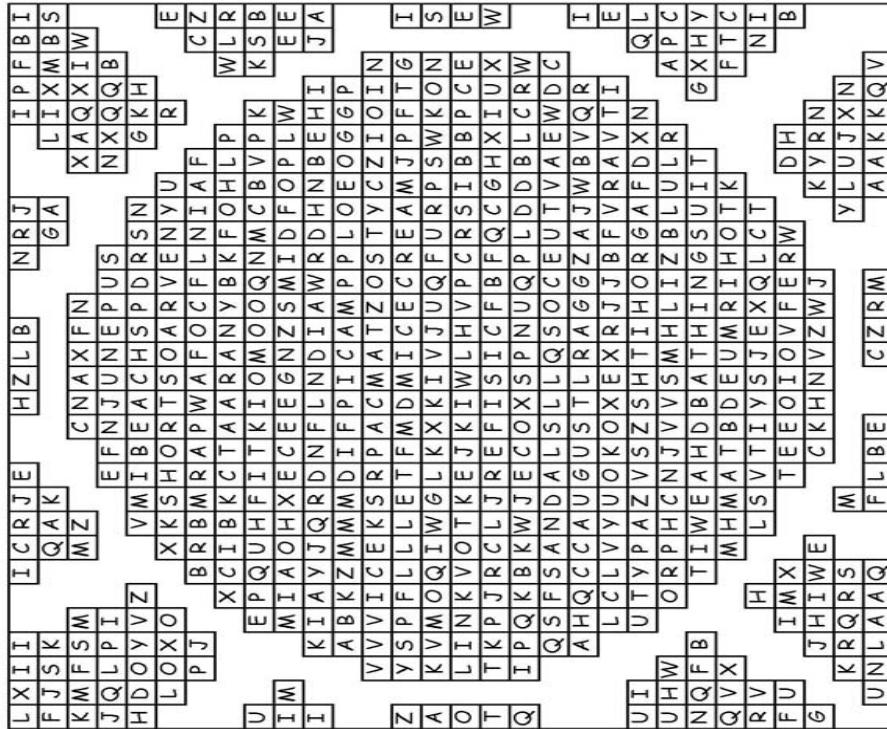


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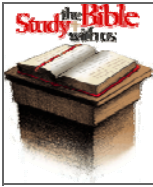


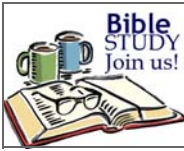



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- BEACH
- PLAY
- CAMP
- FRIENDS
- VACATION
- BATHING SUIT
- HOT
- POOL
- FUN
- JUNE
- POPSICLE
- SHORTS
- SWIMMING
- SPRINKLERS
- BARBECUE
- JULY
- WATERMELON
- T SHIRT
- ICE CREAM
- BICYCLE
- FIREWORKS
- AUGUST
- SEA SHELLS
- SANDALS

# August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
 <b>← Vacation Bible School →</b>						
7 Mini Rock 3-9PM at BAUMC	8 Bible Study 7PM  	9 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM  Boy Scouts 7PM  COM 7PM	10 SPRC 7PM	11	12	13
14	15 Bible Study 7PM	16 Boy Scouts 7PM  Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting 7PM  	17	18	19	20 Men's Group 9AM  
21	22 Bible Study 7PM	23 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM   Boy Scouts 7PM	24	25	26	27 Movie Night 7PM  
28 Choir Practice  	29 Bible Study 7PM	30 Boy Scouts 7PM  	31	<div style="background-color: yellow; border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; transform: rotate(-10deg); width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p><b>**Reminder:</b>            All articles and inserts for the newsletter are to be sub-            mitted to the editor by the <b>10th</b> of each month. You            may email your entries to <a href="mailto:Stone-Dill@verizon.net">Stone-Dill@verizon.net</a> or            place them in the Editors mailbox. The newsletter will be            distributed the last Sunday of the month.</p> </div>		



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### Service Schedule

**August 7th**  
*Contemporary*, 8:00 a.m.  
 in Fellowship Hall  
*Traditional*, 10:30 a.m.  
 in Sanctuary

**August 21st**  
*Contemporary*, 8:00 a.m.  
 in Fellowship Hall  
*Traditional*, 10:30 a.m.  
 in Sanctuary

**August 14th**  
*Contemporary*, 8:00 a.m.  
 in Fellowship Hall  
*Traditional*, 10:30 a.m.  
 in Sanctuary

**August 28th**  
*Contemporary*, 8:00  
 a.m.  
 in Fellowship Hall  
*Traditional*, 10:30 a.m.  
 in Sanctuary



**Become  
 Part of  
 Our  
 Church  
 Family**