

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:

- Laity Preaching  
Feb 12th & 19th
- Ash Wednesday  
Services at 7PM  
Mount Vernon
- Order PB Crunch  
Candy by FROG
- Serving at Mason-  
Dixon Feb 17th
- Annual Birthday  
Luncheon Feb 26

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# The Dublin Beacon

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Psalm 31:14-15

**I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."  
My times are in your hands.**

Trusting in God is not as easy as it appears. There are many new Christians or Christians that have not been secure or raised in a supported environment to be able to have faith in God. There is always that need and desire to control our own lives and make our own decisions. It is hard to give up control, when we really don't have it.

There is a time in all of our lives when we are faced for the first time, with something that is totally out of our control. We become like babies once again, unable to have any decision in what happens to us. We have our basic functions that we don't choose, but that is given us. Maybe those choices are taken from us unexpectedly, or over a long period of time. It may be because of trouble with a spouse, or maybe the death of a close person; a family member or friend. It may be because of the loss of a job, or it may be because of a sudden illness. Regardless of what it is, we lose control. It is at that point that we begin to take a closer look at God, and hope for a miracle, or if not a miracle at least healing of our spirit, which has become battered and beaten. When immediate relief doesn't come, our questioning begins. The questions might be: why is God doing this to me? Why am I sick? Why, why, why???

If I were to simply say to you that you have to trust that God is walking with us each step of the way, and that there is not a cloud of punishment hang-

ing over your head, you may not believe me. It is like falling backwards with the assurance that someone is there to catch you; that is a hard thing to trust. But when God says that He is our Shepherd, and we are His sheep, and that He will walk with us through the valley of death we can be assured that Jesus is with us. The followers of Jesus' day thought the same thing as us; God has sent us a miracle worker that is going to right everything that is wrong in our lives. Jesus is the mighty savior that will drive the Romans out of the city of Jerusalem, or the problems out of our lives. It didn't happen the way that the first Jews had anticipated, and it probably won't work like we anticipate, but....Jesus is our savior. Just because we have troubles in our lives, and because

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things might not happen the way that we anticipate, doesn't mean that God has abandoned us. Just opposite is happening in our lives. God is being allowed to work in our lives with more awareness. Sometimes that comes in healing, and sometimes that just means that you get to see God working through you to work in someone else's life. The presence of God may not be the way we thought, because sometimes in our hardship, it is the encouragement, faith, love and hope that others get to see to be able to regain their right-(ous)-ness with God.

So when the day seems not so good, and the things in our lives not so right, remember that we need to trust that God is present. It may be a blessing to someone else as well as a walk with God for us. Don't let the trust be eroded just because you didn't get your way.

Pastor Jim

# Prayers & Concerns



Jerry & Helen Fields  
 Dolores Blucher  
 Mattie Waddell  
 Bill & Ruth Knight  
 Maggie Harrison  
 Gene Barberr  
 Jack & Ruth Lewis  
 Mae Burkins

Shirley Copeland  
 Mary Dorney  
 Kathy Bridges  
 Ralph Clay  
 Anna Watson  
 Marguerite Hall  
 Becky Scarborough  
 Bill Walker

Bill Day  
 Betty Kalmbacher

All those in our church family serving in the military.

## Our Prayers & Sympathy

To the Dill family on the passing of Larry Dill's father.  
 To Jim & Debbie Johnson and family on the passing of Debbie's brother.

Soup kitchen is in the Highland Senior Center, 708 Highland Rd, Street, MD



# Serving at Mason-Dixon

Feb 17, 2012

Oct 19, 2012

Dates have been secured for us to serve the soup kitchen at Mason/Dixon Community Center. Our Church will be in service on February 17<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will arrive by 10:30 a.m. for set-up and should be cleaned up by 1:00 p.m.

We are also asked to bring 40 servings of desserts, with 10 of those being sugar-free. (Actually, all 40 can be sugar-free.)

If you can serve or provide the desserts, please call me at (410) 457-4901.

Also, if you have any door prize items, they will be much appreciated. Each guest receives a door prize. Any home decorating items, pictures, candles, knick knacks, albums, books, etc. can be donated. Also any personal care item – toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs, brushes, hand lotions, shampoos, etc. can be used. The guests love our "gifts" and have so much fun going to choose a door prize, when their number is called.

If you can help, let me know.

Ruthie Cleary, Evangelism

## REMINDER:

PLACE MASON-DIXON  
 COMMUNITY CENTER  
 DONATIONS IN CHURCH  
 MAIL ROOM.

TOILET TISSUE, LAUNDRY  
 DETERGENT, AND CANNED  
 FOOD.

## Mason-Dixon Community Services

Founded 25 years ago to provide emergency food and energy assistance to low-income residents of York and Harford counties. Their goal is to provide a safety net in the community for struggling individuals and families. More information can be found at their website.

[www.mason-dixon.org](http://www.mason-dixon.org)


# Your Gifts to Special Sunday Offerings

“You may think your gift is just a drop in the bucket but your gift added to others, makes a huge difference. Through scholarships, you develop leaders. Through community outreach, you engage in ministry with the poor. When disasters occur, you provide healing and hope. A drop in the bucket? Together, through our church-wide Special Sunday Offerings, we fill that bucket to overflowing! Together, we share the love of Jesus Christ!”

- Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster



Taken from the January 2012 issue of the Interpreter

[www.umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org)  
UMCgiving is on 

**THE NEXT TIME THERE IS A SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING, WON'T YOU GIVE TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD, ONE LIFE AT A TIME?**

### 2012 Special Sundays:

One Great Hour of Sharing:	Mar 18
Native American Ministries Sunday:	Apr 22
Peace with Justice:	Jun 3
World Communion Sunday:	Oct 7
United Methodist Student Day:	Nov 25

## Women Helping Women

### Did you know?

- Women make up 54% of the world population, but...only 22% of United Methodist pastors worldwide are women.
- U.S. women earn only 78 cents for every 1\$ a man earns.
- While women and girls perform 67% of the world's labor, they own only 10% of the world's income.
- Of the 19 United Methodist bishops in Africa, the Philippines, and Europe, only 2 are women – and the Philippines has yet to elect a woman bishop.
- At least one annual conference has yet to ordain a woman pastor.

These statistics are from the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women taken from the January 2012 issue of the Interpreter.

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women celebrates 40 years of helping women break down barriers and leading the Church in overcoming sexism. For more information and access to a free monthly newsletter visit their website.



**GCSRW**

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

<http://www.gcsrw.org>

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Completed scholarship applications are due by March 15th

Fully Rely On God



# United Methodist Women Scholarship

The UMW Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of churches within the Baltimore-Washington Confer-

ence. Financial need, academic achievements, and active church membership are considerations in awarding the scholarship. The completed applications are

due by March 15<sup>th</sup> and include current grade transcript(s), signed letter of recommendation from the Pastor, as well as the Pastor signature on the application itself. If interested in applying, start the process as soon as possible and contact Linda Yost (410) 239-0429 of the UMW for application and more details.



## FROG Youth Group

The younger youth of the church are in the FROG group and it is quite an active group. In the Fall they put together the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. (The picture of 7 of the 11 youth is in the church Christmas Greeting book with some of the boxes they assembled.) They provided items for 5 boxes. Jeanne Klein paid a little extra for transportation so that we will know what country the boxes went. I think it will be very interesting to know that.

The youth decorated the church. After Decorating the Chrimson tree they had a Christmas party with special games, prizes, ex-

change of gifts and refreshments.

The youth are looking forward now to their Loc-in Feb10-11<sup>th</sup>. They will make peanut butter candy then have a special study, games, refreshments, and spend the night at the church. Saturday morning they will have breakfast before leaving for home.

Sunday mornings, Jan 29<sup>th</sup> and Feb 5<sup>th</sup> before morning worship, the people of the church can give their orders for peanut butter crunch candy. It can be picked up Sunday morning February 12<sup>th</sup> after church service. We only have time to make 20pounds, so get your order

in one of the two Sundays before.

The price of the candy is \$5 for 1 pound and \$2.50 for 1/2pound.

~June Patrick

**Place your orders**

**for peanut butter**

**crunch candy Jan**

**29th & Feb 5th.**

**\$2.50 per 1/2 lb.**

**Pick up Feb 12th**

# Annual Birthday Luncheon

Feb 26, 2012  
at 12 Noon

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon we will be celebrating everyone's birthday in the Fellowship Hall with a covered dish meal. In the past 12 tables were decorated representing the 12 months of the year but this year will be different. Because of the decrease in attendance and financial consideration, tables will **not** be decorated. Different kinds of decorations will help make the occasion festive and special.



We will share a meal and mingle with friends and family in our church. We are asking anyone attending to bring a dish to share. Please consider the following choices and/or ideas for dishes;

- Meat* – a dish of sliced ham, sliced chicken, fried chicken, a meat casserole, meat balls, chili, etc.
- Vegetables* – hot or cold
- Fruit* – fruit salad, fresh or canned

*Salads* – pasta, Jell-O, vegetable, or tuna, chicken, or ham salad

*Bread or Rolls*

*Dessert* – A Birthday Cake will be provided. We will need 10 servings of a sugar free dessert however, and maybe a plate of cookies for children (they can have cake too).

A sign-up sheet for food dishes will be available a few weeks prior to the luncheon so a variety of dishes can be brought.

If you have any ideas for activities or games, or wish to help with the festivities, setting up or cleaning up, please give Gloria Wolff a holler @ 410-836-2222 (daytime) or 410-399-4079 (evening).

Come join your church family for a time of fun, food and fellowship.

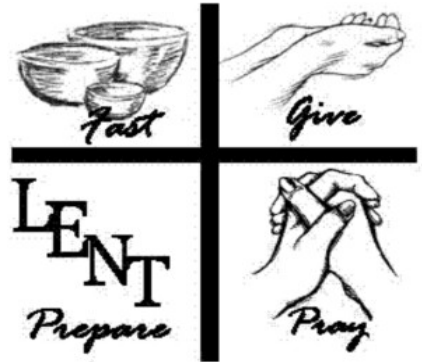
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## Top Ten List: Things you can try for the Lenten Season

10. **Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, Guitar Hero, texting, tweeting, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. (or everyday of Lent!) Use the time to read & pray.
9. **Start a prayer rhythm.** Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your e-mail. Before you text someone, pray for them.
8. **Read one chapter in the Bible each day.** (Matthew's a good book to start with. Psalms, too.)
7. **Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it (maybe even yourself.)**
6. **Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money you save to help folks in Haiti or others in crisis.
5. **Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 30 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
4. **Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter

- each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
3. **Be kind to someone each day.**
  2. **Pray for others you see** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.

1. **Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry or a [Habitat for Humanity](#) project.



Rev. Penny Ford is the pastor of a small UMC church in Carrollton, Alabama. She loves playing trains and going for walks with her 3 year old son, Jamieson.  
<http://upperroom.org/methodx/thelife/articles/lent101.asp>



## Greeters & Ushers

February 5 – Budd & Gail Henry  
February 12 – Jerry & Gloria Wolff  
February 19 – Harrison & Ruth Ann Cleary  
February 26 – Ed & Evelyn Miller

## Liturgists

February 5 – Bob Hudson  
February 12 –TBA  
February 19 –TBA  
February 26 –TBA

Steve Henning will give the Message on February 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM service.  
Gloria Wolff will give the Message on February 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 AM service.

*Did you guess who  
the 'Snow Person'  
was in last month's  
newsletter?*

*Hint: Their initials  
are HC and they  
celebrate their  
birthday this month.*

### February Birthdays

2nd Mike Sherman Jr.  
8th Terri Jones  
9th Kathy Bridges  
13th Larry Jones  
13th Amanda Mace  
15th Danny Jones  
15th Nichole Hammaker  
16th Brenda Lundeen  
17th Audrey Allison  
19th Mae Burkins  
21st Lou Markey  
21st Ruth Scarborough  
21st William Walker  
22nd Morgan Cannon  
25th Eric Horton  
27th William Day Sr.  
27th Harrison Cleary  
27th Samantha Szczepanski

### Anniversaries

16th Keith & Linda Thompson  
22nd Scot & Shannon McCracken  
26th Jim & Susie Head

### Dates of Interest

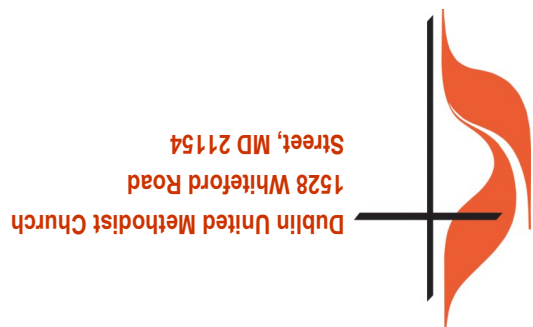
5 Feb Last chance to order PB Crunch  
7 Feb Pastor Parish Relation Committee  
(PPRC) 1st Tues every month  
10-11 Feb Frog Lock-in  
12 Feb Pick up PB Crunch candy orders  
17 Feb Serving at Mason/Dixon Center  
22 Feb Ash Wednesday Service at Mt Vernon  
26 Feb Annual Birthday Luncheon  
15 Mar Scholarship application due  
18 Mar One Great Hour of Sharing  
25 Mar Archery Golf Tournament to  
benefit Fishers of Men Ministries



# February 2012

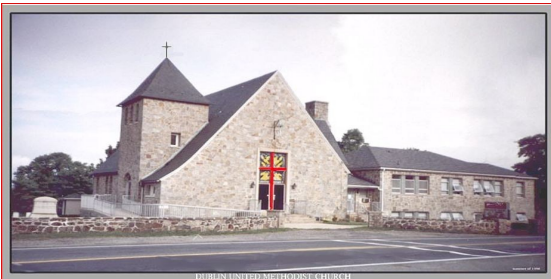
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4 Teen Night 7-9PM	
5 Order PB Crunch Candy from FROG  FROG 6:30 PM	6  Bible Study 7PM Girl Scouts 7PM	7  PPRC 7PM Boy Scouts 7PM	8  Boy Scout Ldrs 7PM	9	10  Frog Group FROG Lock-In 6:30PM till 10AM Frog Group	11	
12 Laity Preaching Boy Scout Sunday Pick up FROG Candy  Sr High Youth 6:30 PM	13  Bible Study 7PM Girl Scouts 7PM	14 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM  COM 7PM Girl Scout Ldrs 7PM Boy Scouts 7PM	← Board Retreat for Pastor →		16	17 Serving at Mason/Dixon Center 10:30AM-1PM	18 Men's Group 9AM Girl Scouts Thinking Day 9AM-12PM
19 Laity Preaching  FROG 6:30 PM	20  Bible Study 7PM Girl Scouts 7PM	21  Boy Scouts 7PM	22  Ash Wednesday @ MT Vernon 7pm	23	24	25	
26 1st Sunday of Lent Choir Practice Birthday Luncheon 12PM  Sr High Youth 6:30 PM	27  Bible Study 7PM Girl Scouts 7PM	28 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM  Boy Scouts 7PM	29				

**\*\*Reminder:**  
All articles and inserts for the newsletter are to be submitted to the editors, Wendy & Jerry by the **15th** of each month. You may email your entries to [wekchaney@gmail.com](mailto:wekchaney@gmail.com) or place them in the Editor's mailbox. The newsletter will be distributed the last Sunday of the month..



# Service Schedule

**All are welcome to these times of  
celebration**



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## **February 5th**

Contemporary, 8AM in Fellowship Hall  
Traditional, 10:30AM in Sanctuary

## **February 12th**

Contemporary, 8AM in Fellowship Hall  
Traditional, 10:30AM in Sanctuary

## **February 19th**

Contemporary, 8AM in Fellowship Hall  
Traditional, 10:30AM in Sanctuary

## **February 22th** (*Ash Wednesday*)

7PM at Mt Vernon UMC

## **February 26th** (*1st Sunday of Lent*)

Contemporary, 8AM in Fellowship Hall  
Traditional, 10:30AM in Sanctuary

**Sunday School is from 9:15-10:15AM**