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From the Desk of the Pastor

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Philippians 2:1-5

If you find any comfort from being in the Liberator, if His love brings you some encouragement, if you experience true companionship with the Spirit, if His tenderness and mercy fill your heart, then, brothers and sisters, here is one thing that would complete my joy-come together as one in mind and spirit and purpose, sharing in the same love. Don't let selfishness and prideful agendas take over. Embrace true humility, and lift your heads to extend love to others. We will get nowhere if our motives spring from selfish ambition or from indifference to the plight of those around us. Get beyond yourselves and protecting your own interests; be sincere, and secure your neighbors' interests first. In other words, adopt the mind-set of Jesus, your Liberating King. Live with His attitude in your hearts.

Imagine the kind of church Paul describes: a community where every person considers the needs of others first and does nothing from selfishness; a group that pulls together rather than pulls apart, and a body that knows its purpose and lets nothing interfere with it. It would be the kind of extended spiritual family where others would want to belong. Outsiders would line up to become part of this sacred assembly and to make it their home because they see the welcome, feel the encouragement, and know they are truly loved. So Paul urges the Philippians to strive for this radical unity and fulfill his joy by having the mind of the Liberating King. That mind is expressed beautifully as Paul retells the story of how Jesus humbled Himself, became a servant, and suffered the death of the cross. Jesus becomes the lordly example of humility and service, leading to the kind of unity Paul imagines. Are we that kind of community, and/or, can we sustain that or not?

Maybe we need to re-examine where we are on that journey.

Pastor Jim



Greeters, Ushers & Liturgists

Greeters & Ushers:

- Bernie & Pat Spangler - March 6th
- Dennis Scarborough & Ed Miller - March 13th
- Fred Graybeal & Lacey Flinn - March 20th
- George Rockey & Dennis Scarborough - March 27th

Liturgists:

- Bob Hudson - March 6th
- TBD - March 13th
- TBD - March 20th
- Emma Dill - March 27th

You must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose.

- *Indira Gandhi*

Prayer Concerns

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



Sympathy



Our prayers and sympathy to the Dorney Family on the passing of Lester Dorney.

United Methodist Women

The first meeting of the Friendship Circle for 2011 is on March 14th at 10:30 AM at the home of June Patrick. This is our **Pledge to Mission** program where we commit to supporting our local unit of the UMW. With our financial gifts we can share in the support of local, national and global mission outreach programs of the United Methodist Women. Our Pledge Cards will be turned in to our treasurer at this meeting. Members are to bring a bag lunch for a time of fellowship after the meeting. We invite all women of the church to join us. Call Gail Henry at 410-838-5578 if you wish to come or have any questions.



Annual Birthday Luncheon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This year our Birthday Lunch will be on March 20th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will be 12 tables set up to decorate representing the 12 months of the year. A sign-up board will be in the narthex. Please take the time to review and place your name to decorate a table and/or supply a covered dish to share. Please contact Lacey Flinn or Fred Graybeal @ 301-697-8319 or 443-307-5063.

The graphic features the words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in large, colorful, bubbly letters. The background is light blue with various colored balloons (red, purple, yellow, green, blue) and confetti scattered around.

Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and of true progress.

- Nicholas Murray Butler

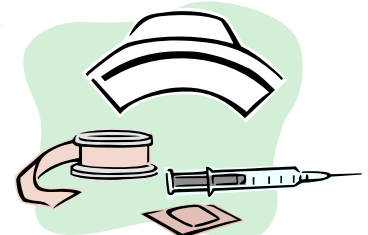
Congratulations!



Jim Head and Susie Springer were married at Dublin Church on February 26, 2011. After a 3 week trip to Florida, Mr. and Mrs.

Head will return to Dublin and reside at 3602 Dublin Rd, Darlington, MD 21034. We all wish them many happy years together.

Congratulations to Susan Henkel on passing the Maryland State Board for Licensing Nurses. She is now a Registered Nurse and will start her new career as a staff nurse at Franklin Square Hospital. We are all proud of her accomplishment.



MORE METHODIST 101

Taken from the UMConnection – January 12, 2011

WE CONNECT – UNITED IN ACTION

Through their churches, districts, annual, jurisdictional and general conferences United Methodists join in a connectional system that enables the whole of the church to be much more faithful and effective than the sum to its parts. Connectionalism creates a vital web of interactive relationships throughout the world.

Apportionments, in which every church gives a portion to the money they bring in to the larger church for mission and ministry, is one of the cornerstones of the connectional system. Through this connectional giving, United Methodists fund a university in Africa, ensure retired pastors receive health care, care for a school full of children with HIV/AIDS, and provide cold weather shelter and hope to the homeless in many cities. Apportionments enable the church to be the hands of Christ together in a way that would be unimaginable alone.

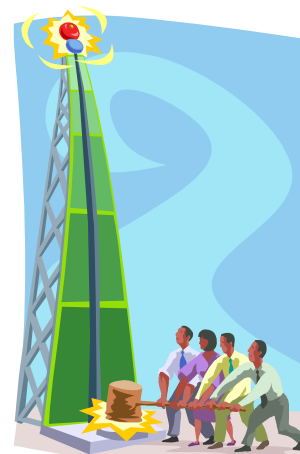
The connectional system also enables trained pastors to be appointed to United Methodist churches. In the denomination, clergy “itinerate” – they are appointed by the bishop and his or her Cabinet and move from church to church every 7 or so years. The pastors are “called to be sent” and the needs of the churches and the gifts of the clergy are matched in ways to serve God in a specific community. UM pastors started as circuit riders and are still itinerate today.

Within the Baltimore-Washington Conference there are 1,080 clergy; 453 of whom are retired.

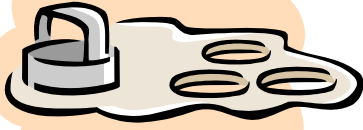
According to denominational statistics, of every \$1000 given by United Methodists, \$845 stays in the local church, \$124 goes to jurisdictions, \$22 goes to general apportionments and \$9 goes to other general funds including United Methodist Women. In 2007, UM gave \$5.1 billion for local church expenditures, including program and operation expenses, pastor salaries and expenses, debt payment and benevolences paid directly to the local church.

Fundraiser

The church has a written policy for conducting a fund raiser. If you are planning or thinking of having a fund raiser, please review this policy as it contains required procedures that the chairperson must follow. There are time lines with in this policy that must be followed which could affect the desired date of the fund raiser. You can find a copy of this policy in the church office or attached to the January 18th Administrative Board Meeting minutes. Questions? Call the church office @ 410-836-3647.



Burned Biscuits - Author Unknown



When I was a kid, my Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides " a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each others differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

And that's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at the feet of God.

Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

A Chance to Serve



We have another chance to serve others when we serve at the Mason-Dixon soup kitchen on April 15th. We are to arrive by 10:15a.m. and we are to bring desserts for the guests—40 servings with at least 10 of those being sugar-free. Also, remember, that the center welcomes our gently used or new items which can be used as door prizes at these luncheons. Any home decoration (pictures, wall hangings, candles, knick knacks, kitchen towels, etc.), any personal care product (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants, lotion, tissues, etc, even travel hotel sizes) and books and movies are welcome so each guest can receive a door prize. The guests get so much pleasure from our "gifts". If you can help in this endeavor, (serve, provide desserts or door prizes) please call me (410) 457-4901. Thank you for caring.

Ruth Ann Cleary

Birthdays & Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

Ruth Ann Cleary - Mar 1st
 William Waddell - Mar 6th
 Linda Ruth - Mar 7th
 Helen "Muff" Smith - Mar 7th
 Bethany Shaffer - Mar 8th
 Steve Klein - Mar 9th
 Robert Day II - Mar 12th
 William Day Jr. - Mar 12th
 Jacquelyn Sherman - Mar 12th
 Virginia "Jennie" Garrison - Mar 18th
 Millie Hime - Mar 19th
 Shannon McCracken - Mar 20th
 Brittany Miller - Mar 21st
 Hobart Howell Jr. - Mar 22nd
 George Rockey - Mar 23rd
 Curtis Randow - Mar 28th
 Meaghan Moxley - Mar 28th

Anniversaries:

Michael and Julie Moxley - Mar 15th
 Gary and Eileen Roland - Mar 24th
 Jason and Jennifer Stojka - Mar 25th
 Michael and Jacquelyn Sherman - Mar 27th



Mark Your Calendar!



March Opportunities:

- ◆ Girl Scouts: Mondays & Wednesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Boy Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Patrick Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Cub Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 6PM
- ◆ FROG Group: 1st & 3rd Sundays - 6:30PM
- ◆ Sr. High Youth Group: 2nd & 4th Sundays - 6:30PM
- ◆ Men's Group: 3rd Saturday of the month - 9AM
- ◆ SPRC Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of Month - 7PM
- ◆ Lay Speaking Classes: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd - 7 - 9PM
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Service: 7PM at Dublin
- ◆ UMW: 14th - 10:30AM
- ◆ Annual Birthday Luncheon: 20th
- ◆ UMW District Meeting: 26th - 8:30AM, Reisters-town UMC
- ◆ Choir Practice: 27th
- ◆ AD Board Meeting: 29th - 7PM

April Opportunities:

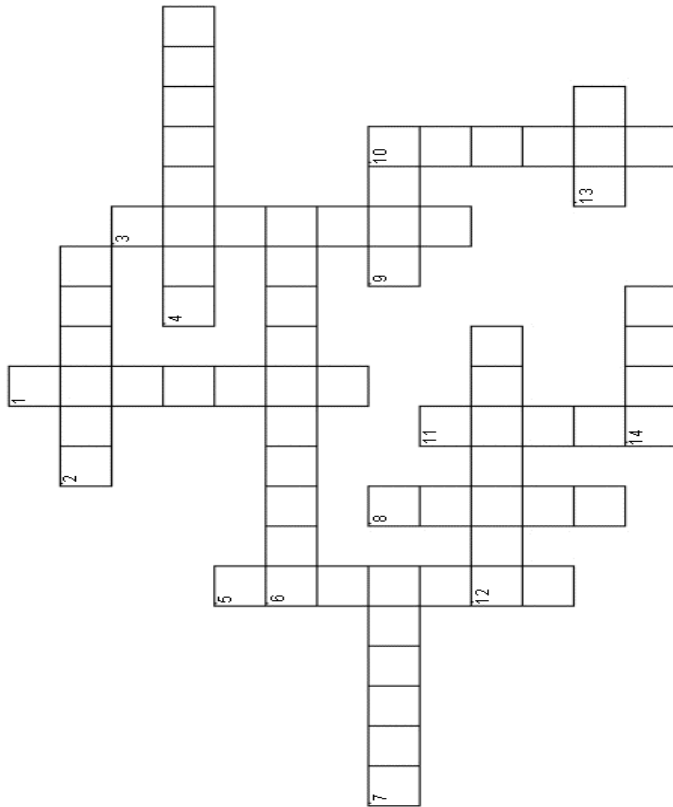
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- ◆ Spaghetti Dinner: 9th—5-7PM
- ◆ Serving at the Mason/Dixon Soup Kitchen: 15th
- ◆ Holy Thursday Service: 21st - 7PM at Dublin
- ◆ Good Friday Service: 22nd - 7PM at Mt Vernon UMC
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt: 23rd time to be announced
- ◆ Son rise Service: 24th at Dublin time to be announced breakfast to be served after the service
- ◆ Lunch Bunch: 27th - 12Noon

Future Events

Happening Soon!

St. Patrick's Day Crossword

CIRCLE ITEMS THAT CAN HELP YOU GET WELL

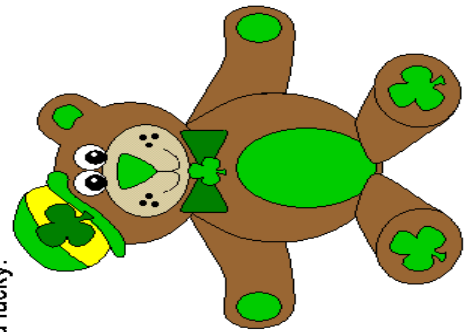


Across

2. Fable claims Saint Patrick drove these out of Ireland.
4. Three leafed clover and symbol of Ireland.
6. The Gaelic translation for this word is shoemaker.
7. Four leafed versions of these are considered lucky.
9. Contents of a leprechaun's pot.
12. A colour of green and also a gemstone.
13. Irish dance
14. Traditional Irish musical instrument.

Down

1. Patron saint of Ireland.
3. Colorful arch in the sky.
5. People kiss this stone for luck.
8. Saint Patrick's Day colour.
10. Capital city of Ireland.
11. Saint Patrick's Day month.



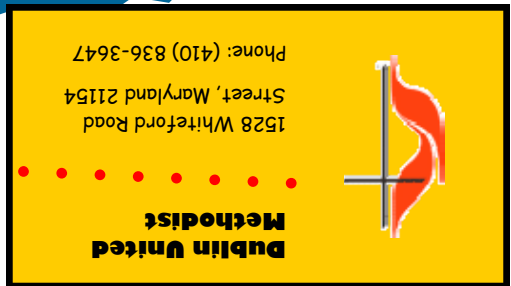
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March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM 	2 Girl Scouts 7PM	3	4	5
6 FROG 6:30PM 	7 Girl Scouts 7PM	8 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM Lay Speaker Class 7-9PM	9 Ash Wednesday Service 7PM at Dublin 	10	11	12 Ida Miller Memorial 11AM Lunch 12N
13 Sr. High Youth 6:30PM 	14 UMW 10:30AM Girl Scouts 7PM	15 Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM Lay Speaker Class 7-9PM	16 Girl Scouts 7PM	17	18	19 Men's Group 9AM 
20 Annual Birthday Luncheon FROG 6:30PM	21 Girl Scouts 7PM 	22 Bible Study @ Patrick's 10:30AM Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM Lay Speaking Class 7-9	23 Girl Scouts 7PM	24	25	26 UMW District Mtg 8:30AM at Reisterstown UMC 
27 Choir Practice  Sr. High Youth 6:30PM	28 Girl Scouts 7PM	29 Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM AD Board 7PM	30 Healing Service 7PM at Emory 	31		

****Reminder:**
 All articles and inserts for the newsletter are to be submitted to the editor by the **10th** of each month. You may email by the Stone-Dill@verizon.net or place them in the Editor's mailbox. The newsletter will be distributed the last Sunday of the month.

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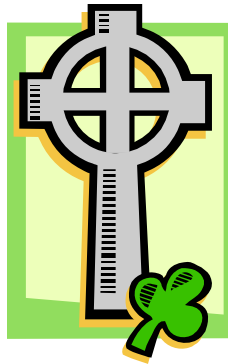
Service Schedule

March 6th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

March 13th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary



March 20th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

March 27th

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

Christ be with me, Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.