



Dublin Beacon

From the Desk of the Pastor

This month strategic planning starts for the church. There is presently a Nehemiah 2 bible study that is taking place several times this month, the times and place will be listed at the end of my article. The reason that we are using Nehemiah 2 is that it is a blueprint for visioning. Nehemiah was facing a time when the Israelites were coming back from exile, the only thing standing in Jerusalem was the temple, and the people were discouraged. Nehemiah demonstrates how he created a vision, and was able to engage the people in participating in that vision. They were rebuilding the physical walls of the city, and also rebuilding the spiritual walls that were also in a shambles.

Nehemiah identified five steps to his visioning process. The step that he began with and used throughout his rebuilding was prayer. Then it was identifying who was needed, what was needed, what needed to be fixed, and finally encouraging. The final step always looks at what are the roadblocks that will be encountered. They were built up, encouraged, supplied and lead by Nehemiah; in other words they bought into the project that he received from God. They didn't just engage the Jews, but were a part of the team that would reconstruct the wall around Jerusalem; a new wall. The wall that was built was using the same foundation, but it was new. It was new how it was built, it was new

who did the building, and it was new for the nation that needed a spiritual boost as well as a physical one. The Baltimore Washington Conference is rebuilding the walls surrounding the city.

What city? The city of God. The Baltimore Washington conference is asking congregations to look at the five areas of a vital congregation. We have been engaged for the past several years in creating Acts 2 congregations. They want us to look at drivers, or specific things that we can use in determining how congregations are living. Is the congregation growing, declining or maintaining by not growing or declining. It examines what those churches that are growing are doing to grow, and what needs to change in the churches that are declining. The one thing that all churches need is for you to be a part of this process.

Please take the time to engage in this process as we begin to prepare our vision toward 2020. Everyone is needed, and everyone has a voice. As the opportunities start to get listed, reach out to see how you can be a Nehemiah in our present age.

Pastor Jim

Nehemiah 2 Bible Study on Visioning in the Library

November 10: 2 PM to 3:30 PM
 November 17: 7 PM to 8:30 PM

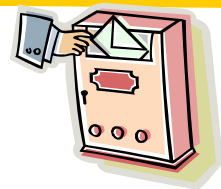
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When you cannot make up your mind between two evenly balanced courses of action, choose the bolder.

-W.J. Slim

Mailboxes



Where are the mailboxes?

In the small room off the Narthex at the door of the handicapped entrance.

Who has a mailbox?

Regular attendees, Council chairs, Committee chairs, Committee members, and/or those who have requested one.

Why have a mailbox or what is put in the mailboxes?

1. Meeting notices are put in the mailboxes of Council and Committee chairs and the members of these Councils or Committees: available to be picked up on 2 Sundays prior to the meeting. If a "Special Meeting" is called, then the Chairperson will notify his or her committee members.
2. Monthly Newsletters are put in the mailboxes.
3. Birthday, Anniversary, or other greeting cards are placed in the boxes to save the sender postage. The Shepherd Ministry is encouraged to use the mailboxes.
4. Meeting minutes for members of a Council or Committee will be put in the members mailboxes. (Ad Board, COM, UMW, etc.)
5. Any Church related business, notices, by-annual giving statements, or bills that have to be approved by the mailbox occupant.
6. Postage is saved by the church office using these mailboxes.

Always check the name on the box before taking out mail because sometimes the boxes are shifted due to additions or removals of persons with mailboxes. Reminder – the name is on the **bottom** of the box. Notify Gail Henry – 410-836-3647 – if you request a change of any kind pertaining to the mailboxes.

November Lunch Bunch



Lunch bunch is Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at 12 Noon. Menu: chili, soup & sandwiches.

Greeters/Ushers & Liturgists

Greeters & Ushers:

Nov 6th - Budd & Gail Henry
Nov 13th - Jim & Susie Head
Nov 20th - Harrison & Ruth Ann Cleary
Nov 27th - Bernie Spangler & Ed Miller

Liturgists:

Nov 6th - Bob Hudson
Nov 13th - TBD
Nov 20th - Bernie Spangler
Nov 27th - Emma Dill



When the solution is simple, God is answering.

~Albert Einstein

Christmas Booklet

Reminder – the deadline for submitting your greeting for the booklet to Gail or Emma is November 27th.



Manna House



There are still 2 or 3 openings for volunteers on November 5th and December 31st. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Won't you help?

Directory Changes

Virginia Smith
Angels Among Us
12820 Eastern Ave
Middle River, MD 21220





Prayer Concerns

- ⇒ Maggie Harrison
- ⇒ Tristan Stone
- ⇒ Shirley Copeland
- ⇒ Brittany Miller
- ⇒ Bill Walker
- ⇒ Bill & Ruth Knight
- ⇒ Betty Kalmbacher
- ⇒ Gene Barberry
- ⇒ Sharon Henning
- ⇒ Jack & Ruth Lewis
- ⇒ Linda Ruth
- ⇒ Mae Burkins
- ⇒ Marguerite Hall
- ⇒ Ralph Clay
- ⇒ Mary Dorney
- ⇒ Jerry & Helen Fields
- ⇒ Mattie Waddell
- ⇒ Kathy Bridges
- ⇒ All those in our church family serving in the military.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy and Prayers to the Virginia Waddell family on her death October 17th.



Scholarship Opportunities with the United Methodist Women



For many years United Methodist Women in the Baltimore-Washington Conference have sponsored local area ministries that make life better for women, children and youth. The local Unit's support is needed and much appreciated. One such project and one that the Friendship Circle is supporting is the UMW Scholarship Fund. It provides financial assistance for undergraduate students who are members of churches within the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The awards are made according to financial need, academic achievements, and active church membership. Applications are due yearly by March 15th and may be obtained through the Church Pastor, the Conference Center, or the contact person for the

UMW, Linda Yost (410) 239-0429. The completed applications must be signed by the Pastor with a letter or recommendation from the Pastor, and a current transcript of grades. Scholarships are renewable; but a new application must be submitted annually. Students will be notified by June 1st. Payments are made directly to the colleges in August and/or December. If you think you may be interested in applying, start the process as soon as possible.

UMW Christmas Lunch

You are invited to join the Friendship Circle on December 7th at 12 noon at Mt Nebo United Methodist Church in Delta, PA. It is a turkey dinner with all the fixings, served family style. The cost is \$11.00 per person but we need a head count to give to Mt Nebo by November 27th. If you tell us you are going and do not show up, (unless it is an emergency), you are still expected to pay. The staff at Mt Nebo prepare according to the count we give them.

There will be a free-will donation for the Citizen's Care Center Guild who provides small birthday and Christmas gifts to the residents at the Care Center in Havre de Grace, MD. Let Gail Henry or June Patrick know if you wish to attend. You can give the money to either one of us or pay at the time of the luncheon.



Crop Walk



Jerry Wolff, Heidi Wolff, Pastor Jim, Bob Hudson, and Nick Sauers along with Jerry's granddaughter Zoey and daughter Erin, not shown, walked on behalf of DUMC.

Friendship Circle

We are proud again this year to be a 5 Star Unit – meeting the requirement of giving to the 5 Channels of Undesignated Giving – a Pledge to the Baltimore-Suburban District UMW for Mission, World Thank Offering, Gift in Memory (Jean Day, Hilda Head, Ida Miller, & Marie Lundeen), Gift in Mission honoring a member for her mission service to Dublin Church, the Friendship Circle and the Community, and a Special Mission Recognition of a gold pin with a cross along with

a certificate to Priscilla Spangler. We are especially pleased to be a **Gold Mission Today Unit**, our first Gold Unit award! We met our Pledge to Mission and completed more than 13 of 18 required activities to qualify as a Gold Unit. Congratulations to the 14 members of this very active Unit. We invite all the women of the Church to join us or we can help you start another circle with a time or interests that best suits you.



Thank You

To all the ladies and gentlemen who helped with the polishing of the pews and wood work in the Sanctuary, Narthex, mailroom, and coat room a big Thank You! A job well done. We shine for the Lord using our "Holey Rags"!



Birthdays & Anniversaries...

Birthdays:

4. Erin Grauer
7. Terry White
9. Wendy Chaney
10. Mark Grauer
11. Megan Lewis Stevenson
16. Cheryl Grammer
17. Brian Adkins
18. Ellen Cullum
19. William Caldwell
21. Emma Dill
24. Clinton Hyde
24. Tristan Stone
26. Heather Adkins
26. Alexandra Chabarria
27. Gail Henry
27. Pastor Jim Johnson
29. Jason Stojka
30. Keith Thompson Jr.

Anniversaries:

1. Robert and Marti Hudson
7. William and Sally Caldwell
9. Ellsworth and Evelyn Miller
15. Danny and Gail Jones
17. John and Helen Day



November Opportunities:

- ◆ Girl Scouts: Monday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Cub Scouts: Tuesday - 6PM
- ◆ Boy Scouts: Tuesday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ Patrick Bible Study: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month
- ◆ Men's Group: 3rd Saturday of the month - 9AM
- ◆ Bible Study: Monday Evenings, 7PM
- ◆ FROG Group: 1st & 3rd Sunday - 6:30PM
- ◆ Sr. High Youth: 2nd & 4th Sunday - 6:30PM
- ◆ PPRC: 1st - 7PM
- ◆ Manna House: 5th - 8AM - 12N
- ◆ All Saints Sunday: 6th
- ◆ Girl Scout Leaders: 8th - 7PM
- ◆ Trustees: 8th - 7PM
- ◆ Boy Scout Leaders: 9th - 7PM
- ◆ Craft Group: 10th - 7PM
- ◆ Blanket Sunday: 13th
- ◆ Girl Scout Tea: 13th - 1PM to 5PM
- ◆ AD Board Meeting: 15th - 7PM
- ◆ Craft Group: 17th
- ◆ Bible Sunday: 20th
- ◆ Cub Scout Leaders: 21st - 7PM
- ◆ Thanksgiving Service: 23rd - 7PM
- ◆ Decorate Sanctuary: 26th - 9AM
- ◆ Choir Practice: 27th
- ◆ Girl Scouts Toys for Tots: 28th - 6PM to 9PM
- ◆ Lunch Bunch: 30th - 12N

Future Events

December 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
- ◆ PPRC Meeting: 1st Monday of Month - 7PM
- ◆ Bible Study: Monday Evenings - 7PM
- ◆ FROG Group: 1st & 3rd Sunday - 6:30PM
- ◆ Sr. High Youth: 2nd & 4th Sunday - 6:30PM



Happening Soon!

News From the Children and Youth Coordinator

The one thing that I think we all agree on is the fact that for a church to survive it is necessary to have youth. Well, you are going to be pleased to know that we have a group of youth that we can be proud of in our church. It has started in the Sunday school, where the leaders are breaking new ground in exploring curriculum, teaching methods, and just over all intensity. That is flowing into the youth groups.



The F.R.O.G. group has 11 attendees. If you go into the church on the first and third Sunday evening, don't be surprised to hear laughter, prayer, or an occasional scream. (There are a few games that require that.) The group enjoys Bible studies and refreshments.

The senior high group is once again going to Rock. There will be five boys and two girls going. Those youth are stepping up to the plate as far as participating in the church; The Crop walk, moving boxes, playing music, changing signs, and a multitude of other projects. We are proud of those youth and what they are doing in the community.

There was an awesome time had by youth on October 27th. Hart Heritage Estates in Forrest Hills invited our youth from Sunday school, youth groups, and the community, to a costume party and game night. We had 15 youth from 8 days old all the way to 18 years of age. (If we include the residents the age went up to 91) It was a fall festival/Halloween party. The residents dressed up, our youth dressed up, and we had music, food, and played games. The older folks helped the younger folks, and the younger folks helped the older folks. They heard stories and experienced a genuine love and caring for all. It was something that we all want to try again in the near future.

Let's make sure that we include the youth in the visioning process that the church is beginning. They have some great ideas and are a driving force for the life of the church. It's a new era, and a new day.

Liz

Serving Others

On Friday, Sept 16th, our church served the Soup Kitchen at Mason Dixon Community Center.

I wasn't sure we were going to be able to serve because two of the lady volunteers were not feeling well and decided they should not go. I became panicky when Wednesday rolled around and I could not find replacements. However, on Thursday, I got a call from Lacy Flinn asking if she and three of her nursing student friends could come to serve.

I was elated! God had answered my prayer!! The group pitched in, worked well with everyone and had fun doing it!

Those serving were Lacy, Pika, Brittany, James, Dale Bridges, and Pastor Jim. Susie Head so graciously made all of the desserts.

The luncheon guests also enjoyed all of the door prizes which you, my church family, provided.

Thank you to all who helped with the Soup Kitchen!

I am in the process of securing dates for us to serve next year, so I may soon be asking for your help again! Thank you!



Peace & Blessings,
Ruthie Cleary, Evangelism

Operation Christmas Child

Have you filled your box with goodies and provided your postage? Time is running out. All boxes must be turned in by November 13th. Let's give a child the most valuable gift—"HOPE".

Operation Christmas Child is an outreach project through Samaritan's Purse of which, Franklin Graham is the president. We are seeking your assistance in making this an outstanding year for contributions. Let's begin with the collection of regular size shoe boxes. These are needed for individuals to fill for children ages 2-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years of age. Though the last year or so has been a difficult economy for all it is even more difficult and harsh for these girls and boys who are in desperate conditions. They are surviving natural disasters, victims of extreme poverty, orphans who have no one to care for them in a nurturing and loving environment or they are child refugees of a civil war. This was not the life that they were intended to live. Let's join together and show God's love and give them hope.

We can do this by taking an ordinary shoe box and filling it with small toys, gifts, books, etc. This may be the only presents that these children receive during their Christmas season. Please include \$7.00 for each shoe box to help with the postage. Place the check or money order, made out to Dublin UMC with "Shoe Box Postage" written in the memo field, in the an envelope and give it to Ruth Ann Cleary. The church will send one check to Samaritan's purse for all filled shoe boxes donated.

Please do not seal your shoeboxes as Samaritan's Purse will add Bibles and Bible Stories, printed in the child's language in each of the shoe boxes as an Evangelism outreach. You may wrap the base and the lid of the shoe boxes separately or we will see if the youth groups would be willing to wrap for you. If you would like this done you would need to bring your boxes in early. Below are some ideas of what you could use to stuff your shoe boxes with.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals. Kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (please include batteries), slinky, etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

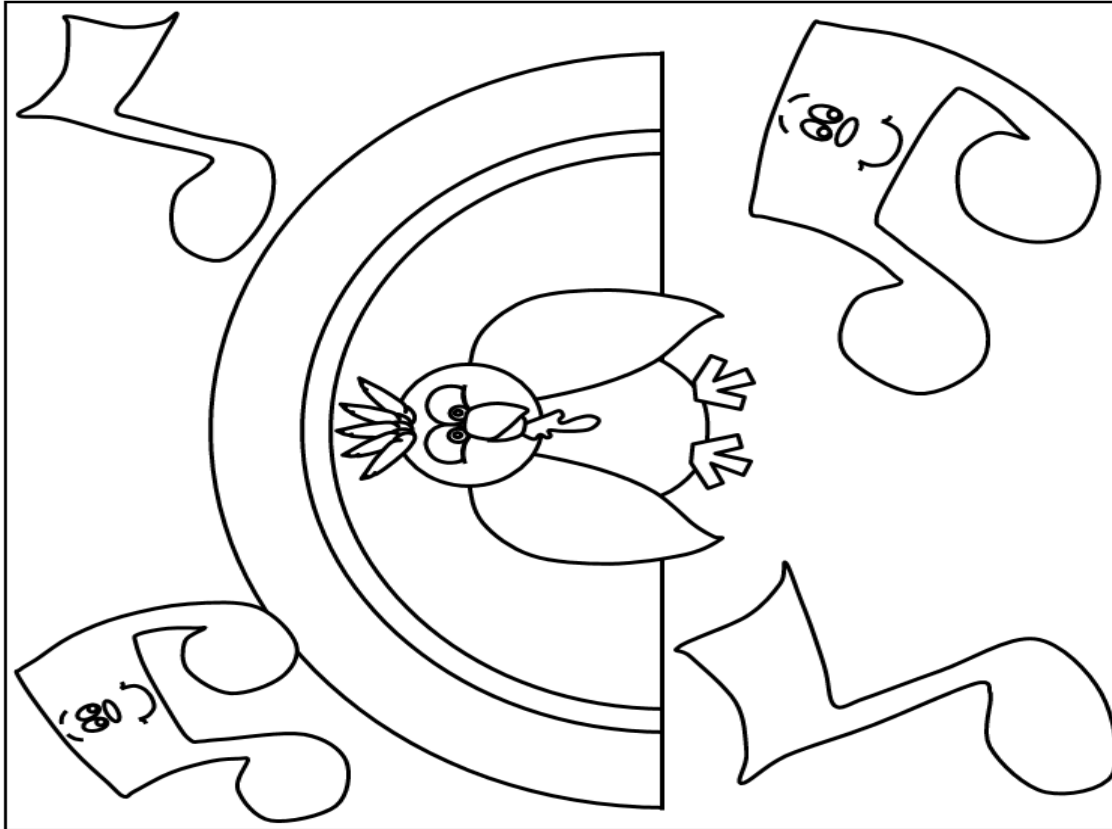
Other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights with batteries, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum (please double bag all candy).

Personal Note: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself and or your family. If you include your name and address the child may write back to you.

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans.



Kids Corner



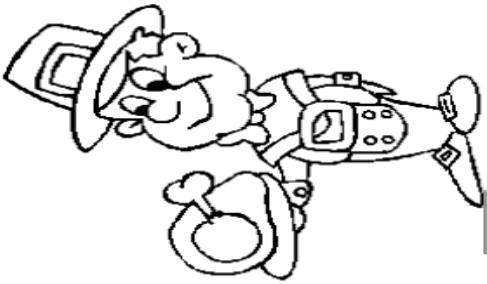
Q: Where do turkeys go to dance?

A: To the Butter Ball

KidZone.n

Math Worksheets

Name: _____



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$$10 + \square = 18$$

$$2 + \square = 2$$

$$9 + \square = 12$$

$$5 + \square = 11$$

$$5 + \square = 9$$

$$3 + \square = 12$$








$$0 + \square = 7$$

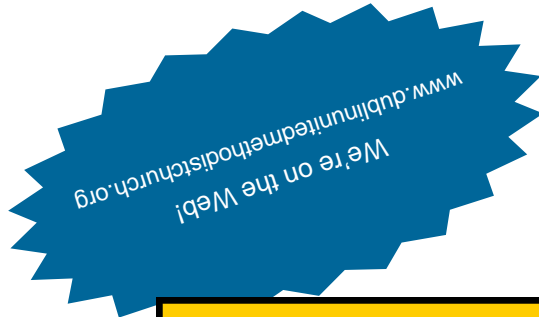
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November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 PPRC 7PM Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM	2	3	4	5 Manna House 8AM-12N	
6 All Saints Sunday FROG 6:30PM	7 Bible Study 7PM Girl Scouts 7PM  GIRL SCOUTS	8 Patrick Bible Study 10:30PM Cub Scouts 6PM Boy Scouts 7PM Trustees 7PM Girl Scout Leaders 7PM	9 Boy Scout Leaders 7PM	10 Craft Group 7PM  Nehemiah Bible Study 2-3:30PM	11	12	
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Service Schedule

November 6th
Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

November 13th
Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

November 20th
Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

November 27th
Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall
Traditional, 10:30 a.m.
in Sanctuary

