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**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY IN THE
SEASON OF PENTECOST:**

Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. – SPRC Meeting

**Saturday 9:00–1:00 Flea Market and
Thrift Shop**

**Sunday: 10:15 a.m.— Worship—2nd Sunday
After Pentecost**

Service of Holy Communion

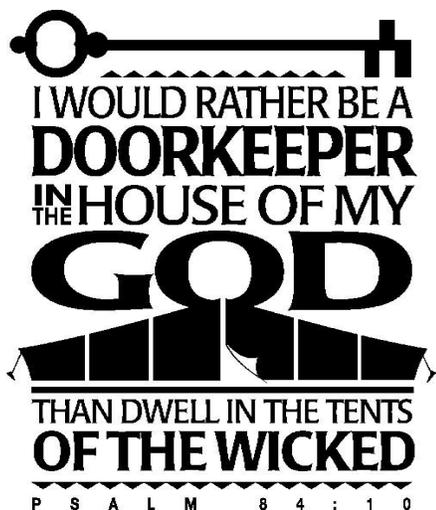
Father’s Day

Scripture: Luke 8:26-39

**Sermon: “Jesus Teaches Us How
to Live.”**

Series 2: “Just Talk About Jesus”

Today, Psalm 84 (day 14 of month 6 = Psalm 84) reminds us how good it is to be in the house of the Lord. The key word in this Psalm is “dwell’.



**How lovely are Your dwelling places, Lord
of hosts.**

**Fortunate are those who dwell in Your
house.**

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the
House of my God,**

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

It becomes clear that we are talking about more than the physical building of the temple. More than that is what makes life “lovely” and leaves us feeling “fortunate”, strengthened and protected.

What our souls long for is to be in the abiding presence of the Lord, giving God our constant praise, finding strength in the uprightness of God's ways, and offering our prayers to the Lord. That is dwelling with the Lord. The opposite being "living in the tents of wickedness".

The great outcome of such dwelling is expressed in the final verses of the Psalm"

For my sun and my shield is the Lord God;

The Lord bestows favor and glory.

God will not withhold goodness from those who walk whole heartedly.

Lord of hosts, how fortunate are those who trust in You.

And the best news of all comes from the words of John in Revelation 21:

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth"

And I heard a voice from the throne saying:

"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and God will dwell with them. They will be God's people and God himself will be with them and be their God."

And all of life will be filled with the goodness of the Lord, completing what our hearts long for:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



Many thanks to Donna Metcalf for her work with Vacation Bible School! Our next meeting will be on July 17th. Plan to join us for a great time of fellowship!



SPRC will meet tomorrow, June 15th, at 7:00 p.m.

Finance will meet on Wednesday, June 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.

Council will meet on Wednesday, June 29th, beginning with



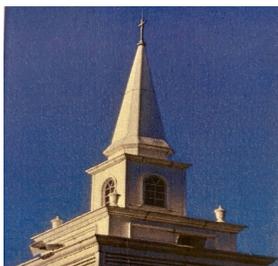
**Diane & Jason Giacubeno (Harry Wilhelm) lost their house & belongings in a fire.
Ronnie & Flo McCauley (Shirley Carr's nephew) both have serious health concerns.
Larry Rockenbaugh, who will have surgery this afternoon.
Toni and Bella (Phyllis Martin) for health issues.
Greg Kephart, for progress in rehab.
Kathy Metcalf, who continues to have difficulty with her vision.
Norman Wess, who is going through chemo and radiation treatment.
Jim Smith, Laurie's brother-in-law, who continues cancer treatments.
Daniel Jenkins, who has been diagnosed with Covid.
Tommy Kohlhepp, recovering from a recent hospital stay.
Margaret Milton, Pastor Janet's mom, who had surgery for kidney failure.
Katie Ferguson (Sandy's cousin) who is hospitalized with major health concerns.
Jim Condry, Gary's friend, is still at Shock Trauma following an auto accident.
Marie Balsamo, whose ankle was damaged by another failure of steps to her apt.
Richard Hobson, Larry's friend, who had triple bypass surgery.
The family and friends of Linda Thompson (Pastor David) who passed away.
Lutz, Beate's brother who lives in France and has health concerns.
The family and friends of Lisa Wheeler, Susan's cousin, who passed away.
The family and friends of Dean Jestes and Ray Smith, who passed away recently.
Christy Blyth and Barbara Tyler, both recovering from major surgery.
Mary Lou McKoy, Dan's sister, who can no longer tolerate chemotherapy.
Angel Hinkle, for healing after major surgery.
Philomena Lally, Sandy's friend, who has once again been diagnosed with cancer.
Doris Talbot, Phyllis' friend, who had another fall.
Carol Walters, who continues to struggle with the loss of loved ones.
Tammy Pope and Susan Benner, Harry Wilhelm's daughters, who have Covid.
Jim Rimbach, for encouragement while participating in therapy management.
Melinda Meushaw
Brandon Stinebaugh, age 17, who was diagnosed with B-cell Lymphoma.
Tucker Henderson, 6 years old, who is recovering from an appendix that burst.
Virginia Habicht, who suffered a stroke.
Bill MacKenzie, for general health and well being.
Cindy Iames, who is struggling with glaucoma and atrophy of her leg.
Sydney, who is 10 years old and needs surgery on her knee.
The Boor Family; the husband was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.
Greg Goucher and his daughter, Claire, for health issues.
The unrest in Russia and Ukraine; the Ukrainian people.**

**Sharon Schaub (Dan's neighbor) who is hospitalized with cardiac issues.
Martin Boyer, Dan's friend, who suffers from headaches.
Bettye Kershner, Dan's sister-in-law, still receiving chemo treatments.
The people of Buffalo and Uvalde**



**Peggy and Preston Greene were able to join us.
Marilyn Gallagher has a birthday this week.
We are all here together.**

The Bell Chimes for the month of June are sponsored by Randy, Terry, and Chris Harrison in memory of Tom and Peggy Edmonds, and in honor of their wedding anniversary on June 28th.



The Steeple Lights for the month of June are sponsored by Donna Metcalf in honor of her parents' wedding anniversary on June 14th.

The Window Candles for the month of June are sponsored by Sandy MacKenzie and Bobbie Bien, in honor of our church family, future, past and present.



The following are notes from the Annual Conference

The 238th session of the Annual Conference for the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church was held online Wed. June 1 – Fri. June 3, 2022. The Lay Members of the Annual Conference and Clergy represented 606 churches in Maryland, Washington, D.C., and the panhandle of West Virginia.

The theme of this year's session was "Persevere: In Hope, Faith and Joy." The Scripture passage that guided the conference was Hebrews 12:1-3. *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart."*

The Conference opened with greetings from our Bishop Estelle Easterling. Throughout the day our Conference conducted three separate ballots, which resulted in a nomination for the episcopacy.

- The Rev. Joseph Daniels, pastor of Emory UMC in Washington, D.C., was nominated by members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference to be a candidate for the episcopacy when the Northeastern Jurisdiction next holds elections for bishops Nov. 2-5, 2022. Daniels has served for 30 years as pastor of Emory UMC and served as the district superintendent of the Greater Washington District. Emory was a congregation that had almost been closed on three occasions and sold twice. But under Daniel's leadership, the church experienced revival and moved from 55 people to more than 400 people in worship. As senior pastor, he also oversaw the construction of a \$60 million, affordable housing project, called the Beacon Center, located on the church property.

Annual Conference (AC) Members passed resolutions on Lovely Lane, housing, and global warming on June 2.

- **LOVELY LANE RECOGNITION**
- AC Members congratulated Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore on its 250th anniversary. The church, known as the "Mother Church of Methodism," was the first Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States. It hosted the 1784 Christmas Conference, where the denomination was founded.
- **INCREASING HOUSING SECURITY FOR ALL**
- Recognizing the rights of all people to have access to safe and affordable housing, conference members voted to add a seat focused on Housing Security Justice and Advocacy to the BWC's Advocacy and Action team.
- **ENCOURAGING A MORE ROBUST DISCUSSION OF THE SCIENCE RELATED TO GLOBAL WARMING**
- Following a spirited debate, members passed a resolution calling for a more in-depth conversation on climate change.
- Roger Kuhn, a lay member from Morgan Chapel UMC in Woodbine, disputed some of the assertions of the BWC's Creation Care team and called for local churches to discuss how churches might better address some of the inevitabilities that will accompany global warming.
- Those speaking for the resolution expressed concern about the dismissal of nuanced points of view about climate change. They asserted that there may be "too great a rush to attribute extreme phenomena to climate change," and called for respectful listening and responsible discussion of the cost, benefits and risks associated with any technology that addresses global warming.
- Those opposed to the resolution said that the science on global warming is sound and, while they appreciate discussion on these important issues, too often conversation is used as a tactic to stall important action to curb destructive climate change.

- The resolution passed by a vote of 271 to 250. For more information, [visit the BWC's ministry on Creation Care](#).

BOOM creates framework to live out call

During BOOM's report to the Annual Conference, McCullough reported that nine Elders and three Deacons will be ordained on June 3; and nine Elders and three Deacons will be commissioned as provisional members. This year, BOOM also welcomed 18 students to the License to Preach school.

In other highlights, BOOM leaders:

- Launched the inaugural Living Well program for clergy self-care with 16 participants and eight facilitators.
- Built on efforts to create a culture of call by inviting people to more fully explore God's call upon their lives and give pastors opportunities to deepen their relationships with God and with colleagues and friends.
- Updated the BWC's sexual misconduct and professional ethics policy for clergy. See **Keeping our Sacred Trust: Professional and Sexual Misconduct Policy for Ministry Professionals**.
- Updated the **policy on Continuing Education Credits** for clergy and created a Clergy Experience/Process in the Conference's Arena Database that automates and enhances the process for submitting CEUs.
- Began an in-depth research study on Gender, Race and Ministry in the BWC with more than 300 people completing the initial online survey. Initial results from the study will be released later this year.

Revised Clergy CEU policy announced

Continuing education and learning additional knowledge and skills are essential for those seeking to be faithful and effective pastors. In these changing and challenging times, the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Baltimore-Washington Conference has created a set of revised policies and procedures to assist clergy in their continuing education and spiritual growth.

The revised CEU policy are:

- According to the policy, every conference clergy person shall complete a minimum of eight continuing education units every four years. (One continuing education credit is equivalent to 10 contact hours of qualified instruction; one college or seminary courses, 1 semester hour equals 1.5 CEUs.)
- Because the pandemic caused the General Conference to be postponed, the 2016-2020 quadrennium is not expected to be formally closed until 2024. With the complications COVID has created, the BWC's Board of Ordained Ministry is offering grace on the reporting of CEUs, and clergy have until 2024 to complete their eight CEUs.
- In addition, BOOM has created a Clergy Experience/Process in the Conference's Arena database [ADD LINK] that automates and enhances the process of submitting CEUs.
- The Arena portal will allow pastors to obtain information and resources regarding CEU requirement and view the CEUs credited to them. When a BWC event is cited for CEU's, Arena will automatically record the credits. Clergy can also submit CEUs from other sources.
- All of these features can be managed using Arena's "My CEUs" page, which is found in the right-hand navigation area of Arena, when a person is logged into the system.

Members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference considered three resolutions on the first day of the Annual Conference session – one about a local church, one about the Annual Conference, and one about the Global Church.

- **SALEM BALTIMORE HISPANIC UMC NAMED A MISSION CHURCH**

- In a vote of 523 to 22, Salem Baltimore Hispanic UMC was officially designated as a Mission of the BWC and a Congregation in Transformation.
- As a mission church, which is defined in Para. 259.1.a of the Book of Discipline, the congregation will receive financial support and administrative guidance from the Conference and must pay only a portion of its annual mission shares.
- The BWC recognizes a Redeveloping Church (in its **Policy Manual**, Para. 4044.2.c) as a congregation undergoing significant demographic, environmental or visional refocusing which has resulted in the temporary loss of ability for self-support.
- This designation recognizes the fact that Salem provides a unique and creative outreach to the growing Latino population in East Baltimore. about the church and its pastor, Cassandra “Cassy” Nuñez.
- “Salem is a small congregation that is a beacon of light and witness of God’s love in the Highlandtown neighborhood of East Baltimore,” said Baltimore Metropolitan District Superintendent, the Rev. Wanda Duckett. “This church speaks the message of God’s love and now has the potential to do so even more.”.

- **BMCR TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF CLOSED BLACK CHURCH PROPERTY**

- Members also voted in favor of the resolution brought by the BWC caucus of Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) to have a member of its group work with members of the Conference Board of Trustees to formulate plans on how the sale of Black church property will be allocated. Together, they will formulate strategies on how resources may be best used for the revitalization of existing Black congregations and how new Black faith communities be started in communities with a significant Black population.
- Those who opposed the resolution presented arguments that the conference already has systems and structures in place to address the needs of the Black church (which is defined as a church in which 70 percent of the membership is Black) and all of its churches within the BWC. They warned against the unnecessary broadening of bureaucracy.
- However, the Rev. Valerie Barnes, chair of the BWC’s BMCR caucus, called upon members to reflect upon the history of the Black church and to pass this resolution, which would foster the work of anti-racism and bring BMCR to the table to be a resource for the equitable revitalization of Black churches.
- The resolution passed 337 to 214. The strategic plan that is to be created will be brought before the 2023 Session of the Annual Conference for discussion and action.

- **ENDORING THE CHRISTMAS COVENANT**

- A resolution to endorse the **Christmas Covenant**, expected to come as legislation before the General Conference in 2024, was approved by BWC members.
- The Christmas Covenant would transform the denomination’s existing seven Central Conferences (outside of the U.S.) into Regional Conferences and create a United States Regional Conference.
- The resolution, brought forward by the BWC’s General and Jurisdictional delegates, contributes to an anti-colonialist vision of The United Methodist Church. It is expected that each Regional Conference would be able to develop unique sections of the Book of Discipline to meet the contextual needs of their regions.

- Those speaking against the resolution worried that allowing the contextualization of the Discipline would detract from the denomination's unity and take political and spiritual power away from the current Central Conferences, whose members now represent a potential majority at General Conference.
- The resolution passed 365 to 176. [Learn more about the Christmas Covenant.](#)

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Worship

- Opening worship delivers call to persevere
- Service of Remembrance celebrates 'great cloud of witnesses'
- Relationships vital to life and faith, ordinands told
- BWC celebrates excellence and discipleship

Ministries

- Discipleship Ministries Report: UMs make their mark, create vitality
- Church Vitality: A Resource
- Laity must claim the 'power to choose'
- [One Matters awards presented](#)
- Discipleship Council reports growth in church vitality
- Youth and Discipleship are focus of Laity Session
- 'Deacon heart' on full display

Stewardship

- New budget undergirds local stewardship ministries
- Your mission shares in action - A graphic representation
- Board assists clergy with affordable health care
- Trustees outline process for disaffiliation
- Trustees report on church closings
- Members hear update on BSA bankruptcy case

If you are interested in further information on any of the above subjects, please go to the Baltimore-Washington Conference UMC website and click on any area you wish to read to acquire more information. <https://www.bwcumc.org/events/2022-annual-conference/>

The 239th Annual Conference of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church will convene on May 30, 2023 at the Hilton Baltimore.

Respectfully submitted,

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