



The Challenger

Glyndon United Methodist Church

April 2025

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Friends:

The last week of Jesus’ life had been such a tragic ordeal. He was brought to trial, beaten and humiliated and put to death on a cross. After his crucifixion and death, he was prepared for burial and placed in a tomb. On the morning of the third day, the women came to the grave. They came with great sadness and grief. They must have asked themselves, *“How could this have happened to a man whose purpose was to help others to love God and to love each other?”* And in their bewilderment and fear, an angel appeared, saying, *“He is not here; he has risen.”*

The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our faith. If Christ did not rise, there would be no gospel. If Christ did not rise, our faith would be in vain. The hope of the early church was in the belief that Christ had risen.

Our hope, too, is in this promise. We, like the women at the tomb, have been filled with fear and grief. We have felt the loss of a loved one. There have been those faithful servants in our church who have gone to be with the saints. Maybe some of us have felt the loss of a friend, a job or the loss of meaning and purpose in our lives. And so we come, as the women did, to find out if there is hope. Because Christ has been raised from the dead, we have been given new life now and new life eternally.

C.S. Lewis wrote these words: *“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it.”* As Christians, we see things from the vantage point of the Cross and Resurrection. This is not to say that we will no longer feel pain and separation. We are not immune to the sorrows and tragedies of life. Yet, we view them from the promise of the empty tomb. The empty tomb means that love conquers hate, hope transcends despair, and life destroys death. That’s not only good news for this holy season, but for each and every day of our lives.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

Announcements/Events

LENTEN & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

“THE TABLES OF LENT/EASTER”

Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 6, 2025 – **Communion**

Sermon Title: “A Wide Table”

Sixth Sunday in Lent – April 13, 2025 - **Palm Sunday**

Sermon Title: “A Turned Table”

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday – April 17, 2025 – **Communion**

Sermon Title – “A Borrowed Table”

Easter Sunday – April 20, 2017

Sermon Title: “An Easter Table” - **Easter**

First Sunday Fellowship

Our next First Sunday Fellowship will take place on **Sunday, April 6th** after the service in Dew Hall. Please take a few minutes to visit with your GUMC friends and have some refreshments.

If you enjoy First Sunday Fellowship, please consider hosting or co-hosting an upcoming gathering. You can sign up to volunteer using the link below. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Julie Romeo at romeo586@comcast.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49AAAB28AB9-first#>

Scholarship Committee

The Randy Roberts Memorial Scholarship of GUMC is accepting applications now through **April 15th**. All materials (including official transcripts) must be sent by this date. **Printed copies of the application are available on the desk across from the church office and a digital copy is attached to this email.** If anyone would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, they may do so by writing a separate check with Scholarship on the memo line, or by making a separate electronic donation. Any questions about the application or donations can be directed to Sara Hampt. (Her email is smarsh85@gmail.com).

A Note to Parents of GUMC's College and Graduate Students

If you have a college or graduate student in your family, please send your student's current college address and email to Kelly Nash at dkmrhokie@comcast.net or Joanna Clements at jclements650@hotmail.com. We would like to let GUMC's college and graduate school students know that they are remembered as they prepare for final exams and continue to reach for their dreams.

Pickleball Continues On Wednesday Evenings!

If one of your New Year's resolutions for 2025 is to get more exercise, please consider joining other GUMC members and friends to play Pickleball on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 to 8:00 pm. People of all ages are welcome and no experience is necessary.



Announcements/Events continued

An Outreach and Missions Update about Our Special Family:

The Special Family, who The Glyndon Church and The Glyndon Christian School helped at Christmas time, by giving them a great variety of donations, is still very much in need of our assistance and care. The Grandmother continues to have health issues and was hospitalized again this winter. Also, two of her close older relatives passed away recently. She is asking for our prayers as she both mourns and strives to care for her family, with all their needs. Her home continues to shelter and nurture several adult children and grandchildren and many young great grandchildren. Donations of food, and gift cards at this time would be most appreciated by the family.

In addition, a new baby boy who was expected by one of the adult granddaughters at the end of April has already arrived. There is a great need for either used or new infant supplies, equipment, clothes, diapers, bottles, an infant car seat, etc. for this new arrival to the family. We are asking for the church and school to consider meeting these needs of the family, as soon as possible.

Once again, The Glyndon Church and School can be Jesus' Hands and Feet as we open our hearts and give our donations, help, and care to Our Special Family. God has placed upon us, this opportunity to support this family, as a timely call to intentionally serve during this time of Lenten reflection. May we remember the message spoken by Jesus in Matthew 25: 34-40, telling us that we can be the answer to other peoples' prayers, and that when we give out of mercy and compassion, we are doing God's will for His kingdom.

Our church needs to have several people to help organize this ministry of care. We need designated contact people, people to gather the donations left in the lobby and then to deliver our gifts to the family. These efforts would join in and support the Missions Committee. See Matt Johnson or Jan Bradley to help in these ways.



Office Hours: Clarice is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 pm.

Visitation List

Reach out and share God's love through a card, call or visit.

Dottie Meekins

Acts Fairhaven
Health Care Room 109
7200 Third Avenue
Sykesville MD 21784
443-609-0048

Jackie Meixner

FutureCare Cherrywood
12020 Reisterstown Road
Reisterstown MD 21136
410-517-6530

June Pearce

410-804-6646

Joan S. Poling

Sunrise Senior Living, Room 232
3800 Old Court Road
Pikesville MD 21208
410-415-0245

Challengers are mailed to these members each month.

Stay Connected



What's up at Glyndon UMC? Our Mission is to: "Love. Pray. Serve."

We offer several ways to keep you connected to learn about upcoming worship, fellowship, and service ministries as well as special events for all ages. We encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Here are some options for you to consider:

- Worship with us on Sundays and read the bulletin insert with a calendar of activities for the week.
- Check out our church website: glyndonumchurch.org.
- Sign up for our church-wide email and receive Weekly Highlights every week.
- If you sign up for emails, you will also receive our newsletter, The Challenger, the first of each month. It's chock full of information on the month ahead plus "save-the-date" info on future events, new worship series, fellowship activities and service opportunities.
- Follow us on Facebook and hear about what's coming up and check out the pictures of our church family in action.
- Check the bulletin boards in the church lobby and along the hallways to Dew Hall for flyers on church and community events, youth activities, and sign-up sheets.

There is something for everyone—all ages, singles, couples, and families.

Consider deepening your participation by joining one of our volunteer planning committees or leadership teams. Jan Bradley or our committee chairs can provide details to help you find a slot that matches your interests and to select something that will utilize your personal gifts for a more enjoyable experience.

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Sun

Mon

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Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 5:15p Ping-Pong 7:00p Kiwanis	2 5:15p Pickleball	3	4	5 8 a UMM Breakfast
6 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship— Communion 11a First Sunday Fellowship 11:15a Lent Study	7	8 5:15p Ping-Pong 7:00p Kiwanis	9 5:15p Pickleball	10 11:30a Franklin Garden Club	11	12
13 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11:15a Lent Study 11:15a Steering 11:15a Women’s Lunch at Alfeo’s	14 7p Trustees	15 5:15p Ping-Pong	16 5:15p Pickleball 7:00 pm Kiwanis	17 7p Holy Thursday Service	18	19
20 Easter 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11:15a Easter Egg Hunt 11:15a Finance	21 7p Kiwanis	22 5:15p Ping-Pong	23 5:15p Pickleball	24 6:30p Free State VCCA (Dew Hall)	25	26 8a Cleanup
27 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11:15a Ch. Council 1p Celebration of Life for D. Little	28 7p HGI Open Membership Mtg.	29 5:15p Ping-Pong	30 5:15p Pickleball			

