



The Challenger

Glyndon United Methodist Church

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Friends:

As I write this column, I am looking out my window watching the snow melt. In the last month, we have had two significant snow falls. The first snow event happened during the weekend and we decided to cancel the Sunday worship service. The second snow fall also happened on the weekend, but we were able to worship together on Sunday since the snow would arrive later that day.

I've grasped a few meanings through these snow falls; the first one being our dislike of slowing down. We like to see ourselves as people on the go. *"A rolling stone gathers no moss,"* so goes the saying. Thus, our society itself is built on the principle of mobility, sudden influx, and adaptability. *"Are you able to multi-task?"* is a question of necessity asked at most job interviews.

No doubt we all understand the importance of getting things done and being efficient in the various endeavors to which we apply ourselves. Yet there are those who remind us of the importance of slowing down, of taking time to reflect on our lives and on what's truly important in the grand scheme of things. I like the phrase, *"Don't just do something – stand there!"* You see, we can see life's deeper things when we give up our incessant need to be in motion. The psalmist of old echoed God's voice in these words, *"Be still and know that I am God."*

The second truism I have learned through these snow falls is that little things mean a lot. I've witnessed young people shoveling snow off the sidewalks of the elderly; of people sharing food with their neighbors; of medical professionals and personnel working through two shifts to make sure hospitals are fully staffed; and much more. In times of crisis, people come together to help each other.

The snow itself can teach how when little things come together great things can happen. Every snowflake is created unique and cannot be duplicated. Yet when trillions of individual snowflakes fall from the sky, it can literally bring a place like Manhattan to a standstill. So let us consider the example of the snowflake. When each one of us, as members of this church, join together to achieve a common task, we can do great things for God.

By the time this winter is over, I don't know what the ultimate total of snowfall will be. I do know, however, this time of Lent allows us to pause and reflect on what is important in life and to ask for God's help to clear way the clutter which prevents us from loving God more fully and reaching out to others in name of God's love. Let's keep things in perspective. Even when imprisoned by all this snow, we through our feeble attempts and struggles were able to clear our way out. Now let's think of the grandeur of God's grace as we move from Lent to Easter. It's here we are reminded that God's Eternal love cannot be imprisoned by death's tomb. Through the resurrection, the chains of death are broken and God's light and life are let loose in the world forever and ever.

Grace & Peace,
Gary

Announcements/Events

First Sunday Fellowship

Sign-up dates are now available for First Sunday Fellowship during the winter and spring months. Please consider a date to volunteer as a host or team up with a friend to serve our church family for this special time of fellowship after the service on the first Sunday of each month. We have another "team hosted" opportunity for our April date for those who wish to participate but can't commit to full hosting duties. Please see the link below for more information and to sign up to volunteer. Contact Julie Romeo at romeoj73@gmail.com with any questions. As always, thank you to all of our volunteers!

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

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.

Zeenie & Dean Burns

The Terraces at Westminster
45 Washington Road, Apt 221
Westminster MD 21157
410-967-2589 (C)

Jackie Meixner

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

June Pearce

410-804-6646

Kathy Rittler

3413 Buttonwood Court
Reisterstown MD 21136
410-239-8147 (H)

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.

Remembrances for Easter Services

2026 Gerber Daisies Order/ Mission of Mercy Donations

We are offering two ways to honor or memorialize our loved ones for our Easter worship service this year. This Easter, Glyndon UMC will be adorning the church altar with **(something new!) assorted colorful Gerbera Daisies. Colors are random, so there is no opportunity to preselect a specific color.** Following the 10 a.m. Easter worship service, the flowers should be taken by the donors to enjoy.

The large, single- flowering plant, in many different vibrant colors, will be in a 4.5” pot. The price is \$9.00 per pot. It can be kept indoors next to a window where the pot will receive direct morning sun and afternoon shade. By mid- May, it can be transplanted outdoors in a pot or in the garden with the same sun and shade exposure as mentioned. It can re-flower during the summer with care. Don’t forget to water. You can refer online to the care of Gerbera Daisies.

Another choice, either in addition to or in place of the flowers, is to donate to the Mission of Mercy mobile unit which provides medical and dental services, here in our community. Your donation, given in memory of or to honor loved ones, will help with the expenses of necessary medical and dental supplies and medications as well as maintaining the mobile unit’s visit to our community. These services are greatly appreciated and relied upon by our friends and neighbors in need.

All order forms must be in the church office by Sunday, March 22,2026. Please complete the order form, indicating the number of pots and/or your donation amount to the Mission of Mercy. The order forms with your check can be mailed to the church, put in the offering plates during worship services, or dropped in the locked black box in the hallway. Checks should be made payable to Glyndon UMC with a note “Easter Daisy” or “Mission of Mercy” in the memo line, so we are clear about your intentions.

Thank you from the Altar Committee



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<p>1 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11:15a First Sunday Fellowsh.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 5:15p Ping-Pong 7:00 Kiwanis</p>	<p>4 5:15p Pickleball</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 8a Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>8 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11:15a Steering Comm. 11:15a Women's Lunch</p>	<p>9 7p Trustees</p>	<p>10 5:15p Ping-Pong 7:00p—SPRC</p>	<p>11 5:15p Pickleball</p>	<p>12 11:30a Franklin Garden Club</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11:15a Finance</p>	<p>16 7p Kiwanis</p>	<p>17 5:15p Ping-Pong</p>	<p>18 5:15p Pickleball</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 GCS—Art Gala set-up</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship</p>	<p>23 GCS—Art Gala & Book Fair (Dew) 5:30-7:00p</p>	<p>24 GCS—Art Gala & Book Fair (Dew) 5:30-7:00p</p>	<p>25 GCS—Art Gala & Book Fair (Dew) 5:30-7:00p</p>	<p>26 GCS—Art Gala & Book Fair (Dew) 5:30-7:00p</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9a Choir Practice 10a Worship 11a-2p GCS— Art Gala (Dew)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 5:15p Ping-Pong</p>				
						