



# The Challenger

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## Obituary:

Our church was saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our most valued members, *Someone Else*.

For many, many years as a part of this church *Someone Else* did far more than a normal person’s share of the work. Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, everybody said, “Let *Someone Else* do it.” Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; “*Someone Else* can work with that group.”

It was common knowledge that *Someone Else* was among the most generous givers. Whenever there was a financial need, everyone assumed *Someone Else* would make up the difference.

Now *Someone Else* is gone! We wonder what we are going to do. *Someone Else* left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things *Someone Else* did?

When you are asked to help this year, remember — we can’t depend on *Someone Else* anymore.

Dear Glyndon families,

How many times have we put off our church responsibilities on a person named *Someone Else*? How deeply have we trusted that *Someone Else* would do things we can’t or won’t do? How much have we not cared for *Someone Else*, who always does things that we don’t even know about?

Now, it’s time to see this obituary and acknowledge reality. Let us do something *Someone Else* would be doing. Remember that there are some people whose name are *Someone Else* within our church. Let us do the work of God together so that the unknown *Someone Else* will not weary and be discouraged anymore! It is time to show our oneness by helping do what *Someone Else* does the most. It’s time to give so that *Someone Else* can receive!

## A Time for Giving and a Time for Receiving by Joyce Rupp

*There is a time to give and a time to receive:  
a time to breathe in and a time to breathe out.  
a time to wake up and a time to go to sleep.  
a time to speed up and a time to slow down.*

*a time to speak and a time to listen.  
 a time to be active and a time to be still.  
 a time to give gifts and a time to accept them.  
 a time to serve and a time to be served.  
 a time to pray alone and a time to pray together.  
 a time to be strong and a time to be vulnerable.  
 a time to hold on and a time to let go.  
 a time to read and a time to reflect.  
 a time to laugh and a time to be serious.  
 a time to reach out and a time to withhold.  
 a time to give away and a time to gather back.  
 a time to extend kindness and a time to receive it.  
 a time to embrace and a time to be embraced.  
 a time to love and a time to be loved.*



*Our Wonderful Pancake Supper Volunteers  
 Who didn't rely on Someone Else to do the work*

## Sharing Our Capital Campaign Update

On behalf of the “Restore, Renew & Reach Out” Capital Campaign Leadership team, we would like to thank all of the church members for participating on the many committees over the past 18 months. More importantly, without the pledges and committed donations from our Glyndon United Methodist members, the Campaign would not have been this successful in working to complete our project goals.

The Capital begun with the purpose of replacing our aging slate roof over the sanctuary. After the Trustees had several companies provide estimates, it was apparent that we needed to replace all of the slate over the sanctuary, lower office, parlor, upper office and senior/junior high classroom area, and parsonage, and the flat roofs over the Dew Hall complex. Going off the original estimated budget of \$180,000, which only covered replacing the sanctuary roof slate, the replacement of all the slate and the flat roofs totaled almost \$305,000. This eliminated all of the leaks and roof damage that had been sustained over the last few years. We are now fully protected under new roofs and should not have to repair or replace them for many years to come.



*Restore, Renew & Reach Out*

It would be hard not to notice the beautiful new carpet in the sanctuary, office, cribbery, choir room, entry area, and the hallways. This was the second project, which was budgeted at \$30,000 but came to just under \$22,000. Our third completed project was the concrete entryway, ramp, and sidewalk on the lobby side of the building down to the Bible class building. With the crumbling concrete and loose railings, this was a hazard for all who use this entrance. This project was budgeted at \$40,000. However, when including the concrete, railings and electrical work for the heat in the ramp, the cost came in at \$48,000.

An emergency project that was presented to and approved by our Church Council, at the recommendation of the Trustees, was a new Fire alarm system. Our old system completely stopped working on the first day of our vacation bible school in 2018. Without a fully operational fire alarm system, we could not have our Preschool or any other activities including worship until it was addressed. Our system had aged out and replacement parts were no longer available leaving us no choice but to replace the system. This cost \$10,485.

The Capital Campaign Leadership team realizes that this is a lot of information, but we want everyone to understand where the donated contributions received to date have been allocated. We have high expectations of continuing the other priority projects as we accept and receive the remaining pledges over the last 10 months of

the campaign.

The kitchen is the next on the list. We have had the great fortune through Dean Nash of having a commercial stainless steel refrigerator and a freezer donated along with some stainless steel tables. This is a tremendous savings for us. The Trustees have started to investigate what would be required to have our kitchen certified so that we could advertise and charge for dinners in Dew Hall. One obstacle we must address is access issues. The circa 1994 elevator/lift that goes from the basement to the glass door lobby to Dew Hall failed inspection and had to be decommissioned. Parts are no longer available to have it repaired. We have looked into a chair lift that would take a person from the lobby area up to the landing outside Dew Hall, which would cost about \$18,000. The chair lift is a necessary item to be included in the kitchen project not only for potential use by those coming into the building for a dinner or other activity, but by our current members who cannot safely get up to Dew Hall. To go forward with the kitchen certification, we also need a firm commitment from members who would be available to run a dinner to serve the public. After the Trustees spoke with a kitchen consultant, the work needed for certification appears to be more extensive than originally thought. We are not saying that we should not complete the upgrades to the kitchen. We need these improvements for our own safety and comfort. But the extra work for kitchen certification may not make sense without the commitment of people to staff any events.

The Leadership team is excited about the plans to complete the Capital Campaign this coming December. An additional, supplemental survey of the congregation may be needed so we can determine the remaining project priorities, which assumes that we will receive all if not more of the original pledged amounts. Again, the collection of remaining pledges is critical for success. We are planning a final solicitation mailing in the late March/early April timeframe. Lastly, we will also include details and updates on the remaining projects in the weekly highlights and monthly Challenger articles when appropriate.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support of the Capital Campaign!

Lou Bergstrom and the Leadership Team

## With the Promise of Eternal Life



We remember Bee Patten who passed away on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at Carrol Lutheran Village. Born on March 12, 1926, in Baltimore, MD, she was the daughter of the late Ralph Oliver and Edith Cullison. She was the beloved wife of the late Phillip James Patten, Jr., who passed away in 2009.

Beatrice worked many years as an executive secretary for Davidson Chemical till she started to raise her family and became a devoted homemaker. She had a strong faith and was a long-time member of Glyndon United Methodist Church. Beatrice enjoyed her cardinals and Bible studies and in the words of her grandchild, “she was the spunkiest, wittiest, most generous, loving person”. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Surviving her are children: Stephen Patten and wife Joyce, and Carol Dorsey and husband Rick, grandchildren: Ryan Patten and wife Kellen, Courtney Dorsey and husband Chris, Jason Patten, and Jordan Dorsey, great grandchildren: Kensley, Eleanor, and Cullison, and a brother: Ronald Cullison.

She was predeceased by a daughter: Nancy Patten, a grandchild: Justin Dorsey, and a brother: Ralph Cullison.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Carrol Hospice, 292 Stoner Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157.

# Leadership Corner: Finance Committee

While the Finance Committee doesn't have the most exciting job in the church, what it does is still important. They make sure our obligations are met and that your money is used wisely, keep track of giving and make recommend the budget to Church Council, and help the pastor plan the Stewardship campaign. But a lot of their work happens behind the scenes. The Treasurers, Peggy Wolfe and Janet Leitzel, sign checks, make tax and apportionment payments, reconcile the accounts by making sure the bank statements match our records in QuickBooks, prepare reports for the committee, and more. Donna Little fills three roles: Secretary where she keeps minutes of the committee meetings; Church Bookkeeper where she accepts check requests and debit card receipts, writes checks, keeps our records in QuickBooks up to date, and more; and Preschool Treasurer where she does largely the same thing for the Preschool as well as balance the Preschool's checkbook. The Financial Secretary, Mary Louise Chaney, keeps our giving records in Realm up to date. The Investment Chair, Matt Johnson monitors our Endowment and makes any changes we require. And while she is not officially a member of the committee, Kathy Marshall serves as our Head Counter and leads the counters totaling the Sunday offering and making deposits.



Since the church's finances touch so many other areas, a lot of the members of the committee are representatives of other committees. Among them are Lee Wroe as Church Council Chair, Robin Krell as Trustees Chair, Jan Bradley as Lay Leader, Lou Bergstrom and Allen Wroe as SPRC Co-Chairs, and Bob Rittler as Lay Member to Annual Conference. Jack Anderson is our only At Large member.

They meet on the third Monday of the month, with some exceptions, at 7PM in the Parlor. We could always use another at large member.

## Centering Prayer Sessions

Centering Prayer sessions will be open during the four weeks of Lent as follows:

Session 1: 3/10, Tue at 6 pm at the sanctuary

Session 2: 3/18, Wed at 11 am at the sanctuary

Session 3: 3/23, Mon at 6 pm at the sanctuary

Session 4: 3/31, Tue at 11 am at the sanctuary



## Egg Hunt Volunteers Needed

Do you like kids? Candy? Spreading the joy of the resurrection of Christ? You'll find them all at our annual Palm Sunday Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. But we need some helpers to make it possible, especially for the planning phase.

Let Laura know if you are able to help: [lauraoneto@yahoo.com](mailto:lauraoneto@yahoo.com). How can you say no to such cuteness?



# One Great Hour of Sharing



The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering. UMCOR responds to disasters in the United States and around the world. UMCOR provides essential relief supplies and supports long-term rebuilding efforts.

Relief supply kits provide care for people during times of crisis. school kits, cleaning, flood buckets, and hygiene kits are distributed after disasters. UMCOR work is funded primarily by gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** on the fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

International relief officials estimate that a quarter of those in dire need are children. One hundred percent of the donations made to UMCOR go directly to disaster victims. That is because the United Methodist Church raises money to keep the lights on at UMCOR with this special offering. This offering enables you to be the hands and heart of our church, and to do it in the name of Jesus Christ.

## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Our Winter sign-up sheet is posted and we're looking to fill spots for February and March. Special training will be provided for those who are hosting for the first time. If you can help, please check your calendar and sign up on the sheet in the lobby or send a message to Julie Romeo at [romeo586@comcast.net](mailto:romeo586@comcast.net).



## Remembrances for Easter Service

### 2020 Easter Tulips Order/ Mission of Mercy Donations

We are offering two ways to honor or memorize our loved ones for our Easter worship service this year. This Easter, Glyndon UMC will be adorning the church altar with your choice of purple or yellow tulips. There will be six tulip bulbs in each pot, in bloom for Easter Day. Following the 10 a.m. Easter worship service, the flowers should be taken by the donors to enjoy. When the blooms are finished, the bulbs can be kept and planted in your garden during the Fall.

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. 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.



The tulips will be ordered from Glyndon Gardens and will cost \$ 10.00 per pot. You can choose pots of purple or yellow tulips. All orders must be in the church office by Monday, March 23,2020. Please complete the order form attached at the end of the Challenger, indicating your choices of tulip color and number of pots and if giving to Mission of Mercy, your donation amount. The order forms with your check can be mailed to the church or put in the offering plates during worship services. Checks should be made payable to Glyndon UMC with a note "Easter Tulips" or "Mission of Mercy" in the memo line, so we are clear about your intentions.

# Food Sunday and the Community Crisis Center



The Community Crisis Center, Inc. (CCC) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1982 by ministerial and civic groups to serve residents in need. CCC's mission is made possible by our donations and volunteers who contribute countless hours of time and service. **How can you help?**

The Community Crisis Center relies HEAVILY upon donations from congregations, organizations, and businesses of emergency food items, personal hygiene products and cleaning supplies for local individuals and families. Financial donations are also welcomed to help prevent eviction and to provide utility assistance.

- Bring your non-perishable donation any Sunday and place in basket marked Crisis Center
- Involve your children or grandchildren, have them pick an item from the list and bring it to church.
- Do you have old cell phones just lying around the house? Donate them to the Community Crisis Center!

## February: Non-perishable Dinner Items

*Pasta & Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Hamburger/Tuna Helper*



## Finance Minute: Pledge Cards

One of the hardest things the Finance Committee has to do is to estimate the offering for the coming year. But we have to in order to make sure we budget the right amount. Since we rely on your offering for almost all of our budget, we are never certain how much we have to work with each year. That's where pledge cards come in. Pledge cards are an opportunity for the congregation to let us know how much to expect in pledges for the coming year. And with that information we can plan accordingly.

Your pledge doesn't need to be a hard commitment, just an estimate of your giving. No one will harass you if your circumstance change and you are unable to complete your pledge. If that does happen, feel free to let us know, but don't worry, we understand. And just like giving, your pledges are confidential, Only the few that need the information have access to it. All reporting is done with totals. There is no reason not to return a pledge.

This year, the number of pledges has dropped by almost 25% even though the number of givers hasn't actually changed. If you remember, we are trying to increase our giving to maintain our budget so this drop makes it hard to monitor this goal. For the first two months of the year we have met our goal, but with the reduced pledge response it is hard to be confident we will continue to do so.



If you have not returned a pledge card for 2020, please do so. Pledge cards are available in the lobby and the back of the sanctuary and can be dropped in the offering plate or the black mailbox outside the office. Ask an usher if you have difficulty finding them. Thank you for your help to make our ministries and missions possible!

# Visit Us



## Glyndon United Methodist School

A Community-Centered Preschool, est. 1970

# Open House

**March 10 & 11, 2020 10:00am-11:00am**

(We suggest for our 2s & 3s to come to our Tuesday open house, & our 3s & 4s to attend our Wednesday open house. However, you may attend either day as your schedule fits!)

**Observe & Experience:** Circle time, Free play, Crafts, Small group instruction, Snack

Glyndon United Methodist School is a traditional and affordable part-time preschool that follows a September through May school year. Every child at GUMS is loved and welcomed as one of God's magnificent masterpieces!

Surrounding our children are our teachers, parents, and church support who work in partnership to create a nurturing and thriving preschool.

4713 Butler Road Glyndon, MD 21071 (410)833-2033  
[glyndonumschool.org](http://glyndonumschool.org) ~ [glyndonumschool@gmail.com](mailto:glyndonumschool@gmail.com)



# Visitation List

Reach out and share God's love through a card, call or visit.  
(Always call ahead first to set up a time to visit)

## Doris Ernst

505 High Acre Dr., Apt. 218  
Westminster, MD 21157  
667-367-2923

## Dorothy Hammond

Symphony Manor, Apt. 39  
4301 Roland Ave.  
Baltimore, MD 21210

## Ethel Mays

2115 Kimrick Place  
Lutherville, MD 21093

## Jackie Meixner

FutureCare Cherrywood  
12020 Reisterstown Road  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

## June Pearce

53 Timber Ridge Drive  
Westminster, MD 21157  
410-804-6646

## Phyllis Rudolph

1840 Reisterstown Rd, Unit 156  
Pikesville, MD 21208

## Dora Sabo

205 St. Mark Way, Apt. 314  
Westminster, MD 21158  
410-876-1749

## Jim Sheedy

FutureCare Cherrywood  
12020 Reisterstown Rd.  
Reisterstown, MD 21136

## Peggy Sindall

Broadmead, 237 Hallowell  
13801 York Rd  
Cockeysville, MD 21030  
443-578-8399

*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's 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](http://glyndonumchurch.org).
- Sign up for our church-wide email and receive **Friday News & 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" information 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.

# March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:45a Morning Glory 10a Worship 11:15 Casseroles & Easter Craft 12:30p Girlfriends Lunch	<b>2</b> 7p Missions 7p Candlelighters	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:15p Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> 8:30a Al-Anon 7p Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> 6:30p Preschool Auction	<b>7</b> 8a UMM Breakfast
<b>8</b> 8:15a M.G. Breakfast 8:45a Morning Glory 10a Worship 11:15a Paint Event <small>Daylight Savings Time Starts</small>	<b>9</b> 7p Trustees 7p Candlelighters	<b>10</b> 10a Preschool Open House 6p Centering Prayer Session	<b>11</b> 10a Preschool Open House 7:15p Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> 8:30a Al-Anon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:45a Morning Glory 10a Worship 11:15a Family Meetings	<b>16</b> 7p Finance 7p Candlelighters	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 11a Centering Prayer Session 7:15p Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> 8:30a Al-Anon 7p Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> 10a La Leche League	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:45a Morning Glory 10a Worship – One Great Hour of Sharing 11:15a Wills, Estates Probate	<b>23</b> 6p Centering Prayer Session 7p Church Council 7p Candlelighters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:15p Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> 8:30a Al-Anon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:30a-1:30p Blood Drive
<b>29</b> 8:45a Morning Glory 10a Worship – Youth Sunday 11:15a Egg Hunt Egg Stuffing	<b>30</b> 7p Candlelighters	<b>31</b> 11a Centering Prayer Session				

## Upcoming Gatherings

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Casseroles and Easter Crafts for Shut-ins
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Paint Event for All Ages
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Family Meetings with Pastor Dong Eun
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wills, Estate Probate with Scott Westerberg
- March 29<sup>th</sup> – Egg Hunt Egg Stuffing



