

The Challenger

APRIL 2017

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Love. Pray. Serve.



We are about 2/3 of the way through our Lenten journey. I pray it has been a time of spiritual growth as you have focused on your spiritual discipline. Have you been called to the way of the cross? How have you been challenged to use your power on behalf of others? Have you risked rejection and chosen to follow Christ even when it comes at a cost? Are you living a transformed life in Christ bearing witness to the healing and wholeness you have found in Him? We have farther to go on our journey to the cross and the empty tomb...as we consider what it means to be empowered, to be guided into the unknown, to serve like Christ, to surrender with Christ, and to rise with Christ. Remember that the One we follow will lead and guide us along the way if we continue to draw near to Christ.

I'm excited about our plans for Holy Week. Palm Sunday will be full of great music and loud Hosannas as we remember Christ's entry into Jerusalem. I hope you'll join us for lunch and an Easter Egg hunt after the 11 am service. Bring a friend or neighbor. Our Maundy Thursday service will be an invitation to serve as Christ served as we gather for a quiet, reflective worship experience in Dew Hall. We'll remember the way Jesus washed the disciples feet and invited us to do the same. Good Friday services will be held at Reisterstown UMC at noon and 7 pm. After a brief time of community worship, you'll be invited into an individual journey through the stations of the cross. Please commit to ending your Lenten journey with us.

On Easter morning, we'll have an outside Easter Celebration Service at 8 am. Please bring your own lawn chair and join us as we explore the surprising, hope-filled news of that first Easter morning; news that continues to transform our lives and our world. The men will cook breakfast for us - so stay after the early service or come early before the 11 am service and join us for food and fellowship on the Sunday that anchors our faith. Finally, we'll have a music-packed, joy-filled Easter celebration with brass and the Hallelujah chorus as we consider how we are invited to rise with Christ and live for Him.

Tell a friend about our Lenten journey. Show them one of the take-aways you've been offered and share the story of how it moved you. Invite them to worship some Sunday. Keep the faith and know that as you journey and draw ever nearer to Christ, you will never journey alone.

Grace, peace and the hope of Easter,
Pastor Dawn



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP TIME FOR APRIL



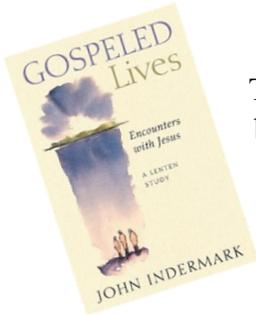
Rather than our normal evening family fellowship time, we invite you to join us for a fun-filled time of food, fellowship, and fun for kids and adults of all ages after our Palm Sunday services, April 9.

Lunch will be provided – so you don't need to bring anything.

We'll have some crafts & activities for the little ones. And we'll wrap up our fun with an Easter Egg hunt for the children.

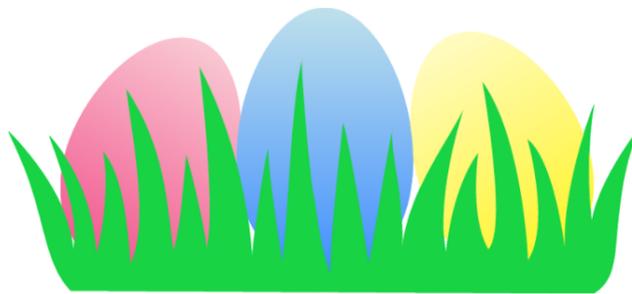
Families of all ages and sizes are invited to come and feel free to bring a friend and share the joy!

2017 LENTEN STUDIES



Thanks to all who attended our Community Lenten study based on John Indermark's book, "Gospeled Lives". April 5 is our last session and it will be held at Pleasant Hill UMC on Reisterstown Road. You can attend the 12 noon or 6:00pm class. Meals will be provided at both.

We hope these studies along with our "Living Gospeled Lives" sermon series have enriched your Lenten experience as we continue our journey to the cross and to a glorious Easter morning with an empty tomb. Yes, Christ Is Risen!



Hop on over to the Glyndon United Methodist Church
EASTER EGG HUNT!

Sunday, April 9th

Lunch and Children's Activities provided by GUMC- 12:15 in Dew Hall
Egg hunt will start at 1:00pm by playground

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Don't forget your basket!



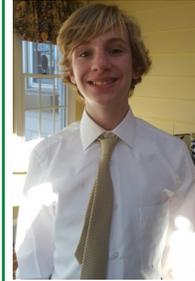
YOUTH STRATOSPHERE A "BOUNCING" SUCCESS

The Youth would like to thank everyone who made our day at Stratosphere happen. All of the wonderful donations have given the Youth a chance to get together for fun and bonding. They were getting lots of exercise without even realizing it.



Thanks for supporting this experience. The Youth have worked hard all year on numerous fundraisers and church projects, so it was a joy to see them have so much fun celebrating their accomplishments.

MARCH Youth Highlight Luca Romeo



Luca Romeo is currently a 7th grader at Franklin Middle School where he is an honor roll student and plays the violin in the orchestra.

Luca is very active with sports playing football, basketball, indoor soccer, baseball and running track and field.



Luca attended preschool at Glyndon UMC and has grown in his faith through many activities at our church through the years. Luca has participated in choir, Vespers and Youth Sunday. Luca serves as an acolyte and a greeter on numerous Sundays throughout the year. Luca is a regular in Sunday School and attends Youth Worship regularly.

Luca also helps with mission projects, most recently preparing casseroles and serving at the pancake supper at church.



A recent comment about Luca accurately describes what a joy it is to have Luca as part of our GUMC Family: "Luca is always bringing a smile to our faces with his fun loving spirit and eagerness to jump into an activity." Luca is an inspiration to us all.

PANCAKE UPDATE!



Our Pancake Supper was a wonderful evening and we raised almost \$500. I want to send a big shout out to Zeenie Burns for all that she did to help the Youth with this event. Without her we would be lost. Thanks also to all of the great volunteers who faithfully help in the kitchen year after year, the parents who brought their Youth out to serve, and to all who attended for this evening of fun, food, and fellowship. The Youth are blessed to have such a great group of people supporting them!

FOOD SUNDAY IS APRIL 2 COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER FOOD COLLECTIONS

Adults, children & youth are all pitching in to bring in food items for the Community Crisis Center. They need our help to serve those in need in our communities. As you prepare for church on **April 2** consider grabbing a bag of items to help us help others. Your help is needed to make this work!

In **APRIL** we are asking you to bring **canned fruit and veggies, tuna and cereal.**





You're invited
to the exhibition
& celebration
of our artists!

Glyndon United Methodist School's
**Art Show
& Silent Auction**

Children's artwork on display ~ Light refreshments ~
Silent Auction & Raffle ~ Crafts ~ 7pm Class performances

April 26, 2017 6-8pm

Dew Hall, Glyndon United Methodist Church
Minimum \$5 donation per person
Our little artists are free

3RD ANNUAL ART SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

Glyndon United Methodist School will be hosting their 3rd annual art show and silent auction on **April 26th from 6-8pm.**

This year's theme is "Red, White, and Blue, We Love You!"

Please come out and support our school! Our little artists will have several pieces displayed.

The Girl Scouts will be assisting in leading a craft, and finger foods will be provided.

We have a number of items up for auction, including a Goldfish swim club membership, movie passes, restaurant gift cards, gift sets from multiple local businesses, and more.

Entry is \$5 per person.

It is a blessing to see the community come together to support and celebrate our children!



CHALLENGER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit your articles for the **MAY Challenger is Friday, April 15.**

Please submit your articles to the church office by the April 15 deadline. You can drop them off in the "Secretary" mail slot (under Pastor's) or email them to: glyndonumchurch@gmail.com.

As Spring and warm weather arrive, activities will be picking up even more. We want to keep everyone in the loop, so there's time to mark your calendars and invite guests! Keep the pictures coming!

YOUTH WORSHIP

Since our regular Youth Worship gathering for April would be on Easter Day, we have decided to cancel it.

We understand that Easter is a time that families usually like to get together and celebrate and we have a full day of activities on Easter with the morning service outside at 8am, the community breakfast from 9-10:30am and the traditional Easter Celebration service in the sanctuary at 11am. We hope you will join us for those.

Our next Youth Worship will be Sunday, May 21st from 5-7pm. Happy Easter!

**GLYNDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION
WHERE WE “LOVE. PRAY. SERVE.” TOGETHER
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST**



MISSION OF MERCY / *SERVING IN OUR COMMUNITY*

Mission of Mercy has been providing free healthcare, dental and prescription medications to the uninsured/underinsured and those who “fall through the cracks” of our healthcare system. They receive no government funding and are an independent nonprofit, non-sectarian community based organization. Here are some interesting statistics:

- ⇒ Free health and dental care services to approximately 40,000 individual patients
- ⇒ Nearly 195,000 patient visits
- ⇒ Approximately 376,000 Free prescription medications

Our local Mission of Mercy is located at Reisterstown United Methodist Church and is available the first and third Tuesday of the month. Most of their patients have chronic illnesses, needing medical and dental care on a regular basis. Without these services, their conditions could be much worse.

Mission of Mercy provides treatment and/or prescriptions to an average of 60 or more patients per day, many traveling great distances to be treated. The local dentist sees 8-9 patients each visit, many arriving before 6:00 a.m., hoping to receive care.

Glyndon United Methodist Church has been participating in this service since its inception. Through your support and the Missions Committee, we have financially supported this clinic for many years. Several of our church members have and are donating their time to this lifesaving mission. Each site has its own team of volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses and clerical staff. Ruth Mayr is one of its dedicated volunteers and says, “It is a real joy to serve as a volunteer and be a small part of a much needed service in our community.”

SARAH’S HOPE

**Hannah More provides 24-hour emergency shelter,
case management and other support services for homeless women and children
in Reisterstown in Baltimore County.**

Their on-site services include a comprehensive 85 bed shelter with intensive case management, meals, service linkage, life skills training, parenting classes, employment readiness classes, health screenings, public school enrollment, and child and youth services and activities. Sarah’s Hope services provide immediate stabilization to homeless families, strive to preserve the family unit, help families quickly regain permanent housing, and enable them to achieve long-term self-sufficiency.

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Contact Lauren.Keane@vincentbaltimore.org to explore volunteer opportunities.



**ANGELS OF
ADDICTION
FEEDING
Wed, April 19**

Do you feel called to serve? Consider dropping off a prepared, hot casserole and snacks on **Wednesday, April 19 at 7:30pm** at the church. Place them on the counter in Dew Hall for pick up to serve that night. Kathy or Bob Rittler will be there to pick them up and feed those on the street battling with addiction and homelessness. Contact Kathy (410-239-8147) for more details and to get the healthy recipes and other items needed. No only do those served receive food,



**MEN'S MONTHLY
PRAYER BREAKFAST
Saturday, April 1 at 8am**

Come join your brothers in Christ for a time of prayer, fellowship and a tasty breakfast on **Saturday, April 1 at 8am in Dew Hall**. This will be an especially meaningful time to gather as we journey through the Lenten season. Consider reaching out to someone to join this faithful group of men the first Saturday of each month for prayer, fellowship, and food!

For more info, contact Dan Marshall (Phone: 410-833-1474 / Email: dfmarshall2@verizon.net).

**TEA-RIFFIC 2017
OUR DAILY BREAD
LENTEN COLLECTION**

Our collection of TEA BAGS for Our Daily Bread continues through April. Thanks to all who have already made donations. Water and fresh tea are the only 2 drinks that are served with the adult clients' daily meals. (Children are served milk.)

Tea bags are a needed collection item. Currently, Our Daily Bread is serving approximately 800+ people daily. That is a lot of TEA to brew! All are welcome to donate tea any Sunday in April to the collection box provided.

**GIRLFRIENDS LUNCH
Sunday, April 2 at 12:30pm!**

It's time for our GUMC ladies to gather together for some tasty food, fun fellowship, and lively chatter at the upcoming "Girlfriends Lunch" **Sunday, April 2, 12:30pm, at J&P's (Glyndon)**.



Discussions are casual and range in topics from sermon take away thoughts to current shopping bargains.

These lunches are held the 1st Sunday of every month, so mark your calendars now and invite a friend!

For more info or questions, contact Kathy Rittler (410-239-8147).

Reach Out & Share God's Love With a Card or Call!

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June Pearce Note: If you have June's new address, please notify us.	Doris Shaneybrook 144 Westminster Pike Reisterstown, MD 21136	Ethel Mays 2115 Kimrick Place Lutherville, MD 21093
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HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 9):

TRADITIONAL SERVICES 9:30 AM AND 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY AT 9:30 AM

COMMUNITY LUNCH & CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES 12:15 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT AT 1:00 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY (APRIL 13):

JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 7:00 PM FOR SERVICE WITH HAND/FOOT WASHING AND BLESSING.

GOOD FRIDAY (APRIL 14):

JOIN THE METHODIST COMMUNITY AT REISTERSTOWN UMC FOR AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 12:00 PM AND 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY (APRIL 16):

OUTSIDE EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE AT 8 AM IN OUR "BACKYARD" (BRING A LAWN CHAIR)
STAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 AM (OR COME EARLY BEFORE 11AM SERVICE)

(BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY UNITED METHODIST MEN)

TRADITIONAL EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE AT 11:00 AM IN SANCTUARY

(NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH AVAILABLE)



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A Capital Campaign is not just one meeting, or a one-week project, and the decision to plan a Capital Campaign does not come easy, but it is at times very necessary to address the needs of our church—to secure the very church that has enhanced our spiritual journey, provided us opportunities to use our gifts to serve others, and surrounded us with a caring, loving community of faith to support us during the difficult times in our lives. Don't we want the same for our children and grandchildren?

Taking care of God's house is a responsibility that we need to take seriously, as those in past years have done to maintain and enhance our current facilities. Just sitting in our beautiful sanctuary makes us realize what a treasure we have in worshipping here each Sunday, but what would happen if our roof fell in and damaged all those precious stained glass windows and beautiful wood carvings? On **Sunday, April 2 at 4:00pm**, Jack Anderson and Kevin Hulsing will host our first Capital Campaign planning meeting as they gather with other dedicated members of our church who understand the urgency of securing funding for our final roofing project (replacing the slate roof) and securing Glyndon UMC for the next century. To be successful, we need a strong team who offer the passion, energy, commitment, and leadership to work together and address the need to communicate our message within and beyond the walls of this church to reach our goals. Prayerfully consider adding your time, skills and knowledge to enhance the team's efforts, and keep them in prayer.

Vacation Bible School 2017

VBS is coming up this July (July 24-28) and there will be some awesome adventures alongside some of our favorite Bible heroes! At VBS we will discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. VBS Hero Central uses epic music, spectacular science, creative crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories to help us discover our strength in God!

Hero Central 2017 VBS helps kids learn to DO GOOD! Seek peace and go after it! (Psalms 31:14B—CEB). Kids learn God's heroes have Heart (Samuel Anoints David), Courage (Abigail), Wisdom (Jesus Goes to the Temple), Hope (Beatitudes, and Power (Pentecost).

Grab your cape and get ready to fly with epic music, spectacular science, crafty crafts, heroic recreation, and fantastic Bible stories!

Mark your calendars and start spreading the word! This is a wonderful way for new families in the community to learn more about Glyndon UMC worship and programs as well, while their children get to enjoy this fun learning experience.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT GLYNDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



July 24- 28 from 9am-12pm
3 years old through Elementary School

To register visit: www.glyndonumchurch.org/vacation-bible-school.html



To help us have a fun and exciting VBS, we will have a collection jar at the registration table each morning. We will collect school supplies throughout the week for children in our local community for the upcoming school year! Any questions or concerns you may call the church office- 410-833-2033 or email Terri @ waterri@gmail.com

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

The “good news” is that GUMC is growing more active as a church and community of faith. Each day of the week we have various church and community meetings/activities going on that most people don’t even realize. The “bad news” is that we have limited space for all the requests coming in. It is important to us that our church sponsored activities take priority, but even with those we have space challenges. It is also frustrating when we can gain rental fees for our space (added income) but think the space is being utilized and then we find out the event was cancelled and no one notified us (lost income).

We now are making an attempt to increase the accuracy of our master calendar in the church office, and adding more detailed information (such as specific spaces and times which are really needed, including setup and clean up times, and equipment needs, as well as the actual event times. As new people takeover roles in the church, they assume if it happened this way before, it should be okay now, but with more people using the facilities, that isn’t always the case.

We have developed a new form (*consider it a work in progress*) to help us define all the details to keep our calendar accurate. Keeping cancellations updated on the calendar is as important as getting them entered. So...if you need a space for your meeting or activity, please complete the new form with all information on your meetings/activities in 2017, even ones you think are already on the calendar. It’s first come, first serve and these forms will be the deciding factor on schedule conflicts. Forms are available on the mail slot table across from the church office. Thanks for your help! Please contact Gayle or Pastor Dawn if you have questions.





A Glimpse at the More Creative and Sensitive Side of Ron Fouse

*Here is the second poem we get to enjoy
by Ron Fouse:
"The Cove" (Martinsburg Revisited)*

For many weeks I've pondered, oh how to start this ode.
Nothing seemed to come my way, when I thought about the cove.
It was quite an undertaking, as I sat down to write.
Couldn't think of anything, I tried with all my might.
This is not a real big deal, it's not really hard to do.
But try as hard as I ever could, I continued to stew.

Let's start our trip from Owings Mills, a small place all its own,
And traveled up Route One Four O, o a place that we called home.
It started many years ago, when Adam was there,
He was the one that started it, We should all give him a cheer.

He ended up in Morrison's Cove, a small cove don't you know,
And started farming with his wife, a woman with a glow.
As time went on, and on and on, the years rolled by,
There came along a son name Gene, the apple of their eye.

The cove thru years of real hard work, was growing leaps and bounds,
For during those horse and buggy days, there also came a town.
This town was just one of many, but came to mean so much,
For those of us remembering, it had a certain touch.

They both grew up, on a farm you know, right down the road a piece,
Gene and Mabel, what a pair, everyone saw the glow.
They both attended the castle, that brown stone on the hill,
As time went on, they flourished, a flock of 8, be still.

Then just that quick, the mighty hand, saw fit to have her home,
And the Lil Tykes were lost, except for Daddy's hand.
Like all the men, who were back then, the back and mind was strong,
He pulled them up and moved his brood, off to another land.

But for us who remember, our days in Martinsburg, the town,
The Dale's, The Toms, Uncles Dens, Bobs and Henrys, Abound,
And now the two graves, makes our hearts swell,
We all know that they did so very well.

Some of us still visit friends, who never left that town,
We wonder how we went so far, and still we come around.
I guess its envy, that's what we feel, that we had to go so far,
To come back home to Martinsburg, was the only way by car.

The cove is filled with memories, some of which we cannot shake,
With dear friends that came and went, like ripples on a lake.
And as we drive the back roads now, we reminisce and dream,
What our life would have been like, living by that stream.

Now don't go feeling sorry, for us who left the cove,
For part of our real meaning in life, are memories by the drove,
Our lives have been real fruitful, sure it's nice to visit you,
For by leaving our beloved town, we grew even closer to you.

*Written by Ron Fouse
Nov 1, 2005*

COFFEE HOUR SUNDAY SNACKS

On Sundays between the 9:30 and 11am worship services, the popular place to be is in Dew Hall. It's a great time of fellowship, especially for people attending different services to cross paths and catch up with their brothers and sisters in Christ. It also gives the youth and children freedom and space that Dew Hall offers for them to share with their friends, too.

But what would the coffee hour be with out coffee, tea, and snacks!?! Chatting with friends is always more fun when done while nibbling on some food.

Thanks to all those who have donated snacks and juice in the past to accompany the hot beverages. They were definitely enjoyed by all.

But as with all volunteer projects, they are less of a burden if shared, so if you are able, please consider signing up for one Sunday to bring in some light snacks and juice to share for this time. They don't need to be fancy or expensive, just something to nibble on during this time of fellowship. Contact Michelle Stranger if you have questions, by phone (410-902-0678) or via email (tmstranger@verizon.net), or find an open slot on the Coffee Hour sign up sheet in Dew Hall and write in your name and contact information and you'll be all set to go.

Thanks for considering helping us out.



Just a reminder so you can find us easier when you need us!

The church office hours are Mon-Fri, 8:45am—1:15pm. (closed on Fridays during summer break for the preschool).

If you leave a voice mail message or send an email after office hours, we will respond the next business day.

If you call during office hours and there is no answer, please leave a message so we can call you back. We may be outside changing sign, in sanctuary or preschool downstairs, or at post office, but will get back to you upon returning to the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 Communion /Food Sunday 8:30am Morning Glory 8:30am PeaceBringer's 9:00am Children's Choir 9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 12:30p Girlfriends Lunch 4:00p Capital Campaign	3 7pm Missions 7:30pm Candle-lighters Rehearsal in Dew Hall	4 7pm Girl Scouts	5 12pm Lenten Study at Pleasant Hill UMC 6pm Lenten Study at Pleasant Hill UMC 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 8:30am Al-Anon	7 11-1:30 Preschool Egg Hunt	1 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast
9 Palm Sunday 8am Morning Glory Brkfst 8:30am Morning Glory 9:30am Traditional Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 12.15pm Family Fellowship Lunch/Children's Activities 1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt	10 7pm Trustees 7pm Candle-lighters Rehearsal in Dew Hall	11 7:00pm Generous Orthodoxy	12 Challenger Deadline 5:30pm Worship Design Set Up Team 7:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm Angels of Addiction	13  8:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service In Dew Hall	14  12pm & 7pm Stations of the Cross at Reisterstown UMC	15 5:00pm Garmen/Palabrica Wedding
16 Easter 8:00am Outside Easter Celebration/Bring Lawn Chair 9:00am—10:30am Community Breakfast 11:00am Traditional Easter Celebration Sanctuary with Nursery/Children's Church	17 7pm Finance 7:30pm Candlelighters	18 7pm Girl Scouts Earth Day Celebration	19 10am LaLeche League 7:30p Chancel Choir 7:30p Angels of Addiction	20 8:30am Al-Anon 7:00pm Freestate Region Vintage Chevrolet Club	21	22
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