

The Challenger

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Love. Pray. Serve.



Whatever is true... as I write this, we are just over halfway on our "Half Truths" sermon series. I have found it to be a timely and nourishing exploration for me and pray that it has been for you as well. We have 18 people who have joined in study and conversation on Wednesdays and Saturdays and for this I give thanks. I have had some interesting and challenging conversations

about truth with some of you, with Kevin, and with Facebook friends around the world. Here is what I've found: there are some things we can all agree are true (the earth is round, $2+2=4$), there are some things we can all agree are untrue (the earth is flat, $2+2=5$), and there is a whole lot in the middle that we are sorting and working out. There are things we once believed were true that we are now changing our mind about. There are things that we can't agree about and we wonder where truth is.

Nevertheless, we are called to wrestle, to talk, to pray, to listen, to discern what is truth. That is part of what our Building Safe Spaces endeavor is about...to create a space where we can understand and embrace our differences, share our witness and listen to the witness of others, and seek out God's truth and will in each of our lives. **I want to personally invite you to consider attending Feb 17th from 6-8 pm.** There is more info later in the challenger (see page 2) and you can RSVP here: <http://evite.me/FFfNMAxyQ5>. Here's what I believe and confess, God is truth and revealed truth in Jesus Christ and that if we remain faithful and focused on Christ, God will lead us into all truth. But it is not an easy journey and we, humans, have to navigate it with humility, grace, and love.

Believe it or not, Lent is right around the corner and I am excited to share that our local UMC churches have agreed to make a community journey through Lent. We will all be using Gospelled Lives: Encounters with Jesus by John Indermark for preaching and study. We will be joining together in study on Wednesdays. The study will be offered from 12-1:30 pm and 6-7:30 pm beginning March 8 in churches around the area. We may also have another study time available here at Glyndon if enough interest exists. Please prepare your hearts and minds for this important community journey. I can't think of a better time in our nation for Christians to come together or a better season than Lent, with Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection, for us to do it.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Dawn

BUILDING SAFE SPACES—REACHING OUT AS A CHURCH

FEBRUARY 17, 2017—6:00PM



Our world is a challenging place. Many people shy away from Christianity because they feel we are not relevant, that the church does not respond to challenging issues. **Romans 12:2** calls us to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, in order to prove by you what is that good and pleasing and perfect will of God.” Balancing tradition with change, understanding the will of God in a particular place and time, have been struggles of the church since its birth.

We as Christians need *a place to talk about challenging issues*: race relations, why good people suffer, human sexuality, and so on. Building Safe Spaces is a chance for followers of Christ to meet and discuss, not just *our views* on these issues, but *how we as a church should reach out* to people on every side of all these issues. And it is a place to have these discussions in an environment where *every person feels safe* enough to truly share in the conversations.

This is not a time to gather to debate sides of any issue, but to earnestly share our own witness, listen to the witness of others, and seek the will of God as His people in the world. Please consider joining us for an introductory meeting on February 17 at 6:00pm. Dinner is provided, as is child care. **Please RSVP by Sunday, February 12 so that we can be sure to have enough food, and child care if applicable.**

RSVPs can be made by calling or emailing the church, texting Elizabeth Philips at 410-627-8398 or online at <http://evite.me/ffnMAxyQ5>.



**Our next Family Fellowship Night is:
Sunday, Feb 12 from 5pm-7pm in Dew Hall**

This is the same Sunday as Youth Sunday and our potluck lunch, so let's do appetizers and desserts for dinner and have a movie night! Pastor Dawn will bring the popcorn and will make sure the movie is uplifting and appropriate for people of all ages! Invite a friend to join in.

2016 YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS

**Thanks for
Donating!**

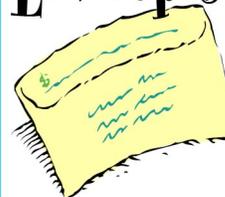
Our year end giving statements are completed and have been placed on a table in the glass lobby by parking lot for you to pick up. This will help us cut down postage costs. They are organized alphabetically by last name with section dividers to make it easier for you to retrieve them quickly.

If you have any questions on your statement, you can contact Kathy Marshall (Phone: 410-978-4907 / Email: dnkmarsha@verizon.net) or the church office to assist you.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM OUR MONEY COUNTERS

Please, please (yes double please) use your offering envelopes for regular donations, noting in the appropriate boxes how you wish your money to be directed. If you have a donation to the roof fund, you may just add a little box with that designation.

**Offering
Envelopes**



Only current expenses, mortgage, and roof fund should go on the envelope check. All other donations/ payments should be separate, with a notation in the memo line as to what it is for.

We want *your* money to go *where* you intend it to go. We appreciate your help in getting it there.

If you have questions, you can contact Kathy Marshall (Email: dnkmarsha@verizon.net / Home: 410-833-1474).

Thanks you so much.

**IT'S NOT A VALENTINE'S DAY
CELEBRATION,
IT'S GALENTINE'S DAY!**

**Galentine's Day
Extravaganza!**

Calling all the ladies!

Come join us

February 11 at 1pm in Dew Hall
for a time of snacking, sharing, &
shopping

Don't forget to bring a friend!

Tickets will be \$5 each

Look for tickets in the lobby
or dew hall between services
starting January 29.

Hope to see you there!

SO WHAT IS GALENTINE'S DAY?

It is a day to celebrate women and share in doing things we all enjoy—like snacking, shopping, sharing fellowship, and participating in fun activities planned especially for You! We also like to celebrate and support women around the world. Not everyone is able to go on a mission trip, but we have an opportunity to help right from GUMC. You can purchase items made by women across the globe to earn a sustainable income to provide food & clothing for their families, an education for their children, and so much more. Check out Trades of Hope (<http://www.mytradesofhope.com/AmberWebber>) to learn more about the advantages of fair trade. So what is Galentine's Day? It's a day for women to gather together for fun, food, fellowship, and the opportunity to make a positive impact on other women while enjoying yourself.

We hope you will be able to join us for a good time this Galentine's Day!



**YOUTH WORSHIP
CELEBRATION**

**Date: Sunday, February 19
Time: 3:00pm**

**Location: Stratosphere
1332 Londontowne Boulevard,
Eldersburg**

For February, the Youth will have a fun night out at Stratosphere in Eldersburg to celebrate all that they have done in the past year. All youth will be covered to jump for an hour and a half and can have the Ninja Warrior Course added if they would like. We will meet at Stratosphere at 3pm on February 19.

The Youth would like to extend an invitation to all families to join for a chance to have children and youth interacting together. Laura will send more details on this shortly.

PRESCHOOL PAINT PARTY THANKS!

Thanks to all who participated in, and supported, the Preschool Paint Party held on January 21. It was a huge success and as you can see from the picture below, not only profitable, but people had great results on their canvas to take home and enjoy. This event raised over \$800 for the Glyndon UMC Preschool.



Many thanks to the Romeos for allowing us to use their space at Times Square Kitchen (yes, we were "cooking up" a good time) and also to Pastor Dawn and Matt Martin for sharing their creative expertise. A fun time was had by all and some can't wait until the next one!



CALLING ALL MEN!

The Glyndon United Methodist Men have been invited to participate in a one-day retreat on February 18, 2017, from 8:30am to 2:00pm at Pleasant Grove UMC in their Social Hall.

The program is being provided by Reisterstown UMC. The topic has not yet been announced. There is no cost to participate. However, we do need a head count by February 12 to plan food count for lunch and materials. We hope that men from St. Luke's UMC will also be joining us. **If you wish to attend, please contact Dan Marshall (410-833-1474 / dfmarshall2@verizon.com) or the church office by February 12.**



PANCAKE SUPPER

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 28**, as the youth serve pancakes and sausage for dinner from 5-7pm. This is a great way to enjoy some fellowship and a good meal together, while supporting our youth at the same time.



The cost is \$7 per adult and \$5 per child. Be sure to invite a friend (or more) to enjoy this evening with you so they can also experience the famous GUMC hospitality and see our Youth in action.

February Young Adult Highlight *Grace Parks*

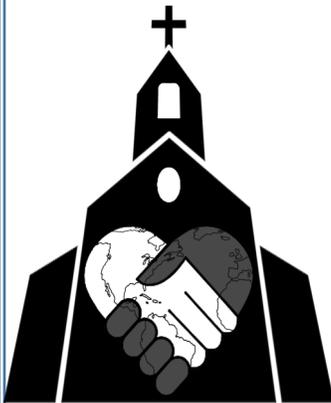


Grace attended the GUMC preschool for three years and began attending our Church not long after that. Over the years Grace has played different parts in the annual Vespers program. She especially loved being a star dancer. She enjoys helping with youth projects like making casseroles, baking for the bake sale, serving at the pancake breakfast, and playing music during Youth Sunday. She also is one of our regular acolytes at Sunday worship.

Grace is in 7th grade at Franklin Middle School where she plays the violin in the school's honors orchestra, is on the tennis team, and is a member of the student council. Grace loves playing outdoor and indoor field hockey, too. She has acted in several plays, including *Shrek the Musical* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

In her free time, Grace likes to get together with friends and family, cook and bake, ride her bike, travel, and enjoy the outdoors.

“Grace is a blessing to our Youth Group. She always has a smile to share and is helpful in every aspect of Youth Worship.”



YOUTH SUNDAY

Join us as the GUMC Youth bring us a message of “UNITY”. On February 12 at 10am (only one worship service this day) the youth will present us with a special worship service. They have worked hard to bring a service that includes music, drama, prayer, scripture and of course everyone’s favorite, a pantomime, that will help us all learn how to work together.

Please come out and support our youth. We encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you for the service. There will be a potluck lunch immediately following the service. We are asking that everyone bring a dish to share.

Families with the last names starting with:

- ◇ A-M, please bring a main dish
- ◇ N-S, please bring a veggie tray, fruit salad or cheese and crackers
- ◇ T-Z, please bring a dessert.



YOUTH SUPPORTING COMMUNITY FOOD COLLECTIONS



The children and youth are being asked to help collect food to fill the needs in our own community. On the second Sunday of each month, PLEASE help support this mission by bringing in the items needed for the Community Crisis Center.

In February we are asking you to bring pasta, rice, pasta sauce, noodles, mac and cheese, tuna and canned veggies.

Thank you for your support in this mission.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE NEWS!

A MISSION COMMITTEE INVITATION

The Mission Committee of Glyndon UMC welcomes YOU to attend the first Missions meeting of 2017 on **Monday, February 6 at 7:00pm in the church parlor**. Come out and share in the plans for 2017 and consider becoming a part of this exciting team who brings to life our church's mission statement: "Love. Pray. Serve".

Missions Committee Mission Statement:

Provide mission opportunities for service and outreach in local, national and global communities.

Guiding Principle:

To model the body of Christ and serve as disciples to those in need.

For questions or more information,
contact Lynn Beebe lynnbeebe59@verizon.net.

MONTHLY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Food Sunday—2nd Sunday of Month
Donations for the Community Crisis Center in Reisterstown that serves the Glyndon, Reisterstown, & Owings Mills area.

Casserole Sunday— Last Sunday of Month
Prepared and frozen casseroles are prepared for delivery to Our Daily Bread feeding program in Baltimore, feeding hundreds each day.

Angels of Addiction-3rd Wednesday of Month
Prepared casseroles, snacks and desserts for late night serving to those living with addictions and homeless in Baltimore City.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE!

GLYNDON, REISTERSTOWN, OWNINGS MILLS

It's that time AGAIN! Winter/Spring Blood Drive

WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2017, 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM

WHERE: Reisterstown UMC on Main Street in their Fellowship Hall

DID YOU KNOW?

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- One out of every 10 people admitted in a hospital needs blood.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.
- There is no substitute for blood. Your donation can save up to three lives.

To be eligible you must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental permission in Maryland), weigh at least 110 pounds, have a photo ID, and be in general good health *and no tattoos within the last 12 months*.

If you have questions in regard to donating blood, such as will medications you may be taking or overseas travels impact your ability to give blood, please call 1-866-236-3276.

To make your appointment, please contact Lynn Beebe
(Phone: 443-463-9079 or email lynnbeebe59@verizon.net to schedule your appointment today.

Please consider donating blood for this life saving mission.

GLYNDON UMC SCHOLARSHIP



Since 1994, we have been promoting the education of members of our close-knit, friendly church family through the **Glyndon United Methodist Church (GUMC) Scholarship Fund**. While we have been building the corpus of this fund, current interest rates generate little income. So, we are soliciting donations for scholarships for the 2017-18 school year. The great generosity of our congregation has allowed us to give significant amounts to each recipient in past years. Each year we have also been able to add to the corpus of the fund so that future generations here at Glyndon United Methodist Church will benefit.

If you feel you would like to contribute, please complete the Scholarship Donation forms available in the church office, Scholarship mail slot or lobby areas and make your check payable to **Glyndon UM Church** with "**Scholarship Fund**" on the memo line. Place both in an envelope (Scholarship envelopes are provided outside the church office and in the rear of the sanctuary) and place your sealed envelope in the offering plate, the Scholarship mail slot, or the office.

You may want to memorialize or honor loved ones or special teachers. As a small token of our thanks for your gift, an entry will be made in the Glyndon United Methodist Church "Memorials Book," which is displayed in the glass-enclosed case at the rear entrance (lobby) to our church building. If you would like a receipt for your gift (for tax-deductibility), please indicate below.

Thank you for your generosity. The Scholarship Committee takes great care in interviewing and selecting our recipients each year, knowing the value of your contributions. Your gift can go a long way in helping one or more of our beloved members further their education(s) in these increasingly financially-challenging times.



Helping one person continue their education, one who has a Christian focus in life, may eventually affect the lives of many others. We have awarded \$45,000 since 1994, provided through the generosity of members of Glyndon UMC. We hope to be able to award several GUMC Scholarships this year. Anyone, regardless of age or career goal, is eligible to apply. The essential ingredient in an applicant is an obvious commitment to one's **faith** and the **Church**, serving as a fine witness of Christ. Civic community, and school/work activities are also considered. We want to emphasize that any graduate, of any age, may apply. Guidelines and applications are available in the Scholarship mail slot or church office.

We, the GUMC Scholarship Committee, want to take this opportunity to thank all members of the congregation for their past, present, and future support, both moral and financial—and we ask for your continued encouragement and help as we proceed on our mission.

CHALLENGER DEADLINE

Please
Note

The deadline to submit your articles for the MARCH 2017 Challenger is **Wednesday, February 15**. You can drop them in the "Secretary" mail slot across from the office or email them to the church (glyndonumchurch@gmail.com). And keep the pictures coming! You're doing great!

CHURCH OFFICE INFO

The official business hours for the church office are Monday through Friday 8:45am to 1:15pm. Our goal is to have bulletins and bulletin inserts approved by Pastor Dawn by Thursday, since she is off Fridays. That gives us Friday for folding process and tying loose ends before the weekend. Therefore, please place your bulletin insert submission requests at least one week prior to desired Sunday placement.

Church Office Phone: 410-833-2033
Church Email: glyndonumchurch@gmail.com

MISSION OF MERCY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Mission of Mercy is desperately searching for a “data entry” person at the Reisterstown site, working on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 8:30am to 4pm. They could also use a “registration leader” for the same days.



If interested, please call Ruth at 410-259-0836. They are eager to fill these positions as soon as possible.



MEN'S MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 4 at 8am

Come join your brothers in Christ for a time of prayer, fellowship and a tasty breakfast on **February 4 at 8am in Dew Hall**. Consider reaching out to invite a friend, relative or neighbor to come out and see how our GUMC men start off each month in prayer, fellowship, and food! These breakfasts are held the first Saturday of each month, so mark your 2017 calendar now. For more information, contact Dan Marshall (Phone: 410-833-1474 / Email: dfmar-

ANGELS OF ADDICTION MEALS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Bob & Kathy Rittler will once again be heading down to Baltimore City for a late night feeding to those battling addiction and living on the streets. This may be the only hot homemade meal they receive, and more importantly they get to experience the love that goes into preparing and delivering this food to them, and the encouragement to win this battle to be drug free. Contact Kathy for recipes and items needed.

Delivery Date: February 15
Drop off prepared, hot casseroles at 7:30pm at church and place on counter in Dew Hall. You are welcome to join the Rittlers as well to help serve. Just contact Kathy (410-913-2291) in advance.

GIRLFRIENDS LUNCH

Sunday, February 5th at 12:30pm!

After the long holiday break, the “Girlfriends” will have lots to catch up on at the “Girlfriends Lunch” **Sunday, February 5 at 12:30pm at J&P’s (Glyndon)**.



Mark your calendars for the first Sunday of each month to join in fellowship and invite a friend.

Surely there will be some sermon “take away” thoughts to discuss following Pastor Dawn’s “Half Truths” sermons so don’t miss this one!

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

<p style="text-align: center;">Dora Sabo 205 St. Mark Way, Apt 314 Westminster MD 21158 410-876-1749</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Peggy Sindall Broadmead B-4 13801 York Road Cockeysville, MD 21030 443-578-8399</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Phyllis Good 1 Richards Green Court Owings Mills, MD 21117</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Dorothy Hammond Symphony Manor, Apt. 309 4301 Roland Ave Baltimore MD 21210</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Alice Wolfgang c/o Connie Wolfgang 12930 la Rochelle Circle Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bea Patten 119 Northway Reisterstown, MD 21136</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. & Mrs. Henry Ernst 505 High Acre Drive, Apt. 123 Westminster, MD 21157 667-367-2923</p>	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Communion 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	6 7pm Missions 7:30pm Candle- Lighters	7 7pm Girl Scouts	8 6:30pm Half Truths Small Group Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir	9 8:30am Al-Anon 7pm Covenant Bible Study	10	11 9am Half Truths Small Group Study 1pm GALENTINE'S Day!
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