

The Challenger

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Love. Pray. Serve.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I think that if we are honest, most all of us are looking for something....answers, hope, healing, love, help, meaning, justice, whatever. And we look for it in all kinds of places: the talk shows, a friend, the latest self-help book, whatever. As Christians, we are invited to bring our seeking hearts to God. It was our seeking heart that brought us to Christ in the first place. And it is our seeking heart and God's grace that will lead us onward in discipleship.

I am excited that we will again journey through Lent with the company of our brothers and sisters in Christ from our community of United Methodist churches: St. Luke's, Reisterstown, Wards Chapel, and Deer Park. Our theme will be: *A Seeking Heart: Journeying through Lent in Prayer*. Our guide will be a beautiful devotional written by Rev. Vivian McCarthy, pastor of Reisterstown UMC. I know you will find it nourishing for your discipleship journey.

I ask that you prayerfully consider participating in the Wednesday lunch or evening community study....especially if you've never participated in a church study before. I know that you will be blessed by the conversation, by the food, and by the profound experience of sharing your spiritual journey with others in the body of Christ. Please let us know you are coming. Sign up in the church lobby, so that we can let our host churches know how much food to prepare.

Your worship design team is planning two BEAUTIFUL Taizé services for Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Taizé services are named after a cathedral in France, where this style of worship came to life. It is anchored in simple songs, sung with repetition in chant form becoming a musical prayer. In addition, we'll have a beautiful altar with icons (visual focus elements) and candles. Come join us for a service filled with beauty, quiet, and space for our hearts to seek God.

May your Lenten season be a time of faithful, prayerful seeking. May the One who brings grace and hope, light and life, peace and justice, lead you in the Way.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dawn



A Seeking Heart JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT IN PRAYER

Feb 14	Ash Wednesday	A Seeking Heart – Taizé Service at 7:30 pm
Feb 18	1st Sunday in Lent	Seeking God
Feb 25	2nd Sunday in Lent	Follow Me
Mar 4	3rd Sunday in Lent	The Path of Humility
Mar 11	4th Sunday in Lent	The Way of Justice
Mar 18	5th Sunday in Lent	A Sacred Covenant
Mar 25	Palm Sunday	TBA
Mar 29	Maundy Thursday	Come to the Garden – Taizé Service at 7:30 pm
Mar 30	Good Friday	Services TBA

2018 COMMUNITY LENTEN STUDIES



The Community Lenten studies this year are titled: “A Seeking Heart: Journeying Through Lent in Prayer.” A beautiful written devotional guide will be provided to you. As we did last year, we will have 2 options for our Lenten studies. The options and dates are listed below for sessions at noon and 6:00pm. Select the one that is most convenient for you, and since it is the same format in each session, you can even alternate if days are better one week and evenings work better on other weeks.

Each week the studies will move to a different church in our community. Select a study that works best with your schedule and sign up on the forms in the church lobby or call the church office (410-833-2033). Be sure to note whether you want the noon or 6:00pm study, so we can call in our count to determine the proper amount of food to prepare. This is especially important since there are members from multiple churches attending so extra coordination is needed to ensure adequate food and seating is available for everyone to enjoy themselves. The hardworking volunteers who prepare the food don't want to be embarrassed by running short of food.

These studies will move from church to church in our community:

Option #1: Noon on Wednesdays with lunch provided

Option #2: 6:00pm on Wednesdays with lite dinner provided

Dates: February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, and March 21

Note: The tentatively scheduled Monday Lenten study at Glyndon UMC



Saturday, February 10th at 6:00pm

Saturday, March 3rd at 6:00pm

Saturday, April 14th at 6:00pm

Special Invitation from Pastor Dawn & Kevin

Join Pastor Dawn and Kevin for an evening of food and fellowship. We will welcome you into the parsonage, share some good home cooking, and fellowship. If you have questions about church, God, or science fiction books, we'll try to answer them and have some fun as we go! Children are most welcome!!!

PLEASE NOTE: We do have a cat. We are willing to put him upstairs and do an extra diligent job in vacuuming for those with mild cat allergies. If you have extreme allergies, let us know and we can meet you at a restaurant on another evening.

Sign up forms are located in the church lobby and it is important for you sign up in advance to ensure proper food count and seating. Select the one date you would like to attend, and make sure you sign up under the correct heading on the forms for that date. You can also contact the church office and request Gayle to sign up for you if you can't get to church on Sunday or during our 8:45am-1:15pm office hours.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST CALLING ALL MEN!



Let us help you start off February in fellowship at Glyndon UMC with your brothers in Christ. Join us on **Saturday, February 3 at 8am** in Dew Hall.

The United Methodist Men are hosting this monthly prayer breakfast, which is held on the first Saturday of the month except during holiday breaks. You will start off with some tasty breakfast foods and hot coffee/tea to get your day started. This month Marvin Harris will be our speaker, followed by interesting discussion, warm Christian fellowship, and a time of prayer.

This event is open for men of all ages, so we encourage you to invite the men in your family, neighborhood, or business networks to join in. For more information or questions, please contact Dan Marshall. (dfmarshall2@verizon.net).

Trying to keep up with all the activities going on at Glyndon United Methodist as we **Love. Pray. Serve.** together?



Well, we have the perfect solution. Make sure we have your email address included on our church email list to receive all the information you need to keep up with our worship services, missions projects, fellowship opportunities, children & youth activities, and much more—and all right at your fingertips the first of each month. You can also check out our website (glyndonumchurch.org) for even more info.

To submit articles and pictures for our newsletter, **The Challenger**, email them/drop them off to the church office by the 15th of the prior month. We don't want anyone to miss out on the GUMC hospitality!

GIRLFRIEND'S LUNCH

Calling all ladies! The next Girlfriend's Lunch is coming up soon. As usual it is the first Sunday of the month, so our ladies will be gathering at J&P's (Glyndon) on **Sunday, February 4 at 12:30pm**. All ladies are welcome to join in and it is a perfect time to invite someone to worship with you and then join you for lunch. It's Dutch treat and Kathy Rittler is the coordinator and can assist you with any questions you may have. This is an informal time to share fellowship and food offsite while catching up on what's going on in the church, in the community or discuss questions and take-away thoughts from the day's sermon. You might even get some new tips or new menus to try out. Each month is a new experience!



FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Due to Family Fellowship falling on Youth Sunday, which includes our potluck lunch, we've decided to give you time to relax at home after such a big day of activities.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, March 11** for our next Family Fellowship Night. You have plenty of time to invite someone to join you.



Glyndon United Methodist School
A Community-Centered Preschool, est. 1970

We're Growing- Expanding this Fall!
Now enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year
with multiple opportunities for each age level
Call or sign up online for a tour today!

Two Year Old Class Options:

1 day- Tuesdays 9:00am-11:30am \$105 per month, co-op price \$80
2 days- Tuesdays & Fridays 9:30am-12:00pm \$180 per month, co-op price \$155

Three Year Old Class Options:

2 days - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:15am-12:15pm \$170 per month, co-op price \$145
3 days - Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 9:30am-12:30pm \$225 per month, co-op \$200

Four Year Old Class Options:

3 days- Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 9:00am-1pm \$255 per month, co-op price \$230
4 days- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15am-1:15pm \$320 per month, co-op \$295



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Registration Begins February 1st

We are offering 2 classes in each age level for 6 classes total. Spots are given on a "first come, first serve" basis. Let others know about our sweet school. Forms can be found in the office and on the pre-school website: glyndonumschool.org



Glyndon United Methodist School's
Art Show & Silent Auction
April 11, 2018 6:00-7:30pm
Students' artwork inspired by children's books
Light refreshments, Silent Auction,
Raffles, Crafts, Children's performances
Glyndon United Methodist Church, Dew Hall
Minimum \$5 donation per person
Our little artists are free!



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE!

GLYNDON, REISTERSTOWN, OWNINGS MILLS

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

WHEN: Saturday, February 24, 2017, 7:30 AM – 1:30 PM

WHERE: Reisterstown UMC on Main Street in 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.

Contact Lynn Beebe (email: lynnbeebe77@gmail.com) to set up an appointment.



If you enjoy helping others, brightening someone's day, or lightening someone's load when they are injured or ill, please consider joining the Congregational Care Team. The Team works to coordinate the efforts of our church family in providing support to members in need. Efforts may include providing transportation to appointments, preparing meals during an illness, helping with errands or grocery shopping, etc. Members of the Team also visit shut-ins, send greeting cards, pray for those in need, and communicate with members by phone and email.

Our Team is small and we would welcome any interested helpers. Team meetings are generally on an "as needed" basis. Please contact Martha Harrison if you are interested.

FRIENDS ON WILKENS



Please consider providing a casserole, salads or snacks for the homeless, addicted, and sex trafficking victims in Southwest Baltimore. The need is even more urgent in winter weather.

For this month, drop off your prepared (not frozen) casseroles in the Dew Hall refrigerator **Thursday, February 15 by 7:30pm** for distribution in Baltimore City from 9-11pm that night.

Sign up on the missions bulletin board in Cloister Hallway where you will see a list of items needed. Kathy Rittler has some easy, nutritious recipes for casseroles and can be contacted for any questions, or to sign up to serve with them.

Your help is greatly appreciated. If we are cold, bundled up in our coats, scarves & gloves, just imagine how much a warm meal and some warm Christian love will mean to those who are homeless. Our volunteers dish up a little love and prayer with the food they serve.



Youth Sunday Feb 11th

(Only one 11:00 a.m. service)

Potluck lunch to immediately follow

Last names ending **A-J**, bring a **MAIN DISH**

Last names ending **K-R**, bring a **SIDE DISH**

Last names ending **S-Z**, Bring **DESSERT**

You
were made
in the
image of
God

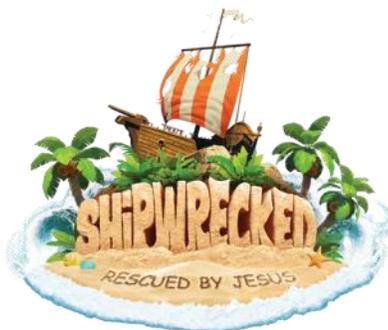


ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER IS COMING!



Please join us for our annual Pancake Supper! The Youth are ready to practice their kitchen and serving skills and we're whipping up some sausage, pancakes (plain & blueberry) and who knows what else will be awaiting you for a delicious meal. We may even add in something new this year. The date is Tuesday, **February 13 and the time is 5:00pm -7:00pm** to come on down to Dew Hall. The cost is \$7 per person. This is the one big fundraising night for the Youth, so please come out and support them so we can continue to have fun adventures like Stratosphere, Escape Room, and more. And you get to enjoy some wonderful GUMC fellowship with your delicious dinner. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

SAVE THE DATE! SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS



Planning has begun for VBS 2018. This is a big event for our church and community. We will need numerous volunteers to help us make this a successful event, so please reserve July 23-27 on your calendar.

VBS

GUMC MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

It's a fact! Glyndon United Methodist Church is fortunate to have some very involved members. Many of our members are involved in the life of the church (and the Glyndon community) in multiple ways and have served in a variety of ways over their years of membership. Be sure to look for our Youth and Member Highlights most months in the Challenger. You just may learn some interesting new facts about someone you've known for years.

FINANCE UPDATE

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

The 2017 year-end giving statements are finalized and waiting for you to pick up from the church lobby. They are in alphabetical order so you can quickly grab and go as

you chat in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact the church office and someone will get back to you with answers. Thanks for helping us to reduce our postage costs. You're much better than USPS, as long as you remember to pick them up.

Special Note: Our bank has advised us that after January 31, they will no longer honor checks made out with 2017 listed as the year instead of 2018. They also will not let our counters correct the year. A new check will have to be written, so please keep this in mind when writing your future checks.

REPEATING MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ 1st Sunday of the Month
 - ◆ Communion
- ◆ 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ◆ 2nd Sunday Celebration
 - ◆ Food Sunday
- ◆ 3rd Thursday of the Month
 - ◆ Friends on Wilkens Food Distribution
- ◆ Last Sunday of the Month
 - ◆ Casserole Sunday
- ◆ Every Sunday—Worship with us at GUMC!

VISITATION LIST

Reach out and share God's love through a card, call or visit, but always call first to set up time for visit.

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Phyllis Good

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Reisterstown, MD 21136

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Challengers are mailed to these members, but it would be a nice touch to share a current bulletin with them as

MONTHLY POEM SUBMISSION

"CAROLINE" by Ron Fouse

*She came into the world with little fuss,
her chubby cheeks and her hair a muss.
Dad was there and felt so proud
of Mom and his little girl, she cried so loud.*

*She was quite a bundle this little girl,
her hair was nothing but little curls.
Na-Na and Grandad were allowed in
this little princess, she wasn't thin.*

*She looked like her Mom right off the bat,
Everyone who saw her, said just that.
Her little blue eyes, they told us all,
Her hair would be blonde, or not at all.*

*We saw her first in Mommy's arms,
The little fist holding on so tight,
And boy could she cry, with all her might,
But when you held her, it felt just right.*

*As the months went by, our pride it grew,
The time went by, was like it flew,
Her brother Jay, he loved her so,
And we knew he did, he had a glow.*

*A little cutie, her Nana said,
When she took her up, to lay in bed,
Grandad she saw and loved to snuggle,
But Nana was the one she liked to muzzle.*

*The spirit awoke around 15 months,
She began acting like her mom, don't you know
She showed the spunk, we remember so dear
Of her Mom as a baby, it was so clear.*

*Jay would play with a toy and this was so funny,
Caroline didn't want it, till big brother did.
We laughed as Jay taught her, the little kid,
That she had to share, just like he did.*

*So little dear, be just you,
Not someone we want you to
Be the person you want to be and by and by
You will see, that by living you
Those that don't love you, will be very few.*

"Caroline" Poem

(Continued)

*Beside Uncle Adam, she looked so small
As he hld her close, he had a ball
She grew on him, just like the rest,
Because he knew, this was not a test*

*What more can you say, about this little kid,
We all love this girl, just like her great grand dad did
He was so proud of the little bit
He loved to watch and just sit.*

*Caroline, I hope someday this will be special for you,
To know your granddad really loves you.
It took no time to write this ode,
To love one like you, is no hidden code.*



Note: Ron Fouse passed away suddenly just days before this issue of the Challenger was published, but we are reminded by his monthly poems how much he loved his family and his Glyndon UMC Church Family.

Ron, may you rest in peace. Please keep the Fouse family in your prayers.



With Ash Wednesday falling on Valentine's Day this year, our Lent and Easter activities are filling in fast, so be sure to stay connected on the many opportunities at GUMC. We don't want you missing out on something. Be sure to check out the following:

- ◇ This month's Challenger, front to back
- ◇ Our website: glyndonumchurch.org
- ◇ Follow us on FaceBook
- ◇ Attend worship on Sundays and read about updates and new opportunities in the bulletin insert

If you have activities to tell us about, please submit your articles (& pics) to the church office by the Challenger deadline on the 15th of every month.

