

The Challenger

JANUARY 2017

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The Gifts and the Work of Christmas - A New Year Begins

It is a few days before Christmas and I sit here filled with joy at all God has given me, my family, and our church family at Glyndon UMC. I pray you have found time in silence and wonder to reflect on the many gifts of Christmas - light, joy, hope, peace, and love. The great gift of incarnation - God's own son in flesh - to save the world. I pray that you have noticed that God has used ordinary people to do extraordinary things...people like Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joseph,...and people like you and I.

We must continue the work of Christmas now and into the year to come. There is no doubt we live in a chaotic, challenging time when the powerful and wealthy do much to make the lives of the poor, the weak, the outcast, and the oppressed hard. Howard Thurman, who was a philosopher, theologian, and civil rights activist with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote a powerful and poignant poem called the Work of Christmas Begins. It is suitable and fitting to hold it before us as we venture into 2017:

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

As we move into 2017, let us remember the words of Gabriel, "Nothing is impossible with God." Let us remember the words of Gabriel to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid, for I am bringing good news of great joy which shall be for **all** people." Let us remember the way God changed the world through the faithful obedience of ordinary people who surrendered their lives to God. Let us share God's good news and join together in the work of Christmas today and every day.

Grace and peace, Pastor Dawn



YOUTH BAKE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS

There are so many people to be thankful for. The youth bake sale was a HUGE success due to the support of a wonderful church. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies to help us cut the costs. Thank you to all who purchased our yummy treats. Thank you to a great group of adults who braved the kitchen filled with a dozen youth and lots of chocolate. We could not have done it without everyone working together.



THANK YOU!



TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO TITHE



The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.
Deut 14:23^{na}

Stewardship is not just for adults. Teaching children and teens that they are blessed by God and that they should share their blessings with him is an important lesson. Stewardship is a way of life. It is the way a good Christian lives every day of every year. Tithing is the practical and consistent way that we put God first in our lives and develop healthy spiritual habits. Here are a few ways you can use the bible to help teach your children about giving to God.

You should give:

- regularly (I Corinthians 16:2)
- based on your earnings (I Corinthians 16:2)
- purposefully (II Corinthians 9:7)
- cheerfully (II Corinthians 9:7)
- generously (Luke 6:38)

The Sunday School classrooms will have new collections baskets beginning the first of January. Please help us teach our children the importance of tithing.



Our college students want to thank everyone for the thoughtfulness in providing them a gift card during their finals.

Eleanor Kaestner called and thanked us for the generous gift card and to let us know how much it meant to get something from her church family.

Becca Oneto said the card was perfectly timed so she could grab a bite to eat and felt the love from home.

Ericka Ault expressed her thanks for thinking of her.

All of our students felt the warmth and love during finals with a quick note and gift card. Thank you for your support in making this possible.

2017 GIVING ENVELOPES

In order to cut down expensive postage costs, we have placed the new 2017 giving envelopes on tables in the glass lobby for you to pick up the next time you are at church. We appreciate your help in practicing good stewardship.

We also understand that some people are not able to physically attend worship services to pick up their envelopes, so in those cases, you can arrange for someone to pick them up for you, or contact the church office (410-833-2033) to make special arrangements for you to get them. Thanks to all for being such faithful Glyndon UMC supporters.

Family Fellowship IN JANUARY



Our next family fellowship night is **January 8, 2017 from 5-7pm** in Dew Hall.

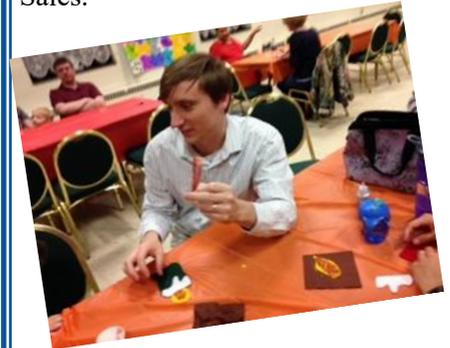
Bring a dish to share, your favorite game, and a friend or two or three and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship. Looking forward to see you there!

Invite a friend so they can see what GUMC fellowship is all about.

November Young Adult Highlight *Mike Dotterer*

Congratulations to Mike Dotterer, our first “Young Adult Highlight” for 2017!

Mike attends Glyndon UMC with his wife, Terri, and their two children, Nathan and Amelia. Mike serves on the finance committee for GUMC and can be found attending Family Fellowship nights and many other church events. Mike is part of our “young families” group that works together on mission projects and other fun events for our church like the Trunk or Treat and Yard Sales.



Dan Marshall says, “Mike is quiet, with a great sense of humor. He is always great helping with the grill and French fries at church functions. He is willing to help when he can. Mike is an excellent baker! Though quiet, you can expect to see him at all kinds of church-sponsored events such as the Thanksgiving dinner with St. Luke’s and Family Fellowship nights with family and a delicious dessert in tow!”

Sara Hampt also added, “He has a good sense of humor, too.” Thanks Mike for all you do!!!



YOUTH SUNDAY IS COMING

FEBRUARY 12

Please be sure to join us as the youth prepare, plan and share their worship service with our church. More information coming in January.

Our theme this year is **UNITY**.



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. In January we are asking to bring oatmeal, cereal, dry milk, breakfast bars, cans of mixed fruit. Thank you for your support in this mission.

Youth Worship

Youth Worship is scheduled for **January 15 from 5 – 7pm**. Our Church/ Youth Sunday is what we will be working on. Please sign up on the Children and Youth board outside of Dew Hall for our potluck dinner.



PLEASE try to join us as we will be doing a lot of work on our Youth Sunday Service. This year’s theme is “UNITY” and it will be important to have everyone there to participate, for a meaningful service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL— NEW “FEARLESS” STUDY

STARTING SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 9:30AM

I don't know about you, but at times, fear has me in its seeming death-grip and life seems impossible. Fear is such a real experience in this life journey; all of us face moments where the storms of life seem to overwhelm us, and fear controls us. Please join me and the Adult Sunday School class for the month of January as we delve into this topic and seek biblical answers and insights on this life-relevant emotion and experience. We seek to answer the question Jesus always is seeming to be whispering: “Why are you afraid?” among others. We will base our discussions and conversations on the Fearless: Imagine Your Life Without Fear book penned by prolific Christian writer Max Lucado. The hope, through stories, questions, conversations, and readings, is that you will walk away each week with more clarity on the issues around fear and reminders of God's presence with us in all things. As a result of the class, perhaps one resolution you might consider for 2017 is to take real steps in living out a *fearless* life. **Please join me, Don Mongold, starting January 8 at 9:30 in the church parlor.**

MEN'S MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 7th at 8am



Come join your brothers in Christ for a time of prayer, fellowship and a tasty breakfast on **January 7th 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: dfmarshall2@verizon.net).

GIRLFRIENDS LUNCH

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 5th at 12:30pm!

Due to the holidays falling on Sundays, the next GUMC “Girlfriends Lunch” will be held on **Sunday, February 5 at 12:30pm at J&P's (Glyndon)**. Mark your calendars now to hold open the first Sunday of each month this year so you won't miss out on the future lunches. Plus this gives you time to invite a friend or neighbor to join you, and meet other GUMC ladies. There's always lots to chat about, including discussing the “take away” thoughts on the sermon.



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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Glyndon United Methodist School's

Paint Party

Times Square Kitchen (Mezzanine Level)
10309 Grand Central Ave Suite 100
Owings Mills, MD 21117

January 21, 2017 at 1:00 PM
Cost: \$35 (if paying online, \$36.35)



Join us for an afternoon of painting with friends!
All profit goes directly to Glyndon United Methodist School!
Matt Martin and Pastor Dawn will guide you through the design so
that you come up with your own personal painting! We provide
everything you will need: canvas, paints, brushes. Paints are acrylic,
please bring an apron if needed, food not included

Painting will start at 1:00, arrive early to purchase food!

No experience required!

Register by returning this completed part of the flyer with a check of \$35 per person made out to Glyndon United Methodist School to the church office -OR- register online at <http://preschool.glyndonumchurch.org/paint-party/> (p us \$1.35 PayPal fee)

This is an event for teens and adults only. For any questions, please contact Terri Doltner at (410)350-5102

In order for us to buy materials, You MUST register before January 13.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Total paid (\$35 per person) _____

THANKS TO ALL FOR SUPPORTING RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

I cannot put into words the gratitude for all of the generous help with our opportunity to serve at Ronald McDonald house. We had so many casseroles, salads, bread, desserts and drinks brought to church. We had a feast for all to enjoy. We had more than 20 people come help serve, sing and meet families from around the world. We shared 11 blankets and a jar of soda tabs that are turned into money for gas.

The families we met shared their stories with us and we shared a meal together which I was told made them feel a little more like home. We danced, sang and paraded to holiday music. Many of the families had been there for months and many would be staying through the holidays. One person shared that this was the highlight of her son's day. He spends all day doing treatments and being poked and prodded and then he knew he would come "home" to meet new friends, enjoy dinner and a fun activity.



We met a family that had come from China to find the help they needed for their daughter. We left feeling blessed to meet those we spent time with, but mostly for the knowledge that we live so close to so many great hospitals and for having a family and friends that have been blessed with healthy children.

Thanks for your help to wrap them in love!

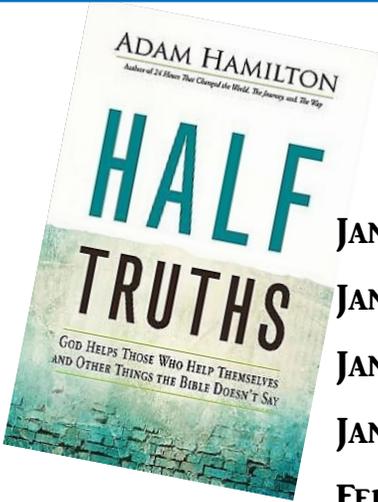


CHRISTMAS VESPERS ENJOYED BY ALL

Each year I look forward to our Vespers Service. This year as I sat in church, waiting for the magic to begin, I looked around at all of the people and my heart was filled with love. Our church was packed from the front of the church to the back. Ushers were busy working to fit people in the pews as the service began. The children were absolutely PERFECT. They never let us down in bringing the true meaning of Christmas to us. Thank you to all of the children and their parents for working so hard to make this event such a success.



A big thank you to Nan Kaestner, Marti Clements and Eleanor Taylor for continuing to bring us this wonderful service each year.



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

Based on Adam Hamilton's book, "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say"

JANUARY 8: "EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON"

JANUARY 15: "GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES"

JANUARY 22: "GOD WON'T GIVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE"

JANUARY 29: "GOD SAID IT, I BELIEVE IT, THAT SETTLES IT"

FEBRUARY 5: "LOVE THE SINNER, HATE THE SIN"

"HALF TRUTHS" SMALL GROUP STUDIES

To accompany our new sermon series, we will also be hosting two small groups (one on Wednesday evenings and one on Saturday mornings) at the church. These are also based on Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths" book. A more intimate group provides the right environment to ask questions and share reflections on the author's perspectives and dig deeper into the subject. Dates are as follows:

Wednesdays at 6:30pm (Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8)

Saturdays at 9:00am (Jan 14, Jan 21, Jan 28, Feb 4, Feb 11)



Adopt-a-Roof

Help Us Make GUMC Leak-Free



We realize the holiday activities make us lose focus on the routine needs that seem less glittery and fun, but our "Adopt-A-Square" fundraiser is our answer to keeping our church facilities leak-free and damage-free.

Please consider visiting our display in the glass lobby and help us to take care of God's House. The winter ice and snow may be adding to the problems so we can't ignore this dull but necessary item on our "must do" project list.

Thanks to all who have made donations to this fund in 2016, and the good news is we are making wonderful progress, but still only on costs for Phase #2. We ask that you keep this project in your prayers, and please consider donating to keep the momentum going in 2017 to finalize all phases of this project so we can celebrate!

Please
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CHALLENGER DEADLINE

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

ADMINISTRATIVE VACATION ALERT

In order to finish up vacation for 2016 during a quieter period, Gayle will be on vacation from Tuesday, Jan 10 thru Wednesday, Jan 17. During her absence various volunteers will cover to keep the wheels of progress in motion. It would be advisable to call ahead to confirm when someone is in if you need access to church because times may vary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day Communion 10:00am Traditional Worship No Morning Glory No Sunday School	2 7pm Missions 7:30pm Candle-lighters	3 7pm Girl Scouts	4 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 8:30am Al-Anon	6	7 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast
8 Food Sunday 8am Morning Glory Brkfast 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 5:00pm Family Fellowship	9 7pm Trustees 7:30pm Candle-Lighters	10 7pm Girl Scouts	11 6:30pm Half Truths Small Group Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 8:30am Al-Anon 7pm Covenant Bible Study	13	14 9am Half Truths Small Group Study
15 8:30am Morning Glory 8:30am PeaceBringer's 9:00am Children's Choir 9:30a Traditional Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 5:00pm Youth Worship Challenger Article Deadline	16 7pm Finance 7pm Candle-lighters	17 7pm Girl Scouts	18 10:00am LaLeche League 6:30pm Half Truths Small Group Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 8:30am Al-Anon 7pm Covenant Bible Study	20	21 9am Half Truths Small Group Study
22 8:30am Morning Glory 8:30am PeaceBringer's 9:00am Children's Choir 9:30 Traditional Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	23 7pm Church Council 7:30pm Candle-lighters	24 7pm Girl Scouts	25 6:30pm Half Truths Small Group Study 7:30p Chancel Choir	26 8:30am Al-Anon 7pm Covenant Bible Study	27	28 9am Half Truths Small Group Study 11am Girl Scouts Disabilities Awareness Day
29 Casserole Sunday 8:30am Morning Glory 8:30am PeaceBringer's 9:00am Children's Choir 9:30 Traditional Worship 9:30am Sunday School 11am Traditional Worship	30 7:30pm Candle-lighters	31 7pm Girl Scouts				