

The Challenger

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Love. Pray. Serve.

Brothers and Sisters,

As I sit here writing this, there is much uncertainty in our church, our annual conference, our denomination, and our nation. In our church, we are working to secure a short-term loan so that we can do the roof work and other projects identified in our capital campaign (until the remainder of our pledged campaign funds come in). The trustees are busy checking the references and proposal of our roof contractor and subcontractor. Finally, we have a group imagining what it might look like to go to one worship service in the fall (this group has been and will continue to reach out to all our stakeholders to hear your perspectives and desires). They are shaping preliminary options which will be taken to church council on May 21. Church council will then begin earnest discussion and will make plans for getting input from the church as a whole before any final decision is made.

In our annual conference, the Board of Ordained Ministry, has redefined their approach to candidates for ordained ministry around human sexuality. This has drawn the great praise from some and great condemnation from others and will likely garner much debate at annual conference. In our denomination, the Council of Bishops is meeting **this** week as they review recommendations from the Commission on the Way Forward, the special group tasked by the Council of Bishops to “design a way for being church that maximizes the presence of a United Methodist witness, allows for as much contextual differentiation as possible, and creates as much unity as possible.” In our nation, we face uncertainty over trade relations, personal safety from violence, the economy, and the international and environmental stability of our world.

Uncertainty is a part of human life. It is how we respond to this uncertainty that will characterize our witness to the world. Will we respond with faith in God, hope for our future, and love for God and one another? Will we respond to the swirling of questions with anxiety and fear, or with a deep trust in who God is—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, and who we are—the Body of Christ? Will we maintain healthy relationships with one another as we discuss and discern and pray or will we become like the world and fracture ourselves over our disagreement?

I was reminded me about the adventurous nature of our journey of faith on a hike with our confirmation kids at Manidokan. We didn’t review our hike very well before we set off and were soon confronted with a steep incline! Together, we made sure that everyone made it down the hill safely. We began to enjoy a “leisurely” hike along a beautiful stream only to realize that trail crossed the stream several times. The first crossing was an easy stepping stone approach, but then we went to places where the gap required jumping or where the only choices were walking through the water or across a log that was 3 – 4 feet in the air. With patience, teamwork, encouragement, mutual support, individual effort, and some wet feet...we all made it! Working together, with God’s help, God made a way in us, through us, between us.

The journey of faith has always been an adventurous journey. But we follow Christ, who walked with us in life, died our death, opened the very gates of hell, and came back to bring us life everlasting! So let us walk with faith, hope, and love wherever He leads trusting that God **will** make a way. With grace and peace, Pastor Dawn

CONFIRMATION RETREAT REFLECTION

by Laura Oneto



WOW, what a weekend. The confirmands, along with their adult leaders, had such a phenomenal weekend. Pastor Dawn and I planned meaningful sessions which asked hard questions, provoked deep thought and inspired faith. We scheduled time for fun games, cross making, morning yoga and meditation, hiking, a labyrinth walk and a little free time. All of these things were designed to build on what we had already learned on our path to confirmation and sum up what it means to be a member of our church. I know that we accomplished our goal. I also know that when Pastor Dawn asked where we saw God this weekend our

answers were all different and I would like to share my thoughts. I saw God along our hike. I know he was surrounding us as our setting was a warm beautiful day in the mountains with new growth beginning along the path and on the trees. He was there in the sunshine that touched our faces and the sounds of the water as it rushed through the stream. He was also alive in each of us as we walked along and thought about what it means to be a child of God. I saw his work as we embarked on our journey as we had to cross the stream several times and some paths were not clearly marked. The youth worked together and built bridges and cleared paths to ensure everyone was able to continue our journey. They cheered as some conquered fears and encouraged each other to push their limits. ALL of the planning in the world could not have scheduled the teamwork and trust that was needed. I believe God touched each of us as we bonded together along our journey. I am excited for our church to gain these five amazing young people as members of our church. I want to thank our great support team who came along with us to experience this weekend. Lee Wroe, Julie Romeo and Amber Webber, we could not have done this without you. Joanna Clements and Nancy Gilmore provided us with some delicious treats which did not last long. Thank you to everyone who sent the confirmands notes of encouragement, I know they were touched and will carry your words with them as they are confirmed.



We are ready to offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness to the Body of Christ at Glyndon UMC!!

YOUTH HIGHLIGHT

James Stranger is a 5th grader who was baptized at GUMC. James attended preschool and sung in the choir at our church. James has participated in Vespers and the Liberty Showcase productions here at the church. Outside of church, he plays electric guitar and ukulele, plays soccer and indoor soccer, and loves to perform. He recently played the role of Banzai, the hyena, in *The Lion King Jr.* He performed in *James and the Giant Peach* in March. He is also active in Cub Scouts and is working towards his Arrow of Light.



We will be combining Family Fellowship and Youth Worship this month and will all join together for a cookout and bonfire. Everyone is welcome!

May 20th

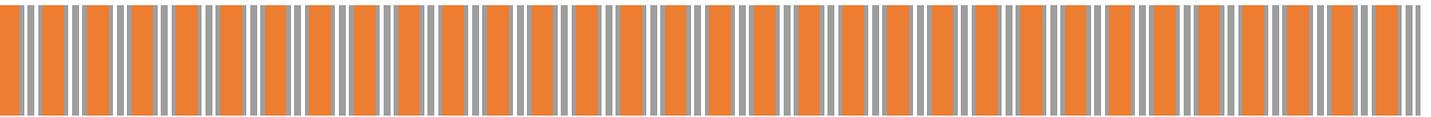
5-7pm

We will have hotdogs and s'mores, music, and games. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. Meet out back by the playground.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are excited to announce that we will offer Junior Church and Cribbery every week this summer to allow our children room to grow and learn while their parents worship. Children under 3 will gather in the cribbery. Children 3-8 will begin and worship with their parents and then will head to Dew Hall for a lesson, craft and snack. In order to make this a successful adventure we will need **YOUR** help. Beginning June 10th and going through September 2nd, we will need about 4-6 volunteers each week—1-2 for the cribbery, 1-2 adult volunteers for Junior Church, 2 youth to help us care for the little ones. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with our children and get to know them. It is also a great way to support the broader church as it allows parents to worship without worrying about their children. It is really not as scary as it looks. You can create your own plan for your time with the children or we can support you with a message and activities. **Parents of young children, we ask that you sign up for (at least) one Sunday this summer to help us support this important ministry to you and your family!!! Parents of youth, please sign up for one Sunday and have your youth sign up for one Sunday to continue our legacy of quality, supportive children's programming.** Please see Laura or Pastor Dawn during coffee hour to sign up for a chance to help.



Saturday, May 5 at 6:00pm

More Dates Added!!!

Saturday, July 14th at 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 11 at 6:00 pm

Special Invitation from Pastor Dawn & Kevin

Sign up to join Pastor Dawn and Kevin for an evening of food and fellowship on one of the dates listed above. They will welcome you into the parsonage, and share some good home cooking and fellowship. If you have questions about church, God, or science fiction books, they will try to answer them and have some fun along the way! 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.

A sign up form is located on the bulletin board in the church lobby. It is important for you sign up in advance to ensure proper count for our hosts/cooks and reserve your space since they are running out fast. You can also contact the church office (glyndonumchurch@gmail.com) 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

Let us help you start off May in fellowship at Glyndon UMC with your brothers in Christ. Join us on **Saturday, May 5 at 8am** in Dew Hall.

The United Methodist Men are hosting this monthly prayer breakfast on the first Saturday of the month, except during holiday breaks. You will start off with some delicious breakfast foods and hot coffee/tea to get your day started.

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—Email: dfmarshall2@verizon.net.



Calling all Graduates

Please see Laura Oneto if you have a student who will be graduating this year. There is a short form to fill out. All information must be in to Laura by May 1st in order for the information to be shared in the June Challenge. lauraoneto@yahoo.com



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!!!

The trustees would like to invite all to participate in the annual spring church clean up on May 5, 8 am—2 pm. The men's group has graciously invited all to enjoy a wonderful breakfast to get us fueled and ready to spruce up our flower beds and other areas around the church. Don't like to be outside...we have inside projects that can also be done. Please come give of your time and energy to this important project which makes our little church more attractive and appealing to all!

FRIENDS ON WILKENS



Please consider providing a casserole, salads or snacks for the homeless, addicted, and sex trafficking victims in Southwest Baltimore. For this month, drop off your cooked (not frozen) casseroles in the Dew Hall refrigerator on **Thursday, May 17 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 & Bob Rittler coordinate this effort and Kathy is always happy to answer any questions. She provides easy, nutritious recipes for casseroles, too. You can contact Kathy by email (Rrittler@aol.com) or by phone (410-239-8147). You can volunteer by donating the food items or join the Rittlers as they serve the food that night. Your help is greatly appreciated. Our volunteers dish up a little love and prayer with the food they serve.



Christian Education &
Confirmation Sunday
Church Picnic



On June 3rd, we will transition to our Summer Worship Schedule with one traditional service at 10 am. During the service, we will recognize and thank our Sunday School teachers. We will also be confirming youth and welcoming them to our church family. Finally, we'll celebrate our graduates!

After worship (around 11:30) we'll gather for a fellowship picnic. Dan and his great grilling team will provide meat and French fries.

Families with last names ending A-J, please bring dessert.

Families with last names ending K-Z, please bring a side dish.

Vacation Bible School
at
Glyndon United Methodist Church

July 23-27 from 9am - 12pm
4 years old through 5th grade
(must be potty trained)

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 more info call the church office- 410-833-2033 or email Terri @ watterri@gmail.com

Building Safe Spaces
Christianity &
Homosexuality
June 15, 6-8 pm

Please join us for our next Building Safe Spaces event as we discuss our denominational policies on Christianity and homosexuality. We will listen to a number of perspectives and then bravely share our own. We hope you'll come tackle this tough topic with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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VISITATION LIST

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

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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. Our activities really pick up in Spring, so we don't want you to miss out on anything. We also encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Here's some options for you to consider:

- **Option #1:** Worship with us on Sundays and read the **bulletin insert** with calendar of activities for the week.
- **Option #2:** Check out our **church website:** glyndonumchurch.org
- **Option #3:** Sign up for our churchwide email and receive **Friday News & Highlights** for the coming week.
- **Option #4:** 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.
- **Option #5:** Follow us on **Facebook** and hear about what's coming up and check out the pictures of our church family in action!
- **Option #6:** 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 for you to participate.

There is something for everyone—all ages, singles, couples, families! Contact the church office to sign up for emails if you aren't receiving them now.

Also consider deepening your participation by joining one of our volunteer planning committees or leadership teams. Pastor Dawn or our committee chairs can provide details to help you find a slot that matches with your interests and to select something that will utilize your personal gifts for a more enjoyable experience.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> 	<p>10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Candle-Lighters</p>	<p>1 7pm Girl Scouts (Dew Hall & Lower Level Classrooms)</p>	<p>2 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 8:30am Al-Anon 6pm Daisy Troop</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Trustee work Day 6pm Dinner & Dialogue with Pastor Dawn & Kevin</p>
<p>6 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</p>	<p>7 10:00am Bible Study 7:30pm Candle-Lighters</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 8:30am Al-Anon</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 MOTHER'S DAY 8am Morning Glory Brkfst 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</p>	<p>14 10:00am Bible Study Challenger Article Deadline 7:30pm Candle-Lighters</p>	<p>15 7pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>16 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 8:30am Al-Anon 6pm Daisy Troop 7:30pm Friends on Wilkens</p>	<p>18 10am LaLeche League</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 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 5pm Church-wide Campfire/ Cookout (Family Fellowship & Youth Worship)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 8:30am Al-Anon</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Invite some friends and/or neighbors to join you for church tomorrow!</p>
<p>27 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</p>	<p>28 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 BWCUMC Annual Conf.</p>	<p>31 BWCUMC Annual Conf. 7pm Ordination</p>	<p>1 BWCUMC Annual Conf</p>	<p>2</p>