

The Challenger

September 2018

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Love. Pray. Serve.

Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, in worship we talked about Psalm 84 and reminded ourselves of the importance of “practicing the presence of God.” Practicing the presence of God is something that takes daily intention. We practice the presence of God in worship if we are open and receptive to God’s spirit. We practice the presence of God when we spend time in daily scripture reading and prayer. We practice the presence of God when we are fully present to one another and the presence of God in them.

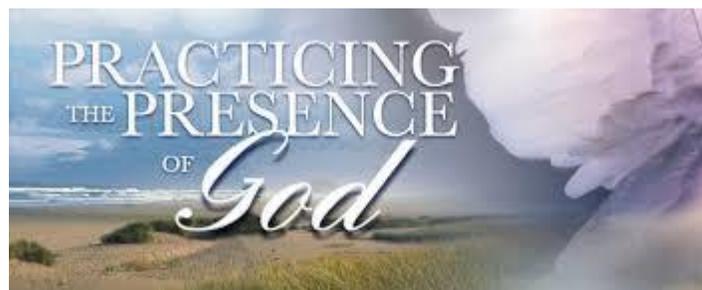
Psalm 84 tells us that when we dwell with God we are carried from strength to strength as we walk through good times and hard times. I know that as I seek to be a faithful and wise leader of this church, I must constantly practice the presence of God. It is only with God’s help that I can comfort those who mourn, guide the flock, lead with God’s vision, and wisely manage my time and talents as well as the resources of the church. I pray that you are doing that as well as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and as members/leaders in this congregation.

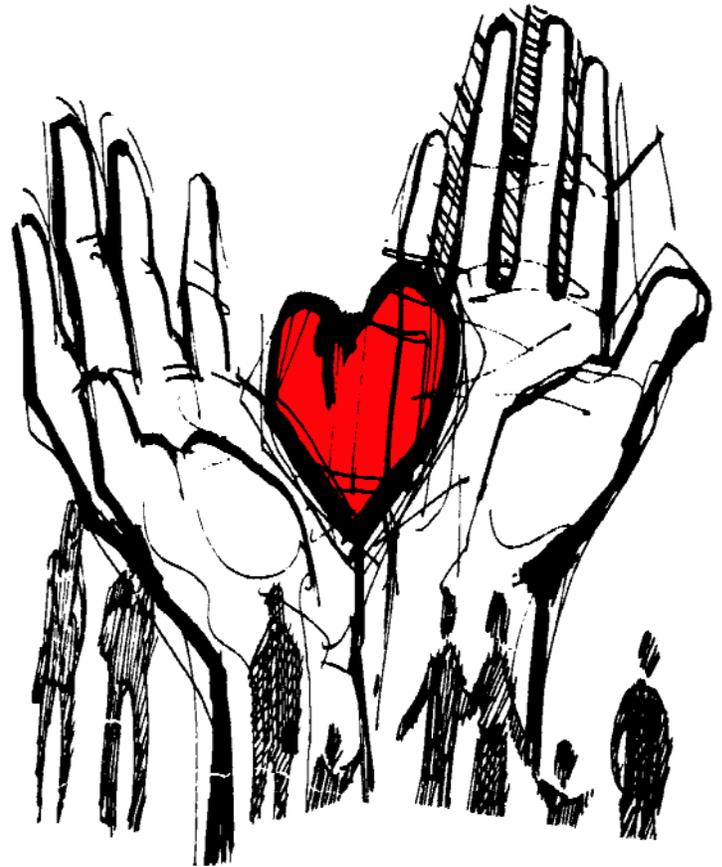
We will be gathering on September 29th to practice the presence of God as a leadership team. Anyone who wants to be a part of guiding this church into the future is warmly encouraged to attend. We will join together for worship and celebrate all that God has accomplished in and through this church over the past year. We will share our griefs and challenges and lean on God and one another to carry us from strength to strength. We will recommit ourselves as leaders to God and to one another in service in this community of faith. I hope to see you there.

In the meantime, I am praying for you, for this church, and for our denomination. I invite you to find a way, every day, to practice the presence of God.

In love and grace,

Pastor Dawn





YOUTH HIGHLIGHT

Sam Phillips is a 4th grader at Freedom Elementary School. He is in the Gifted & Talented program at school. Sam earned his black belt in Hapkido, a Korean martial art. Sam has been active in Sunday School, Vespers, and VBS at church. Sam enjoys scaring his parents with his parkour adventures.

Reisterstown Parade Information

Come join with others to “give water to the thirsty” as we march together in the Reisterstown Parade. Meet at about 8:30 behind the Weis watching for Joan Poling, Pastor Dawn, Judy McCracken, or Robin or Scott Krell. It is a fun time of service, reaching out to the community, and bearing witness to our church and to Christ! Put on your comfy shoes, your Glyndon UMC shirt and join us there!





Depart Glyndon Church at 8:00 a.m. Return no later than 1:30 pm.

PLEASE – Mark your calendars

Saturday, September 15, 2018

Saturday, October 6, 2018

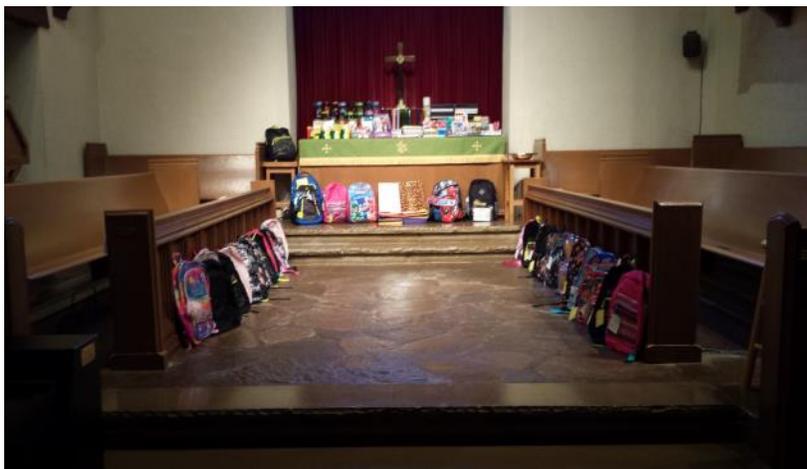
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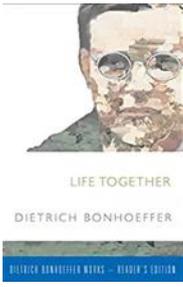
FRIENDS ON WILKENS

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, September 20 by 7:30pm for distribution in Baltimore City from 9-11pm that night.

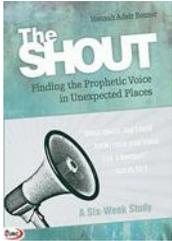
Back Pack, School Supplies Sunday

Thanks be to God. Have a blessed year!





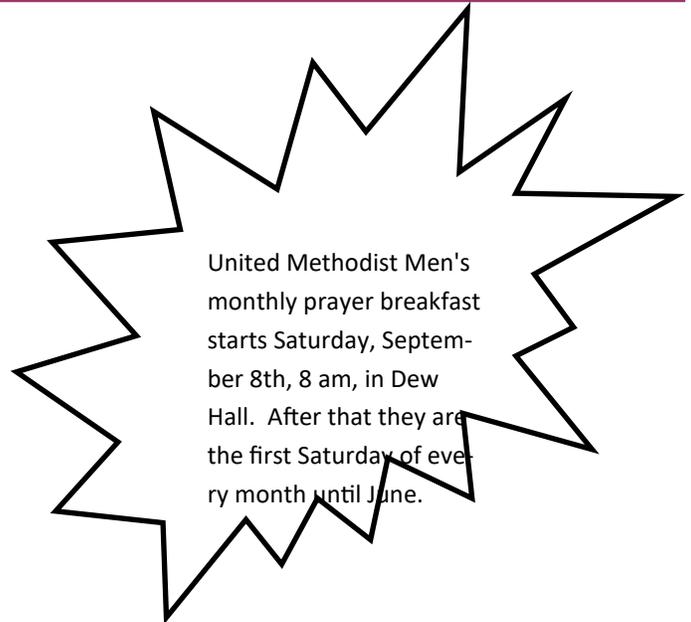
Life Together: In conjunction with our Life Together Sermon Series which begins on Rally Day, September 9, we will have a book/sermon discussion group that will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the parlor (Sep 12 – Oct 17). We'll be using Deitrich Bonhoeffer's influential book, Life Together: Deitrich Bonhoeffer Works - Reader's Edition. It is available in the Narthex for \$10 or from Amazon on Kindle for \$8.40. Bonhoeffer's writing, from 1939 German context, is particularly relevant for us as we struggle with what it means to be Christian community in today's world. We'll talk about the book, wrestle with what it means to be Christian community, and offer our own perspectives on the challenges of living in Christian community in 2019. Sign



The Shout: A study aimed at **young and young at heart adults (all welcome)** will begin in on the 3rd Sunday of each month during The Gathering in the high school SS room. Child care will be provided, but please sign up to let us know how many children to plan for. We will begin by studying a book called **The Shout**, by Rev. Hannah Adair Bonner, a feisty and prophetic (my description) ordained elder in the UMC. The study invites us to consider unheard prophetic voices through art, poetry, and video and is geared toward the "searching hearts of many within the millennial generation". Books are \$10 and will be available by September 9th.

Adult Sunday School Class: Meets in the Parlor

Starts September 16th. What Shall I do with this man Jesus (...this man, Jesus)? A 6 week series exploring salvation. Lead by Dan Marshall. Are you saved? Does it matter? Is that the same as born again? If salvation is a free gift of God, why does scripture tell us to work out salvation? Once you're saved are you always that way? Does it matter how we live? What about all the Old Testament people? How did they "enter life"? Can I know for sure I'm going to heaven? Is Jesus the Way, The Truth, and The Life? Is there more than one way to heaven? Just a few of the questions we'll explore. Have other questions? Bring them along. We may even answer some.



We are continuing our Women's study on Monday at 10 am. We will be beginning the study of Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer on September 10. We'd love to have some new ladies join us. So come and invite a friend!



All leaders and any who are interested in the future of Glyndon UMC are invited to a mini-leadership retreat at Westminster UMC from 9 am – 12 pm. The theme of our mini-retreat is the same as the theme of our Capital Campaign: Renew, Restore, Reach Out. As we gather we will renew our spirits for the task of leadership, restore our focus on our 5 year goals, and reach out to one another to celebrate successes and share burdens. Please sign up in the lobby and indicate if you would like to car pool from the church.



Mission Spotlight: OUR DAILY BREAD (aka Casserole Sunday)

Did you know....Baltimore's poverty rate has increased 20%, reaching a staggering 25.6% (U.S. Census Bureau)? With one in four Baltimoreans living in poverty, the need for services such as Our Daily Bread continues to increase.

Our Daily Bread is Maryland’s hot meal program, serving more than a quarter million meals to the hungry of Baltimore City each year. They serve nutritious lunches 365 days a year and breakfast to seniors and individuals with disabilities everyday weekday.

The Classic Casserole Program at Our Daily Bread is the backbone of their meal program. It has helped sustain the poor and homeless in Baltimore since 1981. Glyndon and Reisterstown United Methodist Churches are one of many groups in Maryland that have committed to providing casseroles once a month to support Our Daily Bread efforts.

How can you help....

OR

1. Take a casserole pan and recipe from the back of the church.
2. Prepare and cover tightly in foil. Label with name, date and recipe.
3. Freeze and bring to church the last Sunday of the month.
4. Place in freezer in Dew Hall
5. No time or don't like to bake? Not a problem... a family size Stouffer's macaroni and cheese-frozen meal is a wonderful contribu-

Come to the Gathering, Oct 7

Make casseroles with your friends!

1. Pick up a donation card from the supply board on Rally Day!
2. Gather in Dew Hall on Oct 7th at 11:15.

Come be a part of helping us reach our goal of making 25 casseroles!!!

Calling All Coffee Hour Volunteers!

With our new service time at 10am on Sundays, Coffee Hour fellowship will be moved to take place prior to the service from 9:30-10am. Coffee Hour is a wonderful time to socialize within our church community. As your new Coffee Hour Coordinator, I am seeking the help of volunteers to help host this fellowship time on Sundays. Hosting simply involves arriving to church by 9:15 with some breakfast snacks and setting up in Dew Hall for our congregation to enjoy before the service. It's easy, and a great way to volunteer at GUMC! It doesn't need to be elaborate or fancy- whatever you can offer is appreciated. I will provide detailed instructions, including suggestions of food items, and you won't need to miss any of the service when you volunteer to host. To sign up, pick a Sunday that works for you and sign up on the board in the church lobby, or email me at romeo586@comcast.net.

Another way to help: If you are not able to host a Sunday, we are taking donations of non-perishable snack items (crackers, granola bars, individually wrapped snacks, small boxes of raisins, etc) to keep a collection available for those times when no one has signed up (or someone forgets or has a last minute conflict) so that we can ensure that we are always able to extend Sunday morning hospitality before the service. There will be a collection box kept in the church foyer for donated items.

I appreciate your help with Coffee Hour to continue this wonderful tradition of hospitality at GUMC!!



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Rally Day is September 9th!!

One service at 10am with a picnic to follow.

Families with last name A-D please bring drinks

Families with last names E-R please bring a side dish

Families with last names S-Z please bring dessert

We will be having coffee hour at 9:30am.



Please Join US!!!!

From Our Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Youth Gathering Schedule

Casserole Making

October 7th

The youth will lead the church in our first casserole making gathering. Please plan to stay and help from 11:15am until 1:30pm

Escape Room

November 11th

Join us for an adventure. We will meet at the Escape Room and see which group can break out first. The cost per person will be about \$15.00. We will meet about 5pm, more information to come.

Christmas Breakfast

December 16th

Join us from 8:30am until 10am for a discussion about what Christmas really means. Breakfast will be served.

Stratosphere

January 13th

We will meet and spend some time playing dodge ball, climbing the Ninja course and other games. We will enjoy pizza and soda at Stratosphere.

Youth Sunday Rehearsals

February 3,10,17

We will meet from 11:15 until 12:30 to work on all parts of the service. All youth will need to stay.

March 2nd 9am until noon rehearsal

March 3rd Youth Sunday

March 5th

Pancake Supper

All youth are needed to help serve dinner. This is our one big fundraiser for the year.

April 7th

Chat and Chew

We will meet for pizza and some spirited discussion about our faith. We will meet at 11:30a and talk until about 1p

Progressive Dinner or Lunch

May 19th

More details to come.

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."

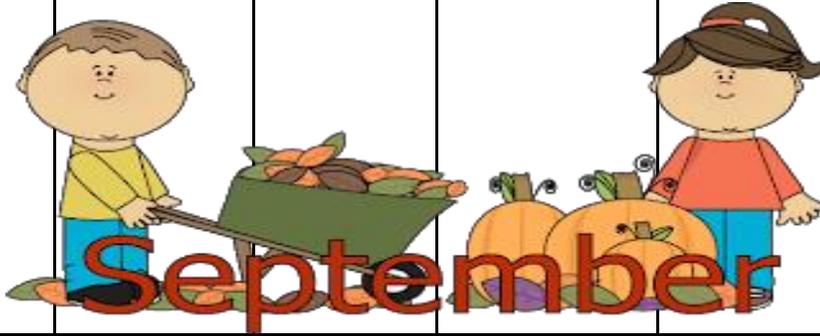


We offer several ways to keep you connected to learn about upcoming worship, fellowship and service ministries as well as special events for all ages. Our activities really pick up in Spring, so we don't want you to miss out on anything. We also encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor to join you. 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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2 Communion Sunday 8:45a Morning Glory 10:00a Worship	3 7:00p Missions Labor Day Office Closed	4	5 7:30 Chancel Choir	6 8:30a Al-Anon	7	8 8:00 UMM Break- fast 8:30 Reisterstown Parade
9 RALLY DAY 8:15a Morning Glory Breakfast 8:45a Morning Glory 10:00a Worship 11:15 The Gathering Picnic & Games	10 10:00a Bible Study 7:00p Trustees 7:00 Candlelight- ers	11	12 6:30 Study Group 7:30 Chancel Choir	13 8:30a Al-Anon	14 10:00a La Lache League	15 8:00a First Fruits
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