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Weekly Newsletter of La Plata United Methodist Church

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Hello Dear Ones,

How, in the world, are you? I hope this finds you taking a moment. This world of ours is becoming more and more divided and dangerous and we need to take a moment. Charlie Kirk, a conservative activist and Founder of Turning Point USA was assassinated on Sept 10 while speaking at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. He was only 31 years old. He leaves behind a wife and two children. It was a terrible tragedy and is indicative of the violence that is increasing in our nation. As a matter of fact, Mr. Kirk was killed on the same day as yet another school shooting, in Evergreen, Colorado.

People can agree or disagree with his political ideology and question his public statements, but violence is NEVER OK. It NEVER gives another the right to take a life or attempt to do so. I believe we have become so frustrated, helpless and hopeless as a society that there are those who think that violence is the only answer left. Unfortunately, I have seen social media posts that bear this out. So, right now, we need to take a moment:

- Take a moment and think about his family. They have lost a husband - a father - a relative - we can relate to that, I know we can. We know that kind of hurt and loss. That should matter to us.
- Take a moment and think of our faith. We confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Charlie did too. We may agree or disagree on the specific components of that faith, but Charlie professed Christ. In that way, he was a brother in Christ to us ALL.
- Take a moment and pray. They say that "thoughts and prayers" are not enough. Others say they are tired of prayers in the midst of continued and escalating violence, especially in school shootings, but I say... Prayer is critical! Prayer is required! Yes, prayer needs to be accompanied by faithful, God-honoring action, but if we don't include God FIRST and ALWAYS when things like this happen, we are no longer "one nation, under God".

Dear Ones, The Church of Jesus Christ is built on love, reconciliation, and peace. Because of that, She mourns with us in Charlie's loss. She mourns with us in the aftermath of school shootings. She mourns with the perpetrators and their families as well. So, take a moment... and do not let personal opinion, political allegiance, anger or frustration sway us from the path.

His... and Yours,
Pastor Susan

Join Our Choir!

Calling anyone who finds themselves humming a tune – come join one of our choirs. We generally meet Sunday mornings in the Choir Room at 10:30 (30 minutes prior to the 11 a.m. service) and stay after the service for another 30 minutes. We do a variety of music to include praise, jazz, gospel, traditional, folk, bluegrass, and popular; most important, we share fellowship and offer another way to reach the hearts and minds of our congregation. We also sing to praise God for all the blessings he's offered. We invite all ages from 13 to 103 for fun, music and fellowship. This choir provides special music for about 2 services a month as well as Christmas Eve at the 7:30 Service.



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Senior Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Susan E. Boehl

Sunday Worship Services:
8:30 AM In-Person Café Worship Service
11:00 AM Facebook Live Online &
In-Person Traditional Worship Service



Courage Corner

Grace surrounds you and will overcome you and shape you. Don't ask God to change your circumstances first, ask God to change your heart. Learn the lesson. Say yes to Christ, to Grace, to your training. Be humble and weak and you will grow in Godliness to be zealots for good works and glorify God in Heaven.

emmanuel.org

Join the Girl Scouts!

Come learn and explore what Girl Scouts do. Sample a Girl Scout meeting before joining!

La Plata Methodist Church:
3 Port Tobacco Rd
La Plata, MD 20646

Friday, September 26th 2025 at 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Adults and Youth are invited. Troops are forming throughout Charles County.

Contact Girl Scouts Service Unit 12-6 for more information.

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gsleader5045@yahoo.com
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Finances at a Glance

Thank you for your generous financial support of our program, missions, and ministries. Your contributions empower us to enrich the lives of everyone in our church and our community. Contributions given during the summer months are historically smaller than other months, often resulting in a shortage at this time of the year. The Finance Committee carefully reviews expenses monthly and will make adjustments where possible to address this shortfall.

2025 January – July Analysis	
July budget needed	\$46,756
January - July total income	\$279,076
January - July total expenses*	\$311,430
Income less expenses	\$(32,354)
Mortgage balance (as of 7/31/2025)	\$505,444

*To cover the Vacation Bible School expense, the Finance Committee approved using restricted funds gifted to the church.

In order for us to meet our 2025 planned budget needs, we need to receive an average weekly contribution of \$10,790. Another way of meeting this goal is for **100 families to contribute a minimum of \$468 monthly**. Please consider if this goal is within your reach.

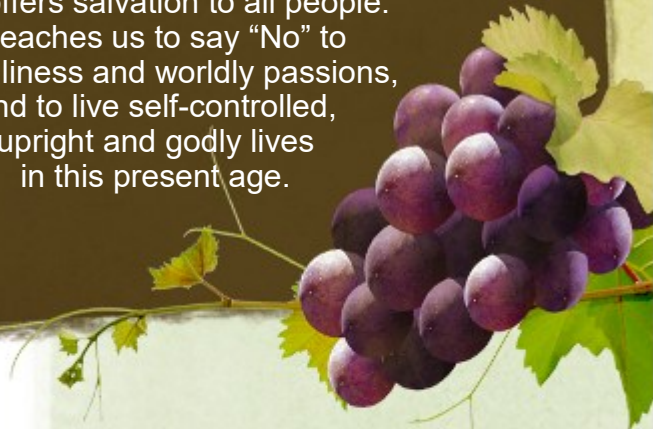


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Send articles to news@laplataumc.org
Weekly deadline for submitting articles is Wed. at 4 PM.

Titus 2:11-12

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.



Worship Attendance

Aug 24	168
Aug 31	131
Sept 7	195
Sept 14	153

This Past Week

8:30	64
11:00	74
YouTube Live	15
Total	153

YouTube Views 50

Preacher’s Pop-Up Prayer 504

Our Vision

“Where We Share the Love of Christ through Fellowship, Inclusion, Community Service and Worship”

Bishop Easterling's response to the shooting of Charlie Kirk

Posted by on Sep 11, 2025

BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON &
PENINSULA-DELAWARE AREA

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

EPISCOPAL LEADER



THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

REV. ERICA ROBINSON-JOHNSON *Chief Administrative Officer*

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

— Romans 12:21

Beloved in Christ,

I do not speak after every violent act, for sadly, in a world steeped in violence, hostility and division, my words would come so frequently that they risk becoming background noise. But today, I must raise my voice. The shooting of Charlie Kirk, a man of conviction, a citizen, someone striving to engage with students and to be heard, demands that I speak. No matter who we are, no matter our politics or perspectives, the taking of a human life is ungodly.

It is ungodly that another human being has lost their life over fear, over hate, over the willingness of someone to act on aggression. While we do not yet understand the motives of the assailant, there is not justification for murder. As United Methodists, we are guided by our Social Principles, which call us to uphold the dignity and worth of all people, to affirm basic rights and freedoms, and to work for restorative justice.

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As I learned of the murder of Charlie Kirk and the shooting at Evergreen High School in Colorado, I had one visceral reaction:

ENOUGH!

- Enough bloodshed.
- Enough violence.
- Enough hatred.
- Enough othering.
- Enough partisanship that persuades us to believe that anyone has license to dismiss, diminish, or destroy another person because they are different, outspoken, conservative or liberal, marginalized or mainstream.

We are all created in God's image. Every life bears value. Every voice deserves to be heard. Our faith teaches us not only to pray for peace, but to build peace. To seek justice rooted in mercy. To practice kindness. To open our hands to reconciliation. To oppose systems, political, social, or cultural, that encourage dehumanizing our neighbors. These are not optional ideals; they are central to who we are as United Methodists.

We must understand and hold sacrosanct that we belong to one another. Our obligations transcend ideology. Let us continue to commit ourselves to a path of peace, where disagreement does not lead to death, and where the beloved community, which demands mutual respect and the protection of basic human rights, is not a dream, but a reality we live into each day. As Christ followers, may we be at the forefront of engaging in generative theological discussions and civic pluralism. We must reclaim the ability to engage one another beyond our differences.

This tragedy pierces my heart. May the God of mercy receive Charlie Kirk into eternal rest. To Charlie Kirk's family, to those who loved him, to all who are shaken by this loss: I hold you in prayer. May your grief be held in communal care. And may this painful moment stir within us the courage to say, with conviction, "Enough!"

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling
Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area
The United Methodist Church

Southern Crossing of Southern Maryland

La Plata United Methodist Church is working to Adopt a Room at this wonderful place of hope for the underserved families, individuals or veterans. Please consider helping us to meet our goal of \$15,000 for building the room (walls, flooring, painting, bathroom & kitchen fixtures & basic appliances). As of August 10, 2025, we have received a total of \$2,500 toward our goal.

If you want to join us in this missionary journey, please write a check to **La Plata United Methodist Church**, and mark the memo line as **"Southern Crossing Room"** or you can choose the Southern Crossing Giving Tile through our **Online Giving** at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YQE6/home>. Choose the Tile marked as "Let's Sponsor a Southern Crossing Room". Thank you all for your help with this wonderful mission.



How Can I Help?

Pastor's road to recovery has been nothing short of miraculous! Here are the ways you can continue to support her. We are asking our community to pause at 8:00 am and 8:00 pm to cover Pastor Susan in prayer. May God hear our collective voices as they unite from our homes, offices, the road ... wherever you are. Pastor Susan and Joyce will have additional expenses. If you would like to help financially, you may give online or give a check/cash to the church. The money will support travel, gas, food, supplies, long term medical care, etc. To give online: https://secure.myvanco.com/YQE6/campaign/C-15BBE?access=tile_direct. In addition to financial gifts, gift cards to local restaurants would also be appreciated, so Pastor can grab a quick meal if she has to stay late for a meeting.

Requests from our Book Nook



Our little book nook is growing, and we are in search of donations of the following items to make it even better: 1-2 Bookcases, small side table, 2-3 Lamps. If you have any of those items to donate, please call Carrie in the church office: 301-934-2288.

Confirmation Shawls Needed for Spring



Are you an experienced knitter or crocheter? Then the Prayer Shawl Ministry could use your help! This spring we will be welcoming an exciting number of youth as members through Confirmation. We will need as many as 17 red confirmation shawls to present them with. If you can help, contact the Church Office or Charlotte Bowie to get the pattern and specific yarn that is used for these special shawls.

Confirmation Class and New Members!

Attention Church Family! We are beginning our Confirmation year here at La Plata and we don't want anyone to be left out! So, if you or someone you know is going into Sixth Grade this Fall, they are eligible for Confirmation. This journey starts in October and runs until May. There will be classes, fun activities, a field trip and all sorts of great ways to learn about our denomination and our local church. Don't miss it! Please let the church office know, or grab me at church and give me the good news. I'm happy to discuss Confirmation with you or a young person in your life.

If you are over the age of 18, and want to live out your faith here at La Plata Church, we are also taking requests for Membership here in our office. Thank you to those who have already expressed interest in making La Plata UMC your church home. Now is the time to take a stand for Christ and officially declare La Plata Church as the place you will live, love, and serve in Jesus' name. Contact me, the church office, or indicate in the Red Fellowship Folder on Sundays your interest in joining our family. I'm always available to discuss membership further as you prayerfully consider La Plata Church as YOUR church! Can't wait to hear from you!

Sunday School Registration

We are eagerly gearing up for a new year of Sunday School at LPUMC and we'd love to have you join us! Sunday School is totally free and we have a class for everyone from 2 years old to adults. Beginning Sunday, September 7th we'll meet every Sunday between services at 9:45. 6th grade and higher go straight to their designated classrooms and 2 years through 5th grade will meet in Fellowship Hall 1. All students are required to have a registration form filled out. You can drop by the church office to fill one out, grab one from the church foyer or download and print from our website. Questions? Contact Sunday School Coordinator Tina McCormick at sparklepink1968@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

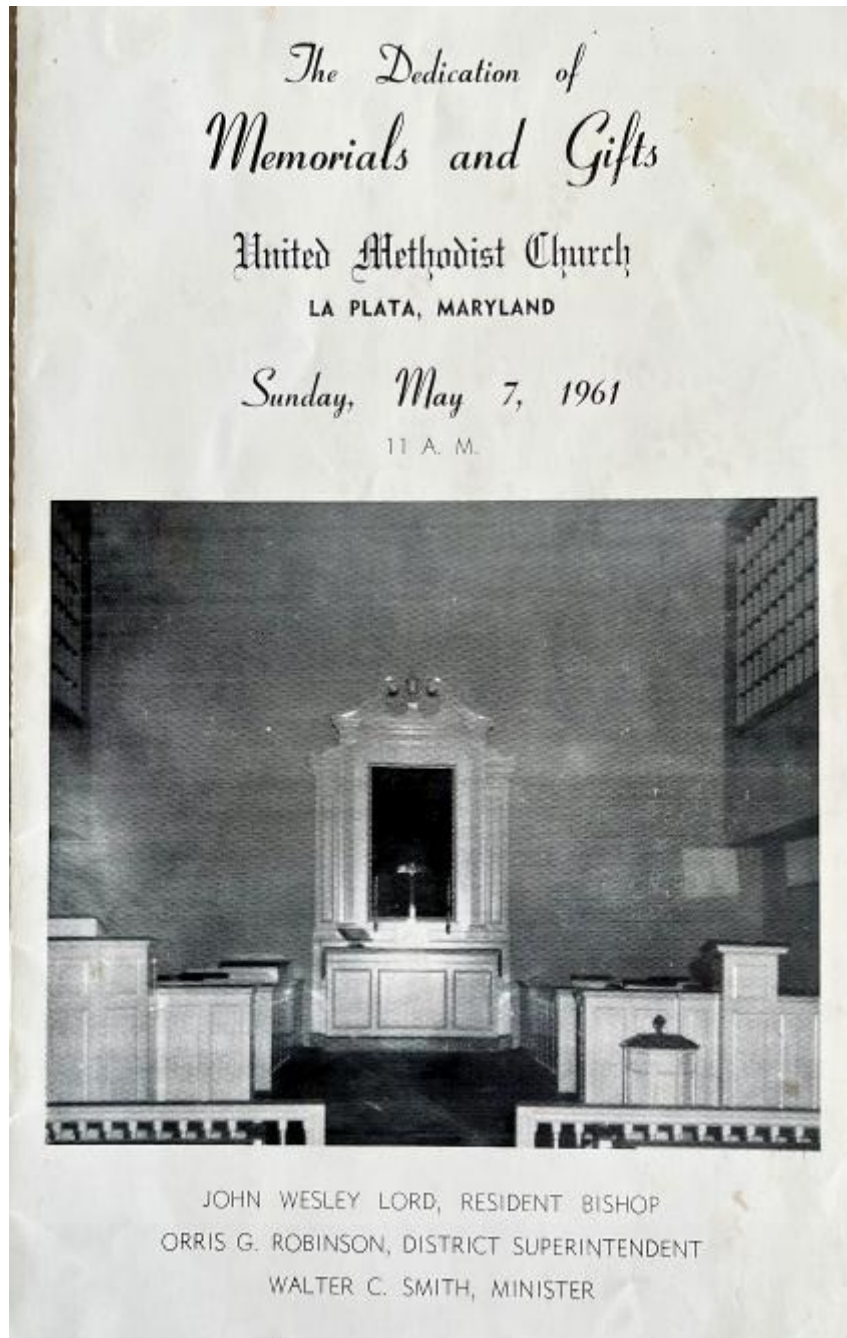
The Things We Take for Granted

By Garth Bowling, Jr.

The sanctuary of our church is one of the most beautiful in Southern Maryland. The cornerstone of the building was laid on May 26, 1957. I remember sitting in a folding metal chair outside on the grass at the northwest corner of the church as Pastor Smith blessed the structure.

As we sit in our church, we have a tendency to take for granted all the things surrounding us that make our sanctuary such an inspiring place to be. Did you know that once the building was completed church members donated the necessary funds to fill the sanctuary with everything you see today?

On Sunday, May 7, 1961 there was a special service to dedicate the memorials and gifts from the church members. John Wesley Lord, resident bishop, Orris Robinson, district superintendent, and Walter Smith, our minister, conducted the service. I was present for this event and sang in the Junior Choir conducted by Dorothy Gee.



This program was donated to the church archives by Dave Bowling.
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The Things We Take for Granted (continued)

As each item was dedicated the bishop read a quote from the Bible and the congregation gave an oral response. As an example, for the dedication of the altar and reredos (the beautiful red screen and ivory frame that is above the altar), the bishop said: "Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make thee an altar unto God." The congregation replied, "I will go unto the altar of God; even unto the God of my joy and gladness."

Another example was the dedication of the organ. The bishop said: "Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him with the sound of trumpet. Praise Him with psalter and harp. Praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise ye the Lord." The people said: "O sing unto the Lord a new song. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." The organ was given by Frances Bowling Gill, my great-great aunt. The newspaper stated it was the finest musical instrument in this part of Maryland. It took the Moller Organ Company of Hagerstown, Maryland, 14 months to build at a cost of \$15,000 (the modern equivalent of \$172,000).

The items that were dedicated included: altar and reredos, alter cross, pulpit, lectern and Bible stand, baptismal font, communion rails and cushions, clergy seats, choir pews, pews, offering plates, organ, tower (steeple), sanctuary doors, chancel screens, choir screens, hymn boards, and the Narthex desk. Nearly all of these items are still in use almost seven decades later. Even the 2002 tornado did not destroy them with the exception of the steeple.

The church bulletin for this special service listed the names of all who provided memorial gifts and the items they funded. For example, the communion rails and cushions were donated in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Wade given by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Compton and Family and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wade and Family.

So the next time you sit in our sanctuary, take a moment to think about the impressive surroundings. Each item was gifted by church members who valued and understood the importance of this church and the impact it would have on future generations. This house of God is now in our hands to protect and cherish.

THE DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR AND REREDOS

Bishop: Arise, go up to Bethel and dwell there; and make thee an altar unto God.

People: I will go unto the altar of God; even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

THE DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR CROSS

Bishop: Jesus said, Whosoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

People: Master, we will follow Thee wheresoever Thou goest.

THE DEDICATION OF THE PULPIT

Bishop: Ezra, the scribe, stood upon a pulpit of wood which they had made for the purpose.

People: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; to preach good tidings unto the meek.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LECTERN AND BIBLE STAND

Bishop: Jesus as His custom was, went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day, and stood by for the reading.

People: They read in the book of the law of God distinctly, and caused them to understand the reading.

THE DEDICATION OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

Bishop: Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

People: Thou shalt purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; Thou shalt wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

THE DEDICATION OF THE COMMUNION RAILS AND CUSHIONS

Bishop: We would remember Christ — remember that He has eaten with us the Bread and drunk the cup of our life; that he has communion with us in our joy and sorrow; and has tasted what it is for a man to die.

People: Let us eat of this Bread in remembrance of Christ, may the life which was in Him be in us also. Let us drink of this cup in remembrance of Christ; and may the Spirit in which He died be our spirit.

THE DEDICATION OF CLERGY SEATS

Bishop: Behold a throne was set in Heaven, and one sat on the throne; and round about the throne were four and twenty seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting.

People: The Lord hath prepared his seat in Heaven; and His Kingdom ruleth over all.

THE DEDICATION OF CHOIR PEWS

Bishop: Be filled with the spirit; speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

People: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most high.

THE DEDICATION OF THE PEWS

Bishop: My house shall be called of all nations a house of prayer, saith the Lord; in it everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth, and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

People: Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight O Lord my strength and my Redeemer.

THE DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING PLATES

Bishop: Honor the Lord with Thy substance and with the first fruits of all Thine increase.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of His benefits.

THE DEDICATION OF THE ORGAN

Bishop: Praise God in His sanctuary: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet; Praise Him with psalter and harp. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs. Praise ye the Lord.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

THE DEDICATION OF THE TOWER

Bishop: Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. For Thou has been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

People: I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of Thy wings.

Save the Date!

SPRC Meeting
Thurs 9/18
6:00pm Zoom

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Disciple IV
Thursdays 7:00pm
room 102

Bell Choir
Thursdays 6:00pm
Sanctuary

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Creative Circle
Mon. 9/22
6:00pm Rm 110

Admin. Council
Tues 9/23
7:30pm
Fellowship Hall 2

...

Club 3:16 Meeting
Sun 9/28
12pm FH2

See the full calendar at
www.laplataumc.org

Upcoming Meetings
@ LPUMC



Do you have unwanted items? Do you have extra clutter?
Could you use a bit of extra pocket money?

Well....Consider joining us:

**The Fellowship Committee is hosting our First Annual
Community Wide Yard Sale at La Plata United Methodist Church.**

When: October 25, 2025, from 7am to 12 noon. (*Rain date will be sometime in the spring*)

Bring your own tables/tents/and stuff. You will be assigned two parking spaces on the lower level of our parking lot. **This will be free to all participants. There is no SPACE RENTAL FEE...** but if you feel led, you can make a free will donation to the church or to any one of our many mission projects. For ideas, see our online giving button on our website at [La Plata United Methodist Church Home](http://LaPlataUnitedMethodistChurchHome).

Contact Angie Barnes 301-751-7881 with any questions and look for the Sign-up genius to follow in the next few weeks.

Thanks, and start going through your home, garage and sheds for those dusty gems.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



2025 FALL FESTIVAL AND SCARECROW COMPETITION
ON **OCTOBER 5TH**
12 PM - 3 PM
CARNIVAL THEME
KIDS ZONE & TEEN/ADULT AREAS

Live Music Fitness and Dance Classes Face Painting
Photo Booth Mechanical Bull Inflatables
Food Vendors Shopping & Business Village Games

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SCARECROWS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES!

TOWN HALL
305 Queen Anne Street

TownOfLaPlata.org 301 934 8421
TownOfLaPlata **TownofLaPlataMD**

Festival held rain or shine. Pets, tents, smoking and alcohol are not allowed.

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Newburg, Maryland 20664
Rev. Dr. James G. Daniely, Pastor
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Blessings to all,

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, from whom all blessings flow.

The Youth Choir of Shiloh Community United Methodist Church, known as **Golden Sensations (AKA Jesus Kids)**, will be celebrating their **3rd Anniversary** on **Saturday, September 27th at 3:00 PM**. We are excited to commemorate this milestone and give glory to God for His continued guidance and grace.

We warmly invite you and your congregation to join us for this joyful celebration. Your presence would be a great encouragement to our youth as they continue to grow in faith and service through music.

If you and/or members of your congregation plan to attend, kindly respond to **CLS Donnie Butler** (donnievb@aol.com) by **September 15th**, so we can make the necessary accommodations for all guests.

We look forward to celebrating with you and lifting up the name of Jesus together in song and fellowship.

Grace and peace,
Certified Lay Servant Donnie Butler
On behalf of Shiloh Community UMC



Friends of Old Waldorf School
"Alice In Wonderland"

MAD HATTER'S TEA
SUNDAY
Oct. 19, 2025
1:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

ADMISSION
\$25 ages 11 and up
\$15 ages 6—10

Old Waldorf School
3074 Crain Highway
Waldorf, MD 20601

Assorted Teas & Scones
Savory & Sweet Treats

R.S.V.P. REQUIRED
Seating Limited

Kim: wofkim65@gmail.com
Sandi: 301-752-5198
www.historicwaldorfschool.com

- ♦ Hat Parade (Traditional & Theme)
- ♦ Silent Auction
- ♦ Vendor Tables
- ♦ Door Prizes

ZION WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Bishop LaTrelle Easterling
Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area Bishop
Rev. Dr. Johnnie Cogman, Two Rivers District Superintendent

You are Invited

Zion Wesley United Methodist Church
Celebrating their Homecoming



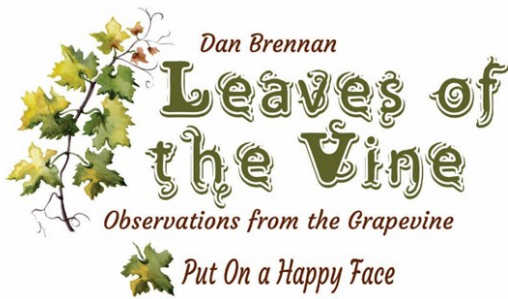
Date: Sunday, September 28, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Place: Zion Wesley UMC, Waldorf, MD
Guest Speaker: Pastor Delonta J. Hicks
Peter's United Methodist Church

Theme: "Jesus Isn't on The Cross - He Lives"

Music:
The Zion Specials
Burning Lights

Come Out and Fellowship in the Lord with the Zion Wesley Church Family!!!

For Information: Brother Tim Lyles 540-361-5153



Do you watch “America’s Got Talent”? If so, you’ve seen the faces of the crowds at both the auditions and the live shows. Just look at those faces, happy, excited, enthusiastic, anxious for more, and having a wonderful time.

Fast forward to Sunday at church. Notice any difference? Now, imagine yourself standing in front of this group of people. You might be the liturgist, or perhaps a soloist, or the church choir. You might even be the Pastor preparing to deliver the message.



Do you think the attitude and disposition of the people you are addressing might have an impact on your ability to be effective? As someone who has been on stage, in front of a congregation, and also been a spectator, I’ve experienced both ends of the spectrum. I often think of it as a chicken-and-egg kind of situation. As an audience, you expect the performance or presentation to be energetic, enthusiastic, and the best the individual can offer. But the person speaking, performing, or instructing is looking to the audience for feedback. If the event is not successful, was it because the individual just wasn’t good, or was it because the audience was too laid back and did not provide visual or audible responses? Of course, you need both the chicken and the egg working together for a successful outcome.

Let me share two examples. One of my most challenging performances as a comedian was at a dinner at a Presbyterian church. It was a large crowd, and I was performing as they were eating dinner. People were talking, eating, and leaving me to feel much like a TV that was left on during dinner. Was I the chicken, or the egg? The second example was a performance I was asked to give at a Methodist church that I didn’t realize was an AME (African Methodist Episcopal) church. I was terrified because I wasn’t sure my humor would resonate with this particular audience. However, this congregation proved to be one of the most receptive I had ever encountered. I was welcomed and greeted with an audience that was excited and responsive. It was enormously enjoyable. I think that’s what happens when the chicken and the egg partner.



Now I know what you’re thinking. We’re in church, and we should maintain an attitude of reverence and dignity. But consider something we hear almost every Sunday in our services: “It’s a good day to be in the house of the Lord.” That could easily be followed by the words of Psalm 118:24: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Sure, we often applaud when a soloist or the choir blesses us with music or when someone gives a presentation on a project or effort underway in the church. But imagine how those singers or speakers would feel if they saw smiles and attentive faces in the congregation. I know, we’re Methodists, and that means we’re less comfortable with outward expression in our services, but remember, we’re also not at the dentist’s office. We can and should share our joy with those who are leading us in worship.

I’ll leave you this week with the immortal words of my mother, who always sat in the front row for my shows, and always loudly opined, “I hope he’s not going to tell those same old jokes again.” She was neither the chicken nor the egg; she was the scrambler.



Text your Tithe

In less time than it takes to write a check, you can make weekly offerings by sending a text message. Just read the instructions below of how to get started and you can continue to support the work of our church by texting your tithe.

10-Digit GivePlus Text # 844-905-2671

1. Get Started

Enter your 10-digit GivePlus Text number and the amount you wish donate, then press send.

← Church

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You're almost done! Go to [unique web link] to complete your donation.

2. Register

You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER AMERICAN EXPRESS

Name Of Cardholder

Card number

MM / YY CVV

Process \$50.00

3. Give

After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

← Church

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Thank you for donating \$50.00 to [Church Name]! Text "repeat" to make this recurring or "refund" to cancel this donation.

4. Repeat

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

← Church

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You're almost done! Go to [unique web link] to complete your donation.

Thank you for donating \$50.00 to [Church Name]! Text "repeat" to make this recurring or "refund" to cancel this donation.

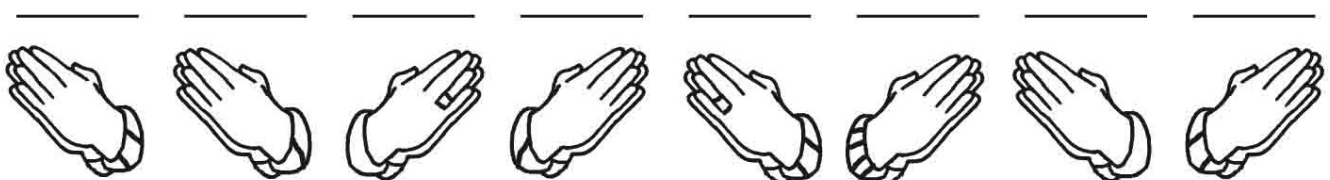
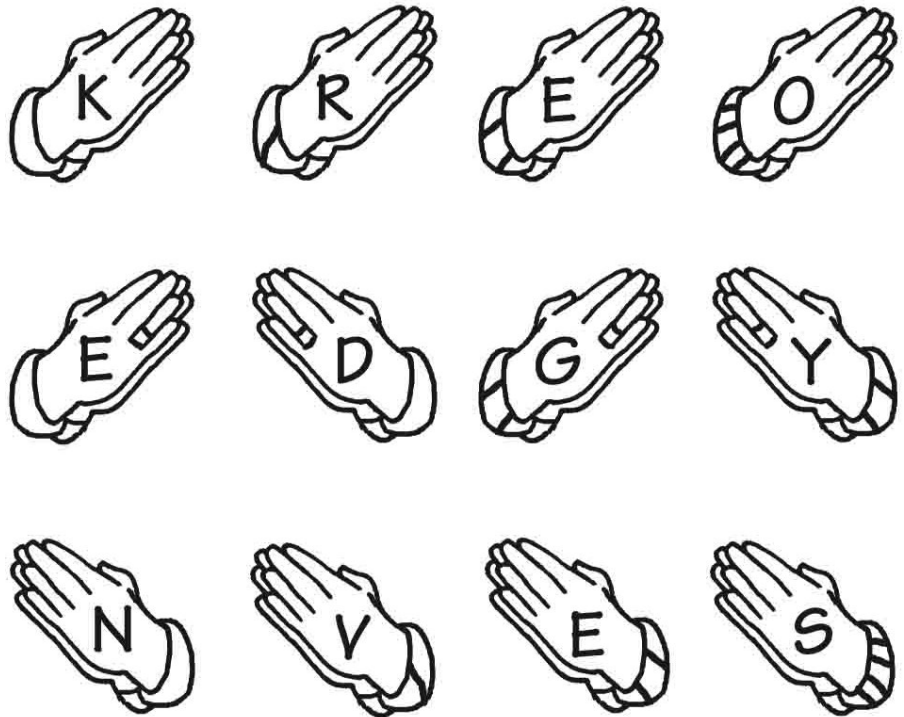


Kids' Korner Children's Bible Activity Sheets

God Wants All to Be Saved

Paul wrote a letter to Timothy.
Who did Paul say to pray for?

Use the praying hands code to fill in the blanks.



Let's Celebrate!

Thursday, Sept 18

Helen Barber

Friday, Sept 19

Nevin Barber

Sunday, Sept 21

Stewart & Janice Duque

Brett Abell-16

Monday, Sept 22

John Bohner

Brandon Coombs

Rebecca Sager

Tuesday, Sept 23

Tena Branstetter

Wednesday, Sept 24

Kevin & Kelly Steckowski-9

Thursday, Sept 25

Ken White

Friday, Sept 26

David Green-18

Pat Pritchard

Jeanette Tull

Saturday, Sept 27

Vanessa Brown

Sunday, Sept 28

Dan & Pat Brennan-40

Roger & Linda Rollins-62

Smith Pyle-16

Let Us Pray

For our friends and family who have medical issues:

Doris Ager

Wade Beswick

Hugh Blaine

Melissa Bradford

Sharron Brown

Carol Burch

Pastor Susan Boehl

Robin Boswell

Karen Bowie

Anne Buckler

Lew Buckler

Patricia Buckler

Vickie Carsley

Jennifer Carpenter

Steve Chess

Jerome Church

Myrna Clements

Debbie Cornell

Donna Cottrill

Jimmy Cottrill

Anna Grace Daetwyler

Joyce Dean

Kathie Dolder

Noah Fenlon

David Fuchs

Jon Gausman

Dottie Geiss

Katrina Gessner

Richard Gordon

Tom Grace

Millie Head

Addison Herbert

Jim Harris

Rose Hodson

Sylvia Hollar

Isaac Hower

Ginger Jones

Mike King

Steve Kingsbury

Kari Kober

Mary Kotarski

Matthew Lincoln

Allison Littleford

Cristen Luke

Kevin Lyng

Johnny McPherson

Travis McPherson

Rachelle Monroe

Penny Morgan

Pastor Jeanne Parr

James Pifer

Pete Pontorno

Heather Powers

Steve Purdy

Brian Pyle

June Quinn

Bonnie Richards

Roger Rollins

Brandon RT

Crystal Rupprecht

Patty Rupprecht

Sonny Rupprecht

Donna Sarnacki

Xyla Savage

Tabitha Schneider

Bill Sigmon

Carol Sorenson

Judy Stancliff

Tim Strasbaugh

Jamie Tippet

Linda Valente

Archie Verdiglione

Barbara Williams

Linda Wood

Tracy Wood

Tony Wright

For our friends and family who are grieving:

Bill Riley and family as they mourn the loss of his wife, Rita.

For our friends and family who are living in nursing homes, assisted living or home bound:

Eileen Howard, Doris & Ken White, Charlie Hayden & Linda Wood, Sylvia Hollar

Continue to pray for:

Please pray for our Law Enforcement Officers as they risk their lives each day to protect their communities. Our Pastors as they continue to find new ways to minister to their flock and keep us all connected. And for each other that Christ will calm our fears and keep us safe.

Help Us Update our Prayer List

Please take a look at our prayer list above. Prayer is a powerful tool and we want to keep our list strong for those who need it most. If you have updated information on any of the folks listed, please let the office or Pastor Susan know.



When Testing Comes

By M.S.Lowndes

Sometimes you allow us, Lord,
To go through times of testing
And often, Lord, it may come to us
After a time of blessing

You let those times we go through
Be times of deeper work
To teach us, Lord, to trust in you
Even though we may hurt

We try so hard to understand
Just what is going on
And why we go through such a low
When before we felt so strong

And when our bodies are in such pain
And our minds are in the dark,
Why do doubts of your word, Lord,
Creep into our hearts?

We wonder where you are, O God,
In the midst of all our doubt
And why you even allow such trials
That seems to cloud you out

It often seems so hard for us
To trust you in these times,
We want you to remove the pain
In our bodies and our minds

And yes, O God, I know you heal
And give us hope to believe in
Then other times, you allow us to
Go through difficult seasons

But you know what's best for us
And you see the bigger picture,
You're always there to walk with us
Into a brighter, hope filled future.



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The greatest victory in living
lies not in never falling,
but in rising every time we fall.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
Philippians 4:13

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