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**PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

*So here's what I want you to do. When you gather for worship, each one of you be prepared with something that will be useful for all: Sing a hymn, teach a lesson, tell a story, lead a prayer, provide an insight. – The Apostle Paul to the people of God's Church in Corinth (1 Cor. 14:26)*

When I left for my vacation in June, I was excited to begin the adventure of cycling from Amsterdam to Bruges, and I was calm and assured that I had put in place the preachers, musicians, and prayer leaders necessary for meaningful worship and ministry. Knowing that Pastor Paul would be able to address any surprise or emergency that arose while I was away, gave me peace. And then, Pastor Paul became deathly ill. He became the emergency.

The leaders of our congregation pivoted quickly and handled the circumstances well. They called Mei Cobb and Rev. David Thayer to bring us music. They visited Paul in hospital. Our Staff Parish Relations Committee figured out how we would care for Paul and his family long-term. Guest preachers were welcomed and supported. All ministries continued uninterrupted. These outcomes were possible because our congregation believes in discipleship.

In our congregation, in fact in our denomination, we understand that each person is to be engaged in ministry in some way. Each is to know what their unique gifts and abilities are and develop a way to share them. Everyone is called into mission and ministry, not just clergy. John Wesley called this – “the priesthood of all believers.”

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**Our Purpose:**  
**Knowing,  
Loving, &  
Serving  
God and  
Others In  
Unity**

When we become disciples (members) of DUMC, we promise to share our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness with the congregation so that the congregation can be strong and effective. And the leaders of the congregation promise to help each grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. So, we have a method for developing leadership capabilities, but I am extremely grateful for those who have taken the time to develop their skills. People like Pam Durbin, Lisa Niemann, Lee Matousek, and David Chevalier have taken Lay Servant courses with Baltimore Washington Conference to develop their capabilities. Others have taken online courses and webinars to prepare them for their leadership roles. Still others have continued their education through other organizations like Stephen's Ministries and Grief Share. If you have felt the Holy Spirit nudging you to grow or learn how to use your skills in a new way, call me, and we will find a way to make that happen.

A healthy congregation is not dependent solely on clergy for effective mission, ministry, or worship. Each contributes what they can to build up this community of faith. As I now prepare for hip replacement surgery and four weeks of recovery, I am excited for the possibility to regain strength and mobility and I am confident that I am leaving a team in place that can address any surprises or emergencies so that our congregation can continue in effective mission and ministry.

**Thank you God, for the disciples of Davidsonville UMC**

Blessings,  
Pastor Wendy

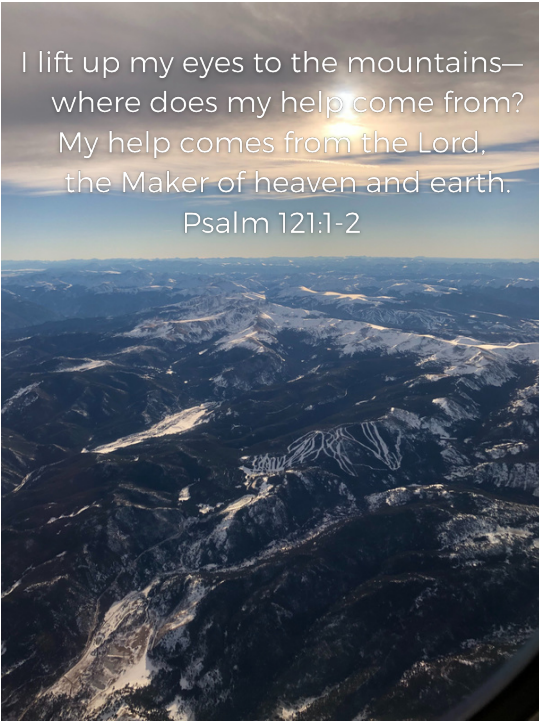


The DUMC Kids sang *If I Were A Butterfly* for us on June 19th!





I lift up my eyes to the mountains—  
where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.  
Psalm 121:1-2



Play well - keep  
the faith

Tara Pierru

Be still and know  
that I am God.



Teamwork & Fun

What do  
you see?

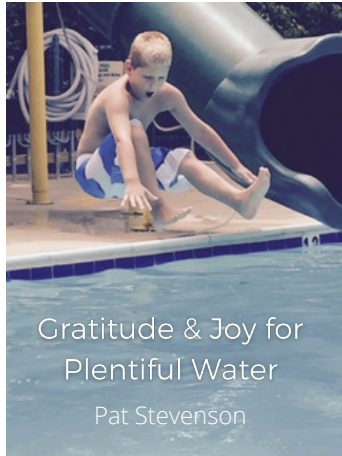


I'm most content outside observing the plants and animals that visit my yard and garden. For some reason, bunnies like to have their babies in my raised garden beds. The adult rabbits like to visit the beds for a snack of lettuce, or as in the photo, for my green beans. Pairs of blue birds, cardinals and gold finch, along with the less colorful birds, visit the bird bath while I sit nearby enjoying their company. It is so peaceful there that I can ignore the sound of traffic, wholeheartedly agreeing with Mrs. Gurney. - Liz Hopkins  
*"The kiss of the sun for pardon, The song of the birds for mirth, One is nearer God's heart in a garden Than anywhere else on earth."* - From *God's Garden* by Dorothy Frances Gurney

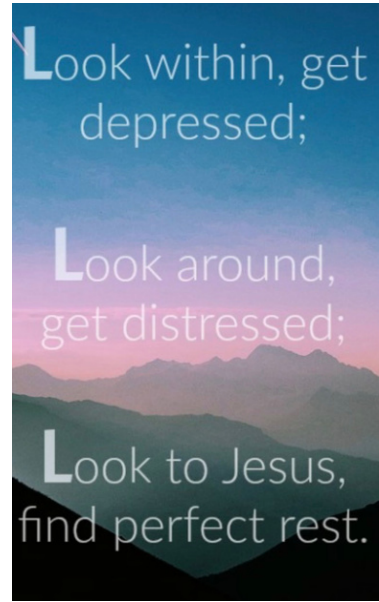




Feeding children in our community



Gratitude & Joy for Plentiful Water  
Pat Stevenson



Sharing God's Bounty  
Pat Stevenson



Megan Loeffler

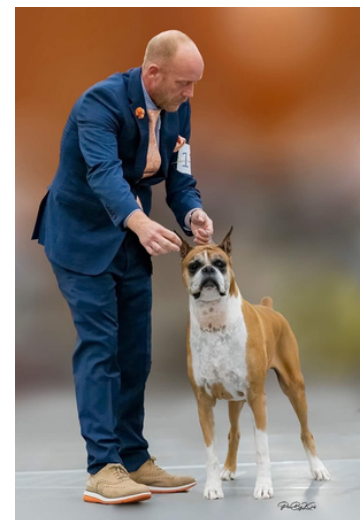
**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.**



Each One Teach One

# What do you see?

What do you see? Do you see a man in a blue suit? Do you see just a dog, or do you see a boxer? Do you note that the dog is a boxer because you had one as a child or knew someone who did? Do you see a dog with some years on him, but nevertheless a very impressive animal? I can see more than you can see because I know the dog intimately. I see a dog who has given me joy from his moment of birth, who has loved me unconditionally, and who has always competed and completed all that was asked of him. I see a dog that had major surgery April 6 who grows stronger each day, despite the enemy within. I see a dog that God has permitted me to own and continues to bless me with. I shall cherish each day I'm given as long as he remains pain-free. But what do I REALLY see? I see Joshua doing what he loves best. I see Joshua dancing his last dance for me. - Connie Haywood







# Senior Luncheon







Social Needs and Outreach started making lunches every three months for the Lighthouse Shelter about 1-1/2 years ago. On June 27th, Carol Chell, Kathy Gabler and Debby Wasson made 125 ham and cheese sandwiches. Debby and Gene delivered the sandwiches along with water, granola bars, and bananas to the shelter that afternoon. We picked up the bananas at Trader Joe's and when I told them they were for the shelter, they gave us free bouquet of flowers. From the picture at the shelter, you can see that I gave them to the kitchen helper. The helper said she would give them to her mother.



We will be making lunches again on October 10th. Anyone can make sandwiches for them in increments of 25 up to 125, so it is an easy thing to do for any family or small group to help others.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debby Wasson



Thank you to the Stanek's, Colacicco's, Pierru's, Damon, and Nelson for helping the children and teachers spread mulch on the playground!



# Mission Opportunities:

**Handyman Ministry** - several members of Riva Trace Baptist Church assist people in the community with smaller scale DIY/handyman services in an ongoing ministry. The dates, times and projects vary. Ideal for retirees with DIY skills. Richard Edmonds is the lead on this ministry - he can be reached at 443.534.4260.



**Mercy Chefs** - Most recently Mercy Chefs is involved with boots on the ground near Ukraine to help refugees and provide aid to that event. Visit their website to learn more.



*Dear Bues,*

This is the time of year I start thinking about suitcases. I wonder if my old tried-and-true battle-scarred ancient thing will make it through another trip. I guess it takes one to know one!



Perhaps some of us have the same old battered suitcases we had in college, and some of us feel the need to trade in old for new on a fairly regular basis. Maybe the new ones hold more, but (more likely) we're looking at the ease with which we can speed down the concourse with our sleek ball bearings and wheels of steel. There is something to be said for no longer having to lug our luggage.

Our burdens get pretty heavy over the years, don't they? Can you find the strength to let go of past transgressions best forgotten? Perhaps the time has come to lighten the load. In the eyes of God you are new every morning! So it's time to pack up your troubles and smile (great song title, right?) The heaviest 'stuff' is most likely the 'stuff' you're best rid of, and God really wants to help. Take it to Him in prayer. Then get yourself a new suit case and only use it for good memories!

*Peace & Love, Connie*

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CrossRoads is looking for an individual, strong and anchored with kindness, patience, and love of supporting the growth of children in mind, body, and spirit. Must be 18 years old, have a High School diploma, have a 90-hour certification for Child Development Preschool and Curriculum (preferred, but we can support you in obtaining this certification and other pre-service training). Responsibilities include but are not limited to: lesson planning based on child, developmentally appropriate curriculum, establish positive and collaborative relationships with families and staff, adapt program activities to meet the unique and individual needs of the whole child, and maintain professional and appropriate communication with parents or caregivers and fellow staff. Interested applicants, please email your resume to [crdirector@crossroadscdc.com](mailto:crdirector@crossroadscdc.com).





# Welcome New Members

## *Jennifer Hincks*



On Sunday, May 29th we welcomed Jennifer Hinks into our church family. Jen was excited about becoming a member of Davidsonville United Methodist Church. Prior to her coming to Davidsonville, she was a member at St. Andrews where her children went to school. Much of her family are still members of Holy Family Catholic Church. Jen and her husband, Steve, have 3 children: Lauren, 28, who lives in New York, Stephen, 27, who is stationed in San Diego, and Courtney, 24, who recently moved to San Diego for a job and is living with her brother. Jen has been a real estate agent for 23 years and loves helping both buyers and sellers. She is also employed with the Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office on the Special Victims Unit and primarily works in Domestic Violence. Her title is a victim's witness specialist, and she helps get victim's prepared to testify when they are usually very reluctant to move forward in these types of cases. Jen loves the beach, reading and spending time with family. Welcome, Jen!

## *Bill & Gail Sporre*



One June 16th, we welcomed Bill and Gail Sporre into our church family. The Sporre's transferred in from All Villages Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Port St. Lucie, West Florida. They have both been retired for over 20 years; Bill from Crofton Country Club and Gail from the State of Maryland's Governor's press office. Between them they have raised four children. Gail was born in Kingston, New York, but grew up in Rochester, New York. She has been settled in Crofton for over 50 years. She enjoys being with family...Especially since they are blessed with 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren! Bill was born in Alpena Michigan. His older brother is deceased, but his younger brother is alive and well, and lives in Dayton, Ohio...Bill grew up in New Lebanon, Ohio (just outside of Dayton) where he was introduced to athletics. Golf was the sport he liked best and he eventually became a professional golfer. Bill likes all kinds of music and enjoyed being in a barbershop group for 13 years. His life revolves around his faith and family, and he still very much enjoys being on the golf course! Bill and Gail told me that they are very excited to be members of this wonderful church. We are honored to welcome them into this faith family.

Submit a joy or concern online: [dumc.net/prayer](http://dumc.net/prayer)

## 3 WAYS TO GIVE



### Giving Envelopes

Give by cash or check with in worship Sunday mornings



### Online Giving

Give a one time gift or set recurring donations on our website: DUMC.net



### Text Giving

Text \$(desired amount) to 410-324-6399 to give via text message

## July

- 2 - Donnie Monaghan
- 5 - Harper Cornelius
- 5 - Angel Joya
- 5 - John Price
- 6 - Christy Potts
- 9 - Larry Smouse
- 10 - Marie Ange Pierru
- 10 - Chip Robertson
- 12 - Nancy Barham
- 12 - John Cohen
- 12 - Timothy Purcell
- 13 - Chuck Moeslein
- 16 - Will Stanek
- 17 - Brianna Potts
- 21 - Barbara Colacicco
- 22 - Rebecca Iannicelli
- 25 - Anders Pierru
- 25 - Ray Simpson
- 26 - Ben Hopkins
- 27 - Elaine Bassford
- 27 - Sam Clurman
- 28 - Lori Heider



## August

- 1 - Pat Cain
- 9 - Betty Beatty
- 11 - Ryan Hardesty
- 11 - Rachel Tartaglia
- 14 - Susan Attenberger
- 19 - Foster Baur
- 19 - Benjamin Egbert
- 20 - Tara Taylor
- 21 - Jim Fate
- 21 - David Chevalier
- 23 - Kim Morrissey
- 25 - Arielle Hall
- 27 - Kelly Arsalnian
- 31 - Janet Long
- 31 - Maynard Wratchford

- 8/8 - Joe & Barbara Emert
- 8/10 - Chuck & Patricia Moeslein
- 8/19 - Tim & Susan Hopkins
- 8/26 - Maynard & Cindy Wratchford
- 8/27 - Bill & Delma Miller

*~HAPPY~  
Anniversary*

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