

September 2025

THE GOOD WORD

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September always feels like a hinge for the year. Labor Day marks the end of summer, schools are back in session, and we start preparing for the seasons to come. The weather can still be summer-like, but the days are also beginning to get shorter. In Methodist churches, this month means preparing for the church conference and end-of-year worship plans.

The choir will be starting up this month. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please reach out to Cindy or join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

We also have opportunities for service within the church. If you would like to join any of the church's committees, please let me know. A list of the committee positions is located at the back of the church. We particularly have room for evangelism and outreach members, as well as an opportunity to represent our church as a lay representative to the Annual Conference in May of 2026.

And we are finalizing a possible vision statement for the church. Please look in the newsletter on page 4 to learn more about that vision statement and how we want your input on what it says about the church. A vision statement is our attempt to describe the direction we believe God is leading us as a church for the time and place we currently live in.

As we move into this new season, now is the time to consider new ways to respond to God's callings and the needs of others, sharing the gospel of Christ.

Remember what Jesus said was the greatest commandment.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ^[b] There is no commandment greater than these (Mark 12: 30-31)."

How can we, as a church, lean into this command to love as Christ loves us this season and all year round?

Pastor Josh



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8	Finn Sheahan	25	Elena Manco
20	Doug Gorsuch	27	Melinda Bennett
23	Bryan Smith	29	Gary Maring

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1	David and Mary Jane Frazier
11	Devin and Mary Flagler
20	Bonnie & Karl Petro

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.

Men's Breakfast is Back this Saturday!



Saturday, September 8th - 9AM

Bob Evans

206 Malcolm Dr., Westminster, MD

Let Steve or Hearl know if you are coming.

Discount Cards
are still availa-
ble to buy.

See Sheri
Maring.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

September - Hearl & Sandy Wright

READER

September - Anna Grimes

Let Office know if you can help

October 2025

**Deadline is:
September
25, 2025**



MT. AIRY NET

September Needs:

**Tuna fish, soups, canned
vegetables, spaghetti sauce,
paper towels, shampoo,
conditioner**

The Choir Needs You!



See Cindy for details

Bishop Easterling visiting Lakes District:

Date: Monday, September 15, 6 p.m.

Location: Deer Park UMC

**2205 Sykesville Rd.,
Westminster, MD 21157**

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Brynn has double ear infection
- Family of Jane Rogers who passed away
- Family of Alamedia Moxley who passed away
- Debbie Gillen - legs are hurting
- People with colds, flu and Covid
- Bob Gillen - skin cancer treatments
- Teachers, administrators, students starting back to school
- Foreign Charities having their funding/donations withdrawn
- World issues
- Pray for Sarah and her family
- Audrey Parrish-hip issues, had MRI-saw Dr. in Orlando
- Cindy Watts needs prayer-health issues
- Lisa Twilley under hospice care
- Vivian's friend, Barb Conaway has cancer
- Cindy's Harris' friend, Phil Anderson-liver cancer
- Pray we keep God as our focus in all we do
- Pray for our military
- Pray for country, leadership, democracy
- Chris has improved pain & functioning
- Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
- Joe Martin-needs prayers
- COVID, pray for people who have it & suffer
- Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
- Pray for the homeless near and far
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our World, Peace, Enemies
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees.
Our member in assisted living is Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown

**Joys**

- Picnic time with church friends
- Beautiful weather

Prayers for Service Persons

Austin Flagler (Coast Guard)
Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Tampa)
Thank you for your service!!

We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles**September****September 7, 2025****Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost****Communion Sunday**

Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Title: "Reshaping"

September 14, 2025**Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

I Timothy 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Title: "Discomforting Welcome"

September 21, 2025**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

I Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

Sermon Title: "Faithful With What?"

September 28, 2025**Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

I Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Sermon Title: "Take Hold of the Life That is Real"



Our next meeting will be
Thursday, September
25. We are planning to
meet at John and Melinda
Bennett's home. More info
to come.

Vision Team Update

For the past several months, the Vision team has been meeting to study and discern a new vision for Taylorsville Church.

We have examined the history of the Church, the surveys we established late last year, and the trends in our surrounding area, while also seeking discernment of God's calling. We are now developing a new vision statement for the Church.

The goal is that this vision will help guide our ministries, activities, and programs as we seek to grow the Church and stay relevant in the community around us. For this to work, we need to know that the vision we develop is right for Taylorville Church. Part of that is discerning where God is guiding us and how the Church itself wants to move.

We have identified some core principles that we believe are right for our Church.

Community engagement and building.

Faithful witness to the love of God.

However, we would like your input again to determine if these values and the statement we are writing are suitable for us.

The statement we currently have is as follows:

“We seek to faithfully display God’s love through our actions toward others in our community.”

Before we adopt this statement as a guiding principle for our ministries, we would like your input. However, please note that statements like this are not permanent. This statement is to guide us through our time as we seek to grow in God's guidance and strength.

Please respond by email or leave a note in the Church letting us know your thoughts on this statement.

Do you like it?

Yes or no?

If so, what do you like or dislike?

How can we reword it or improve it?

Adult Sunday School Class in Basement Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Dee



Our fall quarter, beginning in September, will focus on how God, through prophets and other leaders, gave help and guidance to the people of Judah. We will start with the prophetic ministry of Isaiah -his call and witness. While most kings of Judah and Israel earn bad grades from the writers of Kings and Chronicles, two seventh-century kings of Judah are revealed as seeking the Lord and reforming worship. King Hezekiah celebrates Passover according to what was written in the law of Moses, while King Josiah is a “by-the-book strategist” who sought proper obedience to the Lord.

The destruction of the temple, according to Scripture, was the result of social injustice, moral decay, and conventional disobedience. Isaiah finds a spark of hope in the devastation – the prophetic suffering of the people has a redemptive purpose, testifying to God’s judgment and restoration. Near the end of the Babylonian exile, the prophet envisages a humiliated and afflicted servant who carries the sins of many.

We meet in the social hall on Sunday mornings. Beginning in September our start time changes to **8:45**. Please consider joining us.

Children’s Sunday School Class - after children’s message during service

Contact: Miss Maria



A new school year and a new season! Such excitement! Our children’s Sunday school will be studying some Old Testament lessons. We will start with Creation, learn about Noah then about Abraham and Sarah along with the fruit of the spirit, harvest and change and gratitude. Our bible verse will be Hebrews 13:8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever. Join us for games, crafts and snacks!

2025 BAZAAR

Please come to a very important meeting to discuss this year’s Christmas Bazaar.

Date: **Monday, September 8 at 7:00 PM**

Who: Everyone

Where: Come downstairs in the social hall

Why: Because your help and ideas are needed

Thank you! And I hope to see you there!

Sue Leppert slepp@comcast.net











Have you checked out the Adult Education Podcasts by Jeff Taylor?

Below is a screenshot of the curriculum for Taylorsville UMCs Adult Education website. There are now 83 podcasts on the site. The site itself has over 6 GB of information.

Our S.S. class will be taking a break and not meeting during the summer. We will meet again in September.

Each podcast is associated with additional reference information such as topic summaries, essays, and frequently asked questions. All is original material not copied from any source.

The Curriculum: (Total 83 Podcasts)

-  [The Jewish Temple: Theology, Mysticism, and The Kingdom of God \(18 Podcasts\)](#)
-  [The Early Worship of Jesus \(17 Podcasts\)](#)
-  [James The Brother of Jesus \(12 Podcasts\)](#)
-  [The Nature of Reality, Is There A Place For God? \(15 Podcasts\)](#)
-  [Does Modern Science Support A Spiritual Worldview? \(8 Podcasts\)](#)
-  [The Mind of GOD \(4 Podcasts, More To Come\)](#)
-  [A History and Interpretation of Second Isaiah \(7 Podcasts\)](#)
-  [Apocalyptic Imagination: Jewish Apocalyptic Literature \(1 Podcast, More To Come\)](#)

Each class is centered around a podcast (average of 30 minutes) with additional support material. Each class has a cited reference source for people who want more information. I have personally curated every source for academic accuracy and appropriateness.

Since I have not used any original material from the sources, no copyrights are violated and all sources used are cited just like any academic publication.

Here is the link to the landing page which will get populated with more courses.

<https://jeff-taylor-database.notion.site/>

I can't imagine many other churches have free study material of this caliber and depth. I have used only the most current and respected resources from academia. In addition, many classes provide different points of view for controversial topics.

The podcast dialogues are lively, entertaining, and very understandable.






**FIRST RESPONDER
APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON**

at
TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4356 Ridge Rd., Mount Airy, MD 21771

WHEN: September 13th, 2025
TIME: Anytime between 11:30am-2:00pm
WHAT: Drop in for lunch so we can show
our appreciation for all that you
do!



SPiRiT NigHt

September 18, 2025
4 pm-7 pm

Come support
Taylorsville United Methodist Church
and 10% of the sales will be donated
back to them!

Mobile orders:
Enter Code
UMC2025

Dine-in guests, please mention this
event prior to ordering your meal.

Chick-fil-A

RIDGESIDE DRIVE
1705 Ridgeside Drive
Mt. Airy, MD 21771



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**Savor the Last Days
of Summer**
with a
Fried Chicken Lunch
Friday, September 12, 2025
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Zion UMC
Fundraiser**

ALL PLATTERS: \$15.00 each

PLATTERS INCLUDE:

- ¼ Chicken – **CHOOSE** From:
_____ **White Meat (Breast and Wing)**
OR
_____ **Dark Meat (Leg and Thigh)**
- 2 Sides – **SELECT** From:
_____ **Applesauce** _____ **Green Beans**
_____ **Cole Slaw** _____ **Potato Salad**
- Roll and Butter, Dessert

(All items are pre-order only for Drive-Thru Pick Up)
Orders accepted through Saturday, September 6, 2025
Call or Text **(443) 789-4599** to place an order
Payment Due When Order Picked Up
-by Exact Cash, Check, or Venmo-

Verification Code: 4599

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Proceeds Benefit:
General Fund - Zion United Methodist Church of Shipley
2714-16 Old Washington Road
Westminster, MD 21157



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

AND
FRIED OYSTER LUNCHEON

November 15, 2025
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

★ CRAFTS ★ BAKED GOODS ★ GIFT BASKETS ★
★ WOOD WORKING SHOP ★ RUDOLPH'S FLEAS ★ TRAIN GARDEN ★
★ SANTA'S RE-GIFTING CENTER ★ JIGSAW PUZZLES & BOOKS GALORE ★

LUNCHEON:
FRIED OYSTERS HAM SALAD
CHICKEN STRIPS PLATTERS
SOUP SANDWICHES

HOMEMADE PIES, CAKES, COOKIES, AND CANDY
Luncheon Served 10:30 am – 3pm or sold out

Taylorsville United Methodist Church
4356 Ridge Road at Taylorsville
¼ Mile south of Route 26 on Route 27

Accepting credit cards.

Taylorsville United Methodist Church Homemade Soup and Apple Dumpling Order Form

Name _____ Phone # _____

Soups

Chicken Noodle Quart	_____	@ \$10.00 each = \$	_____
Chicken Noodle Pint	_____	@ \$5.00 each = \$	_____
Beef Vegetable Soup Quart	_____	@ \$12.00 each = \$	_____
Beef Vegetable Soup Pint	_____	@ \$ 6.00 each = \$	_____
Soup Total		\$	_____

Apple Dumplings:

Baked	_____	@ \$5.00 each = \$	_____
Unbaked	_____	@ \$5.00 each = \$	_____
Frozen Unbaked	_____	@ \$5.00 each = \$	_____
Apple Dumpling Total		\$	_____

Grand Total \$ _____

Order deadline is **September 28, 2025.**

Orders can be picked up on October 3rd between 1:00–2:00 pm or Sunday, October 5th between 10:30–11:30 am.

Thank you for supporting our Church Fundraiser.






Office Hours
M, W, TH
9:00AM-2:30PM



TAYLORSVILLE UMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2	3	4	5	6 9AM Men's Breakfast Zion Chicken orders due
7 Communion 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	8 7:00PM Bazaar Mtg	9 7:00PM SPRC Mtg	10	11	12 11:00-1:00 Zion Drive-thru Chicken Lunch	13 11:30-2:00 Responders Lunch
14 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	15 6:00PM Bishop at Deer Park UMC	16 7:00PM Finance Mtg	17	18 4:00-7:00PM Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser	19	20
21 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	22 7:00PM Church Council	23	24	25 7:00PM UWIF Newsletter Deadline	26	27
28 Soup/Dumpling Orders Due 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	29	30	Soup/ Dumpling Pick-up: Oct. 3 1-2PM Oct. 5 10:30-11:30	Looking Ahead: Sat. Oct. 18 11AM- Church Conference		

Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorsville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

We're on the Web!
www.taylorsvilleumc.org



**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN
CHURCH THIS MONTH**

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