

July 2025

THE GOOD WORD

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A lot of changes are happening this July. The biggest for us is the beginning of our two-point charge with Zion. I appreciate your support, as I am responsible for pastoring two congregations. I am confident this will be a positive opportunity for both our churches to support one another's financial and mission needs as we share some of the church's work. There will be an adjustment period, but we can do more together than we did apart.

Please remember our new worship start time is 9:45AM.

Another change is the beginning of the hubs. This change may not seem as immediate at first, but it will, over time, give us a community of churches to work with and support each other's mission and ministry. I look forward to seeing how the hubs will develop. Our fellow hub churches include:

Fairview UMC

Johnsville UMC

Linganore UMC

New Hope UMC

St Paul UMC

Stone Chapel UMC

Zion of Shipley, our Charge partner.

All those changes to the organizational relationship of our churches aside, we will continue to develop our ministries and outreach as a church in Taylorsville.

There are two opportunities to support our church's outreach to the community this month. The **Winfield Carnival, July 7-12**. Some of us will go again this year to set up a booth, let people know about us, and share some games and crafts. It's a fun time, and you are welcome to come and support us at the table or just come and enjoy the carnival. Suppose you come to the carnival and stop by to say hi. You never know how much good saying hello can do. Page 6 has more information.

The other opportunity is **"Fill the Net", Sunday, July 27, 12PM-6PM at the Mt Airy Weis**. Fill the Net is a benefit for Mt. Airy Net and a show of unity amongst the Mt. Airy area churches. Come shop after church and buy listed items for Mt. Airy Net, or volunteer to welcome the community and represent our church with games and activities. See page 3 for more information.

Whether you are involved in any of these events and changes, don't forget to enjoy the summer and try to keep cool. God remains our ever-present comfort.

Remember that Anna will be on vacation this month for the week of the 5th -12th. The office phone call will be redirected to me.

Pastor Josh



JULY BIRTHDAYS

14 Cindy Harris
23 Pastor Josh Gillen

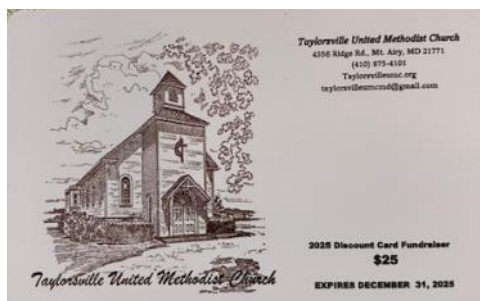
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

9 Earl and Sandy Wright
16 Tim and Michelle Manco
21 Gary and Vicky Patterson

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

Discount Cards
are still available
to buy.

See Sheri
Maring.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

July - Sandy Wright & Ritta Jones

READER

July - Dee Haines

Let Office know if you can help

August
2025

Deadline is:
July 24, 2025



On a break till September.

MT. AIRY NET

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Taco Kits,
Shampoo, Conditioner
Paper towels



Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pray for Phil Dorsey under hospice care

- Our partnership with Zion UMC
- Pray for peace
- Sharon's great-granddaughter, Olivia
- Cindy Watts needs prayer - health issues
- Families with special needs children
- Audrey Parrish - hip issues, has MRI scheduled
- Upcoming changes to Districts, the hubs
- John's father, Jack has heart issues
- Vivian's friend, Barb Conaway has cancer
- Lisa Twilley under hospice care
- Pray for people with job uncertainty
- Cindy's Harris' friend, Phil Anderson-liver cancer
- Pray we can keep God as our focus in all we do
- Pray we can be kinder, gentler, loving people
- Pray for our military
- Pray for country, leadership, democracy
- Chris-good outcome for disability, still in a lot of pain
- Persons that suffer with seasonal depression
- Sarah requests prayers for health
- Joe Martin-needs prayers
- COVID, pray for people who have it & are suffering
- Uncle Jerry needs prayers for cancer
- 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**

- Vacation Bible Camp - children learning of God's love
- Thankful for VBC volunteers
- Our beautiful church after church clean up day
- Finn happy to go visit his dad in CA
- Vivian has new great granddaughter
- Our partnership with Zion UMC

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**JULY****July 6, 2025**

**4th Sunday After Pentecost,
Communion Sunday**

Galatians 6:1-16, Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon Title: "One More Thing"

July 13, 2025

5th Sunday After Pentecost

Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Title: "Traveling a Hard Road"

July 20, 2025

6th Sunday After Pentecost

Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

Sermon Title: "Worry or Rejoice"

June 27, 2025

7th Sunday After Pentecost

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon Title: "What is Prayer Anyway?"

Fill the Net:

When: Sunday, July 27 12PM-6PM

Why: To benefit Mt. Airy Net and show unity amongst the Mt. Airy area churches

Where: Mt. Airy Weis

Ask of congregation:

1. Come shop after church and buy listed items for Mt. Airy Net.
2. Volunteer for a time slot (see sign up genius)
3. Commit to an activity.

Have your congregants sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A45AEA728AAF8C07-57365357-fill>

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

Contact: Dee



During the summer quarter we have been exploring the theme of sacred altars and holy offerings. By doing so we are able to claim more intentionally the sacred spaces and actions that enable us to connect to God and God's holy presence. In June we concentrated on some of the earliest recorded encounters with God and the resulting altars constructed to worship God.

In July we fast forward to the first century of the Christian era and the temple in Jerusalem which was the dwelling God had authorized in order to house the sacred altar and holy offerings of God's people. The layout for the temple and its surrounding courtyards had been prefigured in the tabernacle which had served as the portable sanctuary for God's people during the time of Moses. Jesus frequently visited the temple, and the gospel writers recorded many of these encounters. We will look at a few of these in our lessons this month.

We will continue to meet at 9 AM during the summer months before changing our meeting time to 8:45 AM beginning in September. We invite you to join us.

Special Bible Study Announcement

Pastor Josh is preparing for the final requirements for the Board of Ordained Ministry examinations as a candidate for full ordination in the UMC. One of those requirements is a Bible study session. This session will be recorded for the examination by the Board of Ordained Ministry.

More information from Pastor Josh: I have prepared a single session study of the parable of the **Good Samaritan**. I am looking for participants for this study. If you want to participate in this **one session study**, please sign up at the back of the church.

If this study is well-received, I may develop it further to cover more of the parables of the Bible in the future.

The study date is **July 14th at 7 PM** in the Education Building's living room.









New 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.



WINFIELD COMMUNITY VFD CARNIVAL

**Great Way to
Show our
Presence in the
Community!**

We will again have a booth at this carnival. We need people to sign-up to be at our booth and help us show the community we are here! Sheri will have a sign-up sheet in church.

**When you
come to the
carnival you
can bring
donations
that will
support the
food pantry
at Ebenezer
UMC.**



School Supplies needed by July 20th for Shepherd's Staff

Donations Needed!



Financial Contributions
for school supplies and shoe vouchers

New Backpacks
character backpacks for younger students
and standard size for older students

Pocket Folders
with and without brads

Canvas Pencil Pouches

1-Inch Binders

Wide-ruled Composition Notebooks

Wide-ruled Filler Paper

Colored Pencils

Primary, (Fat) Pencils and Crayons

3x3 Post-it Notes

Dividers

3x5 Ruled Index Cards

Markers and Highlighters

24 ct. Crayons

Pink Block Erasers

Rulers



The Shepherd's Staff
Back to School Program



June 23—26, 2025





We are on the Go With God.





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Below is the link to the VBC photo album.

<https://adobe.ly/3FXCpOH>

It is not complete yet, so you may want to check back over the next week or so. You can download any picture by clicking on the “down arrow” icon in the upper right corner of the page.

Also, if anyone has any pictures you would like to see on the album, just email them to me as attachments and I will put them up. Enjoy the pictures!

Dr. Jeffrey L. Taylor





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

2025



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July stars	5
6 9:45AM New Time Communion 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	7 Winfield Carni- val Booth	8 Winfield Carni- val Booth	9 Winfield Carnival Booth	10 Winfield Carnival Booth	11 Winfield Carnival Booth	12 Winfield Carnival Booth
13 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	14 7:00PM Pastor Josh's Special Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19
20 School Supplies Due 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	21	22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26
27 Fill the Net Event 8:45AM Sunday School 9:45AM Worship- Facebook live/website	28	29	30	31	Pray this month as we transition to a 2-point charge with Zion UMC	



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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