

MAY 2023

THE GOOD WORD

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May always feels like the calm between two storms for me. Easter is over, and we have a little room to relax before the annual conference at the end of the month. This year's Annual Conference returns to being an entirely in-person experience. For those unfamiliar, Annual Conference is an integral part of the leadership and governance structure of the United Methodist Church. Pastors and lay representatives from the Baltimore-Washington Conference gather to worship, fellowship, and vote on important matters, like the budget, electing delegates to higher-level conferences, and approving the new clergy ordination. We also vote and debate topics that affect the church's life locally and connectionally. Some years it's very serious and challenging, and others not. Recent years have been primarily virtual events, but now we have returned to the banquet hall of a hotel in Baltimore. Past years have also seen some challenges and controversies that remain. Please pray for those of us attending as representatives of Taylorsville and all other churches.

We have also started to make some big decisions at Taylorsville. Recently the Church Council has decided to purchase a new piano for the sanctuary. Several donors have already stepped up to help finance the purchase. The Lord loves a cheerful giver. May this investment in the music ministry of our church make a joyful sound for many years. And special thanks to all who are giving to this need.

We also are thinking about starting up two committees for the church. We seek individuals who want to reform the Evangelism and Outreach committee. Don't let Evangelism scare you off; it is not about going door to door. Evangelism and outreach are about telling the story of God and reaching out in goodwill to the communities around us. If that interests you, please let me know, and we can put together an interest group.

I'm also looking to start a fundraising task force. The church must be creative with its fundraising goals to support our future ministry needs. Let me know if you would like to help plan innovative and exciting fundraising events, and we can start forming a team.

Lastly, I plan to create a new member/refresher member class for later this summer or early fall. Let me know if you would like to learn more about the UMC. We will cover church structure, beliefs, and history. For some, that may lead to an interest in formal membership in Taylorsville UMC; for others, it's an opportunity to learn and grow more in their faith.

We have some ambitious plans and visions for Taylorsville Church, and I want to invite you all to help us make those ambitions a reality. Let's water the seed that God has planted here together.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

Pastor Josh



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

- May - Scott & Ritta Jones
- June - Hearl & Sandy Wright

READER

- May - Steve Iden
- June - Anna Grimes

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Jen Cox | 23 Vicky Patterson |
| 4 Debra Gillen | 24 Bill Bean |
| 7 Michelle Manco | 25 Kim Gorsuch |
| 9 Kaitlyn Flagler | 30 Tim Manco |
| 11 Devin Flagler | |

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|
| 6 Allan and Sarah Bean |
| 21 Sam and Anna Grimes |

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



Saturday, May 13-9:00 AM

Note: This is the second week of the month due to workday

Going to Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, MD

Contact John Eaton with questions



June Newsletter Deadline is: May 22

Wishing you a peaceful and blessed
Memorial Day

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WHAT LOVE IS:
JESUS CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US.
AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN
OUR LIVES FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

1 JOHN 3:16



Dear Faithful Members,

Thank you for giving the church your time, treasure, and service.

As I write, 2023 is only four months old and we can already count the church's blessings. Attendance is improving for one thing. Giving has had its ups and downs, but we have held firm overall. We have begun to strengthen our outreach by building relationships with other congregations in the Mount Airy area and local ministry partners like Mount Airy Net, Westminster food pantries, and others who serve the needs of the people around us. We have also begun our relationship with another area Methodist church working to establish a resource hub for UMCOR, the United Methodist Church's disaster response agency. Our musical program is a blessing and hopefully we will soon have a new piano.

We also look forward to participating in the broader church governance with the May and June Annual Conference sessions. This summer, we anticipate a new Vacation Bible School program called **Hero Hotline**. We have also been discussing new fundraising and outreach programs that we want to launch soon such as participation in regional events, publishing a new church cookbook, and much more. We are blessed with new optimism and visions for growing and supporting the church in the near and distant future.

But we can't do it without you. These accomplishments, blessings, and plans come despite the challenges of the last few years. All churches struggled to get through the pandemic closures and rebuild. We are no different. In many ways, we are still working out the challenges to our financial and membership goals from those years.

This letter is to thank you and ask you for your continued support. We want to do so much in the coming months and years. Any way that you can help is a blessing we can celebrate. To reach our goals, we ask you to help us "with your time, your treasure, and your service."

We would like your help to increase our **volunteer, giving, and fundraising needs**. We know how challenging everyone's budgets are. If possible, we ask you to consider ways to increase your giving. We also need help planning and implementing our fundraising programs, service and volunteer needs. To those of you that have already increased your giving and volunteered more we thank you.

We need people who can help organize the cookbook, guide a VBS class, or want to serve and lead the church's other needs. We have openings on a number of committees that need to be filled. We ask you to consider any way you can give or support the church with its financial and volunteer needs.

In giving, though, we want you to consider John Wesley's advice to the early Methodist church. "Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can."

Thank you for doing all that you have been doing as a part of Taylorsville UMC.

Pastor Josh and the Finance Committee

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Prayer

- Passing of Karen Mitchel Goff
- Mary Jane home recovering from back surgery
- Family of Hank Rodgers who passed away
- Debra Gillen - prayers for back pain
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Ray-healing from broken arm, now can't do PT, healing prayers
- Linda Cole-healing from surgery
- Sue's cousin, Steve-started new chemotherapy for pancreas cancer
- Sue's cousin, Tom Pyles-Hershey Medical Center with cognitive issues & internal injuries
- Sharon's niece, Jackie Eycler-surgery
- Amy's cousin, Alex-swelling is down in skull, pray for healing
- Lisa's friend, Valinda, pray for healing
- Carol's step-daughter is having surgery for brain tumor
- Michelle Manco's sister, Diana has cancer
- Gail's friend, Donna-prayers for healing
- Dona Wilson-prayers for healing from back pain
- Bonnie's great niece, Micah-leukemia
- Eileen's sister, Judy-has scoliosis-prayers for healing from back surgery
- Sue's granddaughter-protection for trip to Italy
- Prayers for homeless near and far
- John's daughter-in-law, Patti-cyst on her brain
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney-cancer
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim, cancer
- Pray for teachers, students, staff in school
- Gail's friend Rita-had kidney transplant, needs prayers for continued healing
- Those that are sick with COVID, other illnesses
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our Country
- Pray for our World
- Pray for Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine
- Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our member in assisted living is Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown



Prayers for Service Persons

Sean Grimes
 (U S Navy-Tampa)
 Thank you for your service Sean!!

Many women
 do noble things,
 but you surpass them all

Proverbs 31:29



Joys

- 46 at church last Sunday
- Stacie Maring got married April 29th
- 5 children already registered for VBC
- thankful for rain

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.



May

**Mt. Airy Net is
 Collecting:
 Tuna packets, Cereal,
 Toilet Paper, Shampoo,
 Conditioner**

Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this May

May 7, 2023

Communion Sunday

Acts 7:55-60, I Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

Sermon Title: A Stone Rejected

May 14, 2023

Acts 17:22-31, John 14:15-21

Sermon Title: Advocating in the Spirit

May 21, 2023

Ascension Sunday, Heritage Sunday



*Wear White
to church*

Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

Sermon Title: Why do you stand looking up toward Heaven?

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday



*Wear Red
to church*

Acts 2:1-21, John 7:37-39

Sermon Title: Out of the Heart



Save the Date - May 6, 2023

The trustees have a list of things to do in and around the church. Weeding, mulching, power washing, and yard cleanup are just a few. We will start around 9:00AM. Lunch provided at Noon

Questions see Steve Novick.

Christmas Bazaar News....

Don't forget the date, **November 11, 2023**, from 9 AM until 3 PM.

Donations for Santa's regifting are being accepted at any time. Just give me a call and I can meet you or bring it on any Sunday and someone will be able to unlock the Ed Building so it can be placed in the garage. We gave over 30 boxes to charity of items that haven't sold over the past years. So, we need donations to fill up the rooms of the Ed Building. Some ideas are jewelry, games, toys, purses, Christmas decorations of any kind, any stocking stuffers, gifts you never used, Christmas sweaters/ties etc. Remember, nearly new items only.

We need ideas for crafts and will be setting up groups starting in September. If you have an idea, give me a call and we can talk about it.

Do you know of anyone that can make some bird houses, bird feeders, etc. We also have plenty of pinecones if anyone has any ideas on how to use them.

Contact the church office if you can help.

Sue Leppert





Adult Sunday School Class in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee Haines

The work begun with Jesus' ministry and transformed by his death and resurrection continues in the community He chose: the church. May's lessons take us back to the earliest days of the church, which was and is God's instrument for the inbreaking of his kingdom. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come; and ever since he did, God's kingdom has been transformed. Pentecost is one dramatic example of this. The same Spirit who empowered the disciples that day continued to work miracles for the sake of God's kingdom. These included healing, welcoming people into the community who had been excluded before and recreating the heart of a man who zealously tried to destroy this emerging kingdom.

The gospel poses a threat to our ideas of status, esteem, security, and the way things ought to be. The Spirit was at work in the apostles and in the growth of the early church. And the Spirit remains at work in us, citizens of the kingdom of Heaven who continue to grow in faith, love, and hope.

We meet in the church social hall at nine on Sunday mornings. Please consider joining us.

Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m.-Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor

The class is starting a study on the Apostle Paul that will last for several months.

Podcast News from Jeff Taylor

The TaylorsvilleUMC webpage now has a section dedicated to podcasts produced by our church.

This page can be reached through the following link: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/podcasts>

It also has a menu item at the top of the home page. <https://taylorsvilleumc.org>

On it you will find three different playlists. A playlist is a group of podcasts related by subject matter.

You simply click on the displayed video to access all videos in the playlist.

The first playlist is a collection of Pastor Josh's weekly sermons called "Just Preach Jesus".

The second is a collection of our 9:00 am *Sunday school* class discussions currently centered on Jewish/Christian Reflections on the Lord's Prayer.

The third is a collection of podcasts by me on various topics regarding religion, theology, and history.

A fourth playlist was added early in March that contains the six Lenten study Zoom sessions for the Easter season.

These podcasts are not just for members of our church but are designed to appeal to the wider community.

So please feel free to talk about them and share the links with anyone you feel may be interested.

This is all part of TaylorsvilleUMC's plan to grow our on-line congregation.

SIGHT & SOUND

**REMINDER:**

**The Trip is
Thursday, May 25, 2023**

Vacation Bible Camp is June 19-22, 2023






You can register your children using the following link:
<https://www.myvbs.org/taylorsville/>

Questions call the church at 410 875-4101.



Westminster Rescue Mission Tea

Anna, Dee, Vivian, & Sue attended the Westminster Rescue Mission Tea on Saturday, April 22nd. 230 Women attended, heard speakers and enjoyed good food. The scones were delicious! Sue volunteers at the Mission and helped with the beautiful decorations on the tables.

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">2023</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Office Hours M, W, TH 9:00AM-2:30PM</p> |  | <p style="text-align: center;">TAYLORSVILLE UMC</p> | <p>Mt. Airy Net Collecting: cereal, tuna packets, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner</p> |
| <p>Sun</p> | <p>Mon</p> | <p>Tue</p> | <p>Wed</p> | <p>Thu</p> | <p>Fri</p> |
| <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>Sat 6 9:00AM Church Workday</p> |
| <p>7 COMMUNION 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 6:30PM Choir</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> |
| <p>14 Mother's Day 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17 6:30PM Choir</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>21 Ascension Sunday Wear White to Church 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24 6:30PM Choir</p> | <p>25 Trip to Moses</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>28 Pentecost Sunday Wear Red to Church 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website.</p> | <p>29 Office Closed </p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31 6:30PM Choir Annual Conf.</p> | <p>Looking Ahead: June 5th Council Mtg</p> | <p>June Newsletter: Honoring Graduates</p> |

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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorville 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!
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*Join us for Worship
each Sunday at 10AM*

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