

OCTOBER 2023

***THE GOOD WORD***

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October is one of my favorite months of the year. I'm not a pumpkin spice person, but I like the "Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown." I love the change of the seasons from summer to autumn. I look forward to the spookiness of Halloween as the world grows colder and more colorful. I know some pastors who won't even touch Halloween any more than they will Santa Claus, but not me. I consider it all meant in good-natured fun; we may choose to make a day significant or profane. And despite what some people think, Halloween has Christian and other origins. Hallow is a shorthand for holy in old English and was used to mark the night before we celebrate the saints and Godly people who came before us. I wish October could last a bit longer and be less busy. That would give more time for walks in the woods and cool evenings. But that's just my personality.

This October is busy. We have our annual Church conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. It may not be at the most convenient time or location, but it is important. We will be voting on and approving the budget and other important matters of church business. Anyone who is a member of the church can attend.

We will also enjoy the fruits of some of your labors with the soup and apple dumpling sale. I can't wait to try those treats.

And we can't forget the Trunk or Treat on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please spread the word to reach more people in the surrounding area. It should be fun for the entire family.

Last, we have All Saints Sunday as October turns to November. It is a time of remembering and allowing ourselves to grieve a little, but we are meant to celebrate the faithful who went before us.

I Corinthians 9:22

22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

***Pastor Josh***



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Jean Knill       | 11 Lynda Arnold       |
| 2 Delaney DiMaggio | 12 Stacie Maring      |
| 8 Brynn Brodbeck   | 14 David Frazier      |
| 9 Doris Vicarini   | 16 Vivian Overholtzer |
| 11 Lisa Martin     | 16 Cory Novick        |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 21 John and Melinda Bennett
- 24 Bob and Debra Gillen
- 28 Tad and Gail Leyh
- 29 Dan and Terri Jones

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

**What:** Church Conference  
**When:** Sunday, October 22 at 2:15  
**Where:** Saint Paul UMC  
 200 Main St New Windsor

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**USHERS/GREETERS**  
 October - Dee Haines  
 November - Need someone  
**READER**  
 October - Sam & Anna Grimes  
 November - Need someone  
 \*Let Office know if you can help\*



**All Men are Welcome!**  
**Saturday, Oct. 7-9:00 AM**  
 Going to Buttersburg Inn in Union Bridge, MD  
 Contact Hearl with questions

**November Newsletter Deadline is: October 23**



**October**  
**Mt. Airy Net is Collecting:**  
 Pancake mix, syrup, soups, vegetables,  
 paper towels, toilet paper, reusable bags,  
 large brown paper bags



**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

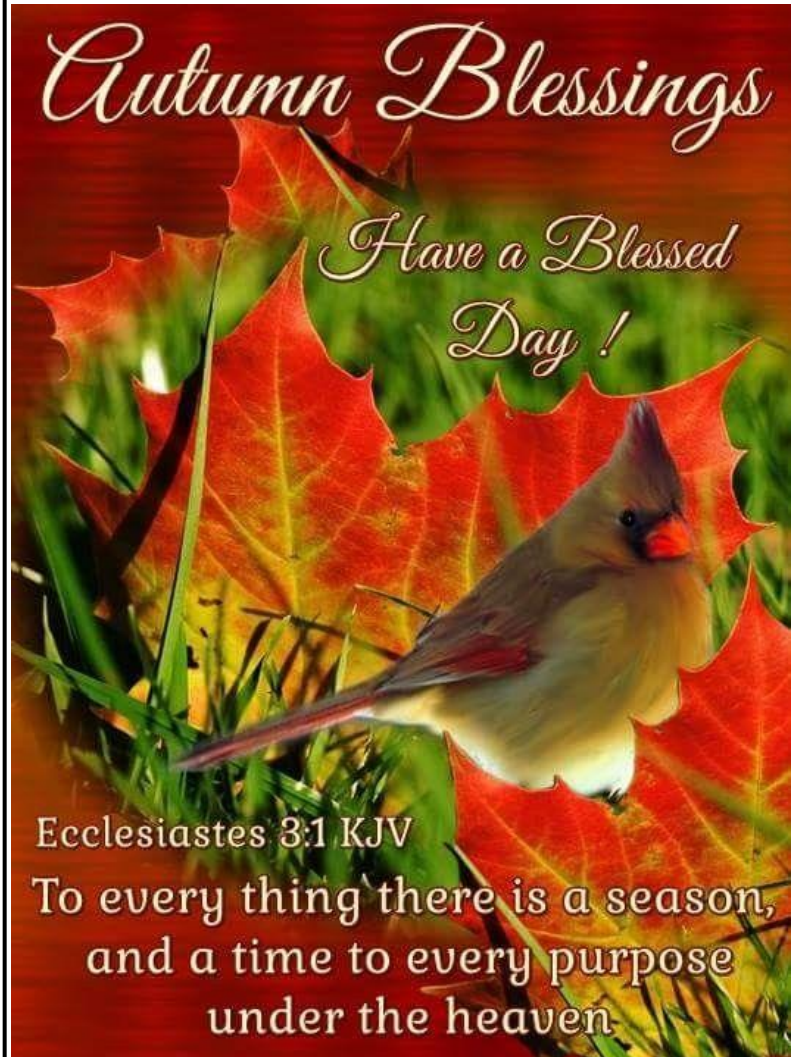
**Prayer**

- Richard Wright in Lorien
- Dean hurt his ankle
- John Eaton needs our prayers
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney-passed from cancer, has 2 small children
- John Bennett's dad - Dr, possible procedure
- Storms, disasters in our world
- Carol's sister, Laura is starting chemo
- Linda Cole, continued prayers for healing
- Pastor Josh's family friend, Gail Sickle has bone cancer
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Ray-healing from broken arm, now can't do PT, healing prayers
- Sue's cousin, Steve-started new chemotherapy for pancreas cancer
- Sharon's niece, Jackie Eyler-surgery
- Amy's cousin, Alex-swelling is down in skull, pray for healing
- Carol's step-daughter, doing well, pray for healing
- Michelle Manco's sister, Diana finished round of cancer treatments
- Bonnie's great niece, Micah-leukemia
- Eileen's sister, Judy-has scoliosis-prayers for healing from back surgery
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim, cancer
- Those that are sick with COVID, other illnesses
- Prayers for homeless near and far
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our Country
- Pray for our World Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our members in assisted living is Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown, Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown



***Prayers for Service Persons***

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



**Joys**

- Rain
- Those who donated to buy the new choir song books
- Beautiful weather last couple of days
- Our church family
- Audrey's friend has birthday

**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.**

Save the Date!

***Christmas Open House***

**Friday, December 1, 4:30 to 7:00PM**

Invite your family and friends! If you would like to help with this, see Susan Maring.

We hope Santa will visit too!

## Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this October

**October 1, 2023**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**World Communion Sunday**

Exodus 17:1-7, Matthew 21:23-32

Sermon Title: "Who Is Being Tested?"

**October 8, 2023**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon Title: "Thou Shalt or Thou Are "

**October 15, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:1-14, Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon Title: "Whose People?"

**October 22, 2023**

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12-23, Matthew 20:15-22

Sermon Title: "Knowing God: Sincerity?"

**October 29, 2023**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon Title: "Covenanted Self "

**October 29, 2023 ~ 5th Sunday Potluck**

**Bring a dish to share.**

**We will supply the rest.**

**Time to enjoy a meal and other members!**



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

We continue looking at the relationship between faith and the Mosaic law in October, this time through Paul's writings to the first century church. Paul taught that observing the Law of Moses was not enough for salvation. God's people seek a circumcision of the heart, not the flesh. While the law is holy, it cannot bring salvation. If people could gain right standing with God through the law, Christ would have died in vain.

The law of Moses cannot bring the presence of the Spirit. Through faith in Jesus, a person becomes a child of God and receives God's Spirit. Because of the Spirit's indwelling, believers' lives would bear the fruit of their transformation.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 9 in the church social hall. We invite you to join us.

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

Group meets in the house at 8:55AM. Zoom is available if you can not meet in person.

**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.



**TAYLORSVILLE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO**

# Trunk *or* Treat



**Saturday, October 28th  
Car set-up: 5:00PM  
5:30PM to 6:30PM  
4356 Ridge Road, Mt. Airy**

**All are Invited to Come!**



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*Send good news  
& great joy!*

**Shoeboxes are available in the back of church.**

**Please turn in your box(es) by Sunday, November 12th.**

## Shoebox Gift Ideas

### “WOW” Item

Soccer ball with pump  
Doll  
Stuffed animal  
Shoes

### TOYS

Toy cars  
Jump ropes  
Yo-yos  
Toys that light up with  
extra batteries

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Toothbrushes  
Washcloths  
Combs  
Hairbrushes

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils, sharpeners,  
crayons, and markers  
Notebooks and paper  
Coloring and picture books

### ACCESSORIES

Socks  
Sunglasses  
Jewelry and watches  
Flashlights (extra batteries)

### DO NOT INCLUDE

Candy, toothpaste, gum,  
scary or war-related items,  
food, liquids  
breakable items or glass  
containers



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PM**  
**ALL HANDS ON DECK - WE NEED YOU!**

**The Bazaar is only a month away!**

**\*\*\*\*\*NEWS FLASH\*\*\*\*\***

**URGENT!!! WE NEED ITEMS TO SELL!!! CRAFTS AND REGIFTING ITEMS!!! I HAVE ALREADY PRICED THE ITEMS DONATED SO FAR IN 3 HOURS AND THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED. DIG DEEPER AND BRING IN YOUR ITEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REGIFTING ITEMS BY OCTOBER 31 AND CRAFTS SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.**

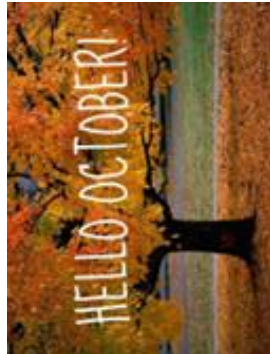
*Save/print this page! You will need to refer back to it! We are getting closer to the deadline, so keep your crafts going and pull out those recipes for the Bake Table.*

1. Check the back of the church for sign-up sheets. Or call/email me if there is a place you would like to work, and you have not signed up yet. We especially need kitchen help. The kitchen is a very busy place and the more hands involved makes for a smoother operation. Dishwashers are needed, also!
2. Crafts are needed. We need to fill those tables up. If you are not crafty, consider making a gift basket. You can pick up a basket at Goodwill and come up with a theme. We will be putting the baskets together at church on the evening of **October 26th**. We will have supplies to wrap up the baskets. Keep track of the cost so that we can place an appropriate price of your basket.
3. Santa's regifting ideas. Popular items are Christmas decorations or anything Christmas, Christmas sweaters/men's ties. Also, purses, jewelry, CD's, DVD's, *current* books, nick-nacks, any type of gift item, etc. Think of anything that would be good for a yard sale.
4. Kitchen monetary donations are welcome and needed. One can of oysters sells for around \$85 a gallon. We will need at least 15 gallons.  $\$85 \times 15 = \$1,275$ . There are 3 patties per platter. That is a lot of oysters. Please consider donating to this expense. Thank you.
5. Baked goods are also needed. Pies, cakes, cookies, candy, etc. Label items if they are sugar free, contain nuts, raisins, etc.

Remember this is our main fundraiser every year!

Thank you!!  
Sue Leppert  
[slepp@comcast.net](mailto:slepp@comcast.net)





2023

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

TAYLORSVILLE UMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<b>1 COMMUNION</b> Mission Giving Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>2</b>	<b>3 7:00PM</b> Bible Study	<b>4 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>5</b> Soup making contact Dee	<b>6</b> Make apple dump- lings-contact Susan	<b>7 9:00AM</b> Men's Breakfast- Buttersburg Inn	
<b>8 Guest Pastor today</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website Pick-up soup & dumplings	<b>9</b>	<b>10 7:00PM</b> Bible Study	<b>11 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15 9:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM</b> Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22 9:00AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:00AM</b> Worship- Facebook live/website 2:15PM Church confer- ence	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>24</b>	<b>25 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>26 7:00PM</b> UWIF - baskets for bazaar	<b>27</b>	<b>28 5:30-6:30PM</b> Trunk or Treat	
<b>29 Potluck after church</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>30 7:00PM</b> Church Council	<b>31</b> 					Mt. Airy Net Collecting: peanut pancake mix & syrup, vegetables, paper towels, toilet paper, reusable bags

**COMMUNITY EVENT**

Prospect United Methodist Church  
5923 Woodville Rd.  
Mt. Airy MD 21771  
Sept. 17, 2023

Dear Pastor or Missions Chairperson,

This letter is an invitation to join the churches of Mt. Airy in a CROP Hunger Walk. CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations and civic groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, our local CROP Hunger Walk will retain 25 percent of the funds it raises to support hunger-fighting programs here at home for distribution to those in need through the Mt. Airy NET.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs- something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

This year's Mt. Airy CROP Hunger Walk will be held Saturday, November 4, 2023 starting at 9:00am and walkers will travel around the easy 1-mile trail in Watkins Park. Registration will begin at 8:30am in the parking lot of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 609 Center St., Mt. Airy, adjacent to the park. Participants may collect donor pledges prior to the event or donors may donate online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/mountairymd/>. If your church would be interested in participating in this important outreach, please contact the coordinator, Laura Schmidt, at [Prospect.MarvinChapel.UMC@gmail.com](mailto:Prospect.MarvinChapel.UMC@gmail.com) or leave a message on the church phone line at 301-829-9244. We will be happy to provide your church with walker donation envelopes and CROP Walk materials for your congregation if desired.

We hope that you will consider participating in this year's CROP Hunger Walk to raise awareness and help fight hunger here at home and around the world. Last year over \$8,000 was raised through our local CROP Walk and we hope to top that this year!

Thank you and blessings to you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura S. Schmidt".

Laura Schmidt, CROP Walk Coordinator