

SEPTEMBER 2023

THE GOOD WORD

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September is a strange month. It's still hot and part of summer, but we sometimes consider it part of Autumn. The kids return to school, and the last vacations have ended for the season. But it's still nice enough to cook out. Although, in Maryland, October can be pretty warm as well. For the church, September means a return to some of our regular administrative meetings and preparations for Charge or its sometimes-called Church Conference. Our Conference will be in October, but the preparations will start soon.

I want to encourage anyone who feels called to get involved in the church's ministries, studies, or committees to talk to me or any other leaders. We need to fill some positions on the Evangelism and Outreach committee and the Congregational Care committee. Congregational Care is the group that plans the events and fellowships we enjoy, and Evangelism is our outreach to the surrounding communities. Neither requires a lot of experience, just a willingness to try, plan, and be social. If none of those appeal to you, there are other areas to get involved in.

We are also preparing for the busyness that will happen later in November. We gather objects and crafts to sell and find volunteers to help make the bazaar happen. September, for us, is a month of preparing and getting ready-getting ready for school and work, the next season of nature, and the church year.

How do you prepare yourself for the next season of life's events?

In the Bible, we read,

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3 NIV)."*

The Bible lists events and actions to reflect on as we prepare for what comes next. Or you can look for the song by the Byrds from 1965, "Turn Turn Turn." And play that as you prepare.

But no matter what you are getting ready for, remember that God seeks to bless and guide you on your way.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. (Jeremiah 29:11-12 NIV)."

Don't forget to get in touch with God's plan as you make your own.

Pastor Josh



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

USHERS/GREETERS

September - Sandy & Hearl Wright

READER

September - Steve Iden

Let Office know if you can help

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

20	Doug Gorsuch	27	Melinda Bennett
23	Bryan Smith	29	Gary Maring
25	Elena Manco	30	Jenna Franklin



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 David and Mary Jane Frazier
- 11 Devin and Mary Flagler

All Men are Welcome!
Saturday, Sept. 2-9:00 AM

Going to Buttersburg Inn in
 Union Bridge, MD

Contact John Eaton with questions

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



September
Mt. Airy Net is
Collecting:

- Peanut butter & jelly,**
- Pancake mix & syrup,**
- Canned fruit, Lunchables**

* Any donation is appreciated



October
Newsletter
Deadline is:
September 25

Labor
Day:

Church
Office
Closed
and no
Tidbits



What: Church Conference
When: Sunday, October 22 at 2:15
Where: Saint Paul UMC, 200 Main St
 New Windsor, MD 21776

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Prayer

- Sharon Wilson-surgery
- Girl Scouts: Kelsey-hospital for updating seizure meds, Addy-hospital for asthma attack
- Students, teachers, staff going back to school
- Coyotes in Parrish's neighborhood
- Sam-knee pain from surgery, rash from allergies
- Hawaiian wildfires
- Carol's sister, Laura, is starting chemo
- Pray for the homeless
- 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
- Prayers for homeless near and far
- Sharon's friend's daughter, Whitney-cancer
- Eileen's brother-in-law, Jim, cancer
- 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 Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe, Hagerstown and Betty Carey, Lorien-Taneytown



Prayers for Service Persons

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

Membership Orientation Study

This September, Pastor Josh will host a Bible study for new members or members who want to refresh their understanding of Methodist beliefs. This in-person class will meet at 7 pm on Tuesday nights from Sept. 19th to October 10th. During this four-night study, we will cover the history and heritage of the church, the unique belief in grace and discipleship in our tradition, and other foundational beliefs and practices. This open discussion group will use the workbook New Member/New Disciple orientation. You can find a copy of the book in the back of the church with the sign-up sheet.

Please sign up if you are interested as a newer member or someone who wants a refresher.

If you are interested, but Tuesday nights do not work, please let me know so we can plan a better time.



Joys

- Beautiful weather for outdoor service
- Good social time and yummy food for church picnic
- Thank you to all who helped set up for outdoor service and picnic
- Thank you to those that donated items for feminine hygiene kits

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 this September

September 3, 2023

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday**

Exodus 3:1-15, Matthew 16:21-28
Sermon Title: "Aware of Holy Ground"

September 10, 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20
Sermon Title: "Owe Love"

September 17, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15, Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
Sermon Title: "Forgiveness and Kindness"

September 24, 2023

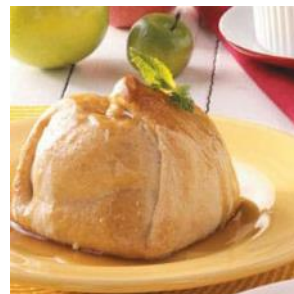
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15, Matthew 20:1-16
Sermon Title: "Unfair?"

Coming Soon... Soup & Apple Dumplings



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**Tell your family and friends!
Ordering information coming soon!!**



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

One point of conflict in the first-century church concerned the authority and relevancy of the Law of Moses. During the fall quarter we will explore the relationship between faith and law through Jesus' teachings and writings to the first-century church.

During his earthly ministry Jesus experienced conflict with certain Pharisees. This party of Judaism was strict and passionate regarding obedience to the Law of Moses. To ensure obedience they had established traditions to guide their actions.

However, Jesus identified disparities between the requirements of the Law and the Pharisees' obedience. One inconsistency involved their devotion to the law at the expense of acting with love. Others regarded their observance of the Sabbath and disregard for God's requirements for justice and mercy.

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

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

We will reconvene after Labor Day on Sunday, September 10th. Study undecided.

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023, 9:00-3:00 PM
SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
ALL HANDS ON DECK - WE NEED YOU!

We need lots of people to work in the kitchen. Men, we need your help to wash the dishes. We don't have an electric dishwasher, so we could use some guys to take turns. We also need workers to relieve those who have been in the kitchen since 7:30 AM to give them a break and grab a bite to eat. Contact Sue Maring or Sandy Wright.

Have you always wanted to learn how to pat oysters? Oh Yes!! Then Vivian Overholtzer can teach you. The oyster patters work Saturday morning, the day of the bazaar.

Santa's Regifting is located in the Education Building, and we need people to relieve workers at lunchtime. Sue Leppert will need 2 or 3 people to relieve workers for a lunch break. We could also use a crew to help clean up when the shoppers are gone after 3 PM. We would like to tidy up a spot for the Sunday School class on Sunday the next day. Donations for Santa's Regifting Shop are due no later than **October 31**. Remember nearly new, gently used items.

Don't forget your donations of Baked Goods: cookies, cakes, pies, candy, breads, etc. Sheri Maring can help you if you have any questions.

Also, don't forget your donations of Crafts. We need both indoor and outdoor crafts. Go on to Pinterest online for ideas. It is also a craft to make sewing kits, ornaments, homemade jewelry, decorated items, spice mixes, sewing items, crocheted or knitted items, etc. Ideas are limitless! Contact Glenda for questions.

We will hold a meeting on **October 26**, in the fellowship hall. We will be putting together gift baskets with a theme, such as: toys for boys and girls. I am going to make up a basket of taco ingredients or like items. You could do a basket of beauty products, basket of candy, coffee with mugs, etc. Baskets are cheap at Goodwill. We will wrap them at church on the 26th. See Melinda Bennett if you have questions on the baskets.

If you have questions, you may contact:

Sue Leppert at slepp@comcast.net
 Susan Maring
 Sandy Wright

Vivian Overholtzer
 Sheri Maring

Melinda Bennett
 Glenda Harris



2023

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



TAYLORSVILLE UMC

Mt. Airy Net Col-
lecting: peanut butter
& jelly, pancake mix &
syrup, canned fruit,
lunchables

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 COMMUNION Mission Giving Sunday 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	4 HAPPY LABOR DAY Church office closed	5	6 6:30PM Choir	7	8	9
10 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	11 7:00PM SPRC	12 6:30PM Finance	13 6:30PM Choir	14	15	16
17 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	18	19	20 6:30PM Choir	21	22	23
24 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	25 Newsletter Deadline	27	27 6:30PM Choir	28 7:00PM UWIF at Dee's (details to come)	29	30

Sunday, August 27th - Outdoor Service



Sunday, August 27th - Picnic



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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!
www.taylorvilleumc.org

*Join us for Worship
each Sunday at 10AM
in person or FB live*

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