

*May 2025*

***THE GOOD WORD***

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We made it through Lent and Easter. The month after does not have as many significant religious events as the previous month, but it does have its share of business. The Ernie Couch Revival band will be performing on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plan to arrive early for dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

May also comes with the big Annual Conference event in downtown Baltimore. If anyone would like to go and represent the church, please let us know in the office so we can get you signed up to attend. The Annual Conference is both a meeting to vote on resolutions that affect the Baltimore-Washington Conference and a worship and fellowship event that helps the people of the conference grow their faith together. The Annual Conference this year will run from May 13-15<sup>th</sup>.

I also need to let you all know that on May 1st I will be having oral surgery to remove two wisdom teeth. It shouldn't interfere with regular ministry work, but since it is so close to the weekend, I have reached out and found a pastor to preach on the 4th. Please welcome Mark Derby to preach for us. Mark is a retired pastor and former District Superintendent with local connections to area ministries. Please welcome and thank him for covering for me on May 4th.

***Pastor Josh***



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

21 Sam and Anna Grimes

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



**Tomato & Chicken Soups,  
Canned Vegetables,  
Toothbrushes/toothpaste,  
Shampoo, Conditioner  
Soap, Toilet paper**

\*The Net will take any non-perishable items and cash donations.



Her children arise  
and call her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:28

WORSHIP ASSISTANTSUSHERS/GREETERS

May - Sheri Maring &  
Sharon Franklin

READER

May - Anna Grimes

June 2025

Deadline is:

May 22nd



Saturday, May 3 at 9AM

Bob Evans

206 Malcolm Dr.  
Westminster, MD

Let Steve or Earl know if  
you are coming.

2025 Bazaar Date is  
November 15th

Make Note:

Vivian Overholtzer  
has a new email:

vover1945@gmail.com

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

- Pastor Josh is having dental surgery Thursday
- Audrey Parrish - hip issues, pray for her and the family
- Mary Jane Frazier - back & mobility issues
- Sam - hip surgery, starting outpatient PT
- Melinda's mom, Edith - her sister passed away
- Melinda's father, George - procedure on Tuesday
- Melinda's sister, Sharon - health issues
- 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 Watts needs prayer - health issues
- 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
- Bea Wright is now in Hagerstown, pray for adjustment to new surroundings
- Organizations that are being shut down, like World Vision that need donations
- 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**

- Finn stated new school and likes it
- Beautiful weather
- Thankful for rain

***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****MAY****May 4, 2025****3rd Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday****Guest Preacher: Rev. Mark Derby**

Luke 15:11-32

Sermon Title: "Finding Our Place at God's  
Banquet Table"

**May 11, 2025****4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day,  
Festival of the Christian Home**

Acts 9:36-43, John 10:22-30

Sermon Title: "Works of God, Acts of Apostle"

**May 18, 2025****5th Sunday of Easter, Heritage Sunday**

Acts 11:1-18, John 13:31-35

Sermon Title: "New Heaven, Old Earth"

**May 25, 2025****Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15, John 14:23-29

Sermon Title: "Lydia Believes"

***A Future Bell Ringer***

**Steve teaching Finn the "Ropes".**



We welcome them again this coming Saturday, May 3rd. Join us!

# LIVE FROM NASHVILLE, TN!



**Saturday, May 3rd - Concert at 7:00PM**  
**Hot/cold sandwiches/desserts for sale 5:00-6:30PM**  
**Taylorsville United Methodist Church**  
**4356 Ridge Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771**

**FOLLOW ERNIE COUCH & REVIVAL ON YOUR FAVORITE DIGITAL OR SOCIAL MEDIA SITE!**

**This Month's Fundraiser**



409 East Ridgeville Blvd., Mt. Airy, MD

*Taylorsville United Methodist Church*

**JOIN US FOR**

**FUNDS FOR FRIENDS NIGHT!**

**MONDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**J&P Mt.Airy will be donating 10% of their daily sales back to us!**

Show this flyer or just mention to the staff you're with the fundraiser!

Can't dine in? Scan the code to Order Online for Takeout or Delivery.

Just add in the notes that you're with the fundraiser!



**Thank you for supporting!**









## 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 SS class is started on a study of second Isaiah this past Tuesday night at 7 PM on Zoom. We will then continue the study on Sunday mornings. We meet in the Education Building at 8:50a.m. All are welcome to come join us.

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.



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

**Contact: Dee**



After looking at the Old Testament system of sacrifices and then at the significance of Jesus' sacrifice we now look at the unique relationship between the sanctuary and offerings or sacrifices. King David's choices led him to bear responsibility for his sin. An angel of the Lord spoke through the prophet Gad and told David to "build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite". David refused to accept a gift from Araunah for a sacrifice because David would not "sacrifice a burnt offering that costs..... nothing".

Next we consider the dedication of Solomon's temple and the lavish sacrifices that took place as a part of that ceremony. However, after the people were exiled to Babylon, that temple was left in shambles. The foundation of a new temple would need to be laid by the people who had returned from exile. When the foundation of that temple was laid, the people celebrated the goodness of God, proclaiming that "his love ..... endures forever". We then look at the people's covenant renewal and their pledge to observe the commands of the Law of Moses and reject the abuse and neglect of the house of God.

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

Contact Sue Leppert if interested in attending the Westminster Rescue Mission Tea.

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND FOOD WHILE SUPPORTING  
the ADDICTION HEALING CENTER at WESTMINSTER RESCUE MISSION



## W R M L A ANNUAL TEA FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY | MAY 10 | 10:30-1:00

ST. STEPHEN'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2275 LIBERTY ROAD | ELDERSBURG, MD

### TICKETS

\$20 PER PERSON OR  
\$160 FOR A TABLE OF 8  
CHECKS PAYABLE TO WRMLA  
C/O FAITH FAMILY CHURCH  
4150 SYKESVILLE RD  
FINKSBURG, MD 21048



### CONTACT

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At our April 24th meeting we welcomed volunteers Julia Manolios and Bob Paddock from the Mount Airy Net. They gave a very informative presentation.

The organization was started in 1993 by area pastors. The organization is 100% community-based, they do not receive funds from any federal or state programs.



They provided some statistics; in 2023 they saw 220 guests per month. In 2024 they saw approximately 164 guests per month. Currently, they see 164 to approximately 180 per month. One guest generally has 3 to 5 people in their household. They can come monthly for food. There are approximately 12 new guests per year. The services they offer are food, rental assistance, utility, medical assistance, and the unsheltered.

This program serves residents of Mount Airy only; they require proof of residency.

They would give a one-time donation of food to non-Mount Airy residents. They would provide a list of county resources to those in need of services that live in other locations. This service is for those who need help. They do not ask about finances or job status.

The Net has two paid employees, and many volunteers. Their hours of operation are four hours a day, 10 AM to 2 PM, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Each month they prepare a standard list of staples that are distributed to each guest. Other items that guests may receive are pet food, baking items, condiments, tea, coffee, baked goods, produce. They also give Food Lion gift cards as needed. They assist with fuel or utility bills once a year for those needing help with that. They do require that the person bring the bill and they will pay it directly.

90% of the food is donated; if they run low on staples, the Net purchases items they need at a local grocery store. They receive donations from the community, local churches, some stores, and farmers in the area bring an abundance of produce during the summer.

The Net does have compliance audits conducted by an outside paid accountant.

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They are having a Bingo Fundraiser on May 2. The picture is the basket our group donated with an Italian food theme as one of the bingo prizes.

Future plans include a resilience center, that was briefly mentioned, but that is several years down the road and still in the planning stages. The Net is also raising funds for a trailer that can be taken to events.

The women attending the meeting, brought donations of food, diapers, and other items to the meeting.

The Net expressed much gratitude for the support of Taylorsville Church, and for the community support they receive.

We have a donation bin in the back of the church for anyone wishing to contribute items to Mount Airy Net.

They accept checks made out to Mount Airy Net, cash, gasoline or grocery gift cards. They can be mailed or dropped off at their location. 1402 N. Main St., Mount Airy 21771. Their website is [www.mountairynet.org](http://www.mountairynet.org).



**May 17, 2025**  
**8:00AM to 1:00PM**

**Baked Goods Needed for**  
**Yard Sale:**

- ♦ Need items to sell-Last day **May 13th**
- ♦ Baked goods to sell
- ♦ Spaces for rent: \$20 space
- ♦ Each 8 ft table is \$5.00

**Cookies, brownies and bars**  
**in baggies. Also, pies, cakes**  
**and breads.**

Contact:

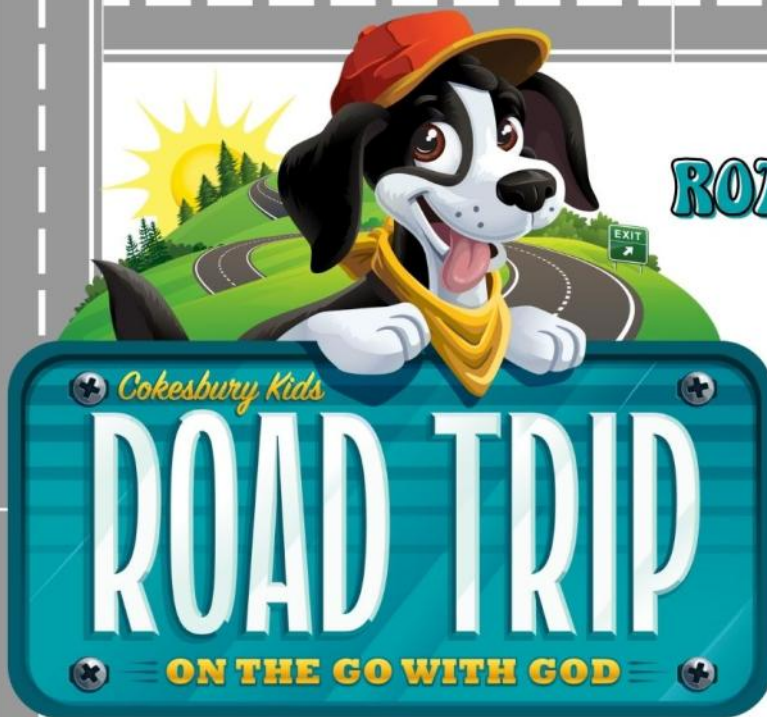
Sue Leppert - items to donate

Sue Maring - baked goods

Church Office - rent a space

**Church**  
**YARD**  
**SALE**

**Calling all Graduates! We will highlight them in our**  
**June Newsletter. Please submit to Anna by May 22nd.**



Join us on a  
**ROAD TRIP** with God at  
Vacation Bible Camp  
to discover God's  
goodness and  
presence everywhere  
**ON THE GO WITH  
GOD!**

**Who:** Children of all ages

**Dates:** June 23rd-26th, 2025

**Time:** 5:45-6:15pm- Light meal for families

6:15-8:00pm- Music, story, games, & crafts

**Where:** Taylorsville United Methodist Church

4356 Ridge Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771

To register, visit [www.myvbs.org/taylorsville](http://www.myvbs.org/taylorsville)  
or scan the QR code!






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



TAYLORSVILLE UMC



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Pray for Annual Conference- May 13, 14, &amp; 15</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00AM Men's Breakfast- Bob Evans 7:00PM-Ernie Couch Revival
<b>4</b> <b>Communion</b> -Guest Preacher 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30PM Choir	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Happy Mother's Day</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pastor Josh at Annual Conf.	<b>14</b> 6:30PM Choir Pastor Josh at Annual Conf.	<b>15</b> Pastor Josh at Annual Conf.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00AM to 1:00PM-Church Yard Sale/Bake Sale
<b>18</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30PM Choir	<b>22</b> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Vision Meeting	<b>28</b> 6:30PM Choir	<b>29</b> 7:00PM UWIF	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



### 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](http://www.taylorsvilleumc.org)**



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

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