

Isaiah 50:4-9 4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of disciples, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens me morning by morning, He awakens my ear to listen as a disciple. 5 The Lord God has opened my ear; and I was not disobedient nor did I turn back. 6 I gave my back to those who strike me, and my cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover my face from humiliation and spitting. 7 For the Lord God helps me.



The spiritual themes of this passage in Isaiah are “listening for God” and “listening to God.” We first listen *for* God and then we listen *to* God. We become aware of God’s presence and experience openness to God’s love and direction, and then we can hear and act God’s revelation to us. We find this pattern in our worship services, not by accident. We sing songs of praise extolling God’s many attributes, pray a prayer for illumination, then we read from God’s revelation to us, the Scriptures. Then we hear the preacher expound upon the Word and make it applicable to our lives. Then we are blessed and sent forth to live out this Word in our daily lives.

God is present to us in many ways, including worship, meditation, in our personal relationships with family and friends, in our vocations, in nature, in science, and in the arts. God often comes to us personally in unexpected and surprising ways.

But sometimes we get more from God’s revelation when we are intentionally seeking God. Most of you know that I will be attending the Men’s Emmaus Walk this weekend and I am sure that you all are praying for me. Many of you have experienced the Walk and most of you have affirmed that it was a life-changing experience. I hope to listen for God in the experiences and preaching of others this weekend, and I hope to respond to God’s specific revelation to me by listening to God. I will come with the expectation that God will lead me and that I will obediently follow. My prayer for you, as you are praying for me, is that you continuously seek, then hear, and then follow.

Shalom,

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Joe

Trustee Report

We are currently about 9/10ths of the way in our efforts to seek same or better insurance coverage with a reduction in cost. We have reviewed this very carefully and currently it is being perused by the Trustee Board for final approval.

Our elevator problems continue, but are under control. Our repair source was monitoring the content of the water entering the pit and it did contain hydraulic oil, although the pit had been thoroughly cleaned. Therefore, this was an indication that the cylinders needed replacement, which we had hoped to avoid. This will be scheduled for Friday, September 26. The urgent care which was interfering with the operation of the elevator as completed last month. The preventive maintenance schedule and the necessary replacement of the hydraulic cylinders after should alleviate the cycle of problems we have been having.

We have had no response from the attorneys concerning the driveway, sump pump and the drainage problem in the parking lot. This remains on our agenda and will be followed this month.

Bill Whisler, Bill Binkley, and Billy Snyder have completed the shield in front of the wiring at the front of the balcony. They did a great job and we certainly appreciate their work and dedication.

Bill Binkley and Billy Snyder worked very hard and long to clear the fence between our parking lot and the Wiseman property. It was badly entangled with weeds, in most part poison ivy.

The efforts of all of these men are a blessing to this church. Bill Whisler keeps his eye on what we are doing or should be doing and either helps us get it done or stays on us until we complete the project. He is kind of our monitor. Thanks Bill!

In efforts to care for our church and school, the school had the carpets and floors cleaned before school started again and this is a welcome contribution. Facilities have to be cared for and we can better share this care whenever possible. Thanks to the School.

Appreciation to all of the Trustees for their diligence and commitment to caring for their church and parsonage.

God Bless you all for your caring and service.

Betty Tull
Trustees

MISSIONS REPORT OCTOBER 2014

FAMILY PROMISE

Members of Marshallton UMC have finished for this year their meal serving activities as a support church to host church St James Episcopal when they house families in the Family Promise network. Our support of Family promise continues with a breakfast meeting of participating church members at White Clay Creek country club on October 7th at 9:00 a.m. All members of our congregation are invited. The breakfast is both an informative meeting and a fund raiser for this worthy mission. In that regard if you choose you may direct a portion of your missions giving to Family Promise throughout the year.

In mid-August we worked with a team from Hockessin UMC to move furniture into apartments for two families who successfully were moved through the network to independent living. Hallelujah!

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

Although it may seem early, we will be having our annual kick-off meeting for the Operation Christmas Child shoe box campaign in October. It is time to start considering whether or not you wish to be a member of the OCC Team staffing for our collection operation again this year or maybe for the first time. We are hopeful that many congregation members who helped us act as a relay center last year will be willing to participate again this year. I will be including a sign up form in the Sunday bulletin soon. The dates for collection week this year are November 17 through 24. Therefore we need to have our schedules and assignments completed no later than the first week in November.

Also as mentioned last month, the umbrella organization, Samaritan's Purse will be providing fewer official OCC shoe boxes this year. It is likely that we will need to supply our own. Hence we need to be saving them until we start packing the boxes.

DISASTER RELIEF

One mission area with which we have had limited involvement is disaster relief. UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, has a large ongoing program for providing assistance to people who have had their lives devastated by disasters (natural or otherwise). It is quite easy for individual churches and even individual congregation members to participate in these programs.

The easiest way is to provide kits of supplies for specific purposes or at least single supply items for such kits. Examples of these kits are birthing kits, layette kits, health kits, and cleaning buckets. There are itemized lists available of what articles are needed for inclusion in these kits. We will be addressing this mission opportunity at our next mission team meeting in October

In His name and in His service,
Tom Pesiky; Missions Chair

“ACT: Bridging Technology & Communication for all Generations”: Planning Meeting Monday October 13th at 7pm

This is a new program we will be exploring here at MUMC starting this October! A-C-T stands for Audio/visual- Communication – Technology.

How can we take our mission of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world to the next level – to “e-Discipleship”? Can we build an infrastructure to better utilize technology for making disciples for Jesus Christ? We are not talking about just technology to reach the younger folks (although that is a part of this), we are talking about using technology to reach EVERY generation at MUMC (and in our community) the way THEY want to be reached! We are looking to form an ACT team to get started. No prior technology skills are required – they’ll teach us everything we need, and we’ll teach each other.

If you have *or want* a part in our communications ministries (newsletter, photography, post cards, etc.), our sound and audio work or even have an IT background, please come and be part of the planning for this effort.

We’ll hold a first meeting Monday October 13th at 7pm at MUMC in the classroom. Please come and be part of planning this exciting new ministry!

For more information, contact Pastor Joe or Deacon Kymm.

Celebrate Recovery® 12-Step Study Group starts Wednesdays October 1st, 7-9pm.

If you are in recovery or seeking recovery from any hurt, hang-up or habit (aren’t we all?), consider coming to this 12-step Bible Study. CR focuses on spiritual healing. Jesus is the Great Physician and we meet Jesus in Scripture. We will engage on a journey together from learning our vulnerable areas through establishing practices to strengthen and maintain our faith. Are you ready to commit to a journey to wholeness? Sign up for this class at Marshallton UMC, 1105 Stanton Road, Wilmington. See Deacon Kymm Hockman for more details. 302-379-5105 or kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com or Rev. Grant Johnson grantjohnson19@comcast.net. **Men’s and Women’s Classes will start October 1st 7-9pm at MUMC.** The class will accept new members for the first 6 weeks, but will be closed to new members after that. The study runs through 2Q2015. If you are serious about healing, join us.

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CAMP PECOMETH ROOF PROJECT

We received word from Rev Jack Shitaka that the weekend of September 19th to the 21st, a group of volunteers came to the Pecometh Dining Hall with one purpose: to raise the roof...literally.

Under the leadership of a local contractor, Kirk Christophel, and Pecometh Facilities Director, Bud-d Landing, this team of men, women and youth volunteered their time and efforts in stripping off the existing (and aging) roof, and then laying the new tar-paper and shingles.

They worked as one and came together through fellowship and sharing meals.

The old roof on the Dining Hall was 20 years old, and desperately needed to be replaced.

The team was also prepared to do other work, as needed. Bud-d explains. "It's as simple as stripping off old shingles and putting on the new ones. If there is structural damage that's found, we'll fix it, then and there." Many of the supplies used in this job were already delivered to the job site ahead of time and were ready to be used.

Meals were provided by Chef Chris and his team, and those involved with this project stayed at The Talley House on campus.

As many in our congregation made very generous contributions when we had the one time offering to support this project, it is comforting to know that our giving was put to good use and the work was completed successfully. Thanks and blessings to all who made this possible.

Tom Pesickey
Missions Chair

YOUTH GROUP

Hello Friends! The leaves are already beginning to change, and the nights are getting cooler. We are beginning a new series of discussions on the topic of Heaven.

Many thanks to John and Anne Thomas who hosted a pool party on September 7 for those who could make it! The pool was awesome, the food delightful and the hospitality beyond compare!

For two consecutive weeks, we have had a "guest" with us. Ciaran is a handicapped kitten...he had Cerebellar Hypoplasia...which is a disorder that causes him to fall over and have poor motor coordination. He has been a reminder of how Jesus loves us. Ciaran loves to snuggle and be held and petted. It makes us feel good to look after this little fellow who has difficulty looking after himself. Without protection, he could easily get hurt...from a tumble down the stairs or a fall from an unsupervised climb. It's also a competition to see whose lap he chooses to snuggle into for a petting session. Jesus protects us from harm in much the same way....and Jesus is just as excited when we choose to just sit on His lap and spend time in His glorious presence.

We are trying to plan a hayride for this fall, and we will, of course, be at Trunk or Treat on Halloween night!

We are already making plans for the Youth Rally which will be held January 9-11.

If you are in grades 6-12 (or know someone in that age group) and would like to learn more about our youth group, please contact me (cell 302-545-3961 or email sharon1960@hotmail.com) with any questions. Also, feel free to "like" our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GTYMarshalltonUMC>).

Also, if you are an adult, and would like to make a difference in the lives of our young members, I would love to hear from you.

In His name,

Sharon

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Roosevelt and Carolina Clay Rowsey and myself are currently attending the Alpha program at St. Mark's UMC, with plans to offer it in our community in the New Year. It is an excellent program for new Christians, those seeking to return to the faith, and anyone who has questions and wants to learn more about our faith. It is an atmosphere that welcomes questions/challenges/doubts. Stay tuned for details on Marshallton's involvement for offering this course in the future.

Much to our delight, children's worship is growing!!! We now have an average of eight children in attendance. We currently have a Veggie Tales video series that has four-week units. It's a fun-filled Sunday morning....with a message.

We are planning on a Christmas Pageant that will involve both the youth group and Sunday School children. The date will be announced in the next Chatter. Our children are enjoying the program, and we plan to continue this, and hopefully to grow. In order to do this, however.....

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

If anyone who regularly attends the Traditional Worship at 11:00 AM would be willing to volunteer to come early once a month, or even every six weeks on a rotating basis, please contact me. At the present time, Lorraine Scheib has been assisting me almost every Sunday. However, having a team of folks who are willing to rotate the responsibility would ensure that, if either Lorraine or I are unable to be present, the program will continue. Please prayerfully consider participating in this valuable ministry! We have an opportunity to reach these young hearts for Christ! What a privilege! And, of course, regular attendees at the 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship are also welcome to volunteer!

May God richly bless each of you, as we continue on this journey together of building the Kingdom!

God's blessings to all of you!

Sharon



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MUMS CORNER – OCTOBER

The school year is going great! We started the school year with a fundraiser. There was a good amount of parent participation. We won't know the outcome of the fundraiser for a couple of weeks. Thank you to all that participated.

Sharon O'Conner has been volunteering once a week to come have music with the children. The children just love her and she is now working on our songs for graduation.

We have also started chapel every Wednesday with Pastor Joe. The children love going to chapel and retelling what they learned to Pastor Joe.

God Bless,
Miss Tashia

Autumn Prayer

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we embrace these autumn months,

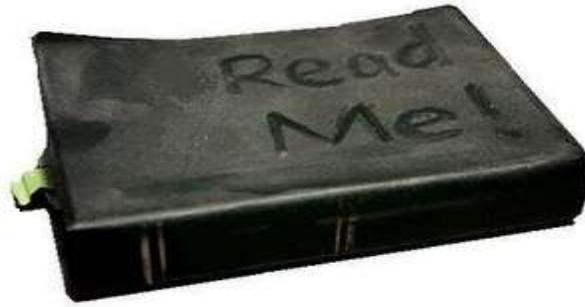
May the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

*May the crunch of the leaves beneath our feet
remind us of the brevity of this earthly life.*

*May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us your breath of life.*

*May the scurrying of the squirrels and the migration of the birds
remind us that you call us to follow your will.*

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER, 2014

GOD'S WORD: HELPING US TO PURSUE JUSTICE AND PEACE

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
1	Psalms 7		16	Psalms 75	
2	Psalms 9		17	Psalms 82	
3	Psalms 10		18	Psalms 85	
4	Psalms 11		19	Isaiah	2:1-22
World Communion Sunday			20	Isaiah	3:1-15
5	1 Corinthians	11:17-34	21	Isaiah	5:1-30
6	Leviticus	25:1-22	22	Isaiah	11:1-16
7	Leviticus	25:23-38	23	Isaiah	24:1-23
8	Leviticus	25:39-55	24	Isaiah	29:15-24
9	Numbers	27:1-11	25	Isaiah	32:1-20
10	Numbers	36:1-13	26	Isaiah	33:10-24
11	Deuteronomy	1:9-33	27	Ezekiel	34:1-31
12	Deuteronomy	10:1-22	28	Habakkuk	1:1-17
13	Deuteronomy	16:18-17:13	29	Habakkuk	2:1-20
14	Psalms 72		30	Habakkuk	3:1-19
15	Psalms 73		31	Psalms 46	



<i>OCTOBER</i>			<i>NOVEMBER</i>		
9	<i>Tammy Hayden</i>	23	<i>Lisa Lawson</i>	1	<i>Steve Freebery</i>
13	<i>Rev. Donald Godwin</i>		<i>Tom McKenney</i>	4	<i>Carolyn Biggs</i>
	<i>June Pesikay</i>		<i>Carolina Rowsey</i>	7	<i>Betty Seemans</i>
16	<i>Mary Jane Graham</i>	27	<i>Alan Hitchner</i>	10	<i>Donald France</i>
19	<i>John Ferguson</i>	29	<i>Craig Horstead</i>	11	<i>Linda Binkley</i>
	<i>Rachel Raman</i>				<i>Jean Lutton</i>



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

<i>OCTOBER</i>			<i>NOVEMBER</i>		
4	<i>Craig & Vanessa Horstead</i>	19	<i>Dale & Andrea Lenker</i>	10	<i>Donald & Sharon France</i>
6	<i>Pastor Joe & April Archie</i>	21	<i>Bruce & Deborah Maguire</i>		
7	<i>Jerry & Barbara Cox</i>	22	<i>Ronald & Lynn Iocunno</i>		
	<i>Paul & Kathleen Trahan</i>	27	<i>Bill & Katie Whisler</i>		
10	<i>Billy & Rowena Snyder</i>	29	<i>JR & Karen Lester</i>		



OCTOBER 4 – 6:30AM – Leaving out of Bowers Beach aboard Captain's Lady Charters. Sign up no later than Sunday, September 21st. Sign-up sheet in church lobby. Questions? Call or see Bob Tull at 302-633-3460.

OCTOBER 4 – COMMUNITY DAY

OCTOBER 5 – WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

***OCTOBER 6** – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 11 – ISH GATHERING

OCTOBER 12 – 7:30AM – UMM BREAKFAST – Scheduled Speaker is
Deacon Kymm

***OCTOBER 13** – TRUSTEES MEETING

OCTOBER 18 – DINNER / MOVIE

***OCTOBER 20** – CHURCH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 21 – LIFELINE SCREENING

***OCTOBER 27** – CHARGE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 31 – TRUNK OR TREAT

*Finance, Trustees and Church Council meeting dates have been changed due to date of Charge Conference.

It's hard to believe the summer is over and we are into the fall season already. It's time to start planning for the bazaar. We all need to start asking businesses in our area for donations. Also start cleaning out NEW and OLD items; we need donations for the silent auction, white elephant and jewelry tables. You can bring your donations to church and the sooner the better. Any donation is helpful no matter how large or small. With everyone's help we can have another successful Bazaar.

If you have any questions please see or call ...
Karen Lester 302-740-6576

OCTOBER, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 COMMUNITY DAY FAMILY FISHING TRIP - SIGN UP NOW
5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:00am Praise & Worship 11:00am Worship Service 6:30pm - Youth Group	6 Finance Committee Meeting	7 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	8 10:30am - Marian Rowe Circle Mtg.	9 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	10	11 ISH GATHERING
12 7:30am UMM Breakfast 9:00am Praise & Worship 11:00am Worship Service 6:30pm - Youth Group	13 Trustees Meeting	14 10:30am - Alice Ball Circle Mtg. 6:30pm - Praise Team	15	16 1:30pm, 7:00pm - Disc. 2 Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet 7:00pm - Rebekah Circle Mtg.	17	18 Dinner/Movie
19 9:00am Praise & Worship 11:00am Worship Service 6:30pm - Youth Group	20 Church Council Meeting	21 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir LIFELINE SCREENING	22	23 1:30pm, 7:00pm - Disc. 2 Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	24	25
26 9:00am Praise & Worship 11:00am Worship Service 6:30pm - Youth Group	27 CHARGE CONFERENCE	28 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	29	30 1:30pm, 7:00pm - Disc. 2 Bible Study 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	31 TRUNK OR TREAT	
COMING IN NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER 15 HOLIDAY BAZAAR	NOVEMBER 27TH THANKSGIVING DINNER			