

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26



MAY CHATTER

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

May is a special month, because we honor our mothers and all the women in our lives. In a culture that degrades and dishonors women all the time, the church is called to be the salt of the earth, preserving God's ways which honor all the women in our lives. The church is also called to be the light of the world, helping the world to leave the darkness and madness of abusing and degrading our women.



Think about how you can truly honor your mothers, mother figures, wives, church mothers, and mothers of your children and grandchildren. If your mother is no longer with you, honor her memory in a special way this month.

The Bible teaches us in Proverbs 6:20-23: "My son, observe the commandment of your father and do not forsake the teaching of your mother; bind them continually on your heart; tie them around your neck. When you walk about, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; and when you awake, they will talk to you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life." You can use this verse from the Proverbs to thank you mother for her wisdom and guidance and remind her that you will always hold her teachings close to you.

Motherhood is one of the most complex and demanding callings in life. Those whom the Lord blesses to be mothers should always take the responsibility seriously. And we should always pray for and encourage mothers, especially those who are new mothers. Mothers have a unique and important role in the lives of their children, stepchildren, and grandchildren. Motherhood is not just a set of chores and unpleasant tasks. Rather mothers, who are usually the primary teachers of the children, are crucial to the development of God-fearing children. Just as a mother bears a child during pregnancy, and just as a mother feeds and cares for a child during infancy, so mothers also play an ongoing role in the lives of their children, whether they are young children, teenagers, young adults, or even adults with children of their own. While the role of motherhood changes and develops, the love, nurture, and encouragement a mother gives never ends. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mother figures. I thank God for all of you. Shalom.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Our most pressing problem this past month was the failure of our elevator on Palm Sunday. It has been repaired and inspected. However, there is hydraulic fluid in the shaft. This must be removed and environmentally disposed of in accordance with DNREC. Craig Horstead will comply with this. We are also going to have quarterly inspections, and our annual inspection will generate from this. The inspections are \$130 for inspector and \$150 to State each for dumbwaiter and elevator.

New windows were installed on the first floor. This completes this level of new windows. The church is grateful to the United Methodist Women for completion of payment for this major project.

There is a continuing issue regarding closing and locking interior doors, especially the office of the Administrative Assistant. We recently had an expense of \$243 due to a virus on the computer in this office. The ability to use this computer is no different than monitoring your own computer. Please understand there are no dispersions to be cast. We need to protect our equipment and respect the Administrative Assistant in her job.

The Trustees have been charged with solving two problems: 1) a phone in the lobby when the office is inaccessible in case the security is breached and the phone rings, we can access the lobby phone, 2) we will increase the volume on the bell so it may be heard in the back classroom adjacent to the Administrative Office. We thank you for your cooperation.

We have scheduled a mandatory electrical inspection for May 7th to comply with the Fire Marshall's requirement.

The dishwasher is non-functional in the kitchen. However, this unit is over 30 years old and estimated repairs will be close to \$1,000. A replacement unit will cost approximately \$2,800 plus installation of over \$300. This project is deferred at present.

We thank our congregation, the school, UMW and Trustees for their contributions to snow removal expenses. We will be seeking competitive bids for 2015.

There has been no resolution regarding the extension of the chancel area. The Trustees are in concert that this area is a safety hazard and the problem must be addressed. We will continue to solicit solutions from the congregation and we thank you for your input. Please pray on this problem.

There will be a decorative barrier in front of the balcony rail to aesthetically improve the wires exposed. Bill Whisler will chair this for us.

Thank you for your continuing prayers as we go about caring for our church and parsonage.

God Bless and care for you all,
Betty Tull

YOUTH GROUP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Happy Spring! The flowers are in full bloom, the days are getting warmer....and new things keep happening here at Marshallton!

On April 12, our youth group and dedicated adult volunteers participated “Walk with Jesus,” a family event that walked guests on Jesus’ path from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection. Those that were able to attend gave very positive feedback. The mother of one of the youth sent the following response via email:

“The youth did an excellent job yesterday with their ‘Walk With Jesus’ ministry event. Everyone who attended had a good fellowshiping in the Spirit of the Lord and sharing God’s Word. To both the adult leaders and the youth members: your commitment to the ministry and zeal for the Lord really stirs my spirit, and is a true blessing to us all. I cannot wait to see more of the wonderful work that the Lord is going to do through you. WELL DONE! Tamara Carter (daughter of Roosevelt and Carolina Rowsey and mother of Isaiah and Hadassah).

The youth also participated in the sunrise worship on Easter Sunday. It was fun to have such enthusiasm at such an early hour!

Easter Sunday also marked the return of Children’s Worship to Marshallton. Held during our 9:00 AM worship, the children’s worship is open to children from toddler through grade 5. During our first session, we had only four children, but it’s a start! Please inform any families with children that this will be ongoing....and all year long!!

Now that Easter is over, our youth group will be starting a four week study entitled “Rise Up— Living for the Kingdom.” Also, stay tuned for more information on upcoming events....including a yard sale fund raiser event!

If you are in grades 6-12 (or know someone in that age group) and would like to learn more about GTY, 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.

God’s blessings to all of you!

Sharon



MISSIONS REPORT - May 2014

FAMILY PROMISE

On April 23rd and 24th, members of the congregation at Marshallton UMC had their first experience with the Family Promise program. We participated as a Support Congregation to St. James Episcopal Church, one of 15 churches in the region acting as Host Churches to homeless families enrolled in the Family Promise network. The families in the network spend one week at a time residing in a host church for their 90 day tenure in the program. The Family Promise program works with the families and has as its objective to help the families find employment, housing, and attain the status of self-sufficient contributing members of society.

Our participation consisted of preparing evening meals for the families for those two days, interacting socially with the families during dinner and the evening, and spending the night at St. James as emergency and security staff. In addition, our congregation had shopped for and provided breakfast and lunch food supplies for the families to use during their daytime activities.

On Wednesday April 23rd, the Marshallton members who prepared the evening meal were Shelva Lewis, Diane and Steve Freebery, Sharon McDaniel, plus Holly, Teresa, and Sara Paoletti. Lynn Barnett, Kymm Hockman, and Sharon O'Connor interacted socially with the families that evening and Kymm and Sharon O'Connor spent the night.

On Thursday April 24th, the Marshallton Members who prepared the evening meal were June Pesickey, Diane Clark, and Mildred King. They also interacted with the families along with Kymm Hockman, and Tom Pesickey. Kymm and Tom were the overnight staff.

The families seemed truly thankful for the hot meals and the social support and most of them said so. All of the Marshallton participants at St. James expressed a feeling of value having contributed to the well-being of these families. We certainly came away with a greater understanding and a much keener awareness of the plight of the homeless right here in our own backyard. It was both a blessing and a reality check.

We will participate in this activity two more times this year. The next will be the Wed. and Thurs. of the week of June 8th, and the last will be the Wed. and Thurs. of the week of August 3rd. If I have omitted the names of any of the participants, I apologize. Certainly our entire congregation can feel gratified that we are following our Savior's advice when he told us to feed the hungry and give them shelter. Thanks go especially to our own Deacon Kymm Hockman who led us to enter into this worthy new mission activity.

CAMP PECOMETH DINING HALL ROOF

At the Ad Council meeting on April 28, 2014, a proposal to contribute to the installation of a new roof for the Dining Hall at Camp Pecometh was discussed and approved. We will be collecting a one-time mission offering to be forwarded to Camp Pecometh for that purpose. We also have requested that the UMW and the UMM consider making a one-time offering from their membership as well.

The collection will occur on Sunday May 19th. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to this project.

FOOD CLOSET

Early in April our Food Closet Mission was resumed and scheduled for weekly operation on Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. led by Bob and Marcy Tull with help from numerous members of the congregation. It started slowly with 4 families representing 19 people and has grown to 30 families representing 93 people. We feel it certainly is a joy and a blessing to help so many people. On balance, we have some concern that we may not be able to sustain this level of commitment. The Missions Team and the Food Closet volunteers are meeting to consider alternatives to enable us to continue this initiative.

**In His name and in His service,
Tom Pesickey, Missions Chair**

MINUTE FOR MISSION - MAY 4, 2014

Good morning. Most of you are familiar with our mission project supporting furnishing of a room at the Camp Pecometh Conference Center. We have been pledged to donate \$1 per month per member of the congregation for 3 years and the UMW and UMM are pledged to make additional donations to bring our total to \$4,500 at the end of 3 years. We are in the 2nd year of that project.

The Director at Camp Pecometh, Rev. Jack Shitama, announced at one of the UMM Lenten breakfast meetings that they are planning to replace the roof of the Dining Hall at Camp Pecometh. The Dining Hall was remodeled in 1994 and the current roof was last installed at that time. In recent months they have been applying repair patches to the roof and it is becoming increasingly costly and difficult to repair. They estimate that with the help of a contractor they can complete the new roof for around \$10,000. He is requesting that the Churches in the Peninsula Delaware Conference support this effort with contributions as we are called or able.

This request was presented and approved at the Ad Council meeting on April 28th. We agreed to collect a one-time offering the total proceeds of which will be directed to Camp Pecometh for the roofing project. We plan to collect this one-time offering on the 3rd Sunday of May, the 18th. In addition, we have requested the UMM and UMW also to make a one-time contribution from their members for this project.

Please prayerfully consider helping the Camp Pecometh roofing project with a contribution and mark your calendars for May 18th.

**Thank You,
The Missions Team**



Dear Lord, there are so many kinds of mothers who have blessed us with their love and care:

Our own birth-mothers who carried us and labored for us in so many ways, and no matter how old we may be will always have a special place in our hearts;

foster mothers, adoptive mothers, and stepmothers whose task of picking up the pieces is not easy and whose successes are the more glorious for the effort involved;

and all other strong and holy and loving women who have taught us and nurtured us, encouraged us and guided us.

Thank you Father God, for all the mothering we have received. Bless all whose lives have blessed ours and may we, in our turn, bless the lives of others, in your name. Amen.

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MUMS Corner

The end of the school year is right around the corner. On June 3 at 6:00 PM our closing program will be presented here at the church. All of classes will be participating as they sing songs and get their certificates for completing the school year. Please support the school and come out and see the program. Our summer session starts the very next day. If you know of anyone who is in need of summer child care, send them our way. We take 1 year olds to 12 year olds. We are also taking applications for the academic school year which starts at the end of August. It will be here before you know it! Have a great summer and remember to keep MUMS in your prayers.

Miss Beth-Director



CONGREGATIONAL HYMN SING / COVERED DISH - JULY 20, 1914

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - LAST WEEK IN JULY

(Detailed information n June "Chatter")

Dear Marshallton family,

As many of you know, I was hired soon after I retired by Aldersgate UMC on Concord Pike to be their Minister of Pastoral Care. Since being hired my position has been expanded into additional worship responsibilities. (They even enjoy my preaching... imagine that.) I preach every Sunday and coordinate laity visitation along with doing hospital and home visitation. Because of my increased hours there, Margaret and I have decided it would be better for her to transfer her membership there until I 'really' retire. So please understand that we will be back to our beloved Marshallton Church family when I retire, perhaps in the next four years. You will see us at Marshallton Church events as my schedule allows.

Let me say that we miss you all very much and hope you understand this decision.

God Bless,
Pastor Don and Margaret



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO LEARN AND WORK
WITH THE SOUND SYSTEM AT 9:00AM SERVICE**

SEE STEVE FREEBERY



VISION TEAM

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH, 7:00PM

**We will be discussing a new program we will be participating with Church and
Community benefits - Life Line Screening –**

More details to follow!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY
TO FAMILY & FRIENDS OF

LINWOOD CLARK

and

JOHN CIRINO

(Son of Ellen Sebastian)

THANK
YOU!

*Niyah and I would like to thank everyone for their birthday wishes, cards and gifts.
We had a beautiful day.*

*With love,
April and Niyah*

Thank you to all who helped make the Spring Luncheon a success. Tickets sold out almost as soon as they were printed, and all who attended had full stomachs and smiles on their faces as they left and asked when the next one would be!

*With gratitude and pride,
Shelva Lewis, President UMW*

Thank you to all who donated money or hams for the Sunday Breakfast Mission.
We delivered 28 hams. As always, your help is very much appreciated.

Bob Tull, President UMM

WHEN YOU TURN ON WIPERS, TURN ON LIGHTS – IT'S THE LAW





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO MUMC!!

ALAN HITCHNER - 8/18/13
ED & MILDRED KING - 9/22/13
RODNEY KLOTZ - 10/6/13
SHARON O'CONNOR - 9/22/13
BOB JACKSON - 11/10/13
MILTON & DIANECANTLER - 12/29/13
KAREN JAMES - 2/9/14
SCOT SAUER - 2/9/14
DAVID THOMAS STEEN 5/4/14



ELLEN SCHEIB
MEMBER OF MUMS STAFF



WELCOME TO THE WORLD!

Jonathan Patrick Bredbenner, II

April 19th, 2014 - 7:12pm

8 lbs., 2 oz. - 21" long

Parents: Jonathan, Sr. & Alisha Bredbenner

Grandmother: Deanna Bredbenner

Door of Hope pregnancy donation bottles are available. Your financial gift supports this local ministry to pregnant women who are vulnerable to abortion. *According to the most recently reported statistics*, one of every three children conceived in Delaware is aborted. Put some hope in a BBB bottle for a young mother and her child. See Carol Caward.

Prayer for our Military

Lord Jesus, Savior of the world and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of our Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers of military life. Keep them close to You and help them live the Commandments. Amen.

*Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith,
you will receive. Matthew 21:3*



Free Skin Cancer Screening and Awareness Program

Monday, May 12 or Tuesday May 13
5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
Helen F. Graham Cancer Center
Christiana Hospital campus
4701 Oglethorn-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19713

Don't miss the FREE Skin Cancer Screening and Awareness Program on May 12 or May 13.

Attend the skin cancer screening if any of the following apply:

- You have not attended a free skin cancer screening before.
- You have never had a skin cancer screening by a physician or dermatologist.
- You do not have health insurance.
- You have a history of skin cancer, or if you have a sore that won't heal.

The education session includes a self-exam, information about risk factors and how you can protect you and your family.

Bilingual staff is available.

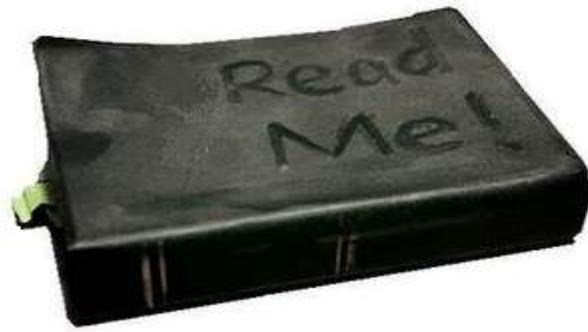
Registration for an appointment time is required. Call 302-623-CARE (2273)



PENINSULA-DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

JUNE 5-7, 2014

Sharon O'Connor has agreed to be our third key member to Annual conference. Our lay members will be Sharon O'Connor, Betty Tull and Lynne Barnett.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY, 2014

GOD'S WORD: RENEWING US IN FAITH

Day	Book	Chapter	Day	Book	Chapter
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER					
1	Psalm 80		17	Galatians	4:21-31
2	Hebrews	11:1-22	18	Matthew	12:1-21
3	Hebrews	11:23-40	19	Matthew	12:22-37
4	Hebrews	23:1-29	20	Matthew	12:38-50
5	Romans	1:1-17	21	Matthew	14:1-21
6	Romans	2:1-16	22	Matthew	14:22-36
7	Romans	3:21-31	23	Matthew	15:21-39
8	Romans	4:1-12	24	Matthew	17:1-23
9	Romans	4:13-25	25	Ephesians	1:1-23
10	Romans	5:1-21	26	Ephesians	2:1-22
11	Romans	6:1-23	27	Ephesians	3:1-21
12	Galatians	1:1-24	28	Ephesians	4:1-16
13	Galatians	2:1-21	ASCENSION DAY		
14	Galatians	3:1-14	29	Acts	1:1-11
15	Galatians	3:15-29	30	Acts	2:12-26
16	Galatians	4:1-20	31	Psalm 47	

BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES FOR MAY, 2014



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MAY				JUNE	
1	<i>Nigel Raman</i>	24	<i>Kaitlin Kennedy</i>	6	<i>Carol Caward</i>
14	<i>Ben Jones</i>		<i>Adriel Raman</i>		<i>JJ Records</i>
15	<i>Ron Caldwell</i>	28	<i>Jessica Lynn Paoletti</i>	7	<i>Bob Hayden</i>
19	<i>Ruth Jackson</i>	31	<i>Louise Canning</i>		<i>Brad Summerfield</i>
	<i>Homer Lutton</i>		<i>Jennifer Johns</i>	9	<i>Andrew Recxords</i>
22	<i>Betty Tull</i>			11	<i>Ernestine Clayton</i>



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

MAY				JUNE	
1	<i>Lester & Lisa Carlisle, Sr.</i>			7	<i>Steve & Diane Freebery</i>
24	<i>Ernie & Shelva Lewis</i>			9	<i>Steve & Donna Owens</i>
28	<i>Jerry & Lynne Barnett</i>				

MAY, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	2 7:00-9:00PM - Youth Group	3
4 9:00am- Praise & Worship 11:00am- Worship Service	5	6 Noon - UMW Spring Luncheon 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	7 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study 7:00pm UMW General Meeting - Sanctuary	8 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	9 7:00-9:00PM - Youth Group	10 6:30-9:00pm - Monthly Fun Fellowship Gathering
11 MOTHER'S DAY 7:30am - Breakfast 9:00am- Praise & Worship 11:00am- Worship Service	12	13 10:30am - Alice Ball Circle Mtg. 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	14 10:30am - Marian Rowe Circle Mtg. 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study	15 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	16 7:00-9:00pm - Youth Group	17
18 9:00am- Praise & Worship 11:00am- Worship Service	19	20 6:30pm - Praise Team 7:45pm - Chancel Choir	21 7:00pm - Rebekah Circle Mtg. 9:00am, 1:30pm & 7:00pm - Disc. Bible Study	22 6:30-7:30pm - Food Closet	23 7:00-9:00pm - Youth Group	24
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COMING IN JUNE	JUNE 2nd - 6:30PM MUMS GRADUATION	JUNE 4th UMW DINNER	JUNE 21 GENERATION TRUTH YOUTH YARD SALE			