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“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Sunday, October 5th, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
LaTrelle Miller Easterling, Presiding Bishop



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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Revelations 19:1”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “We’ve Come This Far by Faith” (see insert)***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
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***Prayer of Illumination: Holy God, pour out your Holy Spirit
on us so that we hear your word clearly and that we might be
challenged in new ways today. Amen.***

****The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4: The oracle that the
prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will
not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at
trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and
contention arise. So the law becomes slack, and justice never
prevails. The wicked surround the righteous; therefore
judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what
he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my
complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the
vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.***

Ready to Join?

*Please complete the form and hand it to an usher. Pastor
Cummings will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the
membership vows and the date for you to join.*

What are our membership vows?

*Vows are taken when a person joins a United Methodist Church
as a baptized or professing member. By taking the baptismal
and local church membership vows, the individual agrees to
covenant with God and the local church members to keep the
vows that are part of living the baptismal covenant and
reception into membership in the local church.*

*These vows have four parts: (1) to confess Jesus Christ as Lord
and Savior; (2) to believe in the Christian faith as contained in
the Old and New Testaments; (3) to support The United
Methodist Church; and (4) to uphold the local congregation
with one's prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.*

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone/Email _____

Mark your Calendar

The Unified Board Meeting is scheduled for October 14th at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in-person.

The fundraising brainstorming meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 9th, in person at 6:15 p.m. in the social hall.

The United Methodist Men Fish Fry is scheduled for October 17th from 11 am to 5 pm. The last day to place orders is October 13th. The fish meal includes a bottle of water and two sides. The fish sandwich includes a bottle of water and one side. Sides offered are potato salad and green beans.

The NAACP Branch #7025 annual Freedom Fund R&B and Jazz brunch is on October 18th from 11 am-2 pm at the Bay District Volunteer Fire House Social Hall. Tickets are \$50 for a table of 8. Let's shoot for two tables.

The 145th Church Anniversary celebration will be on Oct. 19th at 10:30 a.m. The theme for the day is "Zion: Serving Our Community," inspired by Matthew 25 36-40. Rev. Dana Jones will be the guest speaker. The colors of autumn are the colors for the day. The committee requests a \$50 love offering in addition to regular giving. A portion of the money collected will go to "outreach." Following the worship, there will be a celebration with cake and punch. If you would like to join the planning committee, please contact Sis. Omega Taylor.

Church conference is on November 1st at 9 am at Trinity UMC, 90 Church St, Prince Fredrick, MD. Livestream will not be available. Church conference packets will be available on Oct. 19th.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

****Psalm Reading~*** Psalter 772, verses 1-11

****Second Reading:*** 2 Timothy 1:1-14: Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Song of Preparation ~ “Goodness of God”

****Benediction~ Dr. Cummings***

****Gospel Reading:*** *Luke 17:5-10: The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”*

Proclamation~ Dr. Cummings

Affirmation of Faith~ 881 UMH

Prayers of the People: Response - Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer of confession, assurance, and pardon~ pg. 8 UMH

Thanksgiving & Communion~ pg. 9-11 UMH

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Announcements

****Closing Hymn~ “Till We Gather Agin” - #638 AAHH***