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

September 28th, 2025

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman, District Superintendent
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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ “Praise Him”

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings

****Opening Hymn~ “Blessed Quietness” - #374 AAHH***

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

***Doxology~ “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”~#650
AAHH***

***Prayer of Illumination: Oh God, send your Spirit upon us this
day, that as we hear your word, we may meet Jesus, the one
whom all our hungers are fed. Amen***

****The Scripture Readings***

***First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7: Woe to those who are at ease in
Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Woe to
those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and
eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle
songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on
instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint
themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin
of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.***

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. A portion of this meeting will be a closed session. The board will be voting on the church conference packet.

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 and Laity Sunday celebration will take place on October 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.

****Psalm Reading~ Psalter 858-859, verses 1-7***

****Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19: Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.***

***Song of Preparation ~ “Great is Thy Faithfulness”
#140 UMH***

***Gospel Reading:** Luke 16:19-31 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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 Again” - #638 AAHH

***Benediction~** Dr. Cummings