

School is open!! Please be careful!

The Centre Street Messenger

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Sunday Schedule

- *****
- 9:30 AM—Worship Service
- *****
- 9:30 AM Christian Education for Children
- *****
- 10:30 AM—Fellowship/Coffee in Fellowship Hall
- *****
- 11:00 AM—Adult Christian Education
- *****

SEPTEMBER 2017

Labor Day --- September 4 2017



To all workers
Everywhere ~~~
Thank you!!!



Garrison Keillor on "Methodists"

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.



But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road! Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

*If you're dying, they will comfort you.

*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

*Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

*Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.

*Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.

*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, you **know** you are a Methodist when:

It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."

And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good-by.

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What's Happening

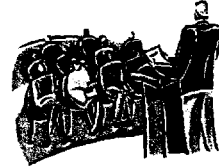
Deaths

Richard L. Michael

July 23, 2017

Charge Conference

This year Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, 9:30 am, September 30th at New Covenant. Church Council members are expected to attend.



Wednesday Scripture Study

The Wednesday morning Scripture Study classes will resume on September 6th from 11:00 am-12:00 noon. The classes are held in the parlor. All are welcome.

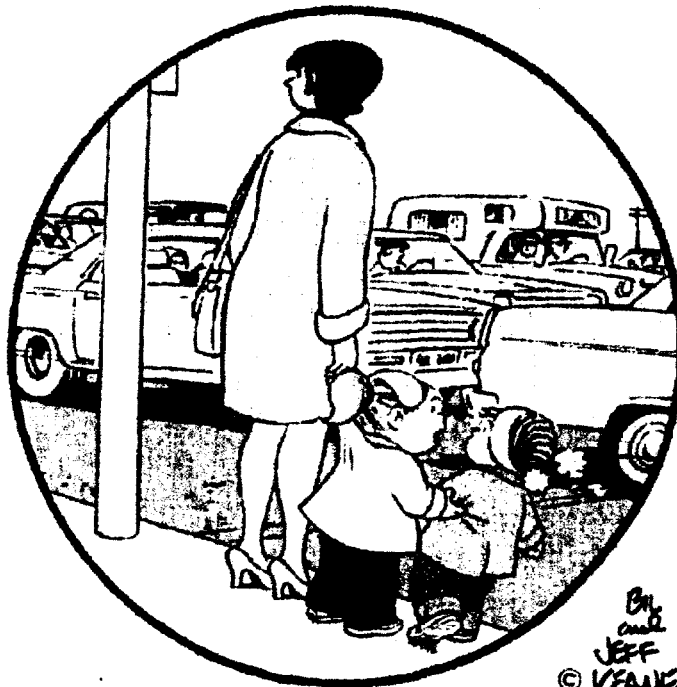
Thank You

I would like to thank each and every one of my church family for their thoughts, prayers and care during my recent illness. I hope to see you soon.

Fran Hunt



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"We need to wait till Mommy parts the traffic."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*

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The Centre Street United Methodist Women Fall 2017 Rummage Sale

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale, Books, Clothing (Men & Women), Fall decorations, Household, Kitchen, Jewelry, Linen, Pocket books, Shoes, Toys, puzzles and games.

SET UP

Wednesday, September 6, 1 pm – 4 pm arrange tables

Thursday, September 7, 9 am – 3 pm

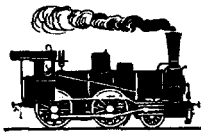
Friday, September 8, 9 am – 3 pm

Monday, September 11, 9 am – 4 pm

Bring a bag lunch Thursday through Tuesday!

DROP OFF DONATIONS TO CHURCH BY **FRIDAY September 8th**.

BAKE SALE DONATIONS ACCEPTED TILL **MONDAY MORNING, September 11th**.



Hope Station

For a number of years Hope Station has provided support to members of our community who are homeless, and/or have a history of addiction or mental illness. Hope Station is located only about half a mile from the church on Centre Street. They are our neighbors, both in a geographical sense and as Jesus describes our neighbors as those in need. At the August 21st Church Council meeting, Dan Snyder, director, presented information about Hope Station. The Council offered to partner with Hope Station, particularly in their need for food. This partnership will be an ongoing ministry of the church which will develop further over the next few months. Stay tuned...

Thank GOD
for what you have
TRUST GOD
for what you need

United Methodist Women

The Centre Street United Methodist Women will meet on Thursday, September 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a. m.

Members are to bring a covered dish to share at lunch. Drinks will be provided by the Executive Board.



The September program will be presented by Andy Thomas of the Senior Benefit Services, Inc. Information will be presented on Medicare, Secondary Insurance and Prescription Insurance.



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist men will have their first fall meeting on September 19 at 6:00pm. There will be a dinner followed by the meeting. All men are invited to come and bring a friend.












LABOR DAY



September 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Worship-9:30 Christian Education- Children-9:30 Christian Education- Adult-11	Office Closed HDLC Closed  Labor Day		10:00 am Craft Workshop 11:00 am Scripture Study 11:00 am Getting Ahead Class 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Set up for Rummage sale. 6:30 pm Choir Practice	9:00 am -3:00 pm Set up for Rummage Sale	9:00 am -3:00 pm Set up for Rummage Sale	
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Deadline for the October newsletter is September 22. Please send articles, notes, funny jokes, etc to Cathy Hunter at cshgbh@gmail.com

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Thanks to everyone that sends articles, the Messenger could not be done without you!

Report from Annual Conference

The 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference took place May 31-June 2, 2017 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The theme: "We Are One: Connected in Covenant" was the opening sermon given by our new Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. She reminded us that many times in the bible we find God making a covenant with man calling him to be faithful and to trust and obey. To turn away from the former, and to walk with God. She reminded us that walking in a way that bears witness to the Word of God is not easy.

During the conference we were reminded of the importance laity plays in the life of the church. The God who made a covenant with Moses is the same God who spoke to the people at Pentecost. God spoke to all men, not just to preachers. Christ went out and preached to all the people, not just the rabbis in the temple. During the time of Wesley, ministers rode between churches leaving the laity behind to tend to the day to day running of the church. Bishop Easterling will not preside over a communion service unless there are laity to assist. We as laity have a duty to our church. We are the ones who should be holding our brothers and sisters hands in difficult times. We are the faces a new person sees when they come to our church. We are responsible to keep our baptismal vows to be a blessing. We **are** the church. Bishop Easterling also reminded us that the youth are disciples in training not disciples in waiting. She challenged us to allow the youth to have a voice in the church. After all, Christ was only 33 at the time of his death. How many churches would allow a 33 year old to lead them? What do we as laity have to offer our community? We have Jesus the Christ the One whom unites us all.



After all the devotions and sermons, the work of the church seems to be a necessary nuisance. The first thing everyone wants to know is what will be our apportionments for the next year? For all practical purposes, our apportionments are unchanged (0.025% decrease). This year there were 5 amendments to the UM Constitution that were voted on by every conference. If 2/3 of the global conferences approve these amendments they become part of our constitution. These amendments dealt with a variety of topics from gender, race and marital status equality, election of conference delegates, and election of Bishops. The result of the voting will be announced by the Council of Bishops when the conferences have completed their voting.

The LGBTQ issue is still a topic of much debate in our denomination. During a closed session of clergy a minister with over 60 years of service turned in his credentials because a lesbian was not approved for Deacon in 2016 and "others like her" with similar gifts and graces are excluded from ordination.

The final piece of action taken before ordination was closure of 2 churches. The Centennial-Caroline Street UMC and the Overlea UMC both in Baltimore closed in October and December of 2016. The transfer of property and possessions were authorized.

Anyone seeking additional details about any part of Annual Conference please feel free to contact me or log onto the BWCUMC.org website to read the details of the legislation. It is always a privilege to attend Annual Conference and have the ability to see our church in action. Anyone is able to attend Annual Conference, but there is only one laity and one clergy vote per charge. If you want to join me next year just call before the end of February and we will make reservations for you.

Mary Jo Lefler

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference for Blue Bridge Charge



Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met on August 2nd at Puccini's for our annual summer dinner. A good time was had by all!

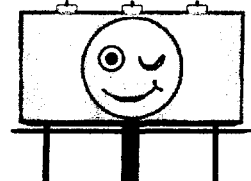


Friendship Circle Members

Back row: Patty Bailey, Mae Baugher, Barb McIntyre, Karen Brant, Brittany Brant
Front row: Cindy Carnahan, Cheryl Yonker, Julie Davis, Karen Parks

Our first meeting this fall will be September 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Our own Patty Bailey will provide the program. All women are invited to join us. We would love to have more members!

Church Signs



Free Coffee, Everlasting Life---Yes, membership has its privileges!

God didn't create anything without purpose—but mosquitoes come close.

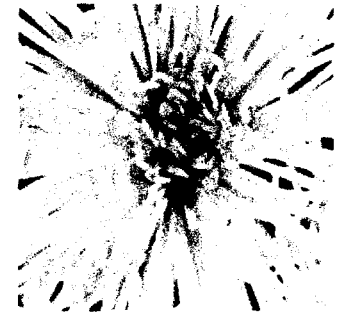
Need a Life Guard? Ours walks on water.

And one more—

Whoever stole our AC units—keep one it is hot where you are going.



THE GARDEN CLUB
OF CUMBERLAND

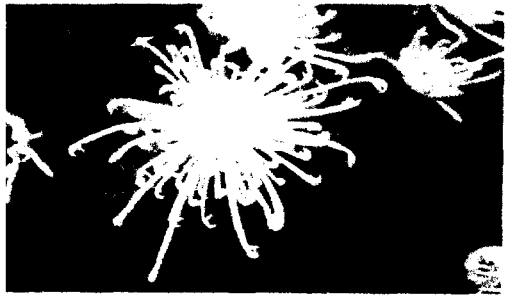


HARDY FALL MUM SALE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

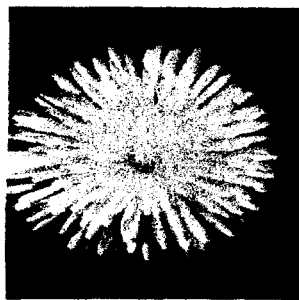
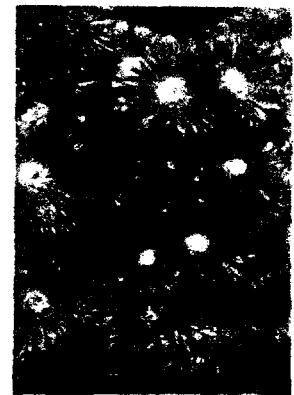
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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MUMS \$6.00 EACH

BAKE SALE

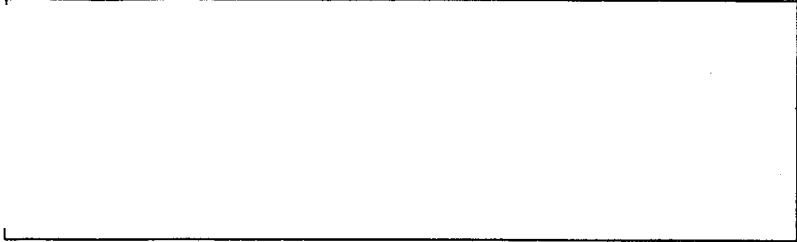


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