



The Point

July-August 2023

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What's your favorite summer t-shirt?

This year, I've found myself pulling the same shirt out of the closet, time and again. Maybe you've seen me wear it: it reads "THIS PASTOR LOVES YOU," with the word *pastor* printed in rainbow letters. Each time I wear it, I choose to be a public Christian, a public pastor, a representative of faith in our community.

For some pastors, this comes easily. But for me? It's not always easy to have these words emblazoned on my chest. People have all different reactions to the idea of a young woman being called "pastor," and the shirt often prompts them to share those thoughts. Add to that my introverted nature (preferring to do my errands quickly and quietly with my headphones in) and this shirt forces me to step way out of my comfort zone. When I have "love" on my shirt, I can't go through the world ignoring people as my mind wanders. I have to keep my mind switched on and my eyes open, ready to show love "in word and deed" to whoever comes across my path.

In Colossians 3:12-14, Paul reminds us of the importance of our everyday garments. "*Dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline,*" he writes. "*And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment.*"

Here's the thing: the 'outfit' Paul tells us to wear is often terribly out of style. Our culture encourages us to wear quick wit and anger, leading with intelligence and defending firm stances. When everyone around us is able to rapidly fire back critiques, doesn't kindness and discipline seem old-fashioned? The idea of compassion and humility feels flimsy when compared with the armor of anger and the accessories of pride.

And yet God presents us, again and again, with the invitation to wear love as a "basic, all-purpose garment." **Love is not something to save for a special occasion – it's something God meant to be worn every day**, like your favorite shirt that you've worn through with holes. Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and discipline are all elements of this love-outfit, pieces that make the look complete.



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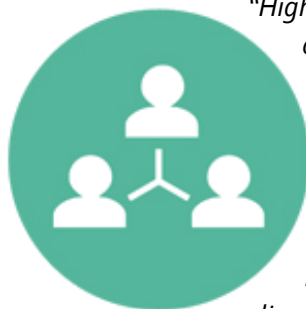
*Contributions to the next
newsletter, must be submitted
to the church office no later
than August 10.*

The trends of fashion may come and go, but there are pieces in every wardrobe that are timeless classics, only getting better with age. May you release those vices that grip you in the moment, and instead wear the garments that strengthen you, day by day, in the peace of Christ.

*grace & peace,
Rev. Carissa*

Readiness360

At the June meeting of the Church Council, your church leaders spent some time discussing the meaning of **Missional Alignment** in our church. Here's what the original report told us about this capacity:



"Highly fruitful churches consistently prioritize the investment of their resources (time, talent, treasure) according to their biblical vision and mission. Plans and major initiatives must stem clearly from biblical mandates and a quest for fruitfulness, in sync with a church's distinctive callings that have unfolded across the years. There is a willingness to let go of strategies that aren't bearing as much fruit. The more churches do this, the better they are aligned to their mission."

"Many folks at your church have a good sense of where God is calling you to go, but others are not aligned with this point of view. There is seldom enough personnel or financial resources to run in many directions at once. Now is a time for a serious conversation about Hunt's Church's priorities."

During our discussion, Council made a lengthy list of ministry activities that have been "added" and "subtracted" over the last several decades. The group noted that the main reason for a ministry to be removed has been lack of people with a passion to lead that ministry. Rather than choosing ministries aligned with a particular goal, we have followed the individual interests of our members.

While this is not a bad practice, it might be holding us back from the great things God has in store for Hunt's Church. As our church grows, we have to continually ask, "What is the work of *our* church in particular?" We must be willing to release those things that do not align with our mission to *make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world* so our hands can be open to what God has put before us.

What do you think? What have you let go, to make room for God?

In July, we'll explore the final area of vitality, *Cultural Openness*. Stay tuned!

Worship

Summer Worship Series

As followers of Jesus, we believe that the Holy Spirit is always with us, transforming us day by day. But what is the goal? This summer, we've spent time at the market to find the fruit that's always in season, the fruit of the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is abiding within us, we are sure to bear fruit that will nourish the world.

June 18	Always in Season
June 25	Love
July 2	Joy
July 9	Peace
July 16	Patience
July 23	Kindness
July 30	Goodness
August 6	Faithfulness
August 13	Gentleness
August 20	Self-Control



Missions Sunday

Save the date for our 2nd annual celebration of Hunt's Church's missions work! On Sunday, August 27 we'll hear testimonies from the leaders and beneficiaries of beloved and brand-new mission projects. You won't want to miss it!

Summer Choir

Want a low-pressure, fun opportunity to sing with your church friends? Sing with the Summer Choir! No robes, just fun! Mark your calendar to sing on July 9, and/or August 6. You can participate in either or both opportunities to lead an anthem in worship. Just show up to one rehearsal at 7:30pm on the previous Thursday. chase@huntschurch.org

Vespers is Back!

Do you often travel on summer weekends? Take a mid-week moment to connect with God and your Hunt's family at **Vespers**. This is a low-key, 45-minute time of worship and fellowship on the Agapé Lawn, featuring a variety of our church musicians. If there's rain, Vespers will move into VanMetre Hall. Bring your lawn chair! See you every other Tuesday at 6:30pm: 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, and 8/22.



Community Life

Welcome to Hunt's Church!

If this is your first time reading The Point, welcome! We are thrilled that you have come to Hunt's Church, where we believe in the welcoming love of God for all people. Read more at www.huntsunc.org/about-us

Share God's Love by volunteering to visit a member of the Hunt's Church family who can't leave their home. We're looking for loving people who would be willing to deliver communion and stay to chat with one of our homebound members on a monthly basis. Your presence will demonstrate the love of God in person! If you're interested, email Rev. Carissa: carissa@huntsunc.org

News from the Trustees: "Project Work Day" Schedule Change!

The Trustees are responsible for ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our lovely buildings and campus. While urgent issues like plumbing or heating are dealt with immediately, non-urgent issues are handled at our monthly Project Work Days. Along with fixing broken items or painting, this includes weeding and mulching gardens and cutting back dead or overgrown foliage.

Because we have now hired someone to care for the outdoor areas, **Work Days will now be once per quarter**. We hope this means a larger group of helpers will join us in taking on small or large assignments to keep Hunt's looking good and working properly. For 2023, the new Project Work Day schedule is 9 AM on....

- **September 9**
- **November 11**

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. If you know you will be attending, let Kelly Heubeck know (kterrell74@yahoo.com). It's fun to work together and it's rewarding to see the campus stay beautiful.

Thank you,

The Trustees

Let's Celebrate!

Birthdays

Annie Smith (7/1); Elinore Davidson (7/1); Merle Bayne (7/2); Meredith Boyle (7/6); David E. Junkin (7/7); Bonnie Ochs (7/7); Abigail Gartrell (7/9); Lillian Kroeger (7/9); Todd Pauliny (7/9); Janice Cooper (7/10); Julie Cooper (7/10); Sarah Brown (7/11); Kyle DeHaven (7/11); Travis Williamson (7/13); William Kroeger (7/14); Phil Kennedy (7/15); Emily Laziuck (7/16); Robin Bosley (7/17); Katie Highfield (7/19); Kellsie Barnes (7/21); Rusty Erdman (7/21); Marilyn Miller (7/21); Hope Pollard (7/21); Joelle Field (7/24); Mary Margaret Mack (7/25); Sarah Lipman (7/26); Katie Cairns (7/28); Natalie Polk (7/30); Derek Waters (7/30); Jennifer Waters (7/30)

Anniversaries

Sue & Bob Dey (7/1); Cheryl & Doug Eisenhower (7/5); Cheryl & Daniel Warren (7/5); Lisa & Skip Lipman (7/11); Kristina & Matt Bayne (7/17); Cathy & Dave Junkin (7/20); Lisa & Dave McMillan (7/20); Jeremy & Megan Davis (7/24); Merrilee & David Peske (7/28); Pat & Glenn Lieske (7/29); Meg & Tom Whiteford (7/31)

250th Anniversary News

COMING THIS FALL! Hunt's 250th Anniversary Weekend Celebration

Mark your calendars for the following events:

Saturday, October 7, 2023:

- **Family Fall Festival:** 11am – 1pm AGAPE LAWN.
Sponsored jointly by the Hunt's Pre-School and the Church.
- **Hot dog cookout:** 12 noon – 1pm. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs.
Pre-School and Hunt's families are all invited.
- **ACTC – non-perishable food collection:** 11am – 1pm.
- Rain date is Saturday, October 14, 2023.

Sunday, October 8, 2023

- **250th Anniversary Worship Service** – 10 am, Hunt's Church Sanctuary
Special Guest Preacher: Bishop LaTrelle Easterling
- **250th Reception** – 11:30 – 2:00pm, VanMetre Hall
Space is limited, so **reservations are required for the reception**. RSVP's due by August 1, 2023
RSVP Online at bit.ly/Hunts250 or call the church office @ 410-339-7770.
- *Invitations have been mailed. If you have **not** received yours, please call the church office @ 410-339-7770*

21st Century Dinner Held on June 16, 2023.

Approximately 80 people attended the Super Marvel-ous fellowship dinner on June 16, 2023 honoring the 21st century. Jan Wittenbach was the team leader, and she and her team planned a super evening filled with fun! A festive atmosphere was evident in VanMetre Hall, as we were visited by our very own "Wonder Women" (Jan Wittenbach, Lisa Hudson, Jinni Fitzgerald, Barbara Green, Lone Azola, Becky Pauliny, and Pegg Melfa as well as Super Heroes such as Superman, Captain America and others! Many of the guests visited the Photo Booth where their photos were taken with the superheroes. Thanks to Joe and Jackie Stigall for being our photographers for the evening and to Glenn Keatts and Todd Hudson for their participation. The Wonder Women prepared a wonderful dinner featuring healthy and delicious "bowls" which included various grains, fresh veggies, chicken and cheese, healthy but also delicious! We were also treated to superhero cupcakes for dessert which were topped with superhero rings! After Cheryl Eisenhower's historical presentation, Pegg Melfa and Bill Band presented a 21st century trivia game which all the guests enjoyed. We ended the final "century dinner" on a very high note. Thank you to all who made it possible!

Historic Century Dinner Series Comes to a Close

Four fantastic fellowship dinners were held in VanMetre Hall during February, March, May and June 2023. What a great way to celebrate our long history on the Hill in Riderwood. Approximately 314 people attended these special evenings! They included delicious dinners and desserts typical of the century being celebrated as well as music, singing and dancing, costumes, decorations, historical presentations, trivia and other games, superheroes and so much more! We would like to thank our creative hosts, Cynthia and Robert Sparks, Kathy Davis, Jody Waters, Lynn Henss, and Jan Wittenbach who led their teams to new entertaining heights. Special thanks go to Cheryl Eisenhower who presented "historical moments" at each dinner enlightening us on Hunt's interesting history. Heartfelt thanks also go to Beth Smith who helped to coordinate all the details of the four dinners and did a great job. All in all, a memorable time at Hunt's Church!



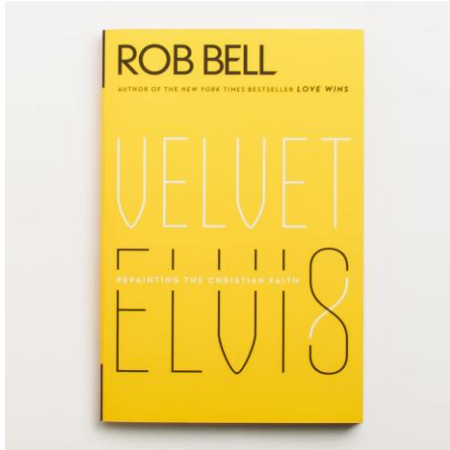
Hunt's 250th Anniversary: 21st Century "Marvel-ous" Fellowship Dinner



Spiritual Formation

Summer Bible Study

Summer Bible Study has begun! It is being taught by Terri Dotterer, recent Wesley Seminary graduate and deacon-in-training, this study will be focused around the topic of God's amazing creation. Make plans to participate for the upcoming five weeks on [Mondays at 7pm](#). No prep, just come and discuss your faith! The Bible Study will be held in the homes of some of our church families' homes:



- July 3 & 31 – JoAnn Burke's home
- July 10 – Merle & Ann Bayne's home
- July 17 & 24 – Jim & Mary Foster's home

Sign up by emailing Terri: waterri@gmail.com or by [registering online](#).

Summer Book Club with Rev. Carissa is all about imagining your faith in a new light. Take your time enjoying *Velvet Elvis* by Rob Bell and then gather to discuss on [August 15 at 7pm](#) in Pegg Melfa's home. Copies of the book are available through the church today for just \$7. Sign up to participate today at <https://huntsmemorial.breezechms.com/form/VelvetElvis>

Children & Youth

Vacation Bible School

Help Prepare for Vacation Bible School: We are thrilled to have a full set of campers for this summer. Now we need your help to prepare our church for a "stellar" week! Here's how you can help:

- **Donate Snacks:** Help feed these kids! We're looking for donations of granola bars (nut-free), circle-shaped pretzels, individually packaged mini-popcorn cakes (or mini-rice cakes), 8-oz bottles of water, 12-oz bottles of Gatorade, apples, and clementines. Non-perishable items can be donated anytime, but please wait until Sunday, July 9 to bring fruit!
- **Decorate:** On *Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8, from 9:30am to 12pm* we will decorate VanMetre Hall and some classrooms. Then on *Sunday, July 9, beginning around 11:20am*, we will decorate the Sanctuary. Please join us as we transform these areas into awesome space-themed wonderlands, in which to journey onward and upward on our VBS adventures!

Sundays with Kids

We are pleased to offer two options just for children on Sunday mornings during our 10am Traditional Worship Service. For children 5 and under, Nursery Care is available with Dominique Brown. For elementary school children, Sunday School is led by Lisa & Dave McMillan. If your child is 4-5 years old, they are welcome to participate in whichever option they prefer. Email Jody Waters with questions about Education: jodywaters3434@gmail.com

Movie Night is Back!

Make plans to hang out with other Hunt's families at one of our movie nights this summer! We had a great time watching "Moana" in June, and we can't wait to get together again. We'll eat at 6pm and then the movie starts at 7pm in VanMetre Hall. Bring a side dish or dessert to share! All are welcome, rain or shine.

- Friday, July 21: Cars
- Friday, August 18: Encanto

If you're able to come early to help set-up, please text Rev. Carissa to coordinate: 443-353-0439



Camp Hope: June 25-July 1, 2023



Missions Corner

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. This is a really busy time for many of the missions projects of Hunt's. Camp Hope is coming soon. We hope the Senior High and their devoted councilors have a wonderful time as they head off to western Maryland to help people in need of home repairs, that they are unable to do themselves. We have such wonderful dedicated young people who are learning so much about being God's messengers. Thank you. So much!

Next is the week of Baltimore County Christian Work Camp. Hunt's is the home base for this project. Every morning the volunteers gather for breakfast and head out to many different projects. Thanks to Glenn Keatts and Steve Lippy for head up Hunt's projects. Please think of signing up to help one day or the entire week. Steve will have more information.

July is Christmas in July month. This is our chance to donate, so that Hunt's can purchase the items that are needed to deliver Christmas cheer to some of the least fortunate in our area. We like to be able to purchase things when there is a price advantage. Please donate. There will be envelopes in the pews or just send a check to the church office with Christmas in July in the memo.

August is "Back to School" month. We will be collecting all school supplies from backpacks to pencils. There will be a bins as you come in the church doors. (It is fun for me going from place to place to get the best prices.) -- On Saturday, August 19th, Hunt's will be having a "paper shredding event" that will be open to everyone in the community. We are requesting that those who bring items to be shredded ... will also bring items to donate for our "Back to School" campaign.

We will have our next Missions meeting on August 9 at 7:00 PM in Adult Ed. Everyone is welcome to join.

Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCW)

The 40th BCCW is just a few weeks away . . . July 16-22. More volunteers are needed in order to fulfill our mission of home repair and assistance for the needy in Baltimore County by volunteers of all ages. The Hunt's Team's site(s) still have not been chosen yet; but, hopefully, they will be ramp sites. However, volunteers from Hunt's do not have to work on the Hunt's Team, but can choose another site that is in a "better" location within the County or have a "better" type of work to be done.

The BCCW's website (www.bcchristianworkcamp.org) has info about BCCW, as well as BCCW articles in previous issues of The Point this year. For Hunt's members, registration fees are optional as Hunt's donates half of the previous Advent and Lenten offerings to BCCW. If there are any questions, you can contact a Hunt's member--Steve Lippy, Howard Lin, or Glenn or Linda Keatts.

Online registration is at <https://forms.gle/WYiQWAT2ykEGXZuU6>

and was due by July 1 if one wanted to attend the Kick-Off dinner or closing lunch; however, to volunteer to work and/or to attend any of the breakfasts at Hunt's and/or the Tuesday dinner at Catonsville UMC and/or the Thursday dinner at Mt. Carmel UMC, the deadline is July 14. If you are not able to register by July 14 and wish to just volunteer during the week, contact Steve Lippy (410-296-9150) or Glenn Keatts (443-605-3345) if you wish to work on the Hunt's site; otherwise, contact Frank Thomas (443-452-8729) if desirous of working at another site.

Thank you for the financial support from Hunt's members with their Advent and Lenten offerings, as well as for the generous donation from the Carroll's-Gill's Permanent Endowment Fund.

Casserole Ministry

Hello, fabulous bakers! We delivered 15 casseroles to Earl's Place this week making this the highest number for 2023. Give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back! Earl's Place sits diagonally on a corner and they are tearing up the street in front and down the side of Earl's Place, lots of jack hammering and big time noise for the residents. We were quickly helped to unload the casseroles, so we could move along as the streets were closed to regular traffic.

We are trying out a new casserole recipe which has come highly recommended, Chicken Spectacular. – Drop-off-day for the July casserole is Sunday, July 9th, before or after church. (*Contact Suzanne for a copy of the recipe*)

Cannot thank you all enough for being faithful Casserole Bakers for the men at Earls Place. They are truly thankful for our made-with-love meals.

Suzanne Young

Finance Update

After five months of the new year, our financial performance is summarized in the following table:

	2023 Actual through May	2023 YTD Budget	Difference (Actual – Budget)	2023 Budget
Income	\$231,626	\$215,933	\$15,693 😊	\$451,815
Expense	\$219,392	\$211,578	\$7,814 😞	\$506,547
Difference	\$12,234	\$4,355	\$7,879 😊	- \$54,732

Through May, income is \$15,693 better than budget, thanks to offering being \$15,742 higher than expected. In fact, offering is running 12.5% higher than this time last year (\$189,700 vs \$168,700). This is an awesome result. Thank you! Given the challenging budget and the fact that some property expenses are running high, the elevated offering is quite beneficial to the church's financial health. We are still facing a challenging year as you can see in the budget column, so please continue to give what you can.

A little extra giving is especially helpful as we enter the summer months as this tends to be a time when giving drops off due to absences from church for travel and vacations. One of the many benefits of recurring electronic giving is that it continues even when you may be away. If you haven't set this up yet, check out our website (huntsumc.org) and select "give".

The preschool continues to have a strong year financially. Their fiscal year ends in June, and we are projecting they will meet or exceed their budget. Interest for next year is strong as well, so this important ministry appears poised to continue its recent run of strong operational and financial performance. A big thanks to all who manage and support this ministry as well as the employees who provide an excellent program to the children we are blessed to serve.

If you ever have questions about our finances, please do not hesitate to contact me at tedochs@msn.com.

Yours in Christ,

Ted Ochs, Finance Chair

Moment in Time: 1801-1856

by Cheryl Eisenhauer

"Baltimore Bellona Gunpowder Manufactory. The proprietors have commenced manufacturing and offer for sale Gunpowder of a superior quality" Federal Gazette, December 5, 1801



The Bellona Gunpowder Manufactory became Maryland's most extensive gunpowder works. It was established seven miles north of Baltimore City, approximately at the site where Lake Roland was later to be constructed. Established in 1801, it continued in operation until 1856. By 1810 the factory was capable of producing thirty-two casks of gunpowder a day. The War of 1812 increased demand, and in June 1814 the Bellona Manufactory sold Fort McHenry two hundred pounds of gunpowder. The explosives were most likely used in the defense of Baltimore when Fort McHenry was attacked by the British three months later in September.

Though gunpowder was in demand, its manufacture was a dangerous business. The

Bellona Gunpowder Manufactory soon proved this to be true. Not long after opening in 1801, an explosion completely destroyed a 30x40 foot mill house. In 1812, another explosion caused extensive damage. An even more serious one in 1817 was said to have rocked downtown Baltimore. Three years later in 1820, an explosion that instantly killed three workers produced shock waves that could be felt in Washington and Chestertown. Then in 1846, a huge explosion at the mill was reported to have blown it up completely, killing five of its employees. Production continued however until 1856 when the site was sold to Baltimore City as a water works. Soon afterward, the former powder mill became submerged beneath what is now Lake Roland.

Today it is strange to think that during Bellona Gunpowder's 55 years of operation, it would not have been uncommon for the lives of Hunt's Church members and others living in the Green Spring/Roland Run area to have been jarred by a series of accidental gunpowder explosions. Present day Bellona Avenue got its name from the Bellona Gunpowder factory, which had aptly been named after the Roman goddess of war.

Sources:

- A History of Baltimore County* by Neal Brooks and Eric Rockel
- Glenn Johnston's presentation in Commemoration of the War of 1812, Historical Society Baltimore County, April 26, 2012
- Middling Planters of Ruxton* by Joseph M. Coale III
- Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail website: National Park Service

The Bulletin

Join us as 100 percent of our congregations become 100 percent vital and thriving

A message from Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

For Christians, it really is "All About Love." The rest is commentary.

But while many Christians preach, pray, sing and write about love, most of the time we get it wrong. Love is too large to be measured or limited. A Hallmark card won't cut it. Love, we must understand, is not an emotion; it is an action.

But how do we define love? The theologian bell hooks teaches that love is "the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth."

The Gospel makes it plain that the only way to demonstrate, pronounce, proclaim and prove that we are in relationship with God through Jesus Christ is that we love one another. But this love can't be in the abstract.



We must specifically and concretely build community and communion through the power of presence. In love, we heal divides by seeing the *Imago Dei* in everyone without exception. We become God's walking Word, not

a word written on tablets, but the Word written on our hearts. We draw others to Christ by the light that shines within us. We must do love, be love, and give love to one another. Love is as love does.

Covenant to Create Beloved Community

I WILL:

Justice is a spiritual discipline. Acknowledging the sacred worth of all people is a vital step to creating Beloved Community.

You and your loved ones are invited to covenant with God and others to: seek and build relationships, respect differences, examine perceptions, assume positive intent, listen and engage for understanding, and grow in cultural humility. These six actions provide opportunities for us to journey together, grow in our capacity to love well, and to truly engage, honor, and respect the divine in one another.



SEEK
RELATIONSHIP



RESPECT
DIFFERENCES



EXAMINE
MY OWN
PERCEPTIONS



ASSUME
POSITIVE INTENT



LISTEN FOR
UNDERSTANDING



PRACTICE
CULTURAL
HUMILITY

Seek ye first the Kin-dom of God

A cornerstone of the United Women in Faith (UWF) is Mission u. This year's gathering will focus on Jesus' teachings about the kin-dom or reign (*basileia*) of God.



Jesus mentions the kin-dom 90 times in the synoptic Gospels. The kin-dom was not simply something to talk about but something we can live and experience. UWF uses the word kin-dom in place of the traditional "kingdom," to emphasize the community and equity of God's reign.

As part of the study, they're inviting United Methodists to practice *lectio divina* with the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Set aside time and space for this "divine reading."

- Read the passage, and notice words that might jump out to you.

- Reflect on the passage, reading it again and note how God might be nudging you.
- Respond to the passage, reading it and noting what you feel in a journal or drawing.
- Rest with the passage, contemplating how it might apply to your life.



How do you envision the kin-dom of God and how does that impression shape your life today?

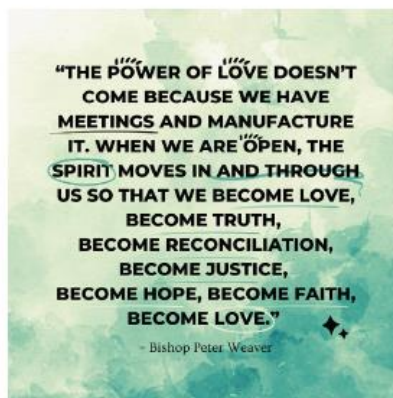
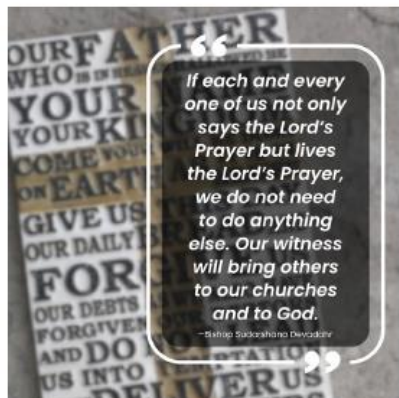
*Art from book cover by Rachel Mosher

Becoming Pentecost People

At Annual Conference 2023, more than 1,600 United Methodists met for holy conferencing at annual conferences in the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences. The theme of the sessions was "All About Love."

In the BWC, members approved the disaffiliation of 23 churches and in Pen-Del, 92 churches disaffiliated. These

churches left the denomination because they disagreed with the United Methodist stance on homosexuality. While their departure was lamented, conference leaders are anticipating moving beyond the dissension, which has distracted from mission and ministry for decades, to focus on a future of grace, hope, faith and discipleship.



Ruth Campbell is commissioned a deaconess.

That focus on the future was present in the Bible studies, which challenged United Methodists to "live the Lord's Prayer" and "be perpetually Pentecost people – Spirit-filled and Spirit-sent."

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10am Worship	7pm Bible Study with Terri Dotterer at JoAnn Burke's home	Independence Day Office Closed	12:30pm AA 7pm BCCW Meeting	7:30pm Summer Choir Rehearsal	9:30am—12noon VBS Decorating	9:30am—12noon VBS Decorating
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10am Worship 11:20 Decorate the Sanctuary for VBS	9am-12noon VBS 7pm Bible Study with Terri Dotterer at Merle & Ann Bayne's home	9am-12noon VBS 3pm Zoom Staff Meeting 6:30pm Vesper Service 7pm Praise Band	9am-12noon VBS 12:30pm AA 7pm Committee Meetings	9am-12noon VBS	9am-12noon VBS	9am-4pm BCCW Set-Up in VanMetre Hall
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10am Worship 3pm -8pm BCCW Prep and BCCW Kick-Off Dinner	6:30am-10am BCCW Breakfast 7pm Bible Study with Terri Dotterer at Jim & Mary Foster's home	6:30am-10am BCCW Breakfast 3pm Zoom Staff Meeting	6:30am-10am BCCW Breakfast 12:30pm AA	6:30am-10am BCCW Breakfast	6:30am-10am BCCW Breakfast 6pm Cookout 7pm Movie Night "Cars"	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10am Worship		6:30pm Vesper Service 7pm Praise Band	12:30pm AA 7pm Committee Meetings 7pm Missions Committee Meeting (Agape House)	September newsletter articles due to the Church Office by today.		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10am Worship <i>Baptism of Palmer Forsyth</i>		3pm Zoom Staff Meeting 7pm Summer Book Club Get-Together at Pegg Melfa's home	12:30pm AA 7pm Church Council Meeting		6pm Cook-Out 7pm Movie Night "Encanto"	10am-12noon Paper Shredding Event & School Supplies Donations
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31	September 1	September 2
10am Worship Caroline on Vacation	Caroline on Vacation		12:30pm AA			

Rev. Carissa will be on a planning retreat August 20-25 and out of state on vacation August 27-September 3, returning to the office on Tuesday, September 5. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please contact our pastor on-call, Rev. Laurie Tingley: 443-995-9215. All other concerns may be conveyed via email, for when our pastor returns.

Summer at Hunt's Church

Worship

Sundays
at 10am in the Sanctuary

Vespers
at 6:30pm on select Tuesdays

Summer Choir
singing once per month

Grow

Vacation Bible School
July 11-14 from 9am-12pm

Bible Study
6 weeks at 7pm on Mondays

Book Club
Discuss *Velvet Elvis* on August 15

Enjoy

Family Movie Nights
July 21 and August 18

Save the Date
for the big 250th celebration
on October 8

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