We Are All In This Together

These are trying times in our world. The Coronavirus has thrown us into uncharted waters. We feel like ships lost at sea. But we are not ships lost at sea. We are ships who were once lost but have now been found. Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us to not worry about anything but to instead pray about everything.

This is certainly a time to step up our prayer life.

Folks, we are not on vacation. There is never any vacation time in the Kingdom of God.

In fact, this is a perfect time to step up our witness...to shine a light into the darkness.

Get on the phone. Check on your friends and neighbors. Offer a prayer, words of support and encouragement. Read scripture to each other. Hold prayer meetings either on the phone, through conference calls, ZOOM or Facebook live. Put daily devotions out through social media. Live-stream your worship services. Use whatever gifts you have been blessed with in new and creative ways. Do something...do anything. This is not a time to sit back but rather it is a time to step up!

We are all facing financial insecurities because we are all on fixed incomes. We are all concerned about how we are going to keep a roof over our heads, pay our bills, feed our families. It is no different in the life of the church.

The survival of the church is dependent on the giving of its members. When its members don't give...the church can't pay its commitments. As church members, we have vowed to support the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. The first fruits of our labor are to be set aside for God. In other words, we give to God first. So I challenge us all to remember how important our tithes are to the survival of the church. Remember the words of Malachi 3:10, where God says, "Bring the whole
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Transforming Lives Through Jesus Christ

The Installation Service for
DS Rev. Tina Blake
Has Been Postponed
Until a Future Date

In The...

Spotlight

We pledge to fulfill God’s ministries through the Spiritual disciplines, Christian education, seminars, and workshops. In our evangelizing efforts, we will identify and utilize the various gifts and graces within our community through worship and fellowship.

Mission Statement

Shiloh UMC
2655 Worcester Hwy
Pocomoke City, MD
Rev. Dr. Helen Lockwood, Pastor
Galatians 6:2 (CEB) - Carry each other’s burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.

tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

God will not disappoint us. If we remain faithful, even in these difficult times, God will bless us in abundance.

So hang in there. We are all in this together. But God still sits on the throne and God will not abandon us. This too shall pass. So use this time as an opportunity to grow closer to God. Use this time as an opportunity to step up your witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Use this time faithfully. Use this time wisely.

Know that you remain in my thoughts and my prayers. We will persevere.

May God bless you and keep you during this time of trial.

Pastor Tina

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Better Together Challenge

Yes - it’s trying times! But we are all better when we pull together! Just as Jesus was at His best in the most difficult times, we can be at our best, too! We in the District Office are challenging you (and ourselves) to consciously do something to help, encourage, inspire, or cheer others every day! As Pastor Tina said “be creative.” Here are a few suggestions to get you started: send a card, text, call, or e-mail, share a couple of rolls of toilet paper from your stash of 53 rolls, drop off a good book (leave it on the door step), mail in your weekly offering or give on-line, and, most importantly, pray for everyone! Send me an e-mail with some of your creative ideas (salisburydistrict@comcast.net) and I will share with all. (I can’t wait to see all your great ideas!)

We are better when we are together!!

Blessings, Charlotte

Galatians 6:2 (CEB) - Carry each other’s burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ.
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Community Church at Ocean Pines
11227 Racetrack Road
Berlin, MD

Drive-Thru Communion
Thurs, Mar 19   1-2:30 pm
Fri, Mar 20    10-11:30 am

Communion will be by car under the carport. Pastor Dale and an assistant will be wearing surgical gloves and masks. All church family and friends are invited.

DS Tina is regularly posting important information

Send us a picture and a paragraph about a special event at your church. We would love to share your news in the District Newsletter. E-mail to: salisburydistrict@comcast.net
A plethora of information regarding the Coronavirus is available on the Pen-Del website (www.pen-del.org). Also included are the statements issued so far and messages shared by Bishop Johnson. Stay tuned and check frequently for regular updates!
Ten Commandments for Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention in Faith Communities:

1. **THOU SHALL NOT PANIC**—It’s important that we educate our congregants using facts not myths. Dr. Robert Murphy, executive director of the Institute for Global Health at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine and an infectious diseases professor says, “the one thing we really don’t need is mass hysteria.” “Coronavirus” has been around for years. In humans, coronaviruses infect cells of the upper respiratory and gastrointestinal tract and are responsible for about one third of all common colds. The current strand of coronavirus, COVID-19, has people most concerned because it has been linked to a higher rate of mortality. However, the CDC estimates that so far this season there have been at least 32 million flu illnesses, 310,000 hospitalizations and 18,000 deaths from the flu. The reality is, we should always be cautious during flu season in particular, but coronavirus should not cause us to panic. Health experts suggest that prevention is the best course of action.

2. **THOU SHALL CLEAN THY HANDS REGULARLY AND THOROUGHLY**—When coronavirus began to spread, I was going through the airport and saw hundreds of people wearing masks. The next day, a major news outlet reported that wearing masks is an ineffective practice for controlling the spread of the coronavirus. The number one recommendation was to wash your hands thoroughly, as often as possible, with soap and warm water for at least twenty seconds. Before shaking hands or engaging in any human contact, we should make sure our hands are clean. The CDC also recommends refraining from touching your eyes or mouth before you have washed your hands.

3. **THOU SHALL ENGAGE IN SOCIAL DISTANCING**—Faith communities are known for “passing the peace” during worship. This is a designated moment of fellowship which often includes hugging, hand shakes, and even greetings with a kiss. I recommend churches continue to the “pass the peace,” but do it while engaging in social distancing. That is, greet one another by touching elbows, waving, nodding, or some other virtual sign of love while being judicious with human contact. Each person should use their discretion with this practice and should not be offended should someone not want to hug or shake hands as they normally would.

4. **THOU SHALL MAKE SANITIZER AVAILABLE**—If possible, sanitizer should be made available in as many places around the worship facility as possible. Stations should be intentionally positioned at entrances and exits as well as strategically within the worship space. If you have your own sanitizer, use it as often as you need to during worship. Also, you may want to be a good neighbor and offer sanitizer to others as they have need. Ushers, greeters, etc. should wash their hands thoroughly and also have sanitizer and tissue available for worshippers.

5. **THOU SHALL LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AND CARE FOR THYSELF**—In Matthew 22:39, Jesus says the second greatest commandment is to “love thy neighbor as thyself.” If you are sick or experiencing cold-like symptoms, please love your neighbor enough to stay home from worship and other activities, and love yourself enough to get well and visit a healthcare professional. This is also important for children and youth.

6. **THOU SHALL PUT SIGNS IN RESTROOMS**—Placing signs in restrooms reminding people to wash their hands thoroughly, and providing instructions for proper hand-washing can be very effective in coronavirus prevention.

7. **THOU SHALL NOT DISCRIMINATE**—The new strand of coronavirus (COVID-19) originated in China. Since then, there have been numerous incidents of discrimination towards the Asian community. As people of faith, we should affirm all of God’s people as sacred worth and should denounce this type of evil.

8. **THOU SHALL BE CONSIDERATE OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**—Like any health crisis, there are certain populations more at risk that need our attention and care. Our senior citizens, as well as individuals with co-morbid conditions in our congregations should be considered high on our priority list for care. Make regular wellness calls and visits to seniors within your worship community to ensure they have everything they need. We should be doing this regularly anyway, however, it should especially be done until coronavirus is eradicated.

9. **THOU SHALL BE WISE WITH TRANSPORTATION**—Faith communities with transportation ministries should take precautionary measures to ensure vehicles are thoroughly cleaned inside and that sanitizer is offered in transit. Faith communities doing outreach should ensure all volunteers sign waivers of liability, and should food be distributed, precautions should be taken to protect those being served. For such precautions, refer to commandment #2.

10. **THOU SHALL PRAY**—After following every commandment and being as cautious as possible, at our core, we are people who believe in the power of prayer. We should pray for God to heal our land. We should pray for the families already affected by COVID-19. We should pray for faith to continue worshipping and serving. We should pray for our leaders and health professionals working diligently to contain and respond to this virus. We should pray and care for each other. Remember, it’s about prevention, so don’t panic. This, too, shall pass.

About the writer: The Rev. Dr. Kevin Murriel leads over 7,000 members as the senior pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. He has given us permission to republish this article.
Important Information regarding General Conference from the DS

There is a lot of anxiety and conversation regarding a protocol that will be presented to General Conference in May pertaining to human sexuality.

Here is what I want to assure…

The Protocol does not:

*Force clergy to perform same-sex weddings
*Force churches to host same-sex weddings
*Open clergy/churches to legal action for refusing to officiate or host a same-sex wedding

This protocol is just a proposal - it isn’t law until the General Conference legislates it as such.

To ensure that you have accurate and updated information, please follow www.UMC.org or check our conference website (www.pen-del.org).

Also please check out this very informative video by our bishop on the pen-del website.

Please Note - As concerns over the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic continue to escalate, the Commission on the General Conference will meet on March 21 via teleconference to discuss plans for the 2020 General Conference, scheduled for May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minn.
50 Ways to Welcome Your New Pastor

From the Lewis Center for Church Leadership
Prepared by Robert Crossman

Prepare to welcome your new pastor

- 1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
- 2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family.
- 3. Invite church members individually to send cards of welcome and encouragement to the incoming pastor.
- 4. Know that welcoming your new pastor in genuine and effective ways lays the groundwork for a healthy and vital relationship and the development of stable, long-term ministries together.
- 5. Plan for the transition. Occasionally important welcoming gestures are missed with everyone thinking someone else is handling these details.
- 6. Appoint a specific liaison person to whom the pastor can go for help and information during the transition.

Say goodbye to your current pastor in a healthy way

- 7. Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.
- 8. Acknowledge the change in public ways. Especially in the case of a much-beloved pastor, this allows the congregation better to let go and receive the new pastor.
- 9. Provide the congregation the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to the outgoing pastor, even if things have not always gone well.
- 10. Find appropriate occasions — in worship and at other times — to thank the outgoing pastor.
- 11. Express appreciation in ways that are consistent with what you have done in the past.

- 12. Consider giving the pastor the last two weeks off. This helps the pastor enter the new situation rested and gives an emotional buffer between one pastor’s last Sunday and another pastor’s first Sunday.
- 13. Plan goodbye celebrations prior to the beginning of the two weeks off.
- 14. Provide information to the local media about the outgoing pastor’s accomplishments and future plans.
- 15. Do not invite the former pastor to return for weddings, funerals, or baptisms. This allows your former pastor to engage fully with his or her new congregation, and it establishes your new pastor as everyone’s pastor from the beginning.

Make things move-in ready

- 16. Make sure the parsonage and pastor’s office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.
- 17. Determine if the parsonage is in need of repairs or painting. Consult the outgoing and incoming pastors about timing so as not to disrupt the lives of either party. Do not ask a new pastor to move into a parsonage “under construction.”
- 18. Consult the new pastor on any paint, design, or furnishings issues.
- 19. Offer to have someone cut the parsonage grass.
- 20. Make sure the new pastor and church officials are clear on how moving expenses are paid and all matters related to compensation, benefits, and reimbursement policies.

Welcome your pastor on moving day

- 21. Stock the parsonage refrigerator and pantry with some staples.
- 22. Make sure there are kid-friendly foods and snacks in the refrigerator if children are arriving.

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23. Have a small group on hand to greet the new pastor and family when they arrive and to help as needed.
24. Offer child care if there is an infant or toddler in the household.
25. Invite children in the household to do things with others of their same age.
26. Welcome any youth in the household by having church youth group members stop by and offer to show them around.

Continue the welcome during the entry period
27. Take food over for the first few days. Many churches continue the practice of having a “pounding” for the new pastor when persons bring food items.
28. Provide a map with directions to local dry cleaners, grocery store, drug store, veterinarian, etc., and information on local options for internet and cable television providers.
29. Give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.
30. Give the pastor and family a welcome reception on the first Sunday.
31. Plan a worship celebration of the new appointment.
32. Invite the new pastor to any social events held by Sunday School classes or other groups in the early months.
33. Make sure the pastor’s spouse and children, if applicable, are invited to Sunday School and other appropriate small groups.
34. Continue to remember your new pastor and family in your daily prayers.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation
35. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
36. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.
37. Provide a current pictorial directory of all the church members, if available.
38. Provide an up-to-date list of all church committees and officers.
39. Provide the new pastor with a tour of where things are kept inside the church and perhaps a floor plan of the facilities.
40. Orient the new pastor to information systems and the way records are kept.
41. Make sure the pastor has a list of home bound or nursing home members, a list of those struggling with long term illness, and a list of those still in grief over recent deaths in the family. Better yet, take the pastor for an introduction to each of these households.
42. Have an appropriate person offer to go with the pastor for introductions and support if there are particularly urgent pastoral situations (a member near death or the family of a member who has just died).
43. Have a lay official offer to take the pastor to meet church members in their businesses or other work settings, if they are easily accessible.
44. Offer to help arrange small group sessions to meet and talk with the congregation.
45. Create a “church yellow pages” (a list of people in the church who have specific skills that a newcomer may find beneficial…. auto mechanic, doctor, dentist, dry cleaners, book store, office supply, etc.).

Help the new pastor connect to the community
46. Provide local media with information about the new pastor.
47. Provide a list of hospitals, nursing homes, and community service agencies.

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Pastors Moving to New Churches Need the Right Start

Are you a pastor preparing to begin ministry in a new setting? With The Right Start Video Tool Kit, you’ll learn how to end your current ministry well, develop a personal transition plan, and make the most of your first days, weeks, and months in your new congregation. The Right Start is available in both Pastor’s and Group Training Versions. Learn more and watch a video preview at churchleadership.com/shop

Subscribe to Leading Ideas, our free e-newsletter, for information, resources, and strategies for forward-thinking church leaders.

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Spring begins ON Friday!!

2020 Mileage Rate
According to the IRS, the 2020 standard rate for business miles driven is 57.5 cents per mile.

236th Session of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference
(Annual Conference)
June 4-6, 2020
UMES, Princess Anne, MD
Open Positions for 2020 Annual Conference

To Our Beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We are fast approaching the time of year for our 2020 Annual Conference. Elections of Conference Lay and Associate Lay Leader as well as elections for District Lay and Associate Lay Leaders will take place at the Laity Session of the 2020 Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference.

If you are interested in any of the positions, we are requesting that you read the attached Duties of each position and fill out the Nomination forms. The conference nomination forms need to be returned to the conference office no later than Friday April 3, 2020.

Positions open are – Conference & Associate Conference Lay Leaders, Easton and Salisbury District Lay and Associate Lay Leaders and Dover Associate Lay Leader

Please give prayerful thought and consideration to these positions and send your nomination forms for the Conference positions back to the Conference office no later than April 3. Email Conference nomination form to ctrott@pen-del.org or send to Peninsula-Delaware Conference, 139 N. State Street, Dover, Delaware 19901. District nomination forms should be sent to the appropriate District Office. Mailing information is included on the nomination form.

Yours in Christ,

Yvonne Jackson
Conference Lay Leader
von2d@aol.com

Salisbury District Lay Leader and Associate Lay Leader Positions Are Open

Please see the job descriptions and nomination forms on the Pen-Del website (www.pen-del.org). We have a very successful Lay Academy program and excellent annual Leadership Training sponsored by our BOL. Please consider serving in this awesome position - send your nomination forms to the District Office.

Our thanks to Richard Kellam for serving as Salisbury District Lay Leader for the last 8 years!!
Salisbury Urban Ministries' Programs Are Closed

The staff will be in the office periodically unless otherwise mandated.

Should you have a donation please call ahead, 410-749-1563
If no answer, leave a message with your phone number so we can make arrangements when we are in the office.

We truly appreciate your food donations, monetary donations, and most importantly your prayers.

Peace & Prayers,
Debbie Donaway, Executive Director

Kid's Cafe Food Items Needed

To help our Kid's Cafe families while the schools are closed we would appreciate the following items:

Breakfast bars, Fruit Cups, Instant Oatmeal, Microwavable cups of soup/spaghetti, Workbooks, Activity Pages

Please call 410-749-1563 to make arrangement to drop-off your donation. Thank you for support of the children God has called us to serve.
And I’ll praise you in this storm
And I will lift my hands
That you are who you are
No matter where I am
And every tear I’ve cried
You hold in your hand
You never left my side

And though my heart is torn
I will praise you in this storm

Praise You in this Storm - Casting Crowns CCLI 296167

One of Life’s Little Lessons...

It’s inherent to God’s design that
we are better together.
Elisa Pulliam

Please share your events and activities at your church.
E-mail/send your info, flyers, etc. to: salisburydistrict@comcast.net
HAS THE PRESCRIPTION OPIOID CRISIS AFFECTED YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? YOU COULD BE COMPENSATED FROM THE PURDUE PHARMA L.P. BANKRUPTCY

FILE YOUR CLAIM BY JUNE 30, 2020

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
If you think you’ve been hurt by Purdue Pharma L.P., a U.S. limited partnership, and its affiliated Debtor companies (“Purdue”), or Purdue prescription opioids, like OxyContin, or other prescription opioids manufactured or sold by Purdue, you can file a claim for compensation in the Purdue bankruptcy proceeding. The deadline to file a claim is June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

WHAT IS A CLAIM AND WHO CAN FILE?
A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. You must file a Proof of Claim Form so it is actually received at the address indicated on the form's instructions by the deadline. It can be filed by you, by a legal guardian, by survivors, or by relatives of people who have died or are disabled. All "Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Forms" and any supporting documentation will be kept highly confidential and will not be made available to the public. You do not need an attorney in order to file a Proof of Claim.

Additionally, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, governmental units, and Native American Tribes may also file a claim against Purdue or any of its affiliated Debtor companies.

Go to PurduePharmaClaims.com to find a complete list of instructions on how to file a claim. You will also find a list of the opioids produced, manufactured or sold by Purdue or its subsidiaries.

You may file a Proof of Claim even if a settlement is contemplated in the Purdue bankruptcy so that your claim can be considered as part of any settlement.

"ANYONE CAN BE IMPACTED BY PRESCRIPTION OPIOIDS."
IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU

WHO DOES THIS AFFECT AND WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS?
if you think you’ve suffered harm from Purdue or Purdue prescription opioids, you have the right to file a claim even if you may have also received reimbursement from insurance. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Purdue bankruptcy include death, addiction or dependence, lost wages, loss of spousal relationship benefit for things like child-rearing, enjoyment of life, etc., or Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (“NAS”), among others.

THE DEADLINE TO FILE A CLAIM IS JUNE 30, 2020, AT 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME.
If you do not file a claim by the deadline, you will lose the right to file a claim against Purdue, and you will lose any right you may have had to seek payment or compensation. Proof of Claim Forms, a list of opioids manufactured or sold by Purdue, and instructions for how to file a claim are online at PurduePharmaClaims.com.

IS PURDUE OUT OF MONEY? No.

WHAT IS A BAR DATE?
The Bar Date is the court approved deadline for filing claims against Purdue for money owed or harm you believe was caused by acts or omissions of any of the Debtors (Purdue Pharma L.P. and its subsidiaries and general partner) from before the September 15, 2019 Chapter 11 filing date. The Bar Date has been established as June 30, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time.

WHAT IS A PROOF OF CLAIM?
A “Proof of Claim” is the official form that a creditor or other interested party (or litigant, or someone who believes that Purdue has caused them damages) must submit in order to assert and support any claim against any or all of the Debtors. The Bankruptcy Court has approved four Proof of Claim Forms that seek certain baseline information that will be important for evaluating claims filed against the Debtors. These forms are: (i) a Non-Opioid Claimant Proof of Claim Form; (ii) a Governmental Opioid Claimant Proof of Claim Form; (iii) a General Opioid Claimant Proof of Claim Form; and (iv) a Personal Injury Claimant Proof of Claim Form.

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY
For more information concerning Purdue’s bankruptcy, Frequently Asked Questions, examples of personal injury and other claims that can be filed, instructions on how to file a claim, and important documents including the Bar Date Notice, visit PurduePharmaClaims.com. You can also request a Proof of Claim Form by mail, phone or email:

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The beauty and wonder of Assateague ponies! DS Pastor Tina snapped this picture recently. Thanks, Tina, for sharing!

Camera People!! We need your help! God is all around us and in our busyness we don’t often stop to appreciate what He has given us. If you have a picture of something that you feel is a beautiful gift from God, please share it by e-mailing it to: salisburydistrict@comcast.net

Please let us know your name and church and where you took your picture.

NEWSLETTER

If you or anyone that you know would like receive the District Newsletter by e-mail, please call the district office (410-749-3331) or send the e-mail address to: salisburydistrict@comcast.net
Annual Spring Revival

Rev. James L. Young
Rev. Dr. Bernadette Beckett

Pastor

March 26th & 27th
7:00 P.M.

Theme: "The Goodness of Jesus"
Psalm 31:19 20

Wesley Temple
U.M. Church
West Road
Salisbury, MD

Union United Methodist Church
1203 Pine Street
Delmar, MD
“All You Can Eat”

Spaghetti Dinner

(Includes Salad, Bread, Drink and Dessert)

Friday Evening

March 27th

5pm to 7:30pm

Adults $8.00, Children $3.00
(12 Years Old and Under)

Carry-Outs will be Available

Snethen United Methodist Church
Double Mills Community Hall
Rt. 54, Delmar - Mardela Rd

For additional information, please call

443-614-3170
Zion United Methodist Church
2020 Women’s Conference

Saturday, March 28th 9am -2pm

Zion United Methodist Church  
11707 Back Creek Rd  
Bishopville, MD 21813

Laura Ollis is a Christian Author, Songwriter and Recording Artist. As founder of Mountain Ridge Ministries, she is sought after nationwide for Women’s Conferences and events.

www.theollisfamily.com

For more information please contact:  
Rita Pace: 410-430-7984 or Debra: 443-523-5115

Cost is $10.00 a person. This will go to pay the Speaker and your lunch.
Shiloh United Methodist Church
109 North 4th Street
Crisfield, Maryland

PRESENTS

IN CONCERT

Resurrection Gospel Singers of the Eastern Shore

Saturday, March 28, 2020
5 PM

Donation: $7.00

Trustees

Debbie White, Chairperson
Reverend Ervin Wallace, Jr., Pastor

Sponsor:
Curtis United Methodist Church  
11808 Campbelltown Road  
Bishopville, Maryland 21813  
410-352-5647  

United Methodist Women Day  
March 29, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m.  

Theme:  
Women, What Are you Doing?  
Proverbs 31:12-17  

Guest Speaker, Pastor Keisha Dukes  
Mt. Zion & St. James Charge United Methodist Church  
Pocomoke, Maryland 21851  

Please join us and bring someone with you to enjoy the Lord with us!  
Our color is Navy Blue  
So, Come and Praise the Lord  

Priscilla Postley, President  
443-366-2298  

Min. LaVaughn Price, Pastor  
410-543-8546
HONORING OUR FIRST LADY

Musical Tribute to Estella Young

MARCH 29, 2020
3:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP COLORS: PURPLE & GOLD

Union United Methodist Church
1203 PINE STREET
DELMAR, MARYLAND 21875

Light Refreshments To Follow

Freewill Offering

FOR MORE INFO, CALL (410) 742-1575
You can have a career and serve God

**CAREER INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE**

Sunday, March 29, 2020  3:30pm
St Matthew U M Church
7209 Cherrix Rd  Girdletree MD 21829
Rev. Frances Fitchett - Host Pastor

**Guest Preacher:** Pastor Eloise Henry-Gordy
Zoar U M Church – Selbyville De

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**United Methodist Women’s Service**

Saturday, April 4, 2020  5:00pm
Theme: “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Hands”

Mt Wesley United Methodist Church
7022 Scotland Rd  Snow Hill MD
Rev. Frances Fitchett – Host Pastor

**Guest Preacher:** Rev. Keisha Dukes
Mt Zion/St James U M C Charge – Pocomoke City MD
ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
Saturday April 4, 2020
7:30-10am
@
Eden United Methodist Church
Main St. Willards, MD
Eggs, Sausage, Scrapple, Home fries, Biscuits, Pan-
Mt. Nebo UMC
PARADE OF COLORS

Saturday, April 4, 2020
4:00 P.M.

Mt. Nebo Fellowship Hall
4513 White Deer RD
Delmar, DE 19940

Pastor Lisa M. Graine
“CELEBRATING”

ANNUAL USHER’S DAY

ST MATTHEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
7209 CHERRIX RD  GIRDLETREE MD  21829

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020  3:30PM

GUEST PREACHER: REV. SHENEATTA WHITTINGTON
FRUITLAND – ALLEN CHARGE  FRUITLAND MD

REV. FRANCES M FITCHETT  ·  HOST PASTOR
Seven Last Words

Friday April 10
7pm

Host Pastor
Keisha R. Dukes

Rev. Fred Crawley
First Baptist Church
Mappsville, VA

Pastor Tonya McClain
Salem & Bethany UMC
Pocomoke, MD

Certify Lay Minister
Jimy Reid
Mt. Zion UMC
Pocomoke, MD

Rev. Dr. Lisa Johnson
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Horntown, VA

Pastor Wayne Ayer
First Baptist Church
Pocomoke, MD

Lay Servant Tamara White
St. James UMC Pocomoke, MD

Mt. Zion UMC
409 Oxford Street Pocomoke City, MD 21851

Pocomoke City Charge
St. James & Mt. Zion UMC Pocomoke City, MD

“Two churches with the same goal: seeking to Aid, Comfort, and Lead God’s people through acts of Love, Compassion, Kindness, Grace, and Justice!”
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Friday, April 10, 2020 @ 12:00 – 3:00 pm
“The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross”

UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory”
(1 Chronicles 4:10 NIV)

COME! Join us for a great worship experience.
The Spoken Word
Featuring
First Word – Reverend Rob Townsend
(Dir. Of Connectional Ministries – Dover, Delaware)
Second Word – Reverend Phyllis Watson
(St. Stephens UMC, Delmar, Delaware)
Third Word – Reverend Markel Thomas
(Snow Hill/Ebenezer Charge)
Fourth Word – Reverend Lora Eloise Henry-Gordy
(Zoar UMC, Selbyville, Delaware)
Fifth Word – Reverend France Fitchett
(Girdletree Charge)
Sixth Word – Reverend Alexinia Seldon
(Princess Anne/Manokin Charge)
Seventh Word – Reverend Betty M. Smith
(Tyree A.M.E. Church, Berlin, Maryland)

Host Pastor – Reverend James L. Young
1203-1211 Pine St., Delmar, Maryland
410-896-4292

Music Ministry
Provided by:
Guest Choirs,
Soloist & Praise
Dancers
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Presents . . .

THE GATE AJAR
A Musical Dinner Theater
(by St. Luke United Methodist Church ~ Salisbury, MD)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020
4:00 PM ~ $25.00 PER PERSON
BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
100 BUCKINGHAM ROAD
BERLIN, MD

REV. PEGGY M. BRIGGS, PASTOR

Benefiting St. Paul United Methodist Church Memorial Rally
For more information, please contact
Betty Washington at 240-441-8276 or Glendola Bowen at 443-614-2883.
BAKE SALE
Sponsored By: Youth & Young Adults

Union United Methodist Church
1211 Pine Street ~ Delmar, Maryland
Pastor James L. Young
Benefit: Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Sunday, April 19, 2020
Following Morning Worship Service

HOMEMADE
Cakes, Cake Pops, Yeast Rolls, Sweet Potato Pies, Brownies, Cookies

For More Information, call Tina at 410-422-7999 or Donte at 540-514-3129
Mount Nebo United Methodist Church
Annual Women’s Day
Sunday, April 19, 2020
3:00 P.M.
36359 Mount Herman Circle
Delmar, DE 19940

Guest Preacher – Rev. Barbara Gordy
St. James AME Zion Church
Salisbury, MD

Pastor Lisa M. Graine – Host Pastor

Theme: Women – Encourage Yourself In The Lord
Therefore encourage one another and build one another up just as you are doing
– 1Thessalonians 5:11

Colors: Pink and White
Dinner Severed at 1:00 P.M.
CHRIST CONNECTIONS YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS...

TACO

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

ST. STEPHEN’S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
(CAMELOT HALL)
103 E. STATE ST.
DELRAY, DE 19940

TICKETS: $5.00

(ALL YOU CAN EAT TACOS)

TICKET INCLUDES A BROWNIE SUNDAE

MENU INCLUDES
SOFT OR HARD TACOS
(CHICKEN & BEEF)

TOPPINGS
LETUCE
TOMATO
CHEESE
SOUR CREAM
SALSA
GUACAMOLE
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FRIED CHICKEN WINGS

March 21st • April 18th
October 17th • November 21st
Thank you for your support!
Join us for Sunday Morning Services at 10:15 a.m.

2020
Third Saturday of the Month from
11:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
4TH ANNUAL YOUTH GOSPEL EXPLOSION
Union United Methodist Church
Youth & Young Adults
APRIL 25, 2020
4PM
1203 PINE STREET, DELMAR, MD 21875
PASTOR: JAMES L YOUNG
Please come out and support our youth and young adults as we lift up the name of the Lord. Through solo, praise dance, or youth choir, we are looking forward to having a Hallelujah good time in the Lord. Refreshments will be served after services.

Youth Coordinators:
Tina Taylor (410)-422-7999
Donte Price (540)-514-3129
Men & Women's Day

Friendship United Methodist Church
7609 Shockley Road Snow Hill MD 21863

Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:30 P.M.

Pastor Jacquela Horsey - Guest Preacher
St. Matthew United Methodist Church Easton, MD
New Zion United Methodist Church Cordova, MD
Host Pastor- Markel Thomas
ANNUAL WOMEN’S DAY

“She Is Fearless Because HE Is Faithful”
Psalm 139:14

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020
3:30 PM

Wesley Temple United Methodist Church
1322 West Road
Salisbury, Maryland 21801
410-749-4252

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Bernadette Beckett
Guest Pastor: Pastor Sheneatta Whittington
Friendship/Allen Charge
Mark Your Calendar

Retreat open to all Associate Members, Local Pastors, Student Pastors & Certified Lay Ministers
Receive CEU’s for attending
A non-refundable deposit 100.00 is due on or before January 19, 2020
A non-refundable balance is due on or before February 16, 2020

TOTAL COST BREAK DOWN
Single Occupancy - $380.00
Double Occupancy - $250.00
Spouses additional $250.00
Includes room and board for two nights plus five meals

Peninsula-Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania Conferences
Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors
Annual Retreat
April 26-28, 2020
"Seeing Your Community as Your Church"
Nehemiah 2:11-18
Camp Pecometh
136 Bookers Wharf Road
Centerville, MD

Breakout Session Speaker
Rev. Lin George
Associate Pastor Grove UMC with focus on Compassionate Care & Community Outreach
She also serves as the South District Resource Assistant.
Lin will share about GriefShare®, an international bereavement program for those who have lost loved ones due to death. In addition to offering an opportunity for compassionate care to the congregation, this program creates outstanding opportunities for outreach to the community.

Speaker
Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm
Rev. Dawn Taylor-Storm is currently in her sixth year serving as a District Superintendent of the South District, made up of over 100 churches stretching from North of Reading to Southwest Philadelphia. As a DS, Rev. Taylor-Storm finds deep joy in serving with laity and clergy to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
Rev. Taylor-Storm led the General Conference Delegation of 2016 and 2019, and will co-lead the 2020 General Conference delegation. Rev. Taylor-Storm serves on the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee and on the Economic Advisory Committee for the UMC. She is currently working on Phase IV of a District Mission Project in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

As of July 1, 2020, Rev. Taylor-Storm will transition to the position of Director of Connectional Ministries for EPAUMC.
Rev. Taylor-Storm is married to Daniel Taylor-Storm, who is in his 22nd year of teaching high school English. They have two children, Luke and Rebecca.

2020 FAML P RETREAT REGISTRATION

NAME:________________________________________
ADDRESS:____________________________________
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PHONE:_____________________________________
CELL:_____________________________________
EMAIL:_____________________________________
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CONFERENCE: _______________________________
DIET RESTRICTIONS: _________________________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO UNION FAML P & SEND TO:
CHERYL SNYDER, FAML P TREASURER
280 ROCK CHURCH ROAD, ELKTON, MD 21921
OR REGISTER ONLINE... https://na.eventscloud.com/2020-famlp

CONTACT NUMBERS
JOHN HORNBERGER (302) 299-8139
PEN-DEL BOOM REPRESENTATIVE
MARK BEIDEMAN (610) 585-0575
FAML P REPRESENTATIVE (EPA)
CHERYL SNYDER (443) 553-2263
FAML P TREASURER/REGISTRAR

SINGLE OCCUPANCY $380.00
DOUBLE OCCUPANCY $250.00 (PER PERSON)
SPRING INTO FASHIONS & DINNER

When: Saturday, May 2, 2020   Time: 4:00pm
Where: Worcester County Developmental Center
       8545 Newark Rd   Newark MD 21841
Dress Code: Semi-formal

COME MODEL YOUR OUTFIT & DINE WITH US!
Men, women, youth & children all ages invited to participate.

Tickets are: $25.00 (ages 11 – Adults)
            $10.00 (ages 5 – 10)
            $5.00 (ages 4 and under)

All tickets are non-refundable. **NO tickets** will be sold at the door. Cut off date is April 12, 2020

Make checks payable to: Girdletree Charge Fund Account

Sponsored by the Girdletree Charge PPRC
Rev. Frances M Fitchett – Pastor   Sis. Golinda Johnson - Chairperson

For more information...
Contact: 443-880-6313  or  302-588-1890
BUFFET BREAKFAST

Menu Includes: Bacon (Pork & Turkey), Sausage, Scrapple, Fried Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Fruit, Coffee & Tea

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020
Time: 8:00 am - 10:30 am
Cost: $10.00 Adults
Children under 12 - $5.00, under 5 - Free

Sponsored By:
United Methodist Men & Brotherhood Choir
of
Union United Methodist Church
1211 Pine Street - Delmar MD
Pastor: Rev. James L. Young

For Tickets or More Information, please call:
Mr. Lawrence (443) 365-9523
Mr. Haynes (443) 235-7770 or Mr. Taylor (410) 726-3397
BAKED CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS DINNER

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

$12.00 COMBO INCLUDES:
BAKED CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS
MACARONI & CHEESE
STRING BEANS
ROLL
ASSORTED DESSERT

PRE-ORDERS ONLY
CONTACT ANY CHOIR MEMBER OR CALL:
(410) 742-8524
(443) 735-7166
(410) 430-8792

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UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1211 PINE STREET, MD 21875
PASTOR: REV. JAMES L. YOUNG
CAR & BIKE SHOW
PRESENTED BY: UNION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
JAMES L. YOUNG, PASTOR

CARS, TRUCKS, TRACTORS
and MOTORCYCLES
WELCOMED!
$12 ENTRY FEE
PLATTERS & SANDWICHES
WILL BE SOLD
$200 Best Corvette
$75 Best Chevy Nova
$75 Best Mustang
$100 Best in Show
$50 Pastor’s Choice
$50 People’s Choice
$25 Person Traveling Furthest
Car & Bike Trophies
Door Prizes

Saturday
6.13.2020
From 9:30AM—3:00PM
Union UM Church
1203 Pine ST
Delmar, MD. 21875

Top 30 Trophies—Plus Trophies for All Categories
Dash Plaque to the First 30 Registered Entrants
Union United Methodist Church is not responsible for vandalism, theft
or damages. No alcoholic beverages permitted on grounds.
For more information call 410-726-8388.

Come out and enjoy a day of fun, fellowship and food!
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We know you have questions and concerns regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Here at Pecometh, we are closely monitoring the latest news about the outbreak and following the guidance of the CDC and the Maryland State Department of Health. We are in regular communication with the local Department of Health and emergency response teams, and will adhere to the recommendations we are given to support the health of our guests, staff, volunteers, and community.

Moving forward, know that we are:

- Actively monitoring the situation and examining the recommendations of state officials regarding the cancellation or rescheduling of events as needed.
- Updating our cleaning procedures to include the specific anti-viral recommendations of health experts.
- Examining and changing our arrival screening and health response procedures for summer camp.
- Committed to regular updates about our plans, policies, and new protective/reactive procedures.

As you consider your attendance at events at Pecometh and beyond, we ask the following:

- If you are feeling ill, please stay home.
- Please remember to use excellent hygiene practices, including regular and thorough hand washing. For those familiar with our summer camp music, did you know that one verse and chorus of "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" is just over 20 seconds long?
- If you become symptomatic while on our site or shortly after a visit, please inform our staff immediately and quarantine yourself.

More information on the Coronavirus is available from the CDC (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) and the Maryland Dept. of Health (https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx). If you have additional questions about the situation, please contact our office at 410-556-6900 or info@pecometh.org.

By Jack Shitama

Clergy Pension & Insurance Payments
Due 15th of the Month
Arrearages occur after the 15th.
Psalm 34:18 - The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

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Conference

salisburydistrict@comcast.net

211A Phillip Morris Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804
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District Superintendent
Rev. Christina Blake

District Administrator
Charlotte Hastings

Next Newsletter
April 1, 2020
Articles/Info Due By Mar 30

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