Bethesda United Methodist Church



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October is a month marked by the gentle rustle of leaves and the brisk air that whispers promises of the upcoming winter. It is a season of harvest where we witness the earth yield its bountiful fruits, a visual representation of the results of diligent cultivation and nurturing. It offers us a moment to reflect on the fruits we, as believers, are bearing in our spiritual journey.

The biblical metaphor of fruit-bearing is a powerful one, symbolizing the visible manifestation of our internal transformation in Christ. Jesus Himself highlighted this in the Gospel of John: "By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." (John 15:8).

To bear good fruit, we must first nurture the soil of our hearts, ensuring it is receptive to the seeds of God's Word. We are called to cultivate hearts that are open, vielding, and receptive to God's transformative love and grace.

With the right conditions, the seeds of faith can grow and flourish. Regular engagement with the Scriptures, fervent prayer, participation in communal worship, and reception of the sacraments are the nurturing waters and sunlight that our faith needs to grow.

This October, let us reflect on the ways we can be more intentional about bearing good fruit in our communities. Are we demonstrating love to our neighbors, advocating for justice, and extending kindness and mercy? Reflecting on our actions, let us ask ourselves daily: "Are my deeds reflecting the light and love of Christ? Am I bearing good fruit?"

October is a time of learning and cultivation, an opportunity to assess the fruits we are bearing and to rectify the areas where we fall short. It is a moment to reinforce our commitment to live out our faith visibly, impacting the world around us with the transformative love of Christ. Let us embrace this time of spiritual harvest, ensuring that the fruits we bear are wholesome, nourishing, and glorifying to our Maker.

May this month be a time of plentiful harvest in our spiritual journey, of bearing good fruits that resonate with God's unending love and grace.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Zac Wheeler

race Futended I'm not sure about you, but the mail I receive in my mailbox is relatively boring. Special deals from the Subaru dealer for the car I no longer own, the

Money Mailer coupons, applications from credit card companies.....it's all pretty much junk.

Opening my box recently, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a wonderful birthday card from my Altar Guild group. Thank you, ladies, for your kindness and for taking the time to think about me and send a heartfelt greeting! It truly made my day. That small gesture made a big difference, especially helping me to understand and recognize my connection with this group, a group that is a small, but important, tip of the iceberg of our total membership. The community that makes up Bethesda United Methodist Church.

What does the word "community" mean to you? When we look at the definition of community, we read "a feeling of fellowship" with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals." There are many ways that members of Bethesda can experience that sense of fellowship, community, and belonging and even extend it to others within the Church and beyond. Some of these may not be as time-consuming as you may think. But you might be asking yourself, "How can I give, and ultimate receive, to create a feeling of community?"

The Bethesda group, *Grace Extended*, has a primary focus of showing God's love through an extended hand to all, and helps to promote that feeling of belonging and community to our Church members and to others that may impact our lives in some way. Currently, we are focusing on a few areas, with the hope of extending further. These include sending cards, visiting individuals, and Threads of Grace, making a hand made shawl or lap blanket for someone

Remember I mentioned that these actions do not need to be time-consuming. We all tend to be busy in our daily lives. But think about the card I received as an example, and the positive impact it can have. Let's break down a timeline....7 minutes max: 1. Pick a card – 2 minutes (although I tend to hem and haw, it will take me close to 5 minutes to choose!)

- 2. Find the address 2 minutes (Google the name Mary Ann Fardelmann and it comes up very quickly! Or call Brenda at the office for an address.)
- 3. Write a note 2 minutes (It doesn't need to be complicated..."/ have been thinking of you today! Hope it is going well!")
- 4. Address and prep the envelope 1 minute

You may not believe that you have time to contribute to others in our Church and local community but think about how someone reaching out to you can affect you in a positive way, and then think about extending that grace to others.

For more information about Grace Extended, or how you can help, contact Kathy Blackburn at 410 251-7714 or mkblackburn@hotmail.com. Please join us in extending God's loving hand to all.

LIVE Worship Services—Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Save the Date: Soup Luncheons

Thursday, October 19, 2023 Thursday, November 16, 2022 11 am — 12:30 pm

Take-Out/Pick-Up

Delivery Available for orders of \$100 or more

Menu:

Vegetable Beef Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup (October)
Chicken Salad
Baked Ham on Roll
Baking Powder Biscuits
Iced Fudge Brownies
Homemade Custard Bread Pudding

Fax orders to 410-742-8856 Call 410-742-8855 to place orders by phone

We could really use your help!
Call 410-742-8855 to find out how to volunteer



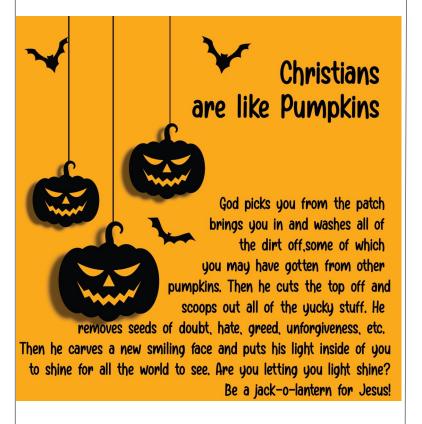
Senior Singles

Thursday, October 12th

Meet at Mad Hatter Café at 1:00 pm

RSVP Sandy Mills, 410-422-7305, or Dr. Dan 443-735-3292

Mark your calendars! Our are getting a new email address for the Church Office: bethesdasalisbury@gmail.com effective November 1, 2023. The current outlook email address will be checked for one year before that account is closed.



🔪 Santa's Angels

Our next auction will be November 1st!
We are collecting items for this auction. If you would like to donate a basket or make a donation, please call Lora (410-726-2977)!

Your support is needed and appreciated! \$\$--TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS FOR SALE!

We are continuing to sell Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards (Denominations of \$25 or \$50). Additionally, we will offer you a free appetizer with each \$50 purchase while supplies last. This would be a fabulous gift for a loved one on their birthday or anniversary! You may place an order by calling Lora Adkins 410-726-2977 or email me at kadkins30@comcast.net or call Lois Moorhead at 410-430-3086.

Save the Date for Santa's Angels Inaugural Golf Tournament

on May 17, 2024!

Come join us for a day of fun and fellowship!

- If you have a business please consider contacting us for a large (\$400) or small (\$150) sign on your Favorite hole!
- You have plenty of time to get a team of four together to play that day. (\$400).

Also, if you would like to make a monetary donation, we would appreciate any and all donations as this will help us to offset the expenses for our prizes, gifts for players, and other incidentals to make the day perfect for all participants.

Inaugural Santa's Angels Charity Golf Tournament



Date: May 17, 2024 at 1pm

Location: Nutter's Crossing Golf Course

4-person Scramble Format

Santa's Angels is a local charity that has helped provide Christmas for families in need on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland & Delaware for over 30 years!!! We are 100% volunteer and rely solely on donations and fundraising to support our efforts. Play some golf and help us, help the kids have a memorable Christmas!!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, &

You DO NOT want to miss this tournament: Mulligans, Move Up on a Hole, Hole-in-One Contests, Longest Drive (Men & Women), Closest to the Pin, 50/50, Silent Auctior Chinese Auction, Putting Contest, and Food!!

Tier 3 (Par)	Large Sign with Your Business	or Organization Placed on a Tee Box	\$40
Tier 4 (Bogey)	Small Sign with Your Business of	or Organization Placed on a Tee Box	\$15
Tier 5	Team Only (4 ppl)		\$40
Player #1	Phone	Email	
Player #2	Phone	Email	
Player #3	Phone	Email	
Player #4	Phone	Email	

Feam (4 ppl) + Large Sign on a Tee Box + Clubhouse Sign + Donor Ad

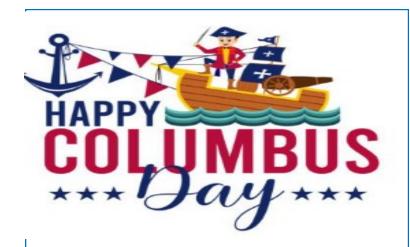
Payment Methods Accepted: Cash, Check (Payable to Santa's Angels), or use the Give Send Go App. Reg istration includes: Golf, Food After Your Round, Cart Usage, and a Goodie Bag.

There are many ways to participate!!! Sponsor a Hole, Enter a Team, or Donate Money Directly to Offset Our Costs!!

Thank you for your ongoing generous support of Santa's Angels!

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM—Contemporary Worship
—Memorial Room

10:30 AM—Traditional Worship

—Sanctuary

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October, 2023

All women attending Bethesda UMC are welcome to join any of our United Women in Faith Circles to grow in your relationship with the Lord. UWIF has a lot planned for this fall including our annual meeting, supporting the Church Fall Festival, and a Fudge Sale coming soon. Remember to embrace this time of changing seasons.

A Prayer for Autumn --By Joyce Rupp

God of the seasons, there is a time for everything. There is a time for dying and a time for rising. We need courage to enter into the transformation process.

God of autumn, the trees are saying goodbye to their green, letting go of what has been. We, too, have our moments of surrender, with all their insecurity and risk. Help us to let go when we need to do so.

God of fallen leaves lying in colored patterns on the ground, our lives have their own patterns. As we see the patterns of our own growth, may we learn from them.

God of misty days and harvest moon nights, there is always the dimension of mystery and wonder in our lives. We always need to recognize your power-filled presence. May we gain strength from this.

God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.

God of geese going south for another season, your wisdom enables us to know what needs to be left behind and what needs to be carried into the future.

We vearn for insight and vision.

God of flowers touched with frost and windows wearing white designs, may your love keep our hearts from growing cold in the empty seasons.

God of life, you believe in us, you enrich us, you entrust us with the freedom to choose life. For all this, we are grateful. Amen.

https://guideposts.org/positive-living/slow-down-and-savor-the-season-of-fall/

Yours in Christ, Tammy Taylor-Evans UWIF President



Proud Parent

October is an interesting month. Decorations of Fall leaves, pumpkins, and even skeletons adorn hallways, doors, and communities. Variegated corn, dried husks, pumpkins, and gourds can be seen around houses and schools. Some people celebrate Halloween even though many of them do not understand the background of "All Hallows Eve" that precedes "All Saints Day."

Our best October celebration is one of my favorite sons' birthdays. Zander was born 21 years ago on October 31. For the first several years of his life, we encouraged him to believe that people visited his house in costume just to celebrate his birthday. (Maybe not the best parenting, but it saved money on buying/making outfits and knocking on random people's doors.) Clearly, the 21st birthday is a significant celebration for our family. Not because he has reached an arbitrary age for certain things, but because he is now considered a "full" adult after being a "partial" adult since his 18th birthday.

Many parents in our congregation have celebrated benchmark years with their children, but I have a regular column in a monthly church newsletter and I wanted to take a moment of personal privilege.

Zander has inspired his brothers and sisters to be committed to a goal and to have the integrity to see it to a conclusion. Ava has dedicated herself to excel in academic and musical endeavors, Nikko understands what it means to "guard the flame" for our worship services. Lexie has mature conversations with Zander about teaching and her passion for her students at WiMiddle and they mutually inspire each other to make a difference in the lives of children.

Zander has played organ, cello, and bells at our church. He has sung in the choir and participated in youth group. He has dined with bell choir members after rehearsals. Because of the strong Christian experience he has had at Bethesda, he has found a congregation in Dallas, PA where he worships and sometimes plays cello for special music.

The things that Zander has accomplished in the past several years can be attributed to the nurturing, loving congregation that he has experienced at Bethesda. Thank you all for being the positive role models through Christian love that I'm sure all parents appreciate. See you in church, Jeff



Fall is here and it's a great time of the year. Looking forward to a great season for our 9am Contemporary Service. Come join us and experience the excitement of our praise and worship! Phil Perdue

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Sunday of HOPE September 17, 2023







The "Sunday of HOPE" Team wishes to thank the contributing members and attendees of BUMC listed below, as well as our families and friends, for supporting our special service. In addition to donations of \$320 that have been collected, 204 luminarias were purchased and dedicated to REMEMBER those gone too soon, 28 to HONOR those who have fought and won, and 41 to SUPPORT those who are in the midst of their battle. TOGETHER, through our actions, ongoing support, and prayers, we can envision an end to cancer as we know it, for everyone!

Adkins, Judy
Boltz, Abbie
Bradford, Penny
Deckert, Mary Lynn
Fardelmann, Mary Ann
Hiller, Christine
Long, Jani

Messick, Kirke & Pandora Muir, Nevette & Sue

Perdue, Phil

Rich, Dr. W. Daniel

Royal, Jim Sharpe, Bob Soper Family

Taylor, Mark & Tammy Watson, Ernie & Connie

Weeast, Ed & Pat

Woodard, Frank & Roberta (Bertie)

Adkins, Keith & Lora Boltz, Alyssa Brown, Maggie Elliott, Elaine

Green, Lois Krater. Bob & Jill

Long, Margaret

Michaels, Shirley Nichols, Orville

Perkins, Sherry Rimbach, Judy

Ryan, John & Lynn

Sherwood, Danny & Sue

Suthowski, Ann

Thompson, Bill & Janice

Ward, Ben & Lynda Wheelock, Donna

Wilgus, Elmer & Barbara

Ashley, Owen

Boltz, Cory & Dawn

Crandell, Sonia

Elmore, Carolyn

Hastings, Peggy Layton, Jack & Kay

Luck, Kenneth

Moorhead, Walter & Lois

O'Hara, Tonya Rector, Patti Rowe, Nancy

Rybacki, Steve Smith, David & Melanie

Taylor, Shawn and Jennifer

Hynes, Sherri Trader

Webster, Susan White, Tim & Debbie

Wilson, Bill & Billie

THANK YOU

Many Thanks to Jack & Kay Layton for bringing me Soup Luncheon goodies last week! Everything was delicious. Sandy Mills

Many Thanks to Dr. Dan and my Church Family for the support, prayers, cards, and flowers during the illness and passing of my brother, Charles Wells.

How wonderful in a time of distress to know your Church Family cares and is thinking of you.

Please know your man acts of kindness were appreciated greatly.

Lu Taylor

September's luncheon provided a benefit to Bethesda ministries of \$2,896.36! This includes money to the general fund, 29 meals to shut-ins, plus soup and chicken salad to help feed he folks at the Christian Shelter! Thanks to all for your support. Agape 7



SALISBURY URBAN MINISTRIES DONATIONS NEEDED FOR

LAZARUS FOOD PANTRY:

- Packets of chicken gravy mix
- Dessert mixes
- Stuffing

KIDS CAFÉ:

- Empty shoe boxes
- Small toys, gloves, books to fill the shoe boxes

Pat Marvel Winter Survival Project

· Hats, gloves and scarvesDonations can be dropped off at

Salisbury Urban Ministries Office

326 Barclay St Or call 410-749-1563

Bethesda's Fall Bazaar & Festival

October is here and our Fall Bazaar & Festival is scheduled for next weekend – **Saturday**, **October 7**th . Lots of activities and food available. You don't want to miss this event!

Yard Sale - starts @ 6:30AM

Silent Auction - starts @ 9AM and ends @ 2PM

Baked Goods Table – starts @ 9AM

Kitchen - starts @ 9AM, with Oyster Sandwiches available at 10AM, and closes @ 2PM

Cake Walk – starts @ 10 am , ends @ 1 pm

Raffle & Boscov's 25% off Coupon – starts @ 9AM

If you want to preorder sweet potato biscuits and pies, or homemade ice cream, to guarantee delivery of your items, please submit your order by end of day Monday, October 2nd. Call Church Office @ 410-742-8855, or complete the online form (https://forms.office.com/r/qwsJsFUg36). Pickup on Saturday, October 7th at the Kitchen Counter from 9AM to 2PM.

Remember to invite friends and family now to join you for Bethesda's largest fundraiser of the year. Thank you for your continued help and support!!

- Bethesda's Fall Bazaar & Festival Committee

Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness

As you recall from last winter, the outreach program for homeless men during the cold weather months was organized as Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness (HHEH). The location is behind the Park Seventh Day Adventist Church on 31525 John Deere Drive in Salisbury. The organization has paid directors, overnight supervisors and transportation from an in-town location. The shelter operates this year beginning November 18th and runs through March.

Last year Bethesda was amazingly generous and assisted in supplying lunch to the shelter once a month; 3rd Thursday luncheon chicken salad and donated accompaniments were provided to furnish that Friday's bagged lunches. Once again, Bethesda will be providing that meal in addition to soup and sides and dessert for that evening's dinner.

Be watching the weekly bulletin for requests. We will begin providing in November or December. Donations will be requested for waters, chip bags, fruit, bread/rolls, snack cakes, etc. I may also need extra assistance delivering those 3rd Thursdays as we will be providing the dinner at the same time. Typically, they request it delivered hot by 5:45 that day.

If you are interested in providing a hot meal independent of church, that is always welcome, too! Volunteers are needed to help register guests. Financial donations and gift cards are welcome, too, as they are used to buy clothing, boots, cold weather apparel. Donations can be made on line.

For more information or to help contact: handsandheartsshelter.org; salisburyhheh@gmail.com; or debday26@comcast.net. Thank you! In His Service, Debbie Day

Get Ready to Place Your Bids at the

Wilson, Billie



ZOOM Car Wash

We are excited to tell you that we have over 100 GREAT gifts to share with you at the silent auction this year! We will have seasonal wreaths and decorations for your home or for birthday or Christmas gifts. There are baskets for new babies, kids, sports enthusiasts (trampoline park, bowling, ice skating, kayaking, mini golf, water park, horseback riding, etc.) and plenty of gift cards for services and restaurants for 'foodies' to enjoy!! Over 60 gift certificates and merchandise will be offered from the businesses below. You can read through this list to know who they are!

These businesses and Bethesda members were so generous to support Bethesda UMC so please patronize them when possible. We couldn't have this event without their support and contributions!

Adkins Farm Market	Applebee's	Auto Zone
Ayers Creek Adventures	Back Street Grill	Beach, Anne/Beth
Blackburn, Kathy	Blankenship, Anna Marie	Bradford, Penny
Buffalo Wild Wings	Burnish Beer Company	Candy Kitchen
Carousel Hotel	Chick Fil A	Circle Mary
Circle Rachel	Circle Ruth	Dayton's Family Restaurant
Delmar Pizza	Delmarva Pharmacy	Delmarva Shorebirds
Delmarva Sporting Clays	East Side Deli	Edible Arrangements
Fager's Island	Fancy Fingers	Fardelmann, Mary Ann
Farmer's & Planters, Too	Fishers' Popcorn	Funfull
Game Stop	Goin' Nuts Café	Green Hill Country Club
Green Turtle Bar & Grill	Grise Family	Heller, Bob
Island Creamery	Jen Seay Photography	Johnson Seed & Feed
Jolly Roger Splash Mountain	Kitty's Flowers	Kyle Edward Fine Jewelry
Lombardi's Pizza	Long, Janie	Longhorn Steakhouse
Market Street Inn	Messick, Pandora	Miles, Nina/Glenn
Mojo's Urban Eatery	Moorhead, Lois	Nutters Crossing Golf Course
Oakley's Farm Market	Old Pro Golf	Panera Bread
Parker, Mike	Perdue, Dave & Sharon	Playa Bowls
Pohanka of Salisbury	Pure Family Fitness	Renshaw, Barbara
Rice's Pest Control	Richard A. Henson YMCA	Rise Up Coffee
Rita's Italian Ice	Ruark Golf	Season's Best Antiques
Secret Pride Stables	Shrimp Boat	Sight & Sound Theater
Southbound Alley Bowling	Southern Boys' Concepts	Taylor, Ann
Taylor, Lou	Vernon Powell Shoes	Viking Tree Trading Co.
Walmart	Walston, Polly	Wicker, Mary Anna
Wigglesworth, Layton, Moyers & Chance, PA		Williams' Market

Wright's Market



Circle Meetings in October

Circle Eve - Tuesday, October 3, 11:30 am

at Dayton's RSVP Peggy Hastings

Circle Martha - Wednesday, October 4,

10:30 am at Todd House

Circle Mary - Saturday, October 14, at the

UWIF Luncheon

Circle Rachael - Saturday, October 14, at the

UWIF Luncheon

Circle Ruth - Saturday, October 14, at the

UWIF Luncheon

Circle Sarah - Saturday, October 14, at the

UWIF Luncheon

The Kitchen Crew is always cooking up something good!

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L to R: David and Sharon Perdue, Dave Roberts, Nevette Muir, Jimmy Royal and Penny Bradford.

Thanks to all the Kitchen Volunteers!



Wednesday, October 18th

If you love to shop and you love to save money, then we have great news for you!! Boscov's department stores are once again inviting area non-profit organizations to take part in their one day event called "Friends Helping Friends," and Bethesda is on board!! Get your Christmas shopping lists ready for **Wednesday**, **October 18**!

It's easy! You purchase a shopping pass for \$5 and Bethesda gets every penny of that \$5. Shoppers may use their shopping pass at Boscov's on Wednesday, October 18 from morning until night (8:00 am until 11:00 pm) and receive 25% off most of the items in the store. Some exclusions apply.

The best part is that many, many items in the store will already be reduced 30%, 40% or 50% off the original price AND shoppers will receive an additional 25% discount with the pass! If you purchase only one item for \$20, you will only pay \$15 and the shopping pass has already paid for itself!

This event is called "Friends Helping Friends" because EVERYONE wins! Shoppers get great deals, Boscov's benefits from customers shopping there, and non-profit groups earn money.

Shopping passes may be purchased at any time from Nancy Rowe or from Brenda in the church office. We will also be selling them at our fall bazaar. Circle leaders may contact Nancy to have some ready for your circle members at the September or October meeting.

Thanks for your support...and get your Christmas lists ready to have fun shopping on October 18!