

The Messenger

April, 2017

Dear Friends and Members of NEUMC:

I have the sad task of telling you that I am being transferred to Janes UMC in Rising Sun, MD as of July 1,2017. The Rev. Dr. Drew Christian is appointed to NEUMC as of the same date. You may be asking why this flip -flop arrangement. The Cabinet sometimes likes to shake up appointments in order to promote creativity lest we get too complacent and comfortable. For my family and myself, this is a sad time when we leave so many friends that we love, and the church that has worked so diligently through worship and facility improvement. Although, sad, I am also excited, and a little nervous about going to a new appointment. However, I am very proud of the work we have done together these past 7 years. I think of how we added the narthex and an elevator to beautify and make more accessible our church. I think of the new staff that came onboard, Josh Miracle and Carol Meisner, and the great work they have done. We changed programs, added some, lost some (in particular, the Bread Ministry) and we have worshipped in a vital way together. God is good to us all the time, and particularly here at NEUMC. I am proud to say that we are a friendly church, and welcoming to all who enter are doors. We provide room for 12 Step groups, Scouts, and now, the satellite branch of The Cecil County Pregnancy Center.

I have learned so much from my co-workers in ministry here, about commitment, worship, and friendship. I will take these valuable lessons and experiences with me as I begin my new appointment. I trust you will support Pastor Drew as much as you have supported me. He will take you to new areas of ministry, especially in Small Group ministry, and Youth ministry. I am excited to see where NEUMC will go in the next few years under the pastorship of this fine man. Pray for me and my family as we go through life's transitions. Fiona will attend Smith College in North Hampton, Massachusetts, Ariel is staying with my sister in NYC and looking for career opportunities there, and Jill and I will be building a house in Fair Hill overlooking Little Elk Creek Valley. This is an exciting and nerve-wracking time for us, but all the time - God is good! We still have a couple of months together, so I look forward to worshipping and fellowshipping with you all. Be sure to come out to Holy Week services and let us celebrate our Lord's resurrection together! Amen and Amen! Pastor Bert

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Nathan Joseph	6	Eula Hendricks	1
Debbie Fields	9	Eileen Murphy	1
London McGill	9	Teresa LeClare	3
John Styer	10	Pauline Taylor	6
Mary Alyce Carlyle	11	Kelly Zimmerman	14
Mary Lou Shaffer	12	Karalynn Joseph	16
Jen Mericle	13	Macsen Evans	17
Susan Wilson	16	Lucas Demond	18
Wendi Evans	18	Arlene Justice	18
Jeff Gillespie	20	Taylor Hopka	20
Don Shaffer	20	Colton Mericle	20
Mary Preston	21	Mary Ann Johnson	21
Donna Boyd	23	Justin Keeton	23
Devon Johnson	23	John Lipscomb	24
Paul Smith	23	Kim Laird	25
Serafina Anklin	27	Donna Oram	27
Bailey Racine	27	Doris Warren	29
Josh Williams	27		

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Sophia Hamilton



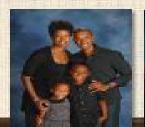
It's time for us to update our photo directory. We know you are all busy. For now, we just need you to save the date. We will photograph all families May 7th, 8th and 9th right here at the church. Our directory won't be complete without you! Watch our bulletin/newsletter/etc. for more information in the coming weeks.

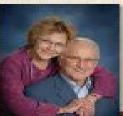


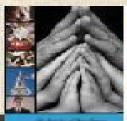
Do you know the names of the people sitting around you?

Help us to build a tool that will put names with faces.

Be a part of our new family directory program—
we need YOU to make our new family album complete!









Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and free directory for participating!

Schedule your photography session today!

Look for details in the bulletin

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Retreat REGISTRATION

NAME:	
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EMAIL:	***************************************

Sweet Life Café

Youth Spring Retreat

April 7-8 \$20 for food and t-shirt

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"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world."

Contact Josh for more information or to register



WORK DAY At NEUMC

Saturday, April 8th 8am to Noon

Stuff to Bring:

paint brushes
rollers
drop cloths
paint pans
rakes
gardening gloves

Don't have any of these? Come anyway, we will supply!

Holy Week and Easter Services



April 13th

Maundy Thursday

Soup Supper @ 6pm

Service @ 7pm

April 14th @ 12pm

Good Friday Crosswalk

Begin at NE Middle School, proceed through town, conclude at NEUMC

Easter Sunday

April 16th

Services @ 8:30 and 10:30 am

Christian Education @ 9:30 am