The Messenger





Church Picnic and
Farewell Party
For Pastor Bert

Sunday, June 4th
12:00 Noon

ST. MARY ANNE'S



GARDEN MARKET

MAY 5TH 2 MAY 6TH
9AM-7PM 9AM-5PM

RAIN OR SHINE

FLOWERS & PLANTS

FLORAL ARRANGEMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

HISTORICAL TOURS GARDEN ART & BIRDHOUSES

GARDEN TRAIN

FOOD & BEVERAGE VENDORS

LIVE MUSIC & MORE



315 SOUTH MAIN STREET | NORTH EAST, MD | 21901



May Birthday's

June Birthday's

Eula Hendricks	1	De'Anna Collins	1
Eileen Murphy	1	Marley Zimmerman	1
Teresa LeClare	3	Eric Demond	2
Pauline Taylor	6	Landon Christy	8
Kelly Zimmerman	14	Sue McGill	8
Karalynn Joseph	16	Sharon Thompson	8
Macsen Evans	17	Madge Dell	9
Lucas Demond	18	Butch Eicher	11
Arlene Justice	18	Cheyenne Niser	13
Taylor Hopka	20	Casey Gerard	13
Colton Mericle	20	Bryan Young	16
Mary Ann Johnson	21	Tracy Wiebking	17
Justin Keeton	23	Carol Meisner	18
John Lipscomb	24	Rosemary Gatchell	23
Kim Laird	25	Bill Racine	23
Donna Oram	27	Andrew Young	24
Doris Warren	29	Joe King	30



Come Out & Get Connected!

Saturday, May 13th 10 am—2pm

Community Resources

Children's Activities

Free Food Distribution

Free Haircuts

Serving in the church nursery is much more than childcare. Too often, serving in the church nursery can seem like a thankless job. But working in the nursery begins with an awareness of the presence of God with the little children. I would like to share why your helping out is so important. I offer these following 7 reasons why serving in the church nursery is important.

REASON #1

Where is God on Sunday morning? Of course, God is everywhere. God is even in the nursery. This may come as a shock, but the Bible has specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name. Mark 9:36-37 tells us: "And Jesus took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me". When you welcome a child in the name of Jesus, you welcome Jesus himself. When we minister to children – God is with us.

REASON #2

Your service in the church nursery allows "church goers" to focus on worship, rather then worrying about their children. God is everywhere. We know that God is enthroned in the praises of his people (Psalm 22:3) When we gather to worship - God is with us.

REASON #3

The first (and sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church is formed in the nursery. A positive experience in the church nursery is essential. Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

REASON #4

When you serve in the nursery, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us. You must be someone special to have a job that is so important. Matthew 18:10 "See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

REASON #5

Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. You may have never looked at it this way, but a growing Christian is always a *serving* Christian. Jesus was known for putting others first, when you serve in the church nursery you are walking in His example. Do you have the heart of a servant and are willing to change diapers, get down on the floor, hold a crying child, and rock a baby to sleep. Psalm 127:3

"Children are a heritage from the Lord".

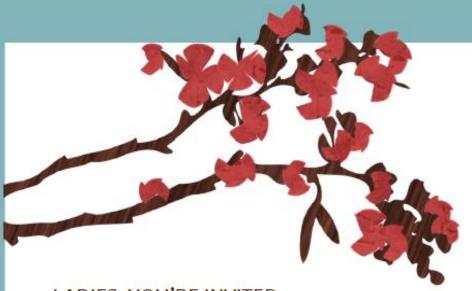
REASON #6

The church nursery is the first contact young families will have with our church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for our church. If they don't feel like their children are safe, they will not return – and rightly so. Mark 10:14 "... Jesus said to them, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these".

REASON #7

Your service in the church nursery is a powerful opportunity for prayer. If every nursery worker would spend several minutes praying over the children in their care, imagine how God might begin to change this coming generation. There is no better way to create an environment of spiritual nurture than to pray while you serve in the nursery. We know that God is there when we pray. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20) Deuteronomy 11:19 "Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up". When we pray – God is with us.

Remember – God blesses those who serve his children. If you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please sign up on the board outside the sanctuary or contact Carol in the church office. Thank you!



LADIES, YOU'RE INVITED UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 12:00 P.M.

THE WELLWOOD
523 WATER STREET, CHARLESTOWN, MD 21914

The United Methodist Women invite all ladies of the church to attend their annual Spring Luncheon. The cost is \$18.00 per person, and advance reservations are required. Reservations and payment must be received by Sunday, May 14.

Please send your check to:

Carol Nickle 89 Woods Way Elkton, MD 21921

We look forward to seeing you there!

Get ready for an amazing adventure with:

Coming June 19th - 23rd, 2017 6 - 8:30pm



there!

Day 1: Listen - Moses

Day 2: Trust - Ruth

Day 3: Courage - Joshua

Day 4: Humble - Mary & Martha

Day 5: Faith - Kind David

All kids 3 years old to 5th grade are welcome!

Welcome junior agents! We are very excited about the upcoming VBS. We know that your child will have a great time learning about five of the great men and women God used to accomplish things He needed done. Each day we'll explore a different Bible Character to see how they can help us live better lives. Hope to see you

> JESUS REPLIED "LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR **MATTHEW 22:37** MIND."

For more information please contact:



Mission Trip

Sponsored by NEUMC Missions Committee

Saturday July 15 - Sunday July 23

High School - Adult

Our church is going to Moselle, Kentucky for the fourth year.

During the trip we spread God's love to others by completing
much needed home repairs to those in desperate need.

Give of your time and talents to serve like Christ did!



Opportunities to Serve

-Become adult leader for trip
-Make a dinner meal to take on
the trip
-Sponsor a student
-Provide a small enclosed utility
trailer
-Pray

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