



GRACE CHURCH
A UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY

May 21, 2023

WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

110 W. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, MD 21001

www.GraceUMChurch.org

9:00AM WORSHIP

GREETING

OPENING SONGS

You're Worthy of My Praise

Shout to the North

The Power of Your Love

MORNING PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING SONG

Living Hope

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION SONG

Shalom to You

10:30AM WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY AND PROCESSION

Basse de Trompette

Louis Marchand

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

P: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

L: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

All: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

*OPENING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

*MORNING PRAYER

Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus. Guide us on the path toward our destination and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you. Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us; open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love, and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ANTHEM

Hilariter (Alleluia)

Michael McCabe

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Thou, Who This Mysterious Bread

UMH 613

MESSAGE

Pastor Braulio

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Recit

Marchand

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*CLOSING HYMN

Hope of the World

UMH 178

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN RESPONSE

Alleluia! Now we cry to our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia! With the Son, God the Father praising,
Alleluia! Yet again to the Spirit raising. Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Praising the Almighty

Edward Broughton

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Braulio Torres

Only Grace Praise Band

Praise Team Director: Nan Woppert

Sanctuary Choir

Music Director: Dennis Stewart

Liturgist: Leslie McGlothlin

Ushers: (9:00) Monica & Andre White, Scott Leon

(10:30) Jerry Phillips, Janet Bristow

ONLINE
GIVING





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STAYING CONNECTED

May 21, 2023

ALTAR FLOWERS - The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary by Glenn & Mimi Gillis.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - Next Sunday, May 28, we invite you to wear something **RED** as part of our celebration of Pentecost Day. During our worship services we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. The services will include Holy Communion. Plan to be here and invite a friend to join us!

NEW MEMBERS - During the 10:30 Service today, we will receive two new members: Jennifer and Susan Klapka. Jennifer and her mother, Susan, have been attending Grace for some time. We warmly welcome them both to the Grace Church family.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER - Our Relay for Life Team, Race with Grace, is holding a Pampered Chef Fundraiser throughout the month of May. You may see the available items online at pamperedchef.com/party/raceforgace. Questions? Contact Karen Mitchell at 443-807-6969.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SNACKS - Help us feed the children who will be ministered to by our Vacation Bible School program this summer! A list of needed items is available at the back of the worship space for those of you in person to tear off the items you'd like to purchase. For those of you online, please type your name on this online sign-up next to the items you're volunteering to purchase: <https://tinyurl.com/48v7whiz> Please bring items to church between June 11th -18th. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY - Our Food Pantry Ministry continues to serve many people with food assistance each week. Currently the pantry is in need of the following items: **Dry Cereal, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce**. You may bring the items to the church on Sunday or during church office hours.

THE BULLETIN - Today we are including a new monthly publication from the Baltimore-Washington Conference which features a message from Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, an article on the power and potential of the laity, insights from the *Thursdays at the Table* podcast, and some interesting facts about Methodism's founder, John Wesley. *The Bulletin* will also be available in our weekly Grace E-connection email.

2023 GRADUATES - If you are graduating from high school or college or know someone in our churchy family who is, please let us know in the church office by May 28. We need the graduate's name, a photo, and their school and degree. We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 4.



Give
Online

CONTRIBUTION REPORT - APRIL 2023

Monthly Budget Received	\$32,423
Monthly Budget Needed	\$36,912
Giving over (under) budget	(\$4,489)
Grace Growth (mortgage)	\$5,876
Total Received	\$38,299

YTD Budget Needed

\$132,882

YTD Budget Received

\$116,579

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

- Tues. 5/23** - 6:30 p.m. - Softball Game vs. Wrightdale Church
Little Britain Park, 31 Green Lane, Nottingham, PA
- Wed. 5/24** - 5:00 p.m. - Food Pantry
- 5:30 p.m. - Pentecost Reading Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. - Education Team Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. - AV Team Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. - Only Grace Band Rehearsal
- Sun. 5/28** - **Pentecost Sunday**
- 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service with Holy Communion

The Bulletin

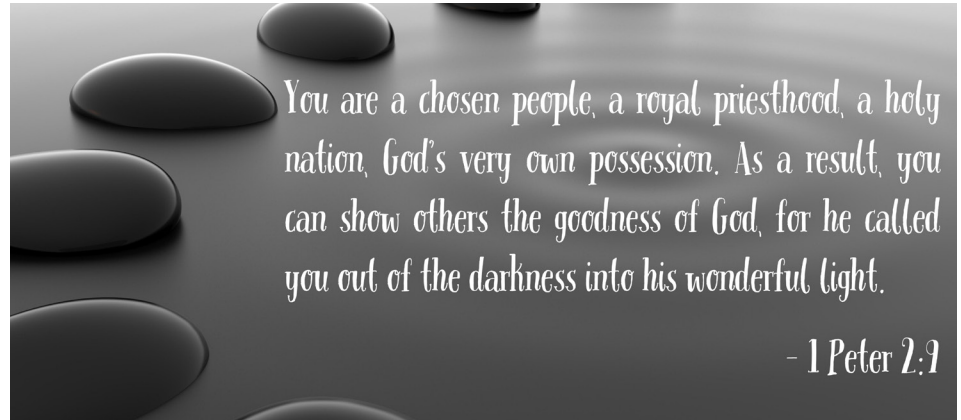
Join us as 100 percent of our congregations become 100 percent vital and thriving

Advocates of Outreaching Love

One of the defining traits of United Methodists is “the ministry of all believers.” Every lay person is a minister, called to use their gifts in ministry. In the workplace, the home, classroom, marketplace, and everywhere one goes, there are opportunities to witness to the wonder and love of God.

Conference leaders look back to the beginning of church in the United States, when Methodism was like was “like a burning fire shut up in people’s bones.” It ignited a new world.

In 1776, 2.5 percent of the population in this new nation was Methodist. By 1850, that number grew to 34.2 percent of Americans



were Methodist. That’s one in every three people!

And that growth has been attributed to the laity. In colonial times, all of the denomination’s pastors could fit into a small meeting house. It’s 10,000

members, in class meetings and in profound faith, built and led a church.

Today, the church is at a new crossroads, and its laity are called to thrive in ministry -- expressing God’s love to all they encounter.

Bishop’s message

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling | Episcopal servant, Peninsula-Delaware & Baltimore-Washington Conferences

Beloved: In this transitional season within The United Methodist Church, I join the Council of Bishops in proclaiming it is time to “Reclaim, Revive and Renew.”

Let us **Reclaim** our calling and identity as Wesleyans. We are a people called to deep study of the holy Scriptures and fervent prayer. Through that living word we open our hearts to joyfully worship God, serve all of creation and love without condition. (John 13:35)

Let us **Revive** our belief in the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the wonder-working power of the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:13) Let’s revive our belief in one another and the power of God to use us to transform a broken world.

Let us **Renew** our commitment to reach out with joy and enthusiasm to all who need the saving grace and love of Jesus Christ, our commitment to meet the needs of a hungry and hurting world. (Matthew 28:19-20)

This is the time for The United Methodist Church to leave behind old behaviors that are the very antithesis of the new creation and embody God’s new life of light and love. As we look toward Pentecost, we embrace a radical hope that begins with letting go and then grasping our new life together through the power of The Holy Spirit. Together, we will transform the world! It is time.

Learn more about our bishop:



Join us at the Table

In June, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling winds up the first season of her podcast, *Thursdays at the Table*, with a conversation with the Rev. Willie Jennings, author of *The Christian Imagination*.

You can listen to the podcast at www.pdcbbc.org/thursdays-at-the-table.

Thursdays at the Table features lively and intriguing conversations with a variety of thought-leaders in the church. Here's just a taste of some of the conversation:

"Politics and religion are two sides of the same coin. ...To read the biblical text in the Gospels is to read a political story."
– Dr. Shively Smith

"My calling is to thrive in the awareness that I am called by God to express God's love."
– Rev. Tod Bolsinger

"What we are witnessing now [about racism] is not a system that doesn't work, but a system that is doing exactly the work that it was designed to do."
– Rev. Joel Goza

"All of us are gifted by God. ... Please bring your gifts to the table."
– Rev. Stephanie Moore Hand

"We're being called as a church, as a denomination, to be stepping out of fear and stepping into faith."
– Rev. Dorlimar Lebrón

"The challenge we are in the midst of entering into is, 'what is God calling us, not only to do, but to be?'"
– Rev. Willie Jennings



Happy 320th Birthday, John Wesley!

This month, we remember the birthday of John Wesley, Methodism's founder, who was born June 28, 1703, in England.

Five facts about Wesley:

1. The term "methodist" was originally used to mock Wesley and his friends in the Holiness Club because of their dedication to following a method for growing closer to God. But he adopted it for good.
2. In his ministry, Wesley rode far enough on horseback to circle the earth 10 times. He rode 250,000 miles to personally spread the Gospel through relationships.

3. John Wesley coined the term "agree to disagree." Wesley had serious theological differences with another popular pastor named George Whitefield. He reflected on these differences in a memorial sermon for Whitefield by saying: "There are many doctrines of a less essential nature. ... In these, we may think and let think; we may 'agree to disagree.' But, meantime, let us hold fast the essentials. ..."
4. Methodism grew from four to 132,000 members in Wesley's lifetime.

Methodism began with a group of four friends at Oxford. When Wesley died in 1791, he left behind a movement with 72,000 members in the British Isles and 60,000 in America.

5. Wesley's last words were, "Best of all, God is with us."

