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E-BULLETIN

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In an effort to keep the congregation as informed as possible during our physical absence from the church, this medium is being provided as an additional. If you have info that needs to be shared for the good of the faith community, please email **administrator@unionbaltimore.org**

*This document is read as a book, from left to right.



Fall Retreat Cancelled

Due to slow registration, our Fall Retreat has been cancelled and rescheduled for **February 24 & 25** as a **Lenten/Spring Retreat**. For those who have already registered and paid, please note you will be marked as such and won't need to do anything further at this time. We hope you will all mark your calendars and plan to be in attendance for this time of refreshing. We'll see you in the Spring...





Academy at the Intersection Continues

We're continuing with our new vision for Christian Education that provides you with empowerment in every aspect of your life. While our current studies are underway and have a few weeks left, we wanted to tease the studies that will follow:

- Tuesday Night Connections @ 7 PM via ZOOM-
 - CURRENT "Living the Five" an evangelistic study on building real community as an outgrowth of our faith that focuses on 5 declarative principles. Each participant is asked to bring (1) non-church member to our weekly studies
 - UPCOMING "Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at You Table" by Louie Giglio a 6-week study starting October 11-November 15, set as a dinner time

fellowship that helps combat the spiritual war in our minds! Books can be purchased online through Amazon!



• Wednesdays with the Word & World @ 7 PM via ZOOM- The

first encounter of this will feature "Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality and the United Methodist Church" as recommended by the Baltimore-Washington Conference to help us more fully understand our call to inclusion of all peoples in the life of the church and how we navigate this journey will remaining faithful to God and one another

- Victorious Thursdays: Finding Value in Life Verse by Verse
 @ 12 NOON in the Social Hall- We begin journeying through God's word with the Book of 1st Samuel, in-person weekly to vindicate our pasts and validate our futures
- Straight Talk No Chaser with Dr. JJG- Join our pastor and his special guests who are experts on life matters that all of us can relate to on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month beginning in October for an awesome teaching series dealing with depression to relationships to pursuing dreams and so much more.
 - UPCOMING Re-launch on October 6th with Special Guest Nailah M. Miah, Life Coach and Motivational Speaker discussing the topic, "The Gathering of Me" around how we start to reclaim our lives after the pandemic has robbed us of so much!





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But you, man of God, flee from all of this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

1 Timothy 6:11-12

Men's Season 2022

Men's Season 2022 will run from **September 24th through November 5th** with dynamic worship experiences, spectacular events, and incredible fellowship. We ask that you mark your calendars and plan to be present to support our men's endeavors all season long as well as prayerfully consider your financial commitment through a generous pledge in one of the categories below.

- The Fellowship
 - The Fellas Fish Fry- There is still time to get your order in and support the first event of Men's Season 2022. Go to <u>www.unionbaltimore.org/fishfry</u> to order!



THE FELLAS FISH FRY SATURDAY, SETEMBER 24, 2022 | 12 NOON - 4 PM

ALL DINNERS INCLUDE:

- CKU
- CHOICE OF 2 SIDES- STRING BEANS, SWEET POTATOES OR MACARONI AND CHEESE
- COLESLAW
- BREAD

SSORTED DESSERTS \$3 AND L EXTRA SIDES \$3 SODA & WATER \$1

PRE-ORDER AT WWW.UNIONBALTIMORE.ORG/FISHFRY

- The Faith
 - Men's Season Kick-Off and World Communion Worship Experience- Join us as we welcome the preaching ministry of Rev. Herbert W. Watson, Jr. to help get the month started off in a mighty way. We'll also feature Union Memorial's Mass Choir and special musical guests!



- The Funds
 - Pledge Levels- The seeds you so help us to meet our financial goals toward meeting the day-to-day

Heavyweight \$1,500 and up	CRUISERWEIGHT \$1,000 - \$1,499		MIDDLEWEIGHT \$500 - \$999	cł su co
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needs of our church and surrounding community, so give generously and let's watch God bless tremendously!

Chapter Chat is Back!

CHAPTER CHAT Book Club



Are you an avid reader? Do you read for relaxation...recreation? We have an outlet for you! Join in with your Union friends for our Chapter Chat.. Purpose: To read about fundamental Christian concepts in our changing world

Who: Open to All | Frequency: Every Other Month Where: Zoom – Meeting #: 356 277 0525 Code: 25832 Materials: Participants purchase their own books (Audible or Kindle) Titles: Selected from United Methodist Women's Reading List First Meeting: February 8, 2021 | 6:30pm to 7:30pm (2nd Mondays) Contact: Reada Nelson (melson102@aol.com or 410.971.5583)



The next session is Monday, November 14th where we will be discussing Monique. W

Our congregation's book

club is starting back up for

you enjoy reading, join us

as we address some of the

important topics in today's world. We meet every other month! So we get

the 2022-2023 season. If

our book assignment,

read, then gather to discuss that book before

receiving the next

assignment

Morris' book "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools".

A special thank you to the members and friends who made last season's "Chapter Chat!" interesting and informative. We hope to see you at our next session. Books can be purchased through Amazon now to give you time to read and be ready to chat!

Thanks,

Reada T. Nelson, Wendy Berry and Anita Taylor, Hostesses



ZOOM VIDEO & CONFERENCE CALL LOGIN INFORMATION

For video feature:

- Download the ZOOM for Cloud Meeting Application on your smart phone or tablet device.
- Enter Meeting ID: 499 924 2364
- Enter Password: 594796

For telephone feature:

- Dial 1-301-715-8592
- Enter Meeting ID: 499 924 2364

Once worship begins everyone will be placed on mute except for worship participants. Please do not remove yourself from mute, as everyone will be able to hear your conversations or background noise. Thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Zoom Usage for Meetings & Events

In an effort ensure that we can care for the business of the church as well enjoy a time of fellowship through our various ministries, we are expanding our virtual experience through the ZOOM platform with additional Meeting ID and passwords. This will ensure that we are not limited due to scheduling conflicts. The information is as follows:

Meetings:

- Enter Meeting ID: 470 229 3472
- Enter Password: 042380

Events and Fellowship:

- Enter Meeting ID: 356 277 0525
- Enter Password: 258332
- To schedule your usage of either ZOOM virtual conference room under our account, please send an email with the

date and time you are requesting to our Church Administrator, Sis. Brenda Brown at <u>administrator@unionbaltimore.org</u>. Please do so at least 48 hours prior to when you need to gather, so that she can confirm the space is available.

- Once the space is available, whoever is hosting will need to notify their attendees which of the above Meeting ID and Password combinations are being used to access their gather. All individuals who call in, please note that the phone number remains the same.



Flowers on the Virtual Altar

September 18th – September 24th

 In honor of the first day of Autumn (September 22nd) with prayers that your life "falls into place"

September 25th – October 1st

 In honor of Men's Season 2022 getting underway as our men come together in a show of brotherhood, deepening of faith and to advance the mission of our church through fundraising.







A Message from the Finance Team

Thank you for your faithful commitment to the financial stewardship of our church. It is so important during these unprecedented times to keep us strong. Your giving helps to not only keep us on track with our obligations, but also enables us to continue to be a church that can respond to the needs of the community at large.

To continue your support, we are asking that you utilize the Zelle giving platform by downloading this application on your smart phone or tablet device or contacting your financial institution to see if they already have this feature as part of your account. Once you are connected with this feature, please select your recipient as:

umumcfinance@verizon.net

You can then indicate your amount and whether it is for tithes, offering, the 2020 Gift to Union Project which helps to fund our communications focus area and ensures that we have technology needed to keep the church connected now and in the future.

For those sending their tithe or offering through the US Postal Service, please ensure that it arrives at the church no later than <u>Friday, October 15, 2022</u>, in order to be processed for October 2022.

CONGREGATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



Join us every Wednesday at 6:30 pm for an opportunity to make your petitions know before God. Bring your prayer requests and praise reports as our prayer leaders take us to the throne of grace. Remember, the Word of God declares, "The prayers of the righteous avail over much!"

As you enter your time of prayer lift the concerns of our world, nation, city, community, congregation, especially those who have specific requests and those who simply desire for their names to be placed before God at this time, as listed below:

Ms. Lafaye Allen

Mr. Paul Allen The Anderson Family Mrs. Sandra Anderson and Family The Atkinson, Smalley and Pulley Family Mr. Cedric Barnes & Mother Mildred Barnes Mr. & Mrs. Duke Bowen & Family Alexander V. Brown & Family Ms. Eryn Brown & Family Alexander and Joan Brown Rhonda Brown & Family

The Buise and Gamble Families Mrs. Sophia Burrell

Mr. Tony Campbell Mrs. Laura Cornish Ms. Sharon Brewer and Family The Clark and Dunaway Families Lynell Colson Sunny Curtis

Steve, Annette & Harrison Davis Mr. Trae English

Mr. & Mrs. Steven and Diane Eisemann Lee Coleman Fuller Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel & Lorraine Gray Ms. Amaiya Griffin Mrs. Cheryl Hamlin & Family

Mrs. Mary Harris Katrina Howard-Reeves & Family Ms. Anne Howell Mrs. Barbara Howie Dr. Shirley Jackson

Ms. Donna Jenkins & Family Mr. James Johnson, Jr. Deborah Johnson-Ross Mrs. Tiffany Jones The Jones & Pendergrass Families Mr. & Mrs. David & LaTonya Jones Beatrice Kinyua Mrs. Vivian Kee

Ms. Gwen Mason Bro. Randy Nelson and Family The Family of Clifton Newman The Family of Dr. Demetria Newsome Mrs. Fran Owings Ms. Gloria Parham Joyce Pearson Dr. Ruth J. Pratt

Mrs. Jennifer Price Mr. & Mrs. Dontae & Claudette Robinson The Rock and Rice Families Mrs. Jennifer Ross-Gresham and Family Ms. Regina Simms Ms. Vivian Smith Rev. Dr. Susan Spears and Family The Stevens Family Mr. Clyde Taylor The Tubman Family Ms. Donna Wayman Mr. Robert Williams

Mrs. Diane Williams-Payton

The Wright Family

In the days we are living in, all of God's children need prayer. As a faith community, we recognize the desire to list

everyone in need of prayer here, but the reality is that is not always possible. Please understand that from time to time this list will need to be revised. It does not mean that anyone person is more important than the others, however primary consideration will be given to members of Union.

Reflecting on the Word of God

Enjoy this time with God for clarity and insight into your daily life.

Go to our church website <u>www.unionbaltimore.org/devotional</u> to access our daily devotional with scriptures, stories and more!



TRUTH FOR LIFE DAILY DEVOTIONAL A Paradox September 28, 2020

" I slept, but my heart was awake. — Song of Songs 5:2 "

Paradoars abound in Christian experience, and here is one. The sponse was aberp, and yet the was availe. The only one who can read the behavior's ridBl is he who has lived through this experience. The two points in this evening's text are a momental deepisiens and hapeful walarfalses. This program that deepisiens and all hapeful walarfalses. This program the relations exercise, dall in spirmal approx, and completely indolute and careless.

This is a shareful state for one in whom the quickening Spirit dwells, and it is dangerous in the highest degree. Even whe virgins sometimes slamber, but it is high time for all to solute of the chains of idlenses. It is to be foured that many believers low their strength as fammen lost his hair, while deeping on the pla of carrait energies. Whit is periload work and one of a core show the reserving to as fammen lost his, is madense.

roor of user as meake as we should be; a few thunderchaps would do us all good, and it may be, unless we soon site ourselven, we will have them in form of user or discase to provide the standard loss. May we leave forever the couch of flexbly case, and go out with flaming sortles to meet the ming briefground." My hart was assk?

his is a happy sign. Life is not extinct, though sudly smothered. When our renewed heart straggles against our natural heaviness, we should be grateful is wereign grate for keeping a little visiting within this body of death. Jenus will have our hearts, will help our hearts, will visit our hearts, for the voice of the walcrift heart is really the visit of our federed, signif, "Open to me." Helps and will more qualitation the deore.

FAITH CIRCLE CHECK-IN



LEADER'S MONTHLY CHECK-IN

All Faith Circle Leaders are asked to check-in on the members of their Faith Circle monthly and follow-up with Pastor J on the status of your group. If you have members of your group who you have been unable to reach for an extended period, please notify Membership Coordinator, Sis. Helen Copeland so that membership records may be updated. All members are asked to be on the lookout for a call from your Faith Circle Leader and respond. If you don't receive a call in the coming week, please notify Faith Circle Coordinator, Sis. Pat McCaskill. Continue to reach out each other. It goes a long way in encouraging someone's soul!

Our date has been provided the 2022 Church Conference. the annual business meetina of our local congregation. We will gather on **Saturday**, October 29, 2022, at 1 PM as part of the Resurrection West Cluster to complete our work. All reports will be due Friday, October 14, 2022.



Contact our Church

Administrator, Sis. Brenda Brown for assistance or more information.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Members of our faith community should always feel comfortable with asking questions or expressing concerns about the life of the church. Our leadership which includes our Pastor, the Lay Leader as well as the Unified Board are available to address all matters that arise. If you have something you would like brought before the board, a Unified Board Worksheet can be obtained from the Church Office completed and returned to QUESTIONS the Unified Board mailbox. In addition, the Unified Board Worksheet can also be accessed online.

