

Feb/Mar/Apr 2024

# *The Messenger*



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Rev. Kenneth McDonald

## **Music Director**

Kathi Hiatt

## **Song Leader**

Jeff Thompson

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Debi Vaeth

## **Custodian**

Ron Hensley

## **Sunday Service**

9:00 – Contemporary –  
Social Room

11:00 a.m.

Traditional-Sanctuary

Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

## **Facebook**

Livestreaming  
Service 11:00am

## **YouTube**

Taped Service

## **Radio**

11:00 a.m. WFBR

1590AM or

[www.1590WFBR.com](http://www.1590WFBR.com)

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## Grief and Resurrection

In his book, Don't Take My Grief Away, Doug Manning tells of a young couple whose 18-month-old daughter developed a croup and was taken to the hospital. She was put under an oxygen tent and given antibiotics. In spite of everything the doctors did, she died less than an hour later.

When Doug got there, the mother was crying hysterically. He was a young pastor, and he tried to console her. He said, "There, there, you must get hold of yourself." He said the young woman looked at him straight in the eye and said with fire in her voice, "Don't take my grief away from me. I deserve it, and I'm going to have it."

He said he learned from that experience how important grief is to the healing process. He writes, "Grieving is as natural as crying when you are hurt, sleeping when you are tired, eating when you are hungry, or sneezing when your nose itches. It's nature's way of healing a broken heart."

John says, "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, 'Where have you laid him?'" (John 11:34)

They took him to the tomb where Lazarus was buried, and, before demonstrating His authority over death, Jesus joined these sisters in their grief. In the shortest verse of the Bible, John says, “Jesus wept.” (John 11:35)

Consider the significance of these two words: Jesus wept. If ever you need permission to grieve, here it is. The verb used here literally means “to quake.” The sense of it is this: Jesus didn’t simply get teary-eyed; he shook with emotion from the depth of his soul. He bears witness to their pain and feels it himself, creating a safe place to feel, express, and share deep grief. When we experience the loss of a loved one we can bring our pain before God, pour out our heart to Him, and allow ourselves to mourn.

In our grief, we can seek solace in the presence of God. “Turn to Him as your refuge and strength, knowing that He is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18).” We can rest in His everlasting loving arms and find comfort, strength and peace in His tender care.

In the midst of grief, we can find hope in the promises of God. After mourning with them, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. It was only a few minutes earlier that he said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.” John 11:25. As believers, we have the blessed assurance of the resurrection hope. The Apostle Paul writes in I Thessalonians 4:13, “We grieve not as those without hope.” Our hope is Jesus who conquered death, on the third day he arose from the grave, and offers us eternal life with him.

I pray for all of you who grieve. May you surrender your pain, questions, and emotions to Him, and invite Him to work in your heart. Allow God to heal and restore your brokenness. May you find solace in the hope of the resurrection, knowing that death is not the end.

Jesus conquered death and offers us eternal life with Him. The separation we experience in grief is temporary, and one day we will be reunited with our loved ones in the presence of God.

Have a blessed Lent and Easter,

Pastor Ken



## *Calling all Quilters*

To the ladies and men of the church, if you are interested in joining our quilters, we are making quilts with our overload of material for our homeless men. If you are interested in learning to quilt or learning to pin or helping out in any way, we are inviting you to join us every Wednesday from 10:00-12:00. We will meet downstairs in the Ward room. You can call or text me (Jan) on 443-995-9555.



## *Deborah Circle*

The Deborah Circle is starting a new Bible study on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 based on the book "Bible Stories for Grown-up" by Josh Scott. February's program will be about the story of Noah in Genesis 6-9. Any interested ladies are invited to attend. If you have any question please contact Tammy Wade – 410-905-1523.



## *Nursing Home Ministry*

Anyone interested in working with our nursing home ministry, please contact Jan Hacker (443-995-9555). The ministry visits Morningside House of Friendship every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday and Sunrise Senior Living every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.



## *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The Prayer Shawl Ministry crochets and knits items for school children, the ailing, and shut ins. They meet every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Room #58, starting on September 12th. If you have any questions, please either call the office or Donna Haehl (410) 410-969-0541.

# *Grief Share*

The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult things we will ever have to experience in this life. If you've lost a loved one, life for you may become confusing, overwhelming and even unbearable. You want to feel whole again, but the pain is so great you wonder if you will ever be healed. You don't feel like you have the energy to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Our Lord Jesus understands how we feel when we lose someone we love. John tell us, "When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked. 'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'" John 11:33-36

This will be the fourth 13 week Grief Share program to be offered for the people of Glen Burnie UMC and the community. There have been 91 members of the church die since July 2016.

Here are a few of the things you can expect in a Grief Share recovery support group: 1) You will find that there are people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences; 2) You will get to watch a video seminar featuring top experts on grief and recovery subjects; 3) After viewing the video you will spend time as a support group discussing what was presented in the video and what is going on in your life; 4) You will have a workbook for personal study of the grieving process and to help you sort out your emotions through journaling; 5) You will discover hope for the future.

Grief Share will start on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Peace,

*Pastor Ken*

Arundel House of Hope's

# 18TH ANNUAL BID FOR HOPE

AN AFTERNOON AT THE OSCARS EXTRAVAGANZA & AUCTION



\$55 Per Ticket

**SUNDAY, 10 MARCH 2024, 1-4 PM**

**COLUMBIAN CENTER, 335 RITCHIE HWY, SEVERNA PARK**

**Menu:** Pit Beef, Pit Turkey, Smoked Ham, Pulled Pork, Sausage with Peppers & Onions, Shells in Meat Sauce, Cinnamon/Honey Carrots, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Maryland Crab Soup, Vegetarian Option, Fresh Fruit/Veggies, Dessert

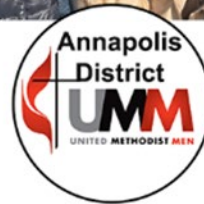
**Tickets** -See Paul Shaffer

**Auction Items** - [dbaskin@arundelhoh.org](mailto:dbaskin@arundelhoh.org)

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Society of St. Andrew  
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Glen Burnie UMC Missions



## Potato Drop to Help End Hunger — Feb 24th

On Sat., Feb 24, 2024, at 9am at the parking lot of Glen Burnie UMC (5 Second Ave., S.E., Glen Burnie, MD 21061), the Society of Saint Andrew (SOSA), the Annapolis District UMM, and Glen Burnie UMC will provide 800 50-lb bags of fresh Maine potatoes to churches and food bank organizations that wish to help feed the hungry in their community. To reserve your 50-lb bags of potatoes, please complete the online form at [UMMpotatoes.org](http://UMMpotatoes.org)

We also need volunteers of all ages to help unload the tractor-trailer truck, breakdown 200 of the 50-lb bags into 5 & 10 bags, and deliver them to homes and apartments in Severn and Glen Burnie. Sign-up to volunteer at [UMMpotatoes.org](http://UMMpotatoes.org)

For more information visit [www.bwcumm.org/adummpotatoes](http://www.bwcumm.org/adummpotatoes) or contact Dick Campbell at [rcampbell@bwcumm.org](mailto:rcampbell@bwcumm.org) or call/text 443-517-3084.

# In Loving Memory

Elizabeth Campbell	12/8/2023
Cynthia Watts	12/19/2023
Wilmoth Lanore Varney	12/19/2023
Robert Andersen	12/28/2023
Joan Wade	1/9/2024
Beverly Certano	1/10/2024
Deborah Shaw	1/19/2024

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

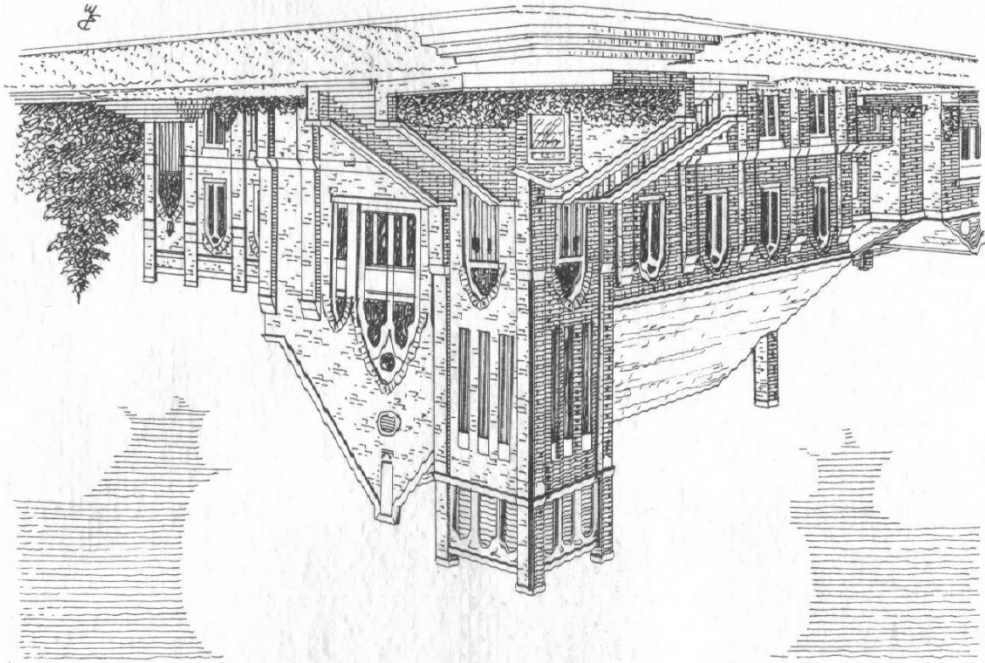
With the grace of the almighty, we are extremely blessed to welcome with open arms and love fifteen new members to Glen Burnie United Methodist Church. Your presence is truly a blessing.

Wanda Schenbach  
Lalah Baxter  
Peter Buck

## Looking Ahead

Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting – Social Hall
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 a.m.	Potato Drop (UMM) – Parking Lot
Mar 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Passion/Palm Sunday
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday – Sanctuary
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday
Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Grief Share – Social Hall
Apr 29 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board Mtg – Social Hall

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