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The Messenger



*Glen Burnie United
Methodist Church*

Pastor

Rev. Kenneth McDonald

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Song Leader

Jeff Thompson

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Ron Hensley

Sunday Service

9:00 – Contemporary –
Social Room

11:00 a.m.

Traditional-Sanctuary

Communion 1st Sunday

Facebook

Livestreaming
Service 11:00am

YouTube

Taped Service

Radio

11:00 a.m. WFBR

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A Dip in the Ocean

It was a hot August day in 1981 and I was standing neck high in the water at Ocean City. I was body surfing along with three young women. I was having fun until all of a sudden some kind of fish hit me in my right side. I quickly remembered what my dad, who served in the U.S. Coast Guard in Cape May, New Jersey, told me about the ocean. “Ken,” he said, “You don’t know what is in that water.” I was frightened, but I didn’t want to appear so in front of the young women.

All that I could think of after getting bumped was this ocean is deep, dark and deadly. I can’t even swim that well. What a stupid thing to be doing, just to impress a few young women. Yet, my faith in God kept me from drowning in fear. I prayed there in the water and I felt God’s peace flood my heart. I shared with the women what had happened and we moved to waist high water and kept body surfing for another fifteen minutes.

Deep dark and deadly. That’s what many people think of the ocean, which is why so many scary movies are set there. The granddaddy of them all: *Jaws*. The tagline for *Jaws* says it all: “You’ll never go in the water again.”

The term for fear of the ocean is *thalassophobia*.” It comes from the Greek: *thalasso*, “sea,” and *phobia*, “fear.” Fear of the sea is not irrational, but rather primal, according to marine researchers. Just last year, according to *The Washington Post*, “a dorsal fin popped up at Navarre Beach near Pensacola, Fla., prompting a chaotic scramble amid screams of, ‘Get out of the water!’”

In the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel verses 16-21 the disciples go down to the Sea of Galilee, get into a boat, and start rowing across the sea to Capernaum. Figuring that Jesus wants some time to himself, they head across the water without him. The sky becomes dark, a strong wind begins to blow, and the sea becomes rough, making their progress difficult.

After rowing 3 or 4 miles, they see Jesus walking on the sea and coming near. The whole situation terrifies them: Not only the wind and the waves, but the sight of Jesus walking on the water. Then, he says to them, “It is I; do not be afraid” (v. 20). As they are about to take him in, the boat reaches the land. Immediately, the crisis is averted.

“It is I; do not be afraid.” In our most terrifying times, when the sky is dark and the sea is deep, we do not have to fall victim to *thalassophobia*. Jesus is with us, offering us peace in the middle of the watery chaos. When you are feeling frightened by the storms in your own life — financial, medical, relational — and terrified of drowning in raging waters, do not be afraid. *Jesus offers you peace.*

Jesus appears when you are overwhelmed by *thalassophobia* and gives you his peace. Yes, storms will still arise, and water will come up to your neck. But with Jesus by your side, you do not need to be afraid of being overwhelmed.

A dip in the ocean? No thanks. I will never go into the ocean at neck level again. I am thankful for dry land and the wisdom to know the difference between feet and fins. Enjoy your next ocean vacation and be at peace.

Blessings,

Pastor Ken

Rise Against Hunger

Friday

August 9th

7pm - 9:00pm

Order free tickets at
gbumcRAH.org

**Glen Burnie United
Methodist Church**

5 2nd Ave SE, Glen Burnie, MD 21061



RISE AGAINST HUNGER – FREE CONCERT

Join us at Glen Burnie United Methodist Church for a special evening of music in support of Rise Against Hunger. On August 9, 2024, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the Fellowship Hall at 5 Second Ave., SE, Glen Burnie, MD 21061, will host an unforgettable concert.

The event features Sparks & McCoy, an acoustic guitar duo playing timeless classics from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Also performing are Greg Witte and Jeri Mead with their Christian Worship and Praise music, and the dynamic duo Brandt Dunn and John Pappajohn, offering a mix of rock, folk, bluegrass, blues, country, and jazz.

All proceeds support Rise Against Hunger, an organization fighting hunger globally. **Free Brusters ice cream will be served to advance ticket holders (by Aug 2nd) at the web, gbumcRAH.org.**

For more information, contact Dick Campbell at 443-517-3084 or rcampbell@bwcumm.org. **Together, we can Rise Against Hunger.**



WHY WE'RE RISING AGAINST HUNGER

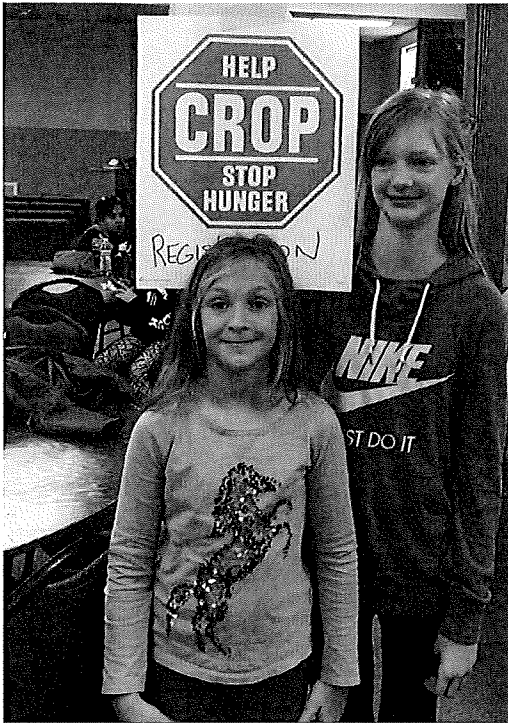
The Glen Burnie United Methodist Missions Committee is seeking 60 to 80 volunteers for our Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging event on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The need for food among children worldwide is immense, and **Rise Against Hunger** has asked us to increase our meal packaging goal from 10,154 to 14,256 meals. This increase will allow us to feed an additional 20 children for an entire school year. To achieve this, we need to raise \$5,900.

I am praying that we can meet this challenge. Besides the funds, we also need volunteers to help package the meals. Volunteers aged 12 and older are welcome. To sign up, visit www.GBUMChurch.Live or contact Dick Campbell at 443-517-3084 or via email at rcampbell@bwcumm.org.

For those who have already donated, we thank you sincerely. For others considering a donation, whether large or small, you can contribute via cash or check (indicate on your giving envelope: Missions - Rise Against Hunger) or online at GiveToEndHUnger.org. Please share this information with friends, coworkers, neighbors, and anyone else who might be willing to help. Remember, a donation of \$10 provides 30 meals, \$25 provides 75 meals, \$50 provides 147 meals, \$75 provides 220 meals, and \$150 provides 440 meals.

One in three people worldwide is adversely affected by vitamin and mineral deficiencies. The meals we will package on Saturday, August 24th will provide a comprehensive array of micronutrients. In 2023, we packaged 10,154 meals that were sent to Africa. Let's continue making a difference for hungry children in 2024.

Join the North Anne Arundel County CROP Hunger Walk



CROP Hunger Walks are community-based fundraising events held in cities and towns across the United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service. This faith-based organization transforms communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised are returned to the host community to support local hunger-fighting efforts.

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the North Anne Arundel County CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people—it's a movement. We are taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our community who need them and supporting programs that create greater food security worldwide.

Get Involved

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime, and you can help make it happen. Register for your local CROP Hunger Walk, raise funds, and take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all. Join the movement! The steps we take and the funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

Event Details

The 2024 North Anne Arundel County CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2024, at 1:00 PM, starting at Glen Burnie United Methodist Church. Twenty-five percent of the money raised will support our local agency, NCEON.

To register or donate, visit our online sign-up page: www.crophungerwalk.org/glenburniemd. Please share this link with as many people as possible to help sign up Walkers and Donors.

Walk Routes

You can choose from three routes: 2 miles, 4 miles, or 6 miles, all via the B & A Trail. Please join us on September 29, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

For more information, contact Paul Shaffer at pshaff1@verizon.net.

Together, we can make a difference. Join us in the fight against hunger.

September 9, 2025 (Tuesday)

Sight & Sound Theatre
“NOAH”
& Smorgasbord Lunch at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant
Strasburg, Pennsylvania

Back by Popular Demand! “NOAH” will make a very special 30th anniversary return to **Sight & Sound Theatre** in Strasburg, Pennsylvania.

This landmark production takes you on board one of the world’s best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. The last time this production was presented at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, Pennsylvania was in 2013. Millions of people from all over the world have seen this one-of-a-kind, awe-inspiring, family experience! Noah and his family embark on a journey as they uphold the call of God to build a boat in a land that has never seen rain! Hundreds of animals enter and live inside the great ark that surrounds the audience on three sides. 40-foot-tall sets, toe-tapping songs, professional actors, and a timely message of hope bring this beloved story to life on stage. Don’t miss your chance to set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. After the show enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant in Bird-in-Hand, Pennsylvania. (L)

Price: \$170.00 per person

Price: \$115.00 per person (Child Ages 5 – 12)

Deposit: \$25.00 per person – required when you sign up.

Balance due: June 27, 2025

Checks payable to Linda Zuck.

Itinerary:

8:00 AM	Depart GBUMC
10:15 AM	Arrive Strasburg, PA at Sight & Sound Theatre
11:00 AM	Showtime! “NOAH”
1:45 PM	Depart Strasburg, PA
2:00 PM	Arrive Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant
2:15 PM	Smorgasbord Lunch
3:45 PM	Depart Bird-in-Hand, PA
6:00 PM	Arrive GBUMC

Included: Transportation, reserved seats for the show, smorgasbord lunch, and all taxes and tips including the driver.



Glen Burnie United Methodist Men
Faith, Fellowship, and Fun joined together

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Men's Group of Glen Burnie United Methodist Church cordially invite all interested men to attend our Saturday morning prayer breakfast held every 2nd Saturday September thru May. Each monthly session features a wonderful hearty breakfast prepared by members of the men's group, lifting prayers on behalf of the church and the community, and a devotion focused on the Holy Word and God's will for us as men of the church. We meet starting at 9:00 a.m. for approximately 1 hour in the Church Social Hall. We would love to see you on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

For more information, please contact Mark Harris, President GBUMC Men's Group, at 443-805-8009 or via email at me_km_harris@yahoo.com

2024 – 2025 Methodist Men's Calendar:

September 14: Prayer Breakfast
October 12: Prayer Breakfast and church grounds cleanup (weather permitting)
November 9: Prayer Breakfast
December 14: Prayer Breakfast
December 24: Christmas Eve Service
January 11: Prayer Breakfast
February 8: Prayer Breakfast
March 4: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (sponsored by the Men)
March 8: Prayer Breakfast
April 12: Prayer Breakfast and church grounds cleanup (weather permitting)
April 20: Easter Sunday
May 10: Prayer Breakfast

**LHUMC & Friends' Windsor, NC Mission Trip
(October 5– 12, 2024)**

Basic Information Document—What You Need to Know

- WHAT:** A Christian Mission Trip focused on building/repair to low-income homeowners.
- WHERE:** Windsor, NC—about 284 miles (approx. 5 hours of drive time).
- WHY:** God calls us to action--experience the impact that serving can have on your Christian walk.
- WHO:** Most anyone (age 18+) willing to be a Christ-centered servant with other caring volunteers.
- HOW:** Register now—see below! Do not delay. You have nothing to lose as a full refund can be received through Sept 30 and, for some conditions, up to Oct. 7.
- COST:** 7 nights lodging, most meals, one team Tee Shirt plus support for the rebuilding effort—*all for only \$125 (payable to **Faith Baptist Church**)*. Travel/transportation costs to/from NC are not included.

*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." Isaiah 6:8*

Carolina Rebuilding Ministry (CRM)

CRM transforms lives through preserving, creating, and sustaining affordable homeownership for low-income families by coordinating resources and mobilizing teams of missionaries in the historic Albemarle region of northeastern North Carolina. CRM's vision: 'A safe and healthy home for every person'. Although there could be some storm damage mixed in, this year's focus is not on hurricane or storm damage.

Being in Christian Mission

Our focus is much more than building. Mission service is a time for personal growth, especially from the Christ-centered loving connection we seek with one another as unified harmonious caring teammates. Past teams have included Baptist, Brethren, Catholic, Church of God, Greek Orthodox, Independent, Lutheran, Nazarene, Presbyterian and United Methodist volunteers. Each year 'God builds the team from prior year servants, new first-timers and others returning after a year or more absence.

"...And since we are all one body in Christ...and each of us needs all the others." Romans 12:5

Contact Paul Shaffer (pshaffl@verizon.net) or 410-507-3203 for additional information and sign up forms or download information and forms at VIMforms.org

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brock Hutton

In Loving Memory

Francis Jean Kellenberger 4/29/24

Eloise Kellenberger 7/8/24

Jordan Allen McDonald 7/26/24

The Ruth and Rebekah Circles

The Ruth & Rebekah Circle will start meeting again after our summer break with a get together luncheon at the home of Teresa Foster on Tuesday, September 3. Anyone interested in attending can meet at the church parking lot at 10:00 am to carpool. Our October 2024 through June 2025 meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. In October we will begin a six-session video study, *Revival, Faith as Wesley Lived it*. The study was written by Adam Hamilton and will take us on a pilgrimage to the places where the Methodist revival began. Hamilton writes, "John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st century Christians – calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed." Please consider joining us. Each month we meet for prayer, devotions, a program, business meeting, and a meal. The fellowship that we share is very rewarding and just makes you feel good!

The Deborah Circle

The Deborah Circle will meet on the first Tuesday of every month starting on September 3rd at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. We will continue our study "Bible Stories for Grownups" with Chapter 5 on the story of Zacchaeus, Luke 19: 1-10. Any interested ladies are invited to join us. Contact Tammy Wade (410-905-1523) for more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume meeting on September 10th. 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. If you have any questions, please either call the office or Donna Haehl (410) 410-969-0541.

GBUMC Quilters

Our group has been meeting weekly and has expanded our ministry to include making larger quilts for Arundel House of Hope, Board of Child Care, and Disaster Relief. Lap quilts for our Nursing Home ministry continue as well. Recently, we are grateful to have received a donation of a second sewing machine.

If you wish to join or support this ministry, you may do so in the following ways:

- *Your sewing skills (cut and sew squares, sew binding, hand sewing)
- *Help assemble and knot the quilt layers.
- *Donate sturdy fabric, new or clean, gently used queen sized top sheets or blankets.

Our first meeting of the season will be Wednesday, September 4th from 10am- 12noon.

For more information, contact Jan Hacker, Lois Shaffer or the church office.

Nursing Home Ministry

The Nursing Home Ministry will begin again September 15th & 22nd. Anyone interested in working with our nursing home ministry, please contact Jan Hacker (443-995-9555). The ministry visits Morningside House of Friendship every 3rd Sunday and Sunrise Senior Living every 4th Sunday of the month.

Looking Ahead

Aug 9 th	7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Missions Concert – Social Hall
Aug 24 th	7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Rise Against Hunger – Social Hall
Sep 3 rd	10:00 a.m.	Ruth & Rebecah Circles – Teresa Foster's Home
Sep 3 rd	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle
Sep 8 th	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School will resume
Sep 10 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Rm #58
Sep 10 th	7:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting – Social Hall
Sep 11 th	6:30 p.m.	Trustees – Social Hall
Sep 24 th	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting – Social Hall
Sep 29 th	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Crop Walk – Social Hall
Sep 30 th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board – Social Hall

GLEN BURNIE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

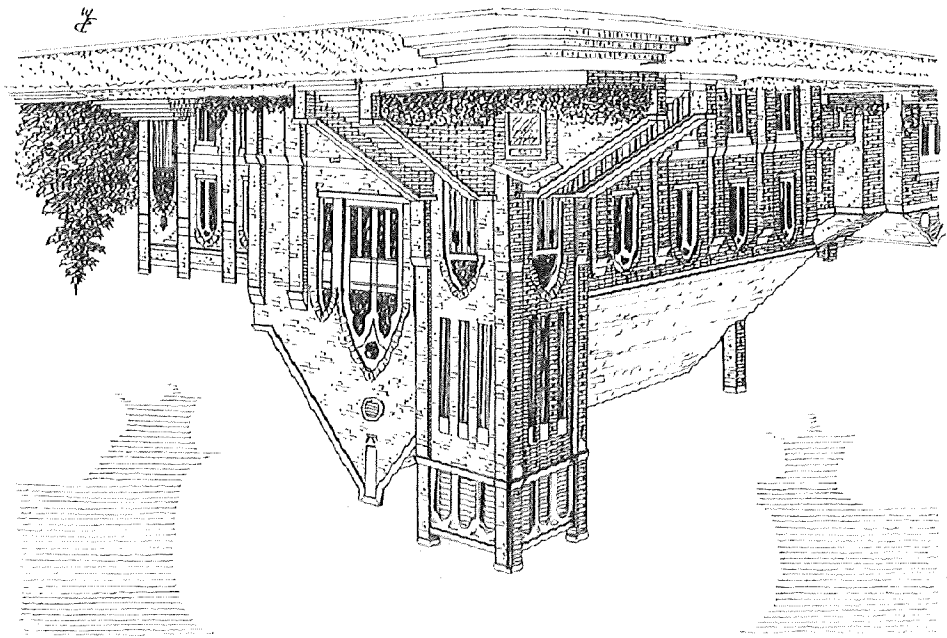
In 1992, Glen Burnie UMC established a Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) to support projects and needs beyond the normal budget. Its purpose is to provide a lasting source of income for church initiatives not covered by the Church's annual operating budget. It allows members and friends to **make charitable gifts for the church's long-term support**. The fund serves various church and community purposes, with funds from an "Outreach" that can be designated for specific categories, such as missions, education, scholarships, worship, capital projects, and more.

How to turn age 70 & 1/2 into Generosity

If you are age 70 & 1/2 and have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you must begin to withdraw a Required Minimum Distribution amount each year and pay Federal Taxes on it. There is a way for you to contribute some of this money to a Qualified Endowment (like the Glen Burnie UMC Permanent Endowment Fund) and not have it taxed as income. The only requirement is that the funds must go directly from the IRA account to the Permanent Endowment Fund.

If you wish to make a charitable gift to the Permanent Endowment Fund or have a need for a grant, please contact Paul Shaffer, PEF Chair at 410-507-320.

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