

February/March 2025

The Messenger



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Sunday Service

9:00 – Contemporary –
Social Room

11:00 a.m.

Traditional-Sanctuary

Communion 1st Sunday

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Livestreaming
Service 11:00am

YouTube

Taped Service

Radio

11:00 a.m. WFBR
1590AM or
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Lent 2025

Lent signifies a solemn 40-day period preceding Easter. Commencing on Ash Wednesday and concluding on Holy Saturday, Lent is characterized by fasting, prayer, and repentance as believers prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday. This season of reflection and self-discipline involves practices such as abstaining from certain indulgences, fostering a deeper spiritual connection, and commemorating the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The Early Church focused on marking the crucifixion and the resurrection of Jesus through prayer, repentance and fasting, and this developed into 40 days of preparation before what we call Easter. The number forty is a significant biblical number.

In Genesis, the flood was after 40 days and nights of rain (Genesis 7:12, 17). Moses and the Hebrews spent 40 years in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 29:5) after they escaped Egypt. Moses fasted for 40 days on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28). Elijah traveled forty days before he reached the cave where he had his vision (1 Kings 19:8). Jonah gave Nineveh 40 days to repent (Jonah 3:4).

By the fourth century AD, Lent had become normal practice. The idea of 40 days of self-discipline, was based on the time which Jesus spent in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11; Mark 1:13 and Luke 4:1–13). All three accounts say that Jesus fasted for 40 days.

Lent begins this year on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025, and will end on Holy Saturday, April 19th, 2025.

It is not unusual for Christians to approach Lent with a pre-conceived plan to give up certain things pursuant to a 40-day exercise in contrition. Giving up smoking, eating fast food, chocolate and so on are deprivations you undertake for yourself, for the sake of your health. There's nothing wrong with that, of course, and there's even a lot that's *right* about it.

We also can think of Lent as a time to give. When we give we remember how profoundly we have been blessed, and how miraculously we have been redeemed. When we give instead of, or in addition to, giving up something, we contribute to the common good.

Our 30 Pieces of Silver offering during Lent is a way to give. The monies collected will be split between our Scholarship Fund and the Hands of Grace Fund.

Rev. Phil and I will offer a Lenten Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. starting on March 4th.

May you have a blessed Lent.

Rev. Ken McDonald

Looking Ahead

Feb 4 th	10:00 a.m.	UMW Circles – Social Hall
Feb 4 th	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Feb 5 th	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group (every Wed.) – Ward Room
Feb 8 th	9:00 a.m.	UMM Prayer Pancake Breakfast – Social Hall
Feb 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl – Rm #59
Feb 22 nd	9:00 a.m.	Potato Drop – Social Hall/Parking Lot
Mar 4 th	10:00 a.m.	UMW Circles – Social Hall
Mar 4 th	7:00 p.m.	Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Mar 4 th	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Social Hall
Mar 5 th	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group – Ward Room
Mar 7 th	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
Mar 8 th	9:00 a.m.	UMM Prayer Pancake Breakfast – Social Hall
Mar 9 th	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Bid for Hope – at House of Hope
Mar 11 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl – Rm #59

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry crochets and knits items for school children, the ailing, and shut ins. If you know of anyone in need or someone having an emotionally tough time, please contact Donna. The group meets 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) 969-0541.

Nursing Home Ministry – Volunteers Needed!

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.

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.

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.

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

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will continue to have their Prayer Pancake Breakfast in the coming months. The next two dates will be February 8th and March 8th at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Devotions will be led by Mark Harris.

GBUMC Choir

Anyone who loves to sing please come and join the choir! They meet for rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

Come join us on March 4th from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in our Social Hall

OUR MENU

Plain Pancakes
Blueberry Pancakes
Breakfast Sausage
Applesauce
Hot and Cold Beverages

Price - \$5.00 person (no tickets needed)

Children under 10 are free

Please call 410-761-4381 or email office@gbumchurch.org with a head count!

Hosted by the Glen Burnie United Methodist Men

Missions News

A Season of Giving: The Glen Burnie UMC Permanent Endowment Fund Answers the Call

In December 2024, the Glen Burnie United Methodist Church (GBUMC) Mission Committee gathered with a shared purpose: to find ways to make a meaningful impact beyond their church walls. Despite their 2024 mission budget being fully expended, the pressing needs they had identified earlier in the year remained unmet. Their mission was clear—to extend love, aid, and support to those in need, embodying the compassion central to their faith.

With this unwavering spirit, the Missions Committee turned to the Permanent Endowment Fund, led by Paul Schaffer, seeking financial support for three critical initiatives that aligned with their calling to serve the broader community.

The first grant proposal came as a response to a tragic natural disaster. Hurricane Helena had wreaked havoc in Western North Carolina, leaving destruction in its wake—homes flattened, communities uprooted, and lives lost. Moved by the devastation, the Missions Committee sought a \$1,000 grant to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). With its unwavering



commitment to disaster response, UMCOR ensures that every dollar received is directed toward providing food, shelter, and rebuilding assistance to those in the greatest need. The Permanent Endowment

Fund's approval of this grant allowed the GBUMC community to send not only funds but also a message of hope and solidarity to the hurricane's victims.

Next, the Missions Committee turned its attention to hunger in its own community. Each year, in partnership with the Society of St. Andrew's annual Potato Drop, an extraordinary event 40,000 pounds of potatoes are distributed to need. This initiative, which fed more than 5,000 brought together a diverse group of volunteers—from the church's United Men, United Methodist Women, and youth



including local high school athletes from Glen Burnie Senior High School and Churches and food bank organizations from Anne Arundel County and beyond. The \$2,500 grant requested from the Permanent Endowment Fund was critical in offsetting the \$4,500 cost of the event (transporting the potatoes from Maine to Glen Burnie), ensuring that this powerful act of service could continue to

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nourish bodies and spirits alike. The grant’s approval reaffirmed GBUMC’s commitment to combating food insecurity and fostering a community of compassion.

The final proposal focused on supporting the transformation of young lives through Everstand, an organization formerly known as the United Methodist Board of Child Care. For over 150 years, Everstand had been a sanctuary for teenagers in crisis, providing them with safety, education, and the tools to build resilient futures. The Committee’s request for a \$1,000 grant these life-changing services. By Everstand, GBUMC reaffirmed its nurturing at-risk youth, helping them challenges and realize their potential.

With each proposal, the Permanent recognized the impact that could be these grants. By approving all three empowered the Missions Committee to bring light to dark situations, feed the hungry, and uplift the vulnerable. The story of GBUMC became one of unwavering faith, compassion in action, and a community united in service—proof that when hearts and hands come together, even the smallest church can make a world of difference.



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Endowment Fund achieved through requests, they

In Loving
Memory

Paul Kellenberger	11/27/24
Doris Whiting	12/11/24

 **BAPTISM**

Hank Lee Brown	1/5/25
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Help End Hunger

The Society of Saint Andrew (SOSA), Annapolis District UMM, and Glen Burnie UMC & UMM are providing 800 50-lb bags of fresh Maine potatoes to churches and food banks to support local hunger relief on Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 am at the Glen Burnie UMC Parking Lot.

Volunteers Needed: Urgent Help needed to call 100 food banks and soup kitchens to schedule pickup of potatoes for their ministries. Calls would be required to be made during business hours. If you can help please contact Dick Campbell at 443-517-30384 or the church office. We also need help to repackage 50-lb bags into 5-lb portions. School students can earn community service hours! Complete the form at UMMpatoes.org if you can help.

Spread the Word! Please share this with other churches so they can reserve their potatoes.

More Info: bwcumm.org/adummpatoes

Contact: Dick Campbell – rcampbell@bwcumm.org | Call/Text 443-517-3084

ARUNDEL HOUSE OF HOPE



19th Annual

Bid for Hope

Live & Silent Auction

Sunday, 9 March 2025, 1-4 pm

Glen Burnie Elks Lodge #2266
878 Stevenson Road
Severn, MD 21144

Tickets
\$60

Table of 8
\$440

Dinner Menu:

Pit Beef & Turkey, Country Smoked Ham, Pulled Pork BBQ, Baked Penne (Gluten Free/Vegetarian), Sauerkraut/Kielbasa, Jambalaya, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Coleslaw, Spaghetti Salad, Fresh Fruit/Veggies & Dip, Dessert, Soda, Iced Tea, Coffee

Extras:

Basket Raffle, 50/50, Wine Pull,
Sports Memorabilia, Antiques, etc.

Auction Items:

Dawn Baskin
dbaskin@arundelhoh.org

Sponsorships:

Katie Eyler
keeyler@yahoo.com

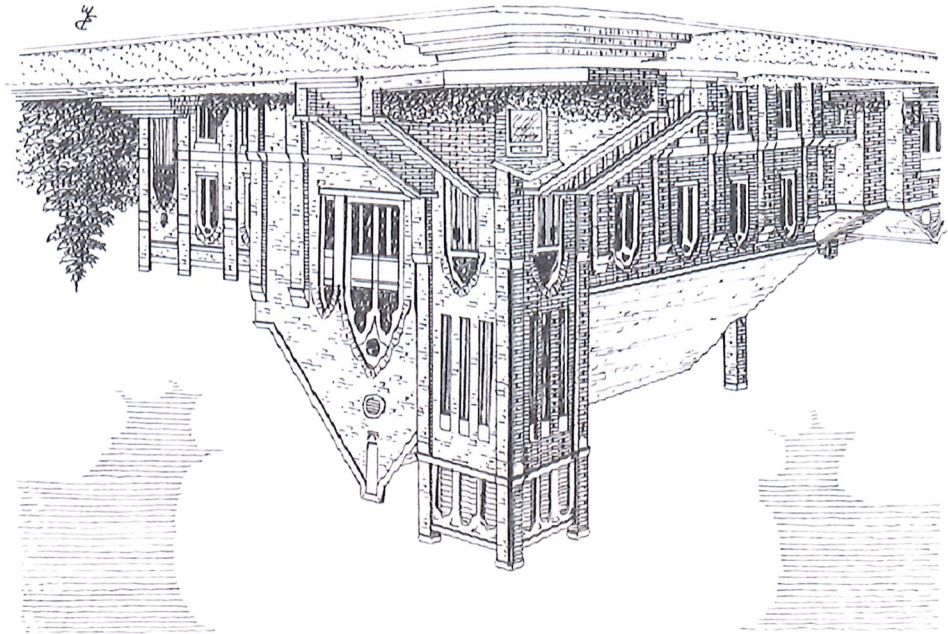
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Jane Hudgins
bid4hope@comcast.net



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Community

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