

Jun/Jul 2025

The Messenger



*Glen Burnie United
Methodist Church*

Pastor

Rev. Kenneth McDonald

Music Director

Kathi Hiett

Song Leader

Jeff Thompson

Office Staff

Debi Vaeth

Custodian

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
1590AM or
www.1590WFBR.com

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Goodbye

I am thankful that by the grace of God, your life and mine have intersected for the past nine years. We have journeyed together, and we have seen God at work. You have told me your stories. You have spoken of moral victories and deepening faith. You have told me of your wounds and heavy burdens. You have allowed me to pray for you.

My parting words to you are that you keep centered and focused on what is central to our faith: Love for God and love for one another. Love makes all the difference. I thank you for all of the love you have given to me and my family.

Goodbye is the right thing to say, because it doesn't mean, "the end." The word "goodbye" is an abbreviation of the old phrase, "God be with ye." Goodbye is the right thing to say because the God who came to us in the person of Jesus is still with each of us. Goodbye is a prayer for those we love.

One of my favorite movies is the classic Steven Spielberg film "ET." The Extra Terrestrial tells the story of an alien who is accidentally left on earth. A boy named Elliot finds the lost alien. Together, Elliot and ET search for a way for ET to return home. Along the way they discover the power of friendship.

When a spaceship finally comes to take ET home, Elliott bids a tearful farewell to his friend. ET places a glowing finger on Elliott's forehead and says, "I'll be right here."

Although ET will be gone, his presence will always remain with his friend Elliott. Although I will no longer be your Pastor you will always be right here...in my heart.

Goodbye,

Pastor Ken

Looking Ahead

Jun 8 th	9:00 & 11:00 a.m.	Pastor Ken's Last Services at GBUMC
Jun 23 rd	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School (ends Jun 27 th)
Jul 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study – Social Hall
Jul 3 rd	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study – Social Hall
Jul 6 th	9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Reverend Martin Brooks' First Service at GBUMC
Jul 11 th	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Benefit Concert for Abilities Network

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 Breakfast in the coming months. The next two dates will be April 12th and May 10th 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.



Well Done!

Matthew 25:23

You are cordially invited following the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services on June 8th to express your thanks and gratitude for Pastor Ken's 9 years of service to Glen Burnie UMC and to wish him well in retirement. Light refreshments will be served. Cards are appreciated.

Backpack Ministry Launches to Support Local Elementary Students

The annual Backpack Ministry is underway as members of the Glen Burnie United Church prepare to support students at Henry Lee Elementary School for the 2025–26 academic year.

In partnership with Anne Arundel Department of Social Services and Public ministry is aiming to provide 55 backpacks essential school supplies for children in

kindergarten through fifth grade. With the cost of school supplies ranging between \$50 and \$70 per student, the initiative ensures that children return to school equipped and ready to succeed.



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Beginning Sunday, June 15, members of the Glen Burnie UMC congregation can stop by the Backpack Ministry Tri-Fold Poster display in the church library following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. Supporters can choose a specific grade level to sponsor and have the option to donate a full backpack individually or in partnership with friends.

Donations will be accepted through mid-July, with completed backpacks due in the Social Hall by Sunday, August 3.

“This ministry is a powerful way to bless a child and help them start the school year with confidence,” said coordinator Linda Zuck, Backpack ministry chairperson. “We invite everyone to join this effort to ensure these students have the tools they need to thrive.”

Those unable to visit in person on June 15 can contact Linda Zuck at (410) 855-5952 or <mailto:lleezuck@gmail.com> to select a backpack to sponsor.

The 2025–26 Goal: Sending children back to school prepared for success.

Abilities Network to Celebrate 60 Years with Benefit Concert in Glen Burnie

Abilities Network is marking six decades of empowering individuals of all abilities with a lively evening of music, community, and giving. The organization invites the public to its 60th Anniversary Benefit Concert, set for Friday, July 11, 2025, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at Glen Burnie United Methodist Church Social Hall, located at 5 Second Ave., S.E., Glen Burnie, MD 21061.

The evening will feature live music from local favorites Sparks and McCoy, known for their dynamic vocal and guitar performances. Guests can look forward to more than just great music — an exciting live auction will offer a variety of unique items and experiences for bidding.

Auction highlights include:

- Sixty 1-lb. bags of specialty coffee
- A fire pit and charcoal grill
- Handmade quilts, table runners, pillows, and candle skirts
- A live shrub, hanging basket, and citronella tiki torches
- \$100 Giant gift cards
- An Igloo 50-gallon cooler, minion pillows, bird house, and reversible placemats
- Twelve framed and signed photographs



Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/classic-rock-unplugged-1271109806649> or scan the QR Code;



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All proceeds from the event will support Abilities Network's provide critical services to individuals and families across helping people of all abilities live more independently and fully.

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For more information or to get involved, contact Grace Gaydosh at ggaydosh@abilitiesnetwork.org.

Don't miss this milestone celebration — enjoy a night of fun while helping create brighter futures for others.

Glen Burnie UMC to Host Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event – Volunteers Needed

Glen Burnie United Methodist Church is gearing up for its annual Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Saturday, August 16, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, and your help is needed — both in person and through financial support.

This hands-on event is part of a global mission to end hunger by empowering communities and providing nutritious meals to those in need. Volunteers will work assembly-line style to pack thousands of shelf-stable meals, which will be shipped to vulnerable populations around the world.



“No matter your age or experience, part to play,” said Dick Campbell, Chairperson. “It’s a great opportunity for families, youth groups, clubs, and individuals to make a real difference — and have fun doing it.”

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How to Help:

Interested volunteers can sign up now by calling the church office at 410-761-4381 or visiting the web at **GBUMCrah.org** and reserving their spot.

To pack over 10,000 meals, the church must raise \$42,000 to cover the cost of ingredients and shipping. While volunteers are essential to assembling the meals, donations are equally vital to make this mission possible.

If you would like to help offset the cost, here’s how you can give:

Write a check to GBUMC with “Missions – RAH” in the memo line and mail to Glen Burnie UMC, 5 Second Ave., S.E., Glen Burnie, MD 21061 or give online at GBUMChurch.org. Click on eGive, then select Missions from the dropdown menu.



Every dollar you contribute helps feed families in crisis and brings hope to communities around the world. Whether you come alone or bring a group, your time and energy will help combat hunger and bring hope to communities in crisis. Together, we can be the hands and feet of Christ — packing meals and spreading compassion, one box at a time, one meal at a time.

Take a Step to End Hunger: Join the 2025 CROP Hunger Walk!

We invite you to be part of something truly meaningful and impactful! The North Anne Arundel County CROP Hunger Walk is happening on Sunday, September 28, 2024, at 1:00 PM, and Glen Burnie UMC is proud to be participating once again.

This is more than just a walk—it's a powerful way to stand in solidarity with those facing hunger both locally and globally. When you walk, you're helping to raise vital funds that provide meals for families and support sustainable food programs around the world.

Walk Options for Everyone:

Choose from 2-, 4-, or 6-mile routes—perfect for walkers of all ages and abilities!

Where the Money Goes:

- 25% of all funds raised will go directly to NCEON (North County Emergency Outreach Network) to support hunger relief right here in Anne Arundel County.
- The remaining funds will support Church World Service's global efforts to combat hunger and poverty through sustainable development programs.

How You Can Help:

👉 Register or donate today at

www.crophungerwalk.org/glenburniemd

👉 Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to walk with you!

👉 For more information, contact Collin Grayson, CROP Hunger Walk Chairperson at 443-422-5473.



Let's walk together in faith and compassion—one step at a time toward a world without hunger.


Mark Your Calendars for Next Year's Mission Trip — Be a Part of Something Special!

This past October 2024, from the 5th to the 12th, 25 dedicated volunteers from nine churches came together in Windsor, North Carolina, to serve others in the name of Christ. What unfolded was more than a mission—it was a powerful week of service, worship, fellowship, and transformation.



Together, we worked side by side repairing homes, sharing meals, singing songs of praise, praying for one another, and building bonds that reached beyond church walls and state lines. As one first-time volunteer joyfully put it, “It was more than I expected—it felt like summer camp for grown-ups!”

That’s the beauty of stepping out in faith. When we allow God to lead, hearts are changed, lives are touched, and the Church comes alive in the most beautiful ways.

 So mark your calendars now for next year’s mission trip in **2025 October 4th – 11th to Windsor , NC** and start sharing the good news with your friends, family, and church members. Whether it’s your first time or your tenth, there’s a place for you in this spirit-filled journey of service.

If you are interested In more information call **Paul Shaffer at 410-507-3203.**

See you in 2025—let’s serve together and let Christ shine through us all.

Serve with Purpose at Glen Burnie UMC — Be the Hands and Feet of Christ!

At Glen Burnie United Methodist Church, we believe that everyone—no matter your age or experience—has something meaningful to offer. If you're looking for a way to serve with purpose and make a real difference, we invite you to be part of three life-changing opportunities this year:

Opportunities to Serve:

📞 Make a Few Calls. Make a Big Impact.

We're looking for friendly voices to help us reach out to local churches and businesses. You'll assist in gathering contact information and inviting others to partner with us in two important upcoming events:

- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event (August 2025)
- CROP Hunger Walk (September 2025)
- Volunteer in Missions (October 2025)

👐 Hands-On Help, Big Smiles!

Be part of our meal-packing team, join the walk to raise awareness and funds to end hunger locally and globally or help rebuild homes ravaged by floods. Whether you're packing meals or walking for a cause or rebuilding a home, your presence is a powerful act of love.

👣 Teens, adults, and seniors—all are welcome! Your time, your energy, and your heart can change lives.

💻 Ready to say "Yes"?

Visit the web at UMMregister.org to sign up and be part of something bigger than yourself.

Let's serve together in faith, with joy, and for a world without hunger.



2025 National Men's & Scouting Ministry Gathering

July 31 – August 3, 2025



United Methodist Men's News

Join Us for the 2025 National Men's & Scouting Ministry Gathering!



Dates: July 31 – August 3, 2025



Location: 100 Arthur J. Moore Dr, St. Simons Island, GA

Glen Burnie UMC invites all men, church leaders, and those active in Scouting to attend the 2025 National Men's & Scouting Ministry Gathering—a dynamic, faith-filled event focused on discipleship, spiritual growth, and building Christ-centered leadership in our churches and communities.

Whether you're deeply involved in men's ministry, passionate about guiding youth through Scouting, or simply looking to grow in your walk with Christ, this gathering is for you! Through powerful worship, workshops, and fellowship, we'll explore how men and Scouts can deepen their faith and live boldly as disciples of Jesus Christ.

This year's gathering will be supported by the Whova app, your all-in-one tool for:

- Viewing the full event agenda
- Receiving real-time updates and announcements
- Networking with attendees from across the nation

Interested in traveling together by van or bus? We're exploring group travel options! Help us plan by taking a quick 2-minute survey. Visit the web <https://form.jotform.com/251414085243046> to fill out the travel interest form.

Registration Deadline: June 6, 2025:

- Register: <https://whova.com/portal/registration/Q@cbgdUOYj4RtLfM3zWb/>
- Room Reservation: <https://fs21.formsite.com/Epworthssi/ukvjvkqcc8/index>

For more information: Dick Campbell at 410-553-3084 or at rcampbell@bwcumm.org.

The next Glen Burnie United Methodist Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for September 13, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

In Loving Memory

Ruth Ann Noland

3/28/25

Brenda Griffith

4/4/25

Carol Sterling

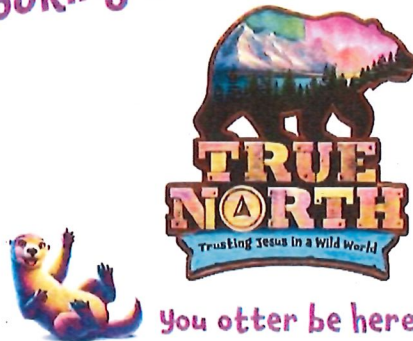
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May 10th, 2025

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New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music



Join us
Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27
9am-12pm
for our 2025 Vacation Bible School!
Kindergarten - 5th grade!

Scan the QR code to register or call our church office at
410-761-4381



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SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Join us for an unforgettable day trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, PA for the triumphant return of NOAH—a spectacular live stage experience featuring 40-foot sets, toe-tapping music, professional actors, and real animals filling the stage and aisles!

Watch Noah and his family answer God's call in a land that's never seen rain—then step aboard the enormous ark that surrounds the audience on three sides. After the show, enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at the renowned Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant.

Trip Details – Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Price: \$170 per person | Children (ages 5–12): \$115

Deposit: \$25 per person (due at sign-up) | Balance due: June 27, 2025

Make checks payable to Linda Zuck (put in the collection plate with Memo: Sight & Sound Tickets)

Itinerary

8:00 AM – Depart Glen Burnie UMC

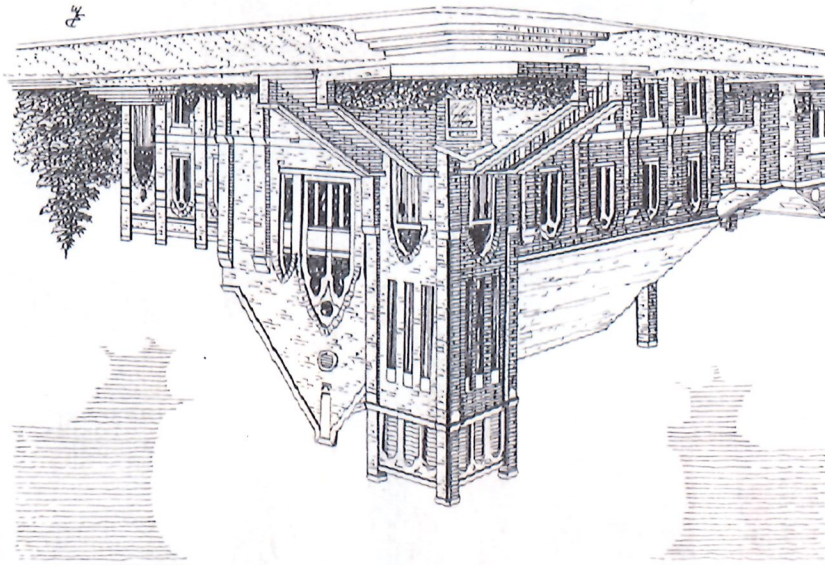
11:00 AM – Showtime: NOAH at Sight & Sound Theatre

2:15 PM – Lunch at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant

6:00 PM – Return to Glen Burnie UMC

All-Inclusive: Transportation, show tickets, lunch, taxes, and driver gratuity included!

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