

Aug/Sep 2025

The Messenger



Let Me Introduce Myself

I write to introduce myself as your pastor. Over the past few weeks, I have come to fall in love with Glen Burnie United Methodist Church. The people of this congregation are genuine, loving, and welcoming. While you may have heard me preach and met my family, I suspect there are things you do not know about me. In an effort for us to get to know each other better, I wanted to write a little about me and to invite you to meet with me at your convenience so that I may get to know you better.

I am an ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church. Since 2008, I have served as a pastor in the Baltimore Washington Annual Conference, serving first at Emory UMC in Upperco, next at Bethany and Emory UMCs in Ellicott City, then at Calvary UMC in Finksburg, and most recently at Magothy UMC in Pasadena. Prior to that, I served for 13 years in youth ministry both in United Methodist and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) churches in upstate New York, Washington, DC, and Takoma Park. I bear a passion for youth and young adults that I have lived out in church-based ministry and in my work as a professor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. I taught there for six years in the field of Peer Education in Human Relations, conducting research and instructing students on issues of oppression and how to build coalitions across difference. I also served in the Army National Guard for three years.

I hold Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University. While I am proud of these accomplishments, it is my role as Glen Burnie's pastor that, aside from my family, gives me the greatest joy. I bring to my role a passion for Jesus and for communicating how our faith can play a role in our daily lives. I enjoy working with the staff and leaders of our congregation and bring creativity to planning and leading worship and Bible study as well as enjoy learning about our community and mission activities.

I was born in the south side of Chicago and was a close friend of bad, bad Leroy Brown! Prior to moving to Washington, DC, for graduate school, I spent most of my teen and adult years throughout New York. Once an

Pastor

The Rev. Martin P.
Brooks

Music Director

Kathi Hiatt

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

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Livestreaming
Service 11:00am

YouTube

Taped Service

Radio

11:00 a.m. WFBR
1590AM or
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avid comic book collector (visit my office to see my Marvel posters), I watch nearly every superhero and science fiction movie that comes out! I love to play Ultimate Frisbee and baseball / softball, and will cheer loudly for the White Sox at Orioles games! I have camped throughout the country, and hiked down the east coast of the United States after high school. While I love working in Glen Burnie and throughout Anne Arundel County, I currently reside in Ellicott City with my wife and 10-year-old daughter.

I would love the opportunity to meet you and treat you to a meal or a drink at a time that works best for you. Please introduce yourself to me before or after worship, or contact me at 410-761-4381 (work), at 410-739-1488 (cell) or at pastormartin@gbumchurch.org. I hope to hear from you and to have us learn about each other's hopes and dreams for Glen Burnie and our faith journeys.

In Christian love,

The Reverend Martin P. Brooks
Senior Pastor

Looking Ahead

Aug 6 th	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study "Mark" (every Wed.) – Study Hall
Aug 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study "Romans" (every Thu.) – Study Hall
Aug 12 th	6:35 p.m.	Christian Faith Night – See Flyer in Newsletter
Aug 16 th	9:00 a.m.	Rise Against Hunger – Social Hall
Sep 2 nd	10:00 a.m.	UM Women's Circles – Social Hall
Sep 2 nd	7:00 p.m.	UMW Deborah Circle – Social Hall
Sep 3 rd	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Mission (every Wed.) – Ward Room
Sep 7 th	10:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School Begins
Sep 9 th	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Room #59
Sep 10 th	6:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting – Social Hall
Sep 13 th	9:00 a.m.	UM Men's Prayer Breakfast – Social Hall
Sep 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting – Social Hall
Sep 28 th	1:00 p.m.	Crop Walk – Social Hall
Sep 29 th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Meeting – Social Hall



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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JOIN US FOR AS WE KICK OFF OUR
NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF FUN AND
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Glen Burnie United Methodist Church

FOR MORE INFO, CALL OUR OFFICE AT 410-761-4381

Join Us for Christian Faith Night at Camden Yards!

Come out for an evening of baseball, fellowship, and faith as the Orioles take on the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday, August 12!

Christian Faith Night includes inspiring player testimonials and a free postgame concert—all included with your game ticket. It's a special evening where Orioles players share their personal faith journeys—an event some players specifically requested to host.

If you're interested in joining, I'd be happy to organize the group and purchase tickets.

For groups of 15 or more, please reach out now to help secure the best seats!

Contact:

Susan Corcoran

443-506-2231

smcorco0869@gmail.com



Let's enjoy a night of fun, faith, and baseball together!



MISSIONS and OUTREACH

LIVING THE MISSION AT GLEN BURNIE UMC



At Glen Burnie United Methodist Church, we believe the church is more than a building—it's a movement of people living out the love of Christ in real and tangible ways. Each month, we celebrate the many ways God is using our hands and hearts to serve our neighbors near and far.

In this edition, we're excited to share stories of opportunities and how our members are stepping into mission—from preparing meals for the hungry and visiting with the lonely, supporting global relief efforts and mentoring the next generation. These are more than service projects—they are sacred opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We invite you to read, be inspired, and prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to join in the mission.

Together, we are a church in action—loving, serving, and shining Christ's light.

Trinity UMC Shares God's Love Through Community Programs

by Juanita Higson, Trinity UMC Missions & Dick Campbell, Glen Burnie UMC Missions



Thanks to the generosity of Glen Burnie UMC, Trinity United Methodist Church has been busy sharing God's love with children and families in their community through a variety of meaningful programs.

This past Easter, Trinity hosted a special program where children learned the story and meaning of Easter, sang joyful songs, made crafts, and enjoyed a delicious hot meal alongside their families and church members.

Trinity also participated in a weekend food program for local elementary school children. Each Friday, children receive a bag of food to ensure they don't go hungry over the weekend. Thanks to funds provided by Glen Burnie UMC, this important ministry continues—and will return in the fall.

Trinity hosted their annual Vacation Bible School, June 16–20, where the children heard favorite Bible stories, songs, made daily crafts, and enjoyed a hot meal. Families were invited to join each day for dinner, with a special spaghetti dinner planned for Friday evening.

On August 16, Trinity will host a Back-to-School program with stories, songs, crafts, and a hot meal. Bookbags and school supplies will be distributed to help children start the school year prepared.

As the year continues, Trinity will also provide food bags for students, Christmas food baskets, and a special Christmas program.

While their small congregation faces challenges—such as repairing water-damaged sanctuary walls—Trinity remains committed to serving their neighbors. They are deeply grateful for the support of Glen Burnie UMC, which helps make these ministries possible. Together, they continue to spread God’s Word and love to those in need.

Abilities Network Concert & Silent Auction Fundraiser a Huge Success!

The Abilities Network Concert Auction Fundraiser were a success, raising meaningful support four essential Guests were treated to lively Sparks and McCoy, with many singing along and enjoying the atmosphere.



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The silent auction was a highlight of the evening, with the firepit proving to be the most sought-after item. Attendees also enjoyed delicious pizza, snacks, and the excitement of fun door prizes. A special thank you goes to Steve Ball for his hard work and dedication in organizing this memorable event.

For over 60 years, Abilities Network has expanded cutting-edge programming while staying true to its unique service model, offering individualized community support that emphasizes personal choice. Their one-on-one services address the needs of the whole person—not just a diagnosis—helping individuals reach their full potential. Thanks to Abilities Network, Maryland’s child care centers, schools, workplaces, and communities are better equipped to welcome and support babies, children, teens, adults, and seniors of all abilities.

This fundraiser helps ensure that vital services like these continue to make a lasting impact across Maryland.

Backpacks for Success!



For many years,

Sally Taylor faithfully led our Backpack Ministry, ensuring children in our community started the school year with the supplies they needed to succeed. Through her dedication, this ministry has blessed countless families and has been a beautiful reflection of God's love in action.

Now, we are grateful to Linda Zuck for picking up the baton so this important outreach can continue. Once again, Glen Burnie UMC is partnering with Anne Arundel County Social Services to support 55 students at Richard Henry Lee Elementary, providing each child with a backpack filled with essential school supplies.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, as of July 26th, 28 children have already been sponsored and nearly \$1,400 has been raised—praise God! We're well on our way to meeting our goal of providing 55 backpacks, with just 27 more children waiting for someone to remind them they are seen, loved, and supported. Together, we can reach this goal! By sponsoring a child, you're not only meeting a practical need but also sharing the beautiful message that God cares deeply for them. Let's finish strong! If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Linda Zuck at 410-855-5952 or lleezuck@gmail.com.

All backpacks are due by Sunday, August 3rd in the Social Hall. After worship that day, join us at 10:30 a.m. for a special group photo with all the donated backpacks as we celebrate this ministry of love, generosity, and the legacy of caring leadership that makes it possible. Together, let's continue to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community!

Glen Burnie UMC Hosts Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packing Event to Feed 10,000+ Children



On Saturday, August 16, 2025, Glen Burnie United Methodist Church will partner with Rise Against Hunger to host a powerful meal-packing event aimed at fighting global hunger. Volunteers of all ages will join together in the church's Social Hall to package more than 10,000 nutritious meals that will be shipped to children facing food insecurity in Africa and the Philippines.

This event is part of Glen Burnie UMC's ongoing commitment to live out Christ's call to care for those in need. "This is more than just a service project," said event organizer Dick Campbell. "It's a chance for our community to come together and make a real, tangible difference in the lives of hungry children around the world."

The day will begin with set-up at 7:30 a.m., followed by meal packing from 9:00–11:00 a.m., and clean-up finishing by 11:55 a.m. The church is seeking 60 volunteers to join the effort—no experience is necessary, and families, youth, and community groups are welcome. In addition to volunteers, the church is working to raise \$4,200 to cover the cost of the meals. Donations can be made by scanning the event QR code or by sending a check to Glen Burnie UMC with "Missions" in the memo line.

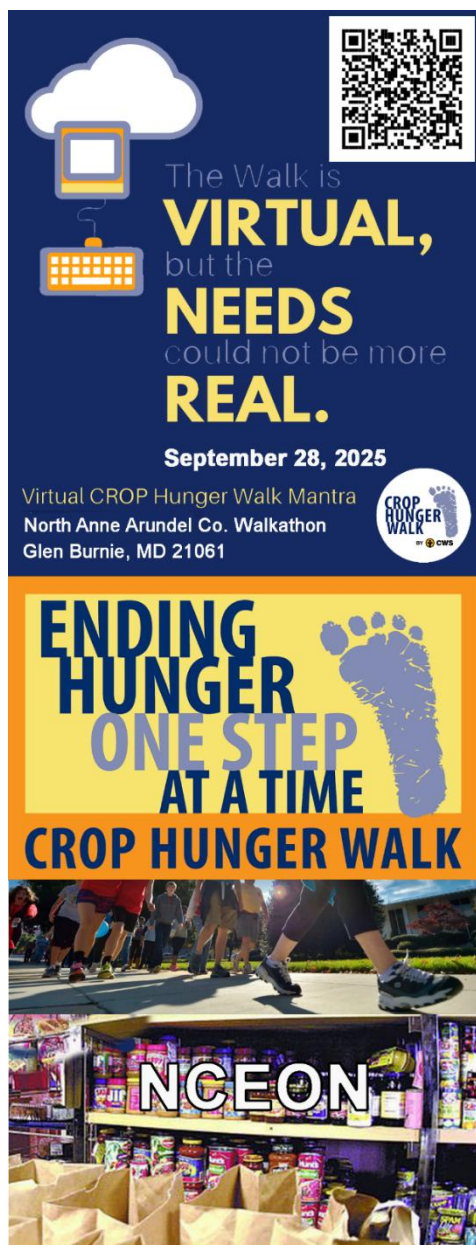
To register (name, email, address & phone), scan the QR code, Campbell at rcampbell@bwcumm.org, or call the church office 4381.

Together, let's answer the call to end hunger—one meal, one community at a time.



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Take Steps to End Hunger – Join the CROP Hunger Walk!

No one in this world should be hungry. On Sunday, September 28, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., Glen Burnie UMC invites you—and the entire community—to join us in the CROP Hunger Walk to fight hunger both locally and globally.

Walkers will meet at the Glen Burnie UMC Social Hall to sign in before heading to the B&A Trail, where you can choose to walk 1, 2, or 3 miles. Participants are encouraged to gather sponsors to help raise funds that will provide meals for those in need right here in our community and support programs that create lasting food security around the world.

The CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a walk—it's a movement of compassion and hope. Every step you take and every dollar you raise helps feed the hungry and change lives.

Want to walk with others? Join an existing team or create your own! Please register to walk individually or with a team at

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/glenburniemd> or scan the QR Code. You can also post your sponsor donations there as well.

For more information, contact the church office at 410-761-4381 or email Colin Grayson, CROP Hunger Walk Chairperson at colingrayson@gmail.com.

Let's walk together to show God's love in action and help end hunger—one step at a time!

Sign Up for Our Annual Volunteer in Mission Trip!

Registration is now open for this year's Volunteer in Mission Trip, a wonderful opportunity to live out your faith through hands-on Christian service. From October 4–11, 2025, we'll be traveling to Windsor, NC, to serve Carolina Rebuilding helping families in need restore their homes.

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Local Churches Unite for a Week of Service in Windsor, NC 2023

first trip, we welcome you—and encourage you to invite your family, friends, and neighbors. This mission is open to anyone with a willing heart to serve in His name.

Even if you can't attend, we'd love to hear from you. Your prayers and support help make this mission possible.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Paul Shaffer, Coordinator: 410-507-3203 or pshaff1@gmail.com or scan the

Let's come together once again to make a difference and share Windsor!

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United Methodist Men

Why Men Should Join the Monthly Prayer Breakfast at Glen Burnie UMC

Looking for a meaningful way to start your weekend? Join us for the Men's Monthly Prayer Breakfast at Glen Burnie United Methodist Church, second Saturday of each month at 9:00 in the Social Hall.

This gathering is more than just a time to connect, grow, and be refreshed. You'll be welcomed with a scrumptious, home-cooked breakfast prepared by Chef Paul. From fluffy eggs and sizzling bacon to hearty sides and fresh coffee, it's the perfect way to begin your Saturday.

But it's not just about the food. After breakfast, we spend time together in devotion and prayer, lifting up our families, our community, and one another. It's an opportunity to pause from the busyness of life, refocus your heart on God, and share in meaningful fellowship with other men of all ages.

Whether you're a longtime member of the church or simply looking for a welcoming space to connect with others, you're invited. Bring a friend, a neighbor, or even your son or grandson—all ages are welcome!

Make the second Saturday of the month a time for faith, fellowship, and renewal. You'll leave nourished in both body and spirit.



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Strength for the Journey: Join the Weekly Virtual District Prayer Hour



Life is full of challenges—some we face quietly, others we carry openly. But one thing we are never meant to do is face them alone. That’s why the United Methodist Men of the District invite you to join a weekly one-hour virtual prayer gathering every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

This is more than just a prayer meeting—it’s a time of fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual renewal. Men

and women of all ages come together to share words of wisdom, heartfelt testimonies, and honest prayers about the joys and struggles of life. It’s a safe, welcoming space where you can lift your burdens before God, support one another, and grow deeper in faith.

Whether you’re seeking encouragement, longing for a deeper connection with God, or simply want to stand in prayer for others, you’ll find this weekly hour to be a powerful reminder that we are never alone on our journey.

When & Where:



Every Thursday evening



7:00 p.m.

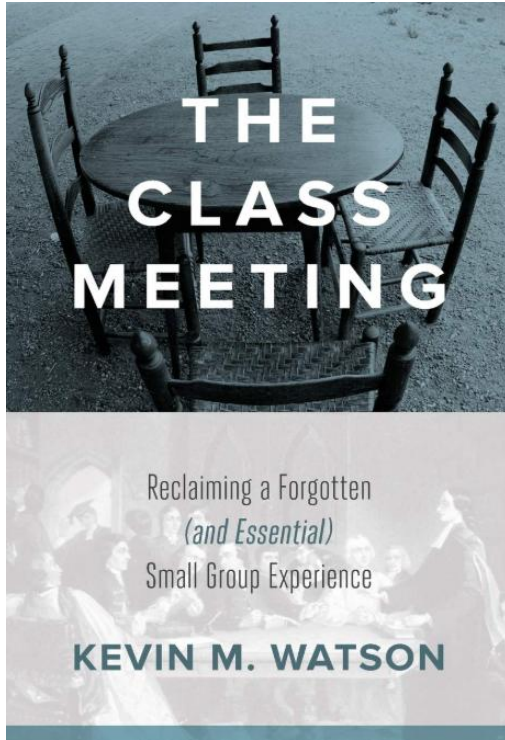


Virtual Gathering (<https://www.bwcumm.org/adumm-prayer-meet>)

Come as you are. Stay as long as you’re able. Leave refreshed and renewed by the power of prayer and community.

Let’s join hearts and voices together—because when we pray, God moves!

Grow in Faith Through a Weekly Accountability Group



Looking for a deeper way to grow in your faith and build meaningful connections with other men? Glen Burnie UMC invites you to join one of our weekly Class Meeting accountability groups, where we encourage one another in our walk with Christ through honest conversation, prayer, and support.

You can choose a time that fits your schedule (This is not being held at GBUMC at this time):

- Tuesday evenings at 8:00 p.m.
- Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

Want to start your own Class Meeting? An online training course led by Mark Dehority, NACP UMM President, based on Dr. Kevin Watson's book *The Class Meeting* will begin on

Friday, August 11th at 3 p.m. ET. This is a great way to learn the simple yet powerful method of Wesleyan discipleship and bring it to others.

If you're interested in joining a group or taking the training, please contact Dick Campbell at 443-517-3084 or rcampbell@bwcumm.org for more details.

Let's grow together in faith, fellowship, and accountability!

Volunteer Sign Up



GBUMC needs volunteers! We need money counters, ushers, and pantry workers, to name a few. Call or email the office if you are interested. (410-761-4381, office@gbumchurch.org)

Weekly Bible Studies

During the months of August and September, The Reverend Martin P. Brooks will be having studies on the chapters of Mark and Romans. The studies are being held on Wednesdays (Mark) evening at 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays (Romans) morning at 10:00 a.m. Both will take place in the Social Hall. All is needed is your Bible and if you don't have one, we will supply you with one.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry crochets and knits items for school children, the ailing, and shut ins. They will start meeting again, after the summer break, on September 9th at 10:00 a.m. 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.

GBUMC Choir

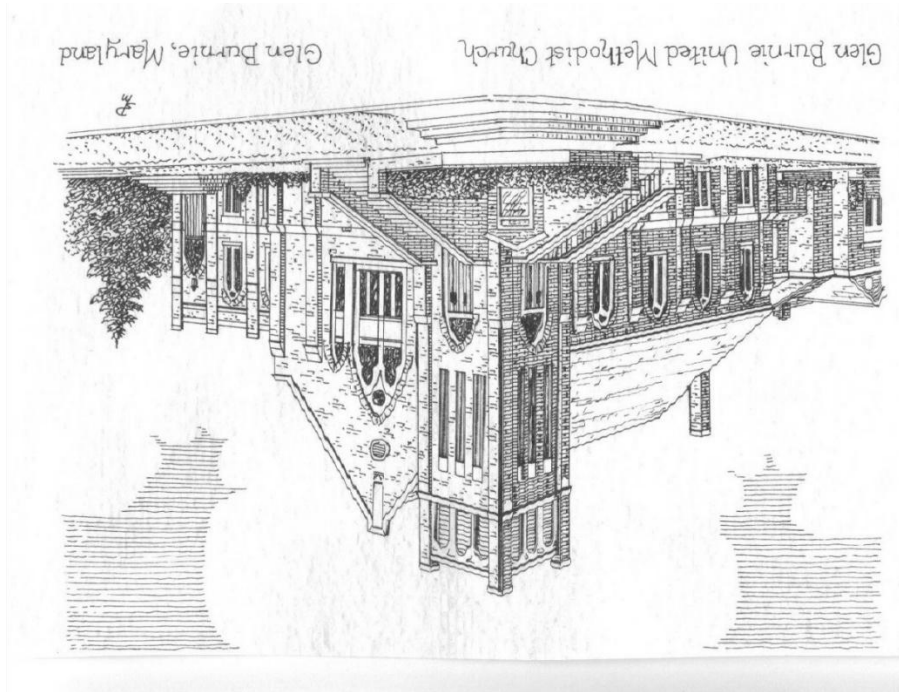
Anyone who loves to sing please come and join the choir! They will be meeting for rehearsal on Thursday evenings in September at 7:00 p.m.



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