

TOGETHER *in 2012*

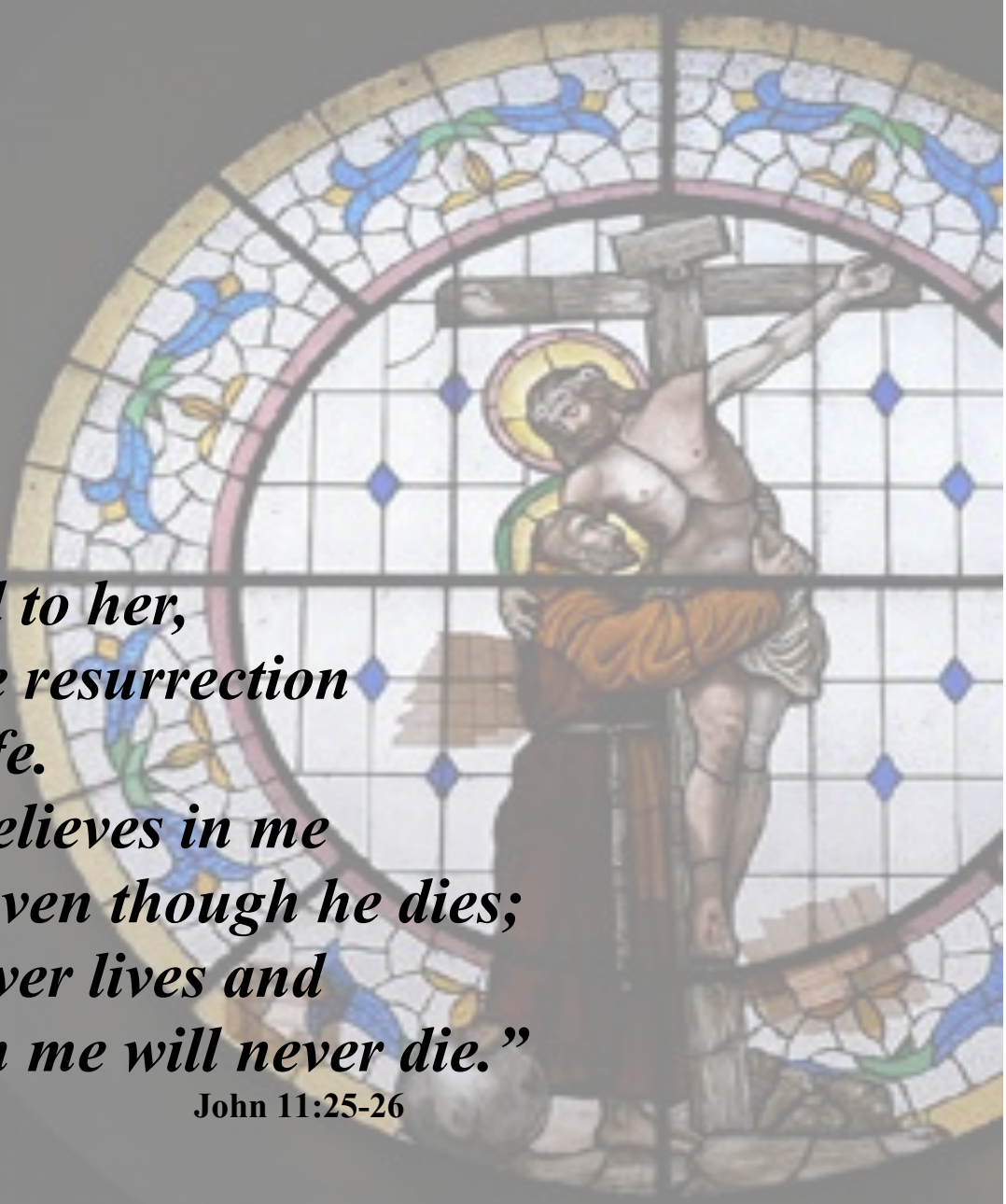
Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The People of the Frostburg United Methodist Church.

Making Disciples...Making a Difference.

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***Jesus said to her,
"I am the resurrection
and the life.
He who believes in me
will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and
believes in me will never die."***

John 11:25-26



Blessings from Pastor Jen

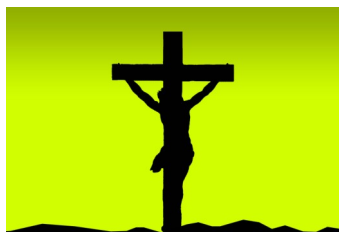
Stories, we all have them. We have stories about our life, our childhood, our family, and our friends. We have stories that are good. We have stories that are bad. Some stories will make us laugh, others will make us cry, some we will always remember and others we wish to forget. But whatever the case, these stories define us. They are what make us husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, siblings, and friends. Our stories hold the reasons why we say “yes” to one thing and “no” to another. Stories shape our lives and make us who we are.

I have many stories. Most of them revolve around my family. The fondest memories of my childhood took place on and around Easter. You see, Easter was a special Sunday not only in the church but in the heart and mind of a little girl, me, and my grandmother. In preparing for this special day a lot of time and energy went into the creation of my Easter dress. My grandmother and I would spend time together going to the fabric store and picking out the perfect pattern and fabric. Then we spent countless Saturdays working together until it was perfect to wear for Easter Sunday. My favorite dress that we made was a little green jumper with a dark blue floral print pockets on the front.

Making and wearing the dresses was always the best, but it never came as close as the quality time that I was able to spend with my grandmother. She was and is a wonderful lady full of the Holy Spirit. Grandma taught me not only how to sew, but what it means to be strong in the Lord. In all that she does both in speech and in action she resonates the love of Christ. It was in this experience and in her teaching that taught me to continually strive to have the heart and soul like my grandmother.

There are other stories of my life, however, that are not so uplifting. I have stories full of heart ache and pain. Some of my stories are made up of people and places that are anything but perfect and most definitely not Christian. And while some of my decisions in these stories have not always been the best, I can say with most certainty that they are the reasons I am even more grateful to be at the place that I am now in my Christian walk.

As I reflect on this fact of life, I think it is a true statement to say that we all come from different backgrounds filled with countless stories that help define who we are. And while there are many that bring a smile to our face, there are many stories that make us feel ashamed and embarrassed. Some stories even make us feel like undeserving of the forgiveness and love of God. But it is with the celebration of Easter that helps bring our stories into perspective. As we follow the path to the cross we find ourselves surrounded by others. Surrounded by people who also carry close with them their many stories that consist of, yes, stories of disappointment. But standing at the foot of the cross looking up at our savior it suddenly doesn't matter who we are, where we have come from, or what we have done. Instead, it is in seeing Christ and believing in his everlasting love that we are able to see our fate, our future, and our salvation.





THANK YOU!

I want to thank Bill Beeman for volunteering to be our new Church Council Chair. I also want to thank everyone who has volunteered to take committee positions for the new year. Your dedication to the church and to God’s kingdom is greatly appreciated! I can’t wait to see how the Lord is going to use all of us in his great plans! *Pastor Jen*

Dear Friends of Frostburg UMC

We thank you so much for the Christmas Gift of the gift card to Ruby Tuesday Restaurant. Ruby Tuesday is one of our favorite places to eat, so we were excited to receive the gift card. We were also thrilled to see how many of you had signed the Greeting Card. Pastor Max has been honored to serve the church during the last few months and is happy to continue working with all of you during 2012. God bless you all. *Pastor Max and Jackie Greenfield*

Dear FUMC Members,

On behalf of Boy Scout Troop 42 we would like to thank you for attending our 15TH Sweetheart Breakfast and making it a great success! With your attendance the money we raised helps purchase merit badges, rank advancements, and helps fund some of our activities for our Scouts.

Again, thank you, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

Sincerely,
Ken Stevens, Scoutmaster

“SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!”

The Fuel Sunday School Class raised \$192.50 for the Frostburg Food Pantry during “Souper Bowl” on Sunday, February 5th. Thanks to everyone for all your support!

We want to thank you for the many gifts we received for the baby shower. Your generous support was shared with First Way Pregnancy (30 onesies, 22 newborn baby outfits, 2 hand crocheted baby blankets). Gifts were also given to the Family Crisis Center (4 twin blankets, 12 sheet sets, 12 zippered mattress covers, 2 pillow covers, 8 packs of diapers, 8 sleepers, 4 building block sets, 14 soft soaps). We also received generous donations from the United Methodist Men, Helen Lehr Circle and other members of the congregation and hope to be able to purchase 3 or possibly 4 twin mattresses for the Family Crisis Center. Thank you for sharing your love for Baby Jesus by caring for those in need. *The Helen Lehr Circle*



Reminder: Easter Lilies will be ordered for the Sanctuary for Easter. Orders will be placed in March. Please watch the church bulletin and emails for further details.

Coins for Care

Remember your change does make a difference! The coins in our offering goes toward our Coins for Care fund. This fund helps our needy neighbors pay for utilities, rent, medicine, and so on. If you would like to give a larger donation, please make your check out to FUMC and mark it for “Coins for Care.” Thank you!

Church News



Lenten Dinner & Service 6:00 pm
 Every *Wednesday* at the First Presbyterian Church of Frostburg
 33 Broadway, Frostburg, MD
March 7, 14, 21, and 28th



April 5, 6:00 pm **Maundy Thursday** dinner & service, Fellowship Hall
 April 6, 7:00 pm **Good Friday Service**, Fellowship Hall
 April 8, **Easter Services** 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship



Church Budget Spending for 2012 Budget

Approved spending in the church operating budget for 2012 is allocated in the following categories:

Salaries and Benefits	\$118,014.	51%
Plant and Equipment	\$ 55,327	24%
Conference Apportionments	\$ 34,958	15%
Office Operations	\$ 9,850	4%
Outreach (Mission, Benevolences, Newsletter and Web)	\$ 6,538	3%
Nurture (Education, Worship, and Stewardship)	\$ 4,861	2%
Endowment Replenishment from Steeple Income	\$ 1,578	1%
Total Projected Spending	\$231,126	*

Dollars and Percents and Rounded to nearest amt.

NOTE: This includes only what we give directly through our budget to mission and outreach and does not include the large amount of support we give through special projects such as warm coats for kids, food pantry baskets, gifts to UMCOR special disaster appeals, mittens, Heifer and Habitat, the wonderful outpouring of gifts through the Helen Lehr's baby shower for the Family Crisis Center, etc.
Dave Fell, Finance Committee

The Frostburg United Methodist Church with the help of the Vital Congregations Team has been working on updating its mission and vision statement. With great time and consideration given to this project they have created exciting new statements. It is the hope of this group that it becomes known to all of the congregation members and that we rally ourselves behind it. They feel strongly that when our ministries reflect this mission statement and with the direction of the Lord, FUMC will be able to effectively help move God's kingdom forward!

Frostburg United Methodist Church **Vision: *Making Disciples...Making a Difference.***

MISSION: Jesus' words in Matthew 28:9-20 provide the church with our mission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Frostburg United Methodist Church is faithfully committed to fulfilling his challenge through a balanced comprehensive program of worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, evangelism, outreach, and mission.

Church Events

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

This past weekend (January 20-22, 2012), more than 7,000 gathered in Ocean City for our annual ROCK Youth Retreat. This is the most who have ever gathered for ROCK. It represents 10 percent of the worshipers in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. I am grateful for all of the churches and pastors as you support our youth through the ROCK retreat. We had a number of pastors participating in ROCK.

Experiencing the Spirit working in the lives of the young people is a sign and wonder of God's activity in the world. More than a thousand youth came forward to commit their lives to Christ. The youth also gave more than \$17,000 to ending homelessness in the Baltimore-Washington Conference through permanent supportive housing. The following link is a brief shout out from some of the youth at ROCK.

Go to this link <http://www.bwcumc.org/youth/bishopschol2012>



Keep the faith!

John R. Schol, Bishop

The United Methodist Church

The Washington Area Baltimore-Washington Conference



Those attending from the FUMC were Jen and Rob Webber, The Duncan Family, The Bill Beeman family, Meg and Mark Roque, Hayley Lindsey, Austin & Alex Whetzel, Josh VanMeter, and Nathan Haberlein!

Hoagie Sale: The United Methodist Men will be holding a hoagie sale on April 20 to raise money for our 2 FUMC Camp Hope Work Teams. See Ron Tenaglio or Bill Dormer for further information.

A new FUMC **Confirmation Class** will begin around April 9, 2012. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jen for details and specific dates.



You are invited to journey in a study by Adam Hamilton about the final days of Jesus' life during the Sunday School hour beginning February 19th. Pastor Jen will be leading the group on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The group will be meeting for seven weeks and will be looking at the events that took place in Jesus' final days, such as the Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, and the Crucifixion. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please see or call Pastor Jen.

Looking ahead:



2012 Annual Conference
Wednesday through Friday, May 30-June 1, 2012
Marriott Baltimore Waterfront
700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, MD 21202



**Frostburg United Methodist Church
Leadership Roster 2012**



**Church Council
2012 Officers**

Chair	Bill Beeman
Vice Chair	Don Weser
Secretary	Mary Lynn Pegg
Financial Secretary	Helen Davis
Treasurer	Kay Nelson

RESOURCE WORK AREA

Committee on Lay Leadership	Chair: Jennifer Webber	Vice Chair: Carol Lease
Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Amy Meek	Carol Lease	Dawne Lindsey
Dot Workman	Carol Cleveland	Joyce Wheaton

Trustees	Bill Dormer, Chair		
Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	
Gary Beachy	Marjorie Nelson	Doug Workman	
Doug Cook	Dave Brode	Mark Roque	
Lynn Clark	Gary Shriver		

Lay Leader Julie Hardy

Annual Conf. Members Amy Meek
Alternate Member

Finance	David Fell, Chair		
	Charlotte Folk	Jim Crawley	David Brode
	Carol Cleveland Bob Biggs	John Ralston, Sr.	
	David Fell	Robert Nelson	

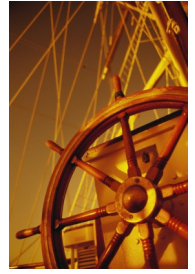
Ex officio members of the Finance Committee
 Bill Beeman, Chair of Church Council
 Bill Dormer Chair of Trustees
 David Bohnert, Business Manager
 Helen Davis, Finance Secretary

SPRC	Don Weser, Chair		
Class of 2012	Class of 2013	Class of 2014	
Avalon Ledong	Paula Beeman	Bob Nelson	
Trina Metz	Jim Cotton	Sean McNally	
Don Weser	Natalie Tenaglio	John Holt	
	<i>Ex officio</i>		
	Amy Meek, Lay Member of Annual Conference		

Resource Tasks		
Membership	Dot Workman	Charlotte Folk
Audit	James Stemple	Rena Holt
	Avalon LeDong	

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**Frostburg United Methodist Church
Leadership Roster 2012 (continued from page 6)**



NURTURE WORK AREA

Sunday School Superintendents Jayci Duncan & Lauri Whetzel

Worship Section Chair:

<i>Dave Bohnert</i>	<i>Kelly Griffin</i>	
<i>Beverly Fell</i>	<i>Debi Beachy</i>	<i>Julie Hardy</i>
<i>Dave Fell</i>	<i>Sean Beachy</i>	

Stewardship Chair,:

<i>Dot Braisted</i>	<i>Don Weser</i>	<i>Renae Holt</i>
<i>Bill Dormer</i>	<i>Lynn Clark</i>	<i>Sharon Kyle</i>

Children	Lauri Whetzel/Jayci Duncan	
Youth	(Vacant)	
Adults	(Vacant)	

Nurture Tasks:

<i>Social Coordinators</i>	<i>Pat Brode, Ruth Dormer</i>
<i>Coordinator of Greeters</i>	<i>Helen Davis</i>
<i>Coordinator of Acolytes</i>	<i>Hilda Gordon</i>
<i>Communion Stewards</i>	<i>Carol Lease, Sylvia Twigg, Ruth Dormer</i>
<i>Coordinator of Ushers</i>	<i>Bill Davis</i>

OUTREACH WORK AREA

Outreach: Tony Crosby, Chair

Missions and Evangelism	(Vacant)
Christian Unity and Community Concerns	Tony Crosby
Health and Welfare	Becky Beachy
Representative, United Methodist Women	Amy Meek, Becky Beachy
Representative, United Methodist Men	Bill Dormer
United Campus Ministry	Tony Crosby

Outreach Tasks

<i>Salvation Army Christmas Stockings</i>	<i>Martha Weser</i>
<i>Camp Hope Board Representative</i>	<i>Megan Roque</i>
<i>Scouting Representative</i>	<i>Ron Tenaglio</i>
<i>Interfaith Food Pantry</i>	<i>Sylvia Twigg</i>
<i>Parish Nursing Program</i>	<i>Liz Neat, Chair</i>
	<i>Becky Beachy, Paula Beeman, Julie Hardy</i>

WITNESS/COMMUNICATION WORK AREA

Chair, Witness/Communications:

Church Historian	Dave Bohnert
Lay Speaking	Amy Meek
	Amy Meek

Witness Communications Tasks:

<i>Editor of Together Newsletter</i>	<i>Andrew Pegg</i>
<i>WebMaster</i>	<i>Phil Beeman</i>
<i>Computer Systems</i>	<i>Dave Bohnert</i>
<i>Audio-Visual Systems</i>	<i>Dave Bohnert</i>
<i>Congregation Outreach</i>	<i>Nancy Folk</i>

(Holders of italicized positions on the Leadership Roster are not members of the Church Council by virtue of those positions.)

Outreach

NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS CARE

The Beatles sang, “*I get by with a little help from my friends.*” We all need a little help from our friends from time to time. If you need a little help from a caring friend or want to be a caring friend to another, complete the Neighborhood Friends Care service request booklet today. Booklets have been placed in Fellowship Hall. Neighborhood Friends Care is a ministry of our church in the community. This ministry matches people who need assistance with various tasks with those who can meet those needs. Working together we can make our community a more caring place to live and others can experience the love of God through our caring hands and feet.



Frostburg Methodist Church Partners With NAACP Voter Registration

The Frostburg United Methodist Church is partnering with the Allegany County Branch of the NAACP to help eligible Maryland residents register to vote in the upcoming elections. This is part of a nationwide nonpartisan effort by the NAACP to encourage voter registration.

Local volunteers from the NAACP will be in Fellowship Hall of The Church at 48 West Main Street on Saturday, March 3 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to assist eligible voters with the registration process.

Voter registration forms for the State of Maryland will be available at this event. The one-page application can be completed onsite in just a few minutes and is free of charge. The voter application requires you to provide a Maryland Driver’s License or MVA ID number. In the absence of either of these, one must provide the last four digits of their social security number.



The **Frostburg Museum** is anxious to have the Braddock Stone in place soon, as part of the celebration of the Frostburg Bicentennial. We have a monetary campaign going for donations. If you are a long-time Frostburger or an interested person in saving historic items, we need your help.

We need several thousand dollars to complete the job! If you can help, contact Amy Meek or any member of the Frostburg Museum Board. *Amy Meek, Historian*



The **UpScale Yard Sale** will be held on April 14th, 2012. We will be collecting items on April 11—13. Please bring your items to the Fellowship Hall. For further information, please contact Tony Crosby at acrosby@frostburg.edu.



Jayci, Abigail, Isabelle and Eliza Duncan, bagging potatoes at the Western MD Food Bank

*“Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.
Mark 6:39-43*

PENNIES INTO POTATOES

The Society of Saint Andrew is modeled after Jesus and feeds those who are hungry every day. Volunteers collect potatoes by gleaning fields (going back after harvest and collecting what is left). They also collect potatoes that have been rejected by commercial markets due to slight imperfections such as size or shape. The potatoes are perfectly edible and donated by the farmers. Last year, Saint Andrews collected and distributed over 11.4 millions pounds of potatoes across the United States. The potatoes are free and funds are only needed for packaging and distribution. This means that a pound of potatoes can be given to those in need for a mere 6 cents a pound.

Our church contributes through a program called **Pennies Into Potatoes**. All pennies in the offering plate each Sunday go to this project. Jars are also in the entry way for collection. Volunteers are always needed to sort and bag potatoes when the local food bank is in need. More information can be found at www.endhunger.org. For the bagging schedule, please contact Tony Crosby at acrosby@frostburg.edu.

Outreach



Heifer International • 1 World Avenue • Little Rock, AR 72202 USA
(800) 422-0474 • www.heifer.org
Help support our FUMC Outreach with Heifer International !

The book of Genesis tells how Noah built the ark in response to a crisis brought on by human sinfulness. Safe in the ark's haven, those inside weathered the storm of God's judgment. The rainbow was a sign that God preserves the rhythm of seedtime and harvest and provides animals and plants as sustenance for humankind as long as the Earth endures (Gen. 6-9).

Today a new flood threatens. The gap between rich and poor widens, and the environment becomes more degraded. People of faith hear a new call to faithfulness: to share bread with the hungry and be stewards of God's creation. People of faith can work together to provide the Earth's poor and humble people who are close to God's heart with the means of a livelihood. Heifer animals—llamas in Ecuador, pigs in Cameroon, water buffalo in Thailand—offer ongoing sources of milk, meat or eggs. They supply fertilizer and draft power that enrich the environment, not deplete it. In partnership with congregations, Heifer International is an ark of refuge for hungry families. Heifer puts faith into action with its time-proven principle of Passing on the Gift. Every family who receives livestock agrees to pass on one or more of its animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to another neighbor in need. Project partners pass on new ways of animal husbandry and land management, too—a rainbow of hope for the whole community.

Obedying God's call to "let justice roll down like waters" (Amos 5:24), since 1944, Heifer International has helped millions of struggling families become more self-reliant by providing food- and income-producing animals and training in their care. Heifer joins with people of faith everywhere to work for the dignity and well-being of all people wherever they live. Heifer ministers to families in need in the following ways:

Helping Children

Children receive life-saving nutrition from milk, eggs or meat and energy to learn and grow. With extra income, parents pay for their children's schooling and for better health care and housing.

Enabling Women & Families

Women are often the family farmers. When they receive a Heifer animal—often through their congregation or community - women's groups—they learn new ways of managing animals, - keeping records, preserving the environment and marketing - animal products. With Heifer's assistance, husbands can often stay home on the family farm instead of having to leave for a low-paying city job. The whole family benefits.

Caring for the Environment

Often, the world's poorest people farm rocky, steep hills that are unproductive and dry. Heifer International teaches families how to restore land that is worn down from overuse. Project partners learn terracing and contour farming; they plant trees with roots that hold water, put nutrients into the soil and provide animal fodder. They zero-graze their animals and preserve the environment for future generations.

Developing Community

From the beginning, community members work together to plan, develop and implement projects. They decide what works best and who will receive animals first. Working together, they gain new confidence and skills to take on new challenges such as processing and marketing animal products.

Passing on the Gift Every Heifer partner family experiences the dignity of helping a neighbor get a new start. They pass on one or more of their gift animal's offspring, or the equivalent, to other families in need. In a world where so many families are in desperate need of help, your prayers and your gifts bless more and more people in an everwidening circle of love.

Contact *Tony Crosby* for more information about our church outreach at:
acrosby@frostburg.edu



Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scout Troop 42

15th Annual Sweetheart Breakfast
February 11, 2012



Helen Lehr Circle
Bake Sale
2-11-2012

Scout Service Sunday
February 12, 2012



Church Calendar 2012

March 2012

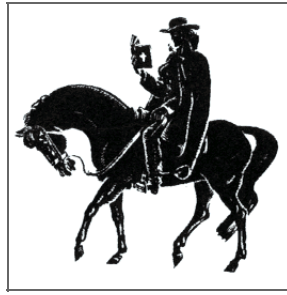
- March 2-3 6:00 pm to 10:00 am Girl Scout Sleep-over, Fellowship Hall
 March 3 10:00am – 1:00 pm NAACP Voter Registration, Fellowship Hall
 March 4 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 March 5 7:00 pm Garden Club, Fellowship Hall
 March 6 7:30 pm AAUW, Fellowship Hall
 March 7 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner & Service, Frostburg Presbyterian Church
 7:00 pm Scouts Wolf Pack, Fellowship Hall
 March 10 8:30 am Methodist Men Group, Fellowship Hall
 March 11 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 March 12 6:00 pm Helen Lehr Circle, Meeting Room
 7:00 pm Scouts, Fellowship Hall
 March 14 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner & Service, Frostburg Presbyterian Church
 March 18 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 March 21 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner & Service, Frostburg Presbyterian Church
 7:00 pm Scouts Wolf Pack, Presbyterian Church
 March 25 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 March 28 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner & Service, Frostburg Presbyterian Church



April 2012

- April 1 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 April 2 7:00 pm Garden Club, Fellowship Hall
 April 3 7:30 pm AAUW Fellowship Hall
 April 4 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 April 5 6:00 pm **Maundy Thursday** dinner & service, Fellowship Hall
 April 6 7:00 pm **Good Friday Services**, Fellowship Hall
 April 8 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship (**EASTER**)
 7:00 pm Scouts
 April 9 6:00 pm Helen Lehr Circle, Meeting Room
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall
 April 11 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 April 12 7:00 pm FUMC Finance Committee, Office Meeting Room
 April 14 UpScale Yard Sale, Fellowship Hall (day)
 April 15 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 April 18 11:00 am Red Cross Blood Mobile, Fellowship Hall
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 April 19 7:00 pm Church Council meeting, Fellowship Hall
 April 22 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts
 April 25 6:30 pm Chancel Choir; 7:30 pm Hand bell Choir
 April 29 9:15 am Sunday School; 10:30 am Worship
 7:00 pm Scouts





MORE ABOUT METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDERS

Amy Meek, Historian

In our last edition of *Together* 2012, we borrowed a story from Sue Bailes about Georgia and the early circuit riders. The first Methodist Church was organized in Fort Gaines, Ga., in 1822. Remember that John and Charles Wesley came over with Oglethorpe in 1736 to settle Georgia and “preach” to the Indians. However, the Indians weren’t too anxious and the Wesley’s went home to England in great despair. The Episcopal Church, in 1768, had been made the established church in the colonies of America, and Bennett Allen, the preacher in Maryland. But soon they found the Episcopal leader was not what they

desired. He had killed Lloyd Dulany in England. As soon as he was told that the income from the new St. James Church, his new pastorate, would be three hundred pounds sterling, he replied, “It would hardly supply me with liquor!” From then on, England did not appoint the ministers to America!

The Methodists, in the late 1700’s, were rapidly progressing. They seemed to have power to correct the abuses, such as Allen’s. However, they became too numerous, or in the way. Many of the Methodist preachers or circuit riders were persecuted, harmed, or sometimes set on fire!

The Frederick area has been called “the cradle of Methodism in America.” This was in the beautiful, fertile district of the Blue Ridge and Allegany Mountains. Robert Strawbridge and his worthy, Methodist wife, Elizabeth Piper, had come from Ireland in 1760, and began holding services in Frederick County, at Pipe’s Creek, before 1765. He had heard John Wesley preach in Ireland, and was acquainted with the new Christian approach. He began preaching to a small community of 12-15 settlers in the area. Strawbridge assumed the position of circuit rider before Francis Asbury arrived and organized the Methodist Church. Strawbridge’s name was listed in the minutes of the Philadelphia Methodist Conference Preacher’s Meeting of 1775 as an itinerant. There were listed 17 preachers and 2073 Methodists in America on May 25, 1774. Many of these were from Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware where Robert Strawbridge had visited and preached. Asbury remarked that Sam’s Creek in Frederick County was the first society in Maryland and America. Methodists were making great progress and Strawbridge remained for about 16 years. Asbury continued organizing small groups all across the thirteen colonies. Later, he and Strawbridge had a disagreement over serving communion without Wesley’s permission. But some people think Strawbridge had been “ordained” by the German Brethren in near by Pennsylvania, and so continued his communion services, because there was no one in the Methodist Faith to do it yet. Robert S. died in 1781.

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(MORE ABOUT METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDERS, continued from page 12)

The religious persecutions and political troubles in the Virginia Colony and the uprisings in Scotland in 1715 and 1745 led many persons to come to Maryland and settle near the headwaters of the Potomac. This was after Maryland was the first colony to issue a law for religious freedom – Catholic, Protestant, or other in 1649. The dispute with the Dutch over the title to the Delaware drove a few of the Swiss to our locality. Frederick County originally included Allegany and Garrett Counties and we find immigration from Pennsylvania, New York, and the German Palatinate Protestants, as well as settlers from Virginia, Southern Maryland, Delaware, and England. The Governor of Frederick County stated to the Board of trade in England that the population of Maryland had been much increased by the French Protestants, who had been assigned lands in Frederick, settling in the Urbana District as early at 1730.

Frederick was named for the 6th and last baron of Baltimore – son of Charles – 5th Lord Baltimore. Frederick, the son, was not too responsible, and finally went back to England. As the Revolutionary War occurred, there were no longer Calverts controlling Maryland. Some Calverts did, however, retain a few of their properties.

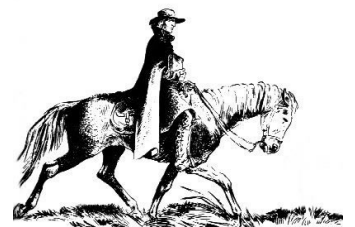
There was a bond of sympathy and friendship between the Germans of Frederick and Georgia. Many of them were Moravians and Protestant refugees from Salzburg. They began trading with each other. Frederick sent shoes, boots, saddles, harnesses, woolen goods and linens, woolen and flaxseed threads, in exchange for cotton, indigo, and money, from the South. Also with the Ohio Company, they sent to Annapolis, tobacco and flax, for shipping abroad. These things would be carried back and forth by pack-horses. The Frederick Germans knitted long, yarn stockings, very useful to the frontiersmen and the farmers. They prepared butter in firkins, (wooden vessels with lids – about 1/4 of a barrel). Firkin is Dutch-English word. They also traded honey, dried apples, and apple-butter. They would exchange these in Baltimore for salt, lead, gunpowder, and other necessary supplies. The frontiersmen would also send furs, pelts, hides, game, etc. Frederick County is due the credit of having first manufactured that useful article, the friction MATCH, made in Mechanics town by Joseph Weller and others in 1831. They cost 25 cents or later 10 cents.

The Palatines came from the Palatinate, a district in southern Germany, along the Rhine River (afterwards incorporated in Russia, Bavaria, Borden, Hesadarmstadt, and Nassau. German Protestants fled from France and Germany, escaping persecution, when they heard that mild, and tolerant William Penn was accepting settlers in Pennsylvania. When they became 3/5 of Pennsylvania's population, the English settlers were getting upset. Many hundreds of thousands of Germans resettled in Western Maryland and Georgia.

Strawbridge raised up several young circuit riders. Richard Owen, from Baltimore County, was the first native American to preach Methodist Doctrines. John Haggerty was the most active. The most competent native preacher was Freeborn Garrettson, who was born in 1752, in Maryland. He began under Strawbridge, and began itinerating in 1776. William Watters was from Maryland, as was Philip Gatch, who started to preach at the age of twenty-one.

From Scharf's History of Western Maryland

(See the first article about Methodist Circuit Riders in the January/February 2012 edition of the FUMC *Together* Newsletter)



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- 9 Lois Elliott
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- 16 Steve Clark
- Josh Duguid
- 18 Stephanie Bond
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- Isabelle Duncan
- 23 Dave Bohnert
- 25 Dan Harman
- Leticia Shelton
- 26 Laura Conner
- Leona Broadwater
- Chuck Hager
- 29 Dave Brode



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- 4 Sylvia Twigg
- 7 Gwen Gillis
- 8 Elaine Moran
- 15 Dolores Nizinski
- 17 Gerald Reeves
- 18 Sheila McKenzie
- 22 Becky Beachy
- Ron Tenaglio
- Jim Poland
- 25 Elizabeth Neat
- 26 Jane Day

Thanks to Nancy Folk for her help in gathering and organizing these birthdays. Please send any additions or corrections to her at nancyfolk@verizon.net or call 301-689-6587.



CHARLOTTE'S CHUCKLE



A small town with only four churches had a serious problem with squirrel infestation. The Presbyterians decided that it was predestined that squirrels be in the church and that they would just have to live with them. The Methodists decided they should deal with the squirrels lovingly in the style of Charles Wesley. They humanely trapped them and released them in a park at the edge of town. Within 3 days, they were all back in the church. The Catholics also humanely trapped them and attempted to teach them the "rhythm" method which of course did not work. The Lutherans had the best solution. They confirmed the squirrels, and now they see the animals only at Christmas and Easter.

TOP TEN SIGNS YOU MAY NOT BE READING YOUR BIBLE ENOUGH:

10. The Preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians...and you check the table of contents.
9. You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
8. You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
7. Your favorite Old Testament Patriarch is Hercules.
6. A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in the Psalms of your Bible.
5. You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
4. Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
3. You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.
2. You keep falling for it every time when Pastor tell you to turn to First Condominiums. And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:
1. The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."

TOP TEN REASONS TO CELEBRATE EASTER

10. Your absolutely love the movie, "The Ten Commandments."
9. You look really good in yellow.
8. You just went on a low cholesterol diet and don't want to waste all those eggs in the fridge.
7. You figure any Holiday that starts with a "Good Friday" can't be all bad.
6. You love to bite the heads off chocolate bunnies.
5. It's a good time to check out your neighborhood church and not be noticed.
4. You have this bunny suit you love to wear, but are too insecure to wear it without a reason.
3. Even though you don't know what it is, you really like the sound of going to a ""Passion Play."
2. You figured since Jesus went to all THAT trouble to make it to the first Easter, You'd give it a shot.
1. As a Christian you celebrate the resurrection every other day, why not Easter too?

Shut-Ins

Frostburg Village Nursing Home & Assisted Living

One Kaylor Circle Frostburg, MD 21532

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Bernice Lucas, #104B
Joline Nelson, Assisted Living 10A
Jerry Reeves, #401A
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Charlie Sigler

Shut-Ins at Home

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Bill & Darlene Frye	Alleene Plummer
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Sharon Koch	
Evelyn Llewellyn	
William McKenzie	

For those at home:

This Lenten season, a number of laypeople from around the United Methodist BWconference will offer devotionals on spiritual disciplines of particular meaning to them. The UMC Baltimore/Washington Conference will post these *podcasts* on their internet site weekly from February 20 to March 19, 2012. These will be located on their website and you can read the transcript, listen to the Podcast (on your computer), or copy the lectionary readings. This will be found at <http://www.bwcumc.org/resources/lent2012>.

Last year's devotionals (2011) can be found at <http://www.bwcumc.org/content/lent2011#podcasts>.

A Podcast is a recorded program (similar to a radio program) that is copied/saved on an internet website and can be played through your computer or iPad, etc.

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