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Change Comes to the United Methodist Church Baltimore-Washington Conference Southern Region- Annapolis District.

The Southern Region of the conference is implementing change that we feel will allow for more flexibility for churches in scheduling and more opportunity for the superintendents and administrators to support the clergy and churches.

The following process will be followed:

- Presiding elder contact information is shared with pastors of all congregations.
- Pastor schedules date with a presiding elder to come to the congregation, possibly during an already scheduled church council meeting, in order to vote.
- Pastor notifies the DA of the date of the church conference. All paperwork will be due 10 days before the scheduled date for DA/DS review.
- Church conference will take place with consistent agenda for the region, and documents turned in to the DAs.

In recognition of the need for interaction with the DAs and DSs during the fall, we commit to the following ways of supporting the process that has been outlined:

- DAs will provide church conference training for the church administrators during the summer.
- DSs and DAs will provide the training for the presiding elders in September.
- DSs and DAs will spend several days on their respective districts during the fall, in order for DAs to provide direct assistance for church administrators, in order for DSs to have clergy annual interviews, and to open up time for anyone to come and eat with us as we share a time for “brownbag lunch conversation.” DSs will lead and provide three days during the fall when all are invited to a time of serving and learning together about mission field engagement.

Yours in Christ’s Ministry
Rev.Dr. Evan D. Young



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2 Corinthians 9:6-9

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Dear Sollers' Members,

For the past few years, members of Sollers UMC have steadfastly supported the idea of a much-needed addition to the church. Drawings have hung in the church for years and the prayers of the righteous have continued. The money that has been raised since the Building Expansion Project was launched three years ago has been patiently waiting. And now it is time to take the next step.

On July 16, 2017, God laid on my heart that the expansion can be done. I preached the message, ***“God Is In This,”*** referring to the faith of the Centurion who trusted Jesus. At the end of the sermon I asked this: *“So the question is are we as a congregation willing to show Centurion faith and believe that God is able and that there is nothing too hard for our God. It will take sacrifice, creativity and doing things we have never done before, but that just might be why God sent First Lady and I here – to work with God and you to do the impossible.”*

We have re-established the Building Committee and begun conversations with builders, architects and key members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. I believe from my heart that God will be with us as we press forward breaking ground on the fellowship hall.

In order to accomplish that, we need additional finances. We have over \$100,000 set aside for this project, but need \$50,000 more to get started. We have launched the ***“God Is In It” Building Campaign***. We believe that by prayer and obedience, we can raise the additional funds needed. Based on current estimates, we believe the expansion will cost just over \$400,000. I know that seems like a lot of money, but I believe if *“God Is In It,”* nothing is impossible.

We would like for each member to pledge a minimum \$500 for the year – above your normal tithes and offerings. Special ***“God Is In It”*** envelopes have been provided. If you have any questions, we will have a special gathering early in 2019. We thank you in advance for praying and believing that this will come to pass, because if we put it in God's hands we cannot fail.

Yours In Christ,

Rev. Marvin Wamble, Pastor

News Briefs:

Our Annual Revival was held September 6-9, 2018. The sermon theme was “We’re Not Finished Yet.”

Thursday, September 6 @ 7:00 the message was delivered by the Reverend Michael Parker, II, Belle & Redeemer Charge, Camp Springs/Temple Hills, MD.

Friday, September 7, @7:00, the message was delivered by the Reverend Jason L. Robinson Brooks United Methodist Church, Saint Leonard, MD, with the men’s chorus and congregation.

Saturday, September 8 @3:00 p.m., the service ended in a gospel concert, featuring Mt. Zion’s UMC Men’s Chorus and Carters’ UMC Men’s Chorus

If you missed any of these events, you missed great singing and powerful messages.

Special Recognition The Annapolis Interdenominational Alliance (AIMA) held its 10th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Mt. Olive AME Church in Annapolis. Certificates were issued to the churches that are participants in the ministry. **Rev. Marvin Wamble** received a certificate on behalf of Sollers UMC on Sunday, August 5 during worship service. Lay Servant Morgan Smith of Chews made the presentation.

Congratulations, Rev. Wamble !!!

Honoring Grandparents

On **Sept. 16**, grandparents were honored on their special day during the regular morning worship service. The two most senior grandparents in our church are Sister Elizabeth Evans who is ninety-eight and Brother Methuselah Pumphrey who is ninety-six.

Sister Evans has 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 18 great-great grandchildren, and 1 great-great-great grandchild. She was presented with a “goodie bag” of items that she can enjoy while at the Nursing Home.

Brother Pumphrey has 14 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, 1 great great-grandchild, and 3 deceased grandchildren. He was presented a Baskin-Robbins gift card for his ice cream enjoyment.

Rev. and Mrs. Wamble were presented a restaurant gift card as grandparents, and in appreciation.



Thanks to **Marvel and Donna Randall** for the magnets and goodie bags distributed to the Grand Parents and the non-Grand Parents too.

No Child Should Be Left Out!



Backpacks for All!

The backpack project was a success! We'd like to send a special thank you to our church family who helped us to kickstart our effort! The contributions that each of you made by filling a milk jar allowed us to purchase a bountiful amount of supplies and backpacks for children heading back to school!

The Sunday School had the opportunity to stuff 68 backpacks with all the basic supplies to get our kids and children in various communities up and running for the new school-year.

Graciously we were also able to put together a small lunch and a snack bag to accompany each backpack distributed. There were plenty of supplies and packs to accommodate all. For those children that were not able to personally drop in and grab a backpack, members of our church family ensured their back-to-school essentials were delivered right to their doorstep.



Church School Staff
Marvel S. Randall
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Charge Conference 2018

Submitted by Shelia Smith, Council Chair

Our next Church Council meeting is scheduled for **October 27** at 9:30 a.m. The **church conference** will be held at that time. This will be the last meeting of the year. All council members are requested to attend. Members should submit a **written committee report** no later than **Oct. 20** to provide information on what has been accomplished this year and plans/goals for next year. The **congregation** is encouraged to attend the church conference meeting.

Special Events

October 6 @ 3:00 p.m.-Psalmist Althea Dorsey Gray from Miracle Temple, in Lothian, MD will be in concert here at Sollers. A free will offering will be appreciated. All are welcome to this great worship experience. More information will follow.

October 7 @ 10:00. is **World Communion Sunday**. There will be a combined service at **Franklin with Mt. Zion, Sollers, and St. Matthews.**

November 3 @ 10: 00 a.m. The United Methodist Women Prayer Hour will take place at Sollers. More information will follow.

November 25 @3:00 p.m. Women's Day will be celebrated. The guest speaker for the hour will be Pastor Margo Gross, Remnant of Hope International Church.

Rock 2019 is scheduled for **February 8-10**. Registration begins **September 15**. Registration fees are as follows:

\$55-10/31; \$65-11/30; \$70-12/31; and \$75-2/10. Students from Sollers attended last year. They found it to be a memorable experience and said that they would like to come back.

Community Unity Day will be held on Saturday September 29, 2018 -12:00-p.m-7:00 p.m. at Drury Baseball Field, located at 1139 Sam Smith Lane, Lothian, Maryland. The admission is free; however, food and drinks will be sold. There will be choices of dinners, sandwiches, sodas and much more. Bands will be featuring The Gospel Truth, Sounds of Jousha, TBD Jazz Blues and more. This event is sponsored by the Gospel Truth of Lothian. Please bring your family, friends, and kids.

Scheduled Trips

The class of 1969 of Southern Senior High School in **Harwood** will travel to Toby's Dinner Theater, in Columbia, MD. to see "**Ain't Misbehavin.**" All are welcome to travel with us to Toby's. Included in the cost are transportation, dinner, and performance: \$125.00 per person or for dinner and performance only \$100.00 per person. Contact **Earlene Smith McClain (202) 388-1945**. Additional Information will be posted on the bulletin board.

November 3- Bus trip to, Englishtown, New Jersey (Flea Market) The Cost is **\$40.00** per person. The money is due by Oct.14. The bus will leave from Riva Park & Ride -Exit 22 at **7:00 a.m.** Contact **Dianna Jacobs @ 443-766-4187**. Additional information can be found on the bulletin board.



Lancaster, PA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: \$250.00 – PP SINGLE- \$325.00 PP
(CHILDREN AGES 3-17 (WITH 2 ADULTS) \$150.00 PP)**

\$50.00 DEPOSIT TO SECURE RESERVATION

BALANCE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 2, 2018

EARLY RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED

Package Includes:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018

- Roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation
 - Departing Show place Arena, Upper Marlboro, MD 7:00am
 - Departing -14th & Taylor Street, NE, Washington, DC 8:00am
 - Third Pick-up @ Baltimore Bus Plaza, Baltimore, MD 9:00am
- Breakfast stop, on your own at the Baltimore Bus Plaza, Baltimore, MD
- Outlet shopping and Lunch on your own
- Hotel Check-in Country Inn of Lancaster
- Dinner at Good and Plenty
- Sight and Sound Theatre, Jesus: - evening performance
- Return to the Country Inn for a “Great Night of Rest”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

- Buffet Breakfast at Country Inn of Lancaster
- Depart Hotel –three (3) hour Amish Tour
- Lunch at Old Country Buffett, York, PA
- Depart for “Home Sweet Home” with Fond Memories

For more information please contact Earlene Smith McClain

Reaching Out to the Less-Fortunate

Food Bank of Anne Arundel County

On July 25, 2018, the Sollers United Methodist Church NOW ministry members volunteered at the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, located at the old Crownsville State Hospital campus. They traveled there to aid in the assembling and sorting of food, furniture, toiletries, and medical equipment for necessary distribution throughout the Anne Arundel County communities.

According to an article in the **Bay Weekly, August 23-29, 2018** the expanded Anne Arundel County Food and Resources Bank remains the only free place to go for food and other resources. Individual donations mostly through food drives, account for about 20 percent of the quarter-million pounds of food distributed by the bank to individuals, families, and food pantries throughout the county.

According to Susan Thomas, the bank's new executive, last year the food bank handed out more than 260,000 pounds of food, including boxed meal kits.

Visitors to the food banks saw this experience as an opportunity to help homeless and hurting people, and just making a real difference in people's lives. There are plans for the Nurturing, Outreach, and Witness ministry to volunteer there as often as possible.

The Potato Project

The Annapolis District United Methodist men, Glen Burnie United Methodist Church Missions, and the Society of St Andrews will provide 45,000 pounds (900 50 lb. bags) of fresh potatoes from Maine for free to help feed the hunger in the region. More information will be forth-coming. Stay tuned.

At the request of NOW

Continue collecting the following items until further notice:

water bottle caps/tops

box top 4 education labels for Lothian Elementary School

warm coats

Shoes in all sizes

clothing: items for babies, mothers and expecting mothers

non-perishable foods

November 6 - Election Day

Remember to exercise your right to vote.

Polls Open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Know your candidates:

-Explore their website and see where they stand on your hot button issues

-Attend neighborhood appearances

-Call/visit the campaign office and ask to speak to the candidate or the representative and get your questions answered.

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