

The Pathfinder

January/February 2012

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” - Luke 10:27

PASTOR’S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with mixed feelings that I announce to all of you that at the end of this Conference year (June 30, 2012), it is my intention to retire from active parish ministry. I will have served as a pastor in the Baltimore-Washington Conference for 27 years, and it has been a privilege to serve God as pastor to so many wonderful Christians through those years. I have always been truly humbled by the fact that God called me to the ordained ministry of the United Methodist Church.

My life has been enriched by the faithfulness, kindness, and generosity of each of you. In more ways than you know, you are examples to me and to others of how the love of God residing in your hearts shines forth to make our community and this world a better place.

While this decision has come a bit earlier than I expected, I have no doubt that it is the right time for me to begin the next chapter of my life of service in Christ’s name. I have spent a lot of time in prayer as I considered all the ramifications of this move. “They” say that old pastors never really retire; we simply find new and different ways to continue to be in ministry; and I believe that is what God has in store for

me. I will deeply miss the day-to-day relationships I enjoy with all of you. I truly cannot find the words to state sufficiently what you mean to me.

I realize that my retirement will impact the life of this church family, but I honestly believe that the impact will be positive. Part of me would like to think that you just can’t get along without me! But I know that is not true at all. Pastors come and go; and while that is not easy, it is our United Methodist way. Those of you who in the past have lived through these transitions know that, in most cases, everything works out well if everyone remains positive and works together for the good of this church we all love. I know you will do that. Saint Paul stated, “All things work together for good for those who love God.” You love God; you love your church; you love each other – and so, good things are in store for you.

I will be here until next June, and there is good work we can do as a church to prepare for the future. I look forward to that, and to the opportunities we will have to reflect on our time together.

THANK YOU!

Your generous Christmas gift is really appreciated. You are such a blessing to me, in so many ways. Thanks, so much.

Thank you, and God bless you!

In Christ,

Pastor Charlotte

NEWS BRIEFS

All Saints Day

All Saints Sunday was observed on November 6th. Candles were lit for 13 members and friends of the congregation who passed away during the past year and Pastor Charlotte lit one for our military personnel. Following the service, a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

Christmas Bazaar

Thanks to all who assisted in making the Christmas Bazaar held on November 12th successful. Special appreciation to Fern Jett and Susan Kreft who collected a large array of items for the White Elephant area and to Christine Roach who coordinated the Vendors.

Hangings of the Greens

The "Hangings of the Greens" Service was held on Saturday, November 26th. Our talented "decorators" did a beautiful job in preparing the Sanctuary for the holiday season. Michelle Sholund played beautiful Christmas Carols on the violin as the decorating was taking place. A "souper" supper followed in Fellowship Hall. It was a wonderful time for all who were able to attend.

Christmas Family

Members of Deer Park spent a very enjoyable afternoon December 4th as they hosted Open House for the group "Changing People's Lives". Fellowship Hall sported a festive atmosphere with colorful decorations, holiday foods, and carol singing. It was an inspiration to witness the dedication of the staff and care givers and the determination of those persons with special needs who strive daily to overcome the challenges they face. Special appreciation to Diana LeDonne, Ruth Bradford and Betty Roach who coordinated this activity and to all who assisted.

Crisis Center

The need for community services through the Reisterstown Crisis Center is steadily increasing. With the holidays behind us and

winter months approaching, the demand will probably be even greater. All are encouraged to bring non-perishable items each Sunday and place in the "Feed My Sheep" basket. If you are unable to attend Sunday Services but would like to contribute, please send a check to the Church

Office payable to Deer Park United Methodist Church and mark "Crisis Center". Let's all join together to make the holidays happier and the coming cold months more comfortable for those who are less fortunate.

PET CORNER

Recently, a "stray" cat traveling through Deer Park decided to select a permanent home. She was very smart in choosing the Stierhoff residences. She now spends her time between Dieter and Shirley's and Doug and Marcie's. Her name is "Miss Girlie" but should be "Queenie" as she is treated like royalty.

Another "stray" cat found a home with Charlene Cofiel recently. This cat was so excited about her new home, she brought her kittens to live there as well. Would anyone like to adopt a beautiful new kitten?

The Shelhamer's cat "Bootsie" was quite ill recently but has been nursed back to good health again. However, Jennifer is concerned about their other cat "Ernie" who is experiencing some health problems. Hopefully, with their TLC Ernie will be well soon.

"Zoey", Pastor Charlotte's dog has been known to escape the confines of her yard and visit throughout the neighborhood. Thanks to Mark Sholund, she has always been returned quickly and safely with no harm done.

Condolences to Dwight and Dolores Owings on the loss of their dog, "Peanut". She was 13 years old and had been in ill health for a number of years.

Meow - - - Bow-Wow until next time.

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Bowers

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Class of 2013: Fern Jett

Class of 2014: Dolores Owings

Trustees

Class of 2012: Shirley Stierhoff, Dwight Owings
Class of 2013: Bernard Gosnell, Bruce Ryan, James Lundy
Class of 2014: Jesse Walker, Dieter Stierhoff, Mark Sholund

Please pray for our Church Leaders and help them to serve in the capacity they have been given.



***Denotes membership to all committees**
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Christmas Dinner

“Twas The Night Before Christmas” - - - well, not really - - - but that was the theme for our Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 10th. It was a fun-filled evening with delicious food, gift exchange and special fellowship. Thanks to Fern Jett, Susan Kreft, Shirley Stierhoff and David Grimes for the attractive decorations, to Betty Roach for coordinating the event and to all who assisted.

MILESTONES REACHED

Two of our ladies are celebrating milestone birthdays - - - Margaret Bowers – 75 years on December 27th and Dolores Owings – 70 years on January 9th. Congratulations to these two wonderful women in our congregation!

February 5, 2012 is a very important date for David and Sally Grimes as they will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations and may you have many more happy years together.

Sally Grimes Retires

Sally retired from Burke’s Pharmacy recently. Her career started in 1979 when it was Lachman’s and moved with them several times as they relocated in the Reisterstown area. Sally was a dedicated employee - - - very knowledgeable and always willing to assist the customers. She could readily find items in the store and if something was not in stock she knew exactly where to order.

Congratulations Sally! Enjoy your retirement - - - you are certainly deserving.

In Memoriam

The Deer Park congregation was saddened to learn of the death of Carl S. Reter on November 26, 2011. Carl was 87 years old and had lived

his entire life in the Owings Mills community where he was born. He was a dairy farmer in earlier years and later did excavating work. Although a member of Deer Park for a short period of time, his friendly and cheerful personality won him many friends. Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Miriam, sons and daughters-in-law and all other family members and friends.

SICK AND SHUT-INS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the following and all others who are experiencing health problems at this time. Let’s remember them with a card, call or visit.

Alice Basler
Vera Gamber
Bud Gosnell
Beulah Hall
Carletta Harryman
Vera Karpushova
Susan Kreft
Hazel Leedy
Owen and Doris Millirons
Chad Morris
Miriam Reter
Karlie Roach
Esther Ryan
Ashley Silcott
Ellis Tinkler

CONDOLENCES

Deepest sympathy is extended to the families and friends of the following persons who passed away recently:

Elsie C. Jackson
Delmas A. Merryman, Sr.
Richard Louis Millionie
Carl S. Reter
Elliott “Curley” Unkart

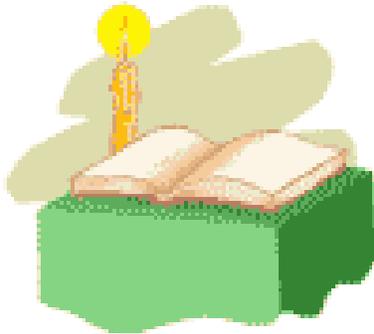
CALENDER OF EVENTS

January 2012

Worship Service: 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 10:30 A.M.

- 1 – New Year’s Day
- 1 – Holy Communion
- 4 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory
- 9 – Church Council Meeting – 6:00 P.M.
- 11 – Women’s Meeting – 10:00 A.M.
- 11 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory
- 14 – “Breakfast Bunch” at Martha’s and Mary’s – 9:30 A.M.
- 16 – Martin Luther King Day
- 18 – Bible Study – 6:30 P.M. Deer Park & Emory
- 22 – Fellowship Sunday



February 2012

Worship Service – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:30 A.M.

- 5 – Holy Communion
- 8 – Women’s Meeting – 10:00 A.M.
- 11 – “Breakfast Bunch” at Martha’s and Mary’s – 9:30 A.M.
- 12 – Deadline for March/April 2012 Pathfinder
- 20 – Presidents’ Day

- 22 - Ash Wednesday
- 26 – Fellowship Sunday
- 29 – Leap Day

January Birthdays

- 3 – Carolyn Gass
- 7 – Ellis Tinkler
- 8 – Marie Risso
- 9 – Dolores Owings
- 10 – John Millirons
- 12 – John Gass
- 28 – Jocelyn Hare



February Birthdays

- 1 – Virginia Bowers
- 4 – Earl Cofiell
- 5 – James Lundy
- 5 – Jeff Joy
- 12 – Hunter Summerhill
- 14 – Justin Burgan
- 21 – David Grimes
- 27 – Kim Trumpower

February Anniversaries

- 5 – David and Sally Grimes
- 17 – Owen and Doris Millirons
- 17 – David and Nancy Clements

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