

THE SADDLEBAG

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WALKERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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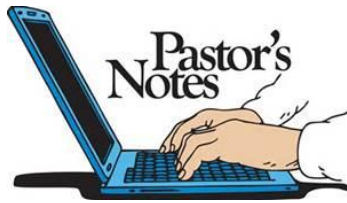
Prayer Ministry /Prayer Tree: Contact: Nancy Duncan at 301-845-2169.

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Visitation Ministry & Caring Committee: Contact: Janie Piper at 301-639-8879, or Debbie Butler at 301-845-4256.

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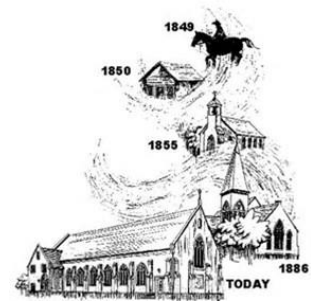
Moving forward...

Time, the seasons of the year and our lives, are continually moving forward. They do not move backward nor stand still. Each new season of life has its own array of challenges, joys, difficulties and celebrations. We can either embrace this reality, facing it head on with positivity and anticipation; or react by kicking and screaming. The latter does not produce a healthy atmosphere. The church too must also keep moving forward. It has been said if a church is not growing (moving forward), then we are becoming stagnant and begin to die. The Dead Sea is a good example of this; water flows into the sea, but there is no outlet for the water to exit. Eventually the water becomes so stagnate it cannot sustain life – thus its name.

As a church, we must continually seek ways to reach out in a different mindset than maybe the way we have done things in the past. Two phrases can be the death of any church; 'this is the way we have always done it,' and/or 'we have never done it that way before.' To be perfectly clear – we must never, I repeat, we must NEVER compromise the message of the

Bible, but be forward thinking in how it is presented. It used to bother me when I heard the phrase, 'it's not your grandparent's church anymore.' But in reality, it isn't like it used to be in the 'good old days,' nothing is. As we continue to look at ways moving forward as Christ's church, we need to look with a both/and approach rather than an either/or attitude. Yes, hold on to traditions that are special and make us unique as we also allow the movement of the Holy Spirit to help us see things in a new light and express them in creative new ways!

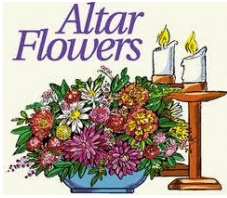
As we continually move forward in the life of Walkersville United Methodist Church, I pray we see it as positive and exciting times. God is still God, and "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8). We simply need to be open to sharing the love of Jesus in our neighborhoods, to family, friends and the world that is relevant to an ever-changing world.



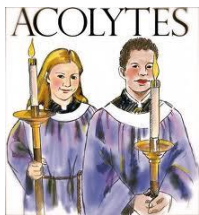
Blessings,

Pastor Mike

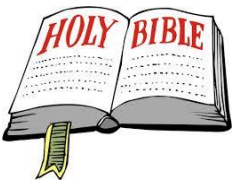
Service Opportunities



Donate flowers for the Sunday worship services. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the church. The average cost is \$35.00 for an arrangement.



Children aged 10 – 17 are needed as acolytes for the 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. To sign up, contact Robin Hirsch at 410-258-7044 or at rphirsch@gmail.com.



Adults and Youth are needed to read the scripture at **all services**. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the front hallway of the church.



PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH: we'd like to have a **regular active prayer team** that will promise to pray for all of us – our youth, our leadership, our activities, our mission, and our witness. We would like for you to pray for the youth in the Walkersville area – that they might grow in their relationship with our Lord, no matter where they go to church, or even if they don't. We'd like your prayers that they might find a worshipping community that fits their needs. Of course, we would like to have a chance to be that community!



BAKE FOR OUR YOUTH: If you don't have the energy and time to be a hands-on youth worker, you might be able to **share baked goods or snacks** for our fellowship times, **loan us sporting or camping gear** occasionally, maybe even **share your home swimming pool** for an evening activity. **If you might be able to help in any of the above areas**, please contact Rhonda at youthleader@walkersvilleumc.org!!

"Committee Corner." *Each month* Committee Chairpersons will be submitting articles about what is happening in and around our Church Community.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY:

All Saints' Sunday is Nov 3rd, 2019. We pray you will join us for a day of remembrance. A day to give thanks for all those who have gone before us in faith, both universal and in our local congregations and communities. Each year we pay special tribute to those who have died during the year. We ask you to send the names, and a photo of loved ones that died this year, that we may list in the bulletin and remember during our service. Please send to WUMC Office or email secretary@walkersvilleumc.org by Friday, October 18, 2019.

MISSIONS OUTREACH

Over the past month WUMC Missions:

- Been planning for October 26 Fall Festival.
- Used the Extra Mile Giving Bucket to increase Pastor's Discretionary Fund budget.
- Purchased 50 Bibles to donate to our military.
- Been pursuing alternatives to ASP. We're hoping to find a local program in which we can help others with their homes. We're also hoping that our youth can be involved in any new direction we may choose. This outreach would include helping church members and immediate community.

***Anyone willing to help in providing input in finding an alternative to ASP is most welcome.
Announcements for future meetings will be coming later.***

Blessings for the wonderful response to the appeal to step up our food donations for the GVCS Food Bank during the summer when donations drop off.

Coming Up

Alan Linton Shelter – The shelter on Degrange Street is a year around service offering overnight accommodations for those in need. There is a full-time staff, including security, but volunteers are needed to help with signing clients in, and with distribution of items they might need: soap, cup of noodles, socks, etc. The times volunteers are needed are 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and most people sign up for either the first or last two hours of that time. Many churches sign up as a group and take an entire week. The Missions Committee is hoping that WUMC would choose to do likewise and participate in this outreach opportunity. If we get a nice response, we'd need to schedule a training session before scheduling our week at the shelter. If you're interested, please contact Jim Mullins at 301-845-6596.



Fall Festival – is Saturday, *October 26* from Noon to 3:00. This has become a Fall tradition and is our largest community outreach. Volunteers will be needed to help with set up, clean up, and running activities. This event is scheduled "*Rain or Shine*".

North Point Veterans Program – of Hagerstown is a program WUMC has generously supported for the past several years. They offer housing support services to homeless veterans who wish to achieve residential stability. Their focus on service includes:

- Quality recovery-oriented services designed to support sobriety;
- Employment services and training and support in developing independent living skills such as money management;

- A connection for working in close coordination with the Department of Veteran's Affairs;
- *Clients usually stay at North Point for six or seven months.*

From **October 20 to November 11**, we will be collecting donations to support this program for veterans. These are the items requested to help their program run:

Twin sheets	Bedding in a Bag
Hand towels	Small laundry baskets
Bath towels	Wash cloths
Toiletries (regular sized are preferred but trial sizes are accepted)	
Pillows	

Centennial Supper – we will be serving supper at Centennial Memorial Church on **November 16**. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this outreach.

Giving Tree – we will be using the Giving Tree in the upcoming months to support these causes:

- September 8 – October 13:
Gift Cards for Fall Festival.
- October 20-November 10:
North Point Veterans Program.
- November 3-December 1:
GVCS Toy Shop and ARC Christmas Gifts.
- December and January:
Used Coat/Clothing Drive.

MISSION:
POSSIBLE

Interested in being a part of Missions?

We'd love to have your help.

Contact Julie Zebroski at 240-440-9841 or Jzebroski0404@gmail.com

Glade Valley Community Services

Glade Valley Food Bank shelves are getting bare. Donations and sponsored food drives drop in the summer, and our inventory gets used up. The Food Bank provides food for about 125 family visits per month; that is about 5,000 pounds of food each month. This is about 200 boxes/cans of each item on the list of items that are packed for each client. Larger families get more than one box of each item per visit.

The Giving Tree this month will benefit the Glade Valley Food Bank. Take a tag (or 2) and return the requested items to the bin by the tree. Let's fill up the bare shelves!



Items most urgently needed are peanut butter and tuna; these shelves are bare. Other places where the shelves are starting to look empty include macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, etc.), soup and canned peas, cereal, spaghetti/pasta, spaghetti sauce, baked beans.

Did you know?

Walmart gift cards are also welcome; they are used to purchase eggs and other items needed by the Food Bank. Gift cards can be put in the offering plate. But if you do the shopping for us, that is even more helpful!

Here is another way to support the Food Bank that several donors have used this summer. **Order items online** at Walmart or Amazon. Be sure to look for the free shipping on orders over a certain amount!

Send to: Glade Valley Food Bank, 21 West Frederick St., Walkersville, Md 21793.

****If you order from a tag on the Giving Tree, write a note on it that the items have been ordered online. Return tags in the offering plate.****

Volunteers are also needed weekdays to help with inventory, deliveries and picking up donations from area grocery stores. Volunteer shoppers are welcome. They would take a list and gift cards to purchase needed items for the Food Bank. To volunteer, call or email the Food Bank at 301-845-4229 or gvfb21w@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support.



October 5: **Fried Oyster, Ham and Turkey Dinner ~ 1:00 – 6:00 PM**

October 15: **Church Conference ~ 7:00 PM in Georgetown Hall**

October 20: **Last week of CREED Small Groups**

October 31: **Halloween ~ All Hallows Eve**

October 15: November Saddlebag articles due.

ONLINE GIVING:

SET UP YOUR ACCOUNT NOW with *ShareFaith* GIVING -

1. From our website, <https://walkersvilleumc.org>, select “Giving”
2. Next select the **green box** in the middle of page, “**online giving**”.
You should now be on our online giving form with our church’s picture & name on it.
3. Select “**Give Now**” to give without creating an account or “**Sign In**” & “**Register for an Account**”.
4. Follow the online instructions, feel free to call me if you have any difficulties, 301-676-4379.
5. You may donate to General Fund or Designated Giving (Trustees, ASP, Food Bank, Flowers, etc.).

ShareFaith is set up to charge a 3% convenience fee to cover costs of using a Credit or Debit card, however currently the system defaults to charge this for all types of donations, if you are using a checking or savings account (ACH transaction), you may uncheck the 3% Processing Fee box.

Your Finance Committee thanks you for your faithful giving, it truly makes our jobs a little easier!

Contact: Nancy Jones, 301-676-4379, finance@walkersvilleumc.org



Would you like to learn more about music? Musical notation, music reading, singing, playing keyboard or guitar? I would love to help those interested to learn more about music in any way I can. Contact me, and maybe we can begin some type of general music classes to help more of our membership support our music program!!

We welcome any other instrumentalists or vocalists that would like to do solos or be a part of a small ensemble. We always welcome new talent and encourage participation in worship! Other possibilities include a liturgical dance choir or a drama group. Contact Nancy if you are interested!



Tune In!! Music notes for October, 2019

Nancy Mullins, Minister of Music

music@walkersvilleumc.org

Our **Adult Choir** is welcoming new members! Steve Burnett and Maegan Mullins have joined us this year, and we would love to have more!! (Remember the days when we spilled out of the choir area into the pews? Wouldn't it be great for that to happen again!) A knowledge of music is not required. We believe in "on-the-job-training"! We worship, rehearse, and pray together weekly. We sing in worship 3 Sundays a month, and prepare special cantatas at Christmas and Holy Week. Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 for rehearsals. We sing at the 9:30 service on Sundays. See Susan Glaspell for further information.

We are also looking for **Handbell** ringers. You do not need to read music to be a full contributing member of our handbell choir. You will learn what you need to know to carry your part, and our members are helpful and supportive! You will have the chance to serve our Lord in worship, and the bonus is that you'll have fun and learn music too! Rehearsals happen on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 1:30 or 2 at the latest. See Gene Ashe for more information.

Our **Cherub Choir** is back! We have a few of our youngest members that are practicing, learning music, and having fun! We welcome ages 3 through 1st grade to come out on Wednesday nights at 6:30 to 7:00 for this active group. We learn about music and God through movement, instruments, games, etc. We sing in worship twice a month – the same song, but at 2 different services, usually successive weeks. See Nancy Mullins for info. **Junior Choir** is also meeting at 6:30 on Wednesdays. This group welcomes Elementary age readers, 2nd grade through 5th. We are short on numbers, but large in enthusiasm and talent. We welcome new members! Marie and Angela Kleimola, Jayden and Angela Brittain have graciously agreed to help lead these two groups.

A special Thank You goes out to our Praise Team members who serve in worship every Sunday throughout the school year and half of the summer unity Sundays. They are a very dedicated group – they prepare and lead 4 songs each week for worship. We appreciate ALL you do!!

Date	Event	9:30	11:00	Special Info
10/6	World Communion Sun, Pentecost 17	Adult	Cherub	Communion (Dinner weekend)
10/13	Pentecost 18	Adult/Cherub	Junior	
10/20	Pentecost 9	Adult/Junior		
10/27	Pentecost 20			(Fall Festival weekend)

Donations for the Bake & Craft Tables!

At our October 5th Fall Supper, we will have cakes, pies, brownies, candies, etc. for our dinner patrons to buy. There will also be craft items "For Sale".

This is an important fund-raising event for our church this year. We ask each Church family to contribute bake goods and crafts prior to 1:00PM on Saturday, October 5th.

We will need 28 sheet cakes to be served at the supper. Please sign up to bring a sheet cake. The sign-up list will be on the bulletin board beside the ladies' restroom.

If you have any questions about the above, we can answer them on Sunday mornings for you or you can phone us.

Robin H. 410.258.7044.

Kris W. 240.674.2883

Annual Fall Family-Style Fried Oyster, Ham and Turkey Dinner

"A Great Dining Experience"



Walkersville United Methodist Church

22 Main Street

Walkersville, Maryland

Saturday, October 5, 2019

1:00 to 6:00 pm

Adults.....	\$20.00
Children, ages 6-12.....	\$10.00
Carry-out orders.....	\$21.00

Craft Table & Bake Sale

Fully accessible building with elevator and ample parking

Questions? Call 301-845-9860 www.walkersvilleumc.org

FUTURE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL announcements and updates MUST be submitted by email prior to NOON on Tuesdays!

Any information received after Tuesday will have to wait until the following week. All announcements should have a **clear ending date**. Email the information to Maryalice at secretary@walkersvilleumc.org.

SADDLEBAG ARTICLES:

All Saddlebag articles must be submitted by the **15th of each month**, prior to the publication.

For example:

Articles for the May Saddlebag are due on April 15th.

POST Fall Dinner Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 – 8:00, Georgetown Hall.

CENTENNIAL UMC:

We will once again be serving supper at Centennial Memorial Church. We're scheduled for **Saturday, November 16**, from **2:30 – 6:00**. We'll be needing volunteers for this wonderful outreach opportunity, so please mark the date on your calendar. More information coming later.

EMAIL BLAST REMINDERS:

Just a reminder when asking the office to send a church-wide Email Blast for news and information, the email blasts are **only** sent to the family's designated 'Household' email. There is only one Household email per family. If you need to send information to specific individuals, a church-wide email may not reach everyone. For example: emails being sent to committee members should be sent to them directly, not via a church-wide email.

Reminders to all members: Please make sure the office is using the email address you want as your Household email to receive the church-wide Email Blasts. For example: if you are not currently receiving the Saddlebag, your Household email address may need to be updated.

Communication of Church Events

The following protocol was approved by Church Council to communicate church events and building usage:

Any event that affects the body of the church (including events which are taking place outside the facility, such as at someone's home or local restaurant, retreat, etc.) or use of the facilities should be on the church calendar. Every event, meeting, outside contractor, in-house repair that may affect use of the facility or may create a conflict with other events **MUST** be communicated in writing (preferably via email) to the Administrative Assistant. The email should be sent to secretary@walkersvilleumc.org and should include space being requested, date and time of event, any need for prep (decorating, food prep, etc.), any post-event need (such as paint drying time, clean-up, removal of decorations, etc.). This will allow for notification of the appropriate people to assure the facility is clean and available with no conflicts. Your cooperation is appreciated.