



The Middletown United Methodist Church

MESSENGER

2024



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OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ by loving God, others, and self.

OUR VISION

God has called us to build a community that invites, welcomes, loves, and accepts all people for the purpose of being transformed into deeply committed Christians.

WORSHIP NEWS

SUNDAYS

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL INDOOR

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY INDOOR

ON-DEMAND, ONLINE VIA YOUTUBE

MIDDLETOWN UMC
7108 FERN CIRCLE MIDDLETOWN, MD
WWW.MTOWNUMC.ORG



Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to convey his message and meaning effectively. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later. We are going to spend June and July reflecting on Short Stories By Jesus.

OFFICE HOURS



The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am– 3:00 pm. Friday 8:30 am —1:00 pm.

The office does have an answering machine you are welcome to leave a message after office hours and we will return your call as soon as possible.

This Month



June 14



June 16

Juneteenth

June 19



June 20

New Hours for MUMC Office

Julie Twigg, staff member, is now working M, W, Th 8:30-3:00 and F 8:30-1:00

Sherie Koob and Debbie Kefauver, volunteers are covering on Tuesday 8:30-3:00

OUR STAFF

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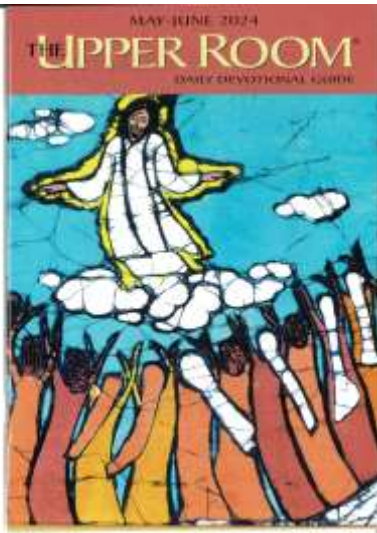
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Upper Room Update:

The Upper Room (May/June) issue is available in the Narthex. We have regular and large print available. They are located in the narthex on the wall by the office and also on the counter in the narthex. Feel free to stop and pick up your copy. If you would like one mailed to you please contact the office by email office@mtownumc.org or by phone 301-371-5550. Please give your address and if you would like regular or large print.

Newsletter:



Our newsletter is available digitally in the weekly email blast. We also have some paper copies available in the narthex by the office and on the counter in the narthex. If you desire a copy mailed to you please contact the office. Newsletter articles and submissions for the **July/Aug.** newsletter are due in the office no later than June the 12th.



Weekly E-mails:

We send out a weekly Ministry Highlights email on Wednesdays and a Join Us for Worship email that contains our bulletins for the weekend and the link to our You Tube channel. If you do not receive these already please contact the office with your correct email address so we can add you to the list.



If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact the office. You will need to sign a Confidentiality Contract and give a current email address to join. * Any concerns, joys, births or deaths please call the office to add them to the list. All concerns will be on the list for a 2 week time frame and then removed unless the office is notified. **Please be sure to update the office of any changes to the concerns.**

ABOUT OUR PEOPLE



Linda M. McKinnon

May 4, 2024

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THANK YOU'S

Dear "Blast of Love
Youth Ministry Group

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the wonderful "Blast of Love" bags for those of us in the community who were in need of some love and support.

My family and I certainly enjoyed all the goodies, and the card explaining what they represented. I especially love the Valentine signed by "Arya" and the pink heart signed by "Hazel". I will keep these with all my other hand made treasures from when my children + Grand-children made me things.

Thank you for putting a big smile on our faces and your love in our hearts ♡

God Bless you all

Love,

Mrs Mary & Family

April 22, 2024



Dear Middletown United Methodist Church,

The food bank committee wishes to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,105.14 to the Middletown Food Bank.

This contribution will be used to provide clients, with limited resources, healthy food each month.

Without your help, we could not provide for our local families in need.

Again, thank you for your continued support and care for your neighbors.

God Bless,
Middletown
Food Bank

If you have a change of address, death, birth, or marriage you would like us to know about please contact the church office by emailing office@mtownumc.org or calling : 301-371-5550

JUNE'S LOVE OFFERING



MamaBaby Haiti

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and MamaBaby Haiti saw poverty there that was more desperate than anything we had ever seen. They also saw the beauty and strength of the Haitian people. In Haiti, one in 208 women die of childbirth-related causes, compared to one in 5,882 in the USA. Most of these deaths are preventable! 1 in 21 infants does not live to their 1st birthday. 1 in 16 children do not live to their 5th birthday.

MamaBaby Haiti runs two fully operational birthing centers in Haiti. They provide FREE prenatal, birth, postpartum, and newborn midwifery care, including labs, ultrasounds, and a nutrition program for severely malnourished pregnant and nursing women. This model has been proven to reduce the maternal and neonatal mortality rates. They travel to remote locations weekly to care for women who otherwise would get none. One of the mountain villages is a five-hour walk from MamaBaby, which women make when in labor. They go by boat and hike 90 minutes up a mountain trail to give them prenatal and postnatal care. Their mobile clinics also visit the inner city slums of Cap Haitian, where at-risk women have difficulty getting access to care due to lack of financial resources. They teach mothers and families about prenatal health and nutrition, hygiene, childbirth education, breastfeeding education with the goal of exclusive breastfeeding for a minimum of one year, and family planning. Women who cannot pay their hospital bills are sent to hospital prisons and kept outside on the concrete floor without food or water. MamaBaby Haiti frees women and their children by paying their bills. Learn more about their story by watching their YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CF6R344Jt8&t=1s>.



UPCOMING LOVE OFFERING JULY-MVPHS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

MUMC Giving Made Easy! Ways to give!

Give By Check.

Place it in the offering plate on Sunday, drop it by the church office, or snail mail it to: **7108 Fern Circle, Middletown, MD 21769**
Consider making your gift using our eGiving (electronic giving) tools sponsored by VANCO. eGiving lets you set up recurring giving by using one of the following eGiving tools...



Online Giving.

Go to MUMC's church website at www.mtownmumc.org and choose **Online Giving** from the menu. You will have the option of using bank draft or credit card.

Giving via GivePlus MOBILE app.

Using any device...go to the App Store or Google Play to download the app for free. Enter zip code 21769 for the church. Click GIVE and it will prompt and connect you with payment methods.

Giving via Text.

Send a text to: **844-478-0280** and you will be prompted to connect to a payment method.

Finance News

MUMC

2024 Stewardship Pledges:

\$ 422,043 Pledged, \$450,000 Goal

2024 Monthly Stewardship Goal:

\$ 37,500

2024 April Pledge Giving: \$32,75.65

2024 YTD as of April 30, 2024

Pledges received: \$170,175.54

MUMC Consolidated

Commercial Loan Balance

as of 4/30/2024: \$724,697.69

UMW ENCHANTED GARDEN TEA PARTY





Summer Music Maker Camps at MUMC:

Come join us for a fun musical summer camp! **The camp is June 10th to 15th. Music Maker camp is for children entering grades 2nd through 8th. Jr. Music Maker Camp is for those ages 4 to rising 1st graders.** Older youth needed as volunteers.

We will meet Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 2:00. We will present our musical camp performance on Saturday, June 15 at 5:00. (We will have a final rehearsal Saturday morning June 15.)

The cost is \$45 per camper. Space is limited. **Register here:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIqWZyGAebZALw09_Qwd7bJ8fTkfnV_LXgw57ShwXLXVdl9g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Music Makers Camp will have campers learning a mini musical and also creating music together with drums and other percussion instruments, handchimes, boomwhackers, and cardio drumming. We will learn about stories in the Bible while setting everything to a musical beat. Our campers will also have the opportunity to participate in singing, dramatic reading and movement. Our schedule will also include crafts and games.

Jr. Music Maker Camp will have campers learning a few parts of the musical and exploring music with drums, other percussion instruments, and boomwhackers. Our schedule will also include crafts and games, as well as time for the students to play.

Before Care from 7:00 to 9:30 am and After Care from 2:30 to 5:00 pm available at additional costs.

Ongoing Musical Opportunities at MUMC:

Please contact Pam Mathews at music.mathews@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your instrumental or vocal talents with us or joining one of our existing music ministries for an updated rehearsal schedule.

Children's/Youth Music Makers

Come and make music with other children and youth! Children ages 4 through middle school are welcome to join us. We will be singing and using drums, percussion instruments, handchimes, and Boomwhackers to share music in worship. We rehearse every Sunday at 10:10 (during the end of the Sunday School hour before 10:30 worship) as well as special additional rehearsals. Contact Pam Mathews about rehearsal times and schedule.

Handbell Opportunities

More ringers are needed to join our handbell ensemble! Youth and adults welcome. Music reading skills are preferred, but we can teach you if you are willing to learn! Contact Pam Mathews about rehearsal times and schedule.

Vocal Ensemble - Adults and high school students are welcome to join us as we learn music to sing in worship services. The Vocal Ensemble usually provides musical selections at the 8:30 service as well as special seasonal services. Rehearsals are usually Tuesday evenings at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Check with Pam Mathews for exact schedule.



Sunday School News for June 2024.

The 2024 summer Sunday School session will explore three important faith words:

PEACE, BELONG, and COURAGE

We invite your kids to join us when you can this summer. All the lessons are independent and there is nothing to miss. We get to do music, crafts, and games! We watch a short video lesson with great discussions and sharing times at each meeting. Just drop in from 9:30 until 10:30am on Sundays. There are several available classes for adults at that time, so parents can grow too or just enjoy some quiet, peaceful time.

This summer, Sunday School looks at the lives and stories of Abraham and Lot, David and Abigail, Ester, Rahab, Lydia, Ruth, and Naomi. We will also explore what it means to be peaceful and to belong. We will see how people can make peace and help others to belong through compromise and adaptability. These actions can take great courage. Often someone needs to give a little first so that a compromise is possible. Before suggesting a compromise, we need spend time thinking and praying about a problem and what might be a just way to resolve it.

When you are a child, it can be hard to believe that you can put your faith into action because there are so many things that you can't do on your own. However, all of us, including children, are acting on our faith in little ways each day of our lives. Often, we don't notice when we are doing the things that our faith has taught us. Our faith can show up in big ways or in small actions that are equally important but may go unnoticed.

Spiritual Practice for Adults

This summer, help your children gain awareness of their faith in action by being aware. See how your child responds in various situations, and how you respond in various ways. Try to catch your child showing courage, peacemaking or helping others belong, praise them for how they are showing their faith. Help your child see the ways that these qualities show up the Bible stories of people who helped others feel a sense of belonging and who showed courage in their faith. Encourage your children to seek out courageous ways to be peacemakers, or help others belong.

Is there a situation in your life that needs compromise? Spend some time thinking about how you can bring peace through justice by compromising in a difficult situation. Can you courageously work to find peace? to help someone feel they belong.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES



Summer Study

Join the Justice for All Journey Group as they read and discuss Amy-Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity and have often allowed anti-Semitism and misogyny to color their perspectives. In this wise, entertaining, and educational book, Amy-Jill Levine offers a fresh, timely reinterpretation of Jesus' narratives.

In *Short Stories by Jesus*, she analyzes these "problems with parables," taking readers back in time to understand how their original Jewish audience understood them. Levine reveals the parables' connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later. The group meets Sunday's at 9:30 in room 204 and via zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84431890757?pwd=SWg4ZG5OYUUpPdXVra0lENXhGNEZIZz09>. The study begins June 2nd and concludes July 28. Contact Sherie Koob at sheriekoob@hotmail.com with questions.

Parents: Are you looking for a way to make more connections at church and find support for your parenting journey? There's a group just for you! The Parent Fellowship Group is a casual gathering of parents where we can get to know each other, provide fellowship and support, and discuss parenting from a Christian perspective. Please join us on Sundays in the fellowship hall during the 9:30 Sunday School hour. Grab your morning beverage, a snack or two, and come on over! Feel free to contact Alison Preston with any questions at theprestons24@gmail.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

“LOST CHRISTIANITIES”

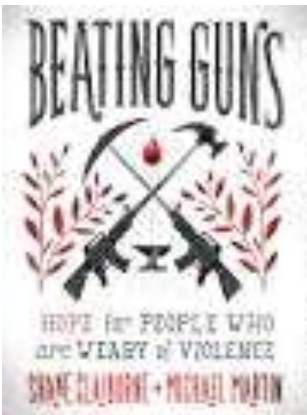
Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30 in the Gathering Room

Class Leader: Mike Parrish 301-606-7209

All are invited as we begin this new study. Come as you are able.

A video series by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, professor and chair of Dept. of Religious Studies at UNC @ Chapel Hill. This class is an introduction to an astonishing range of “lost Christianities” that flourished at the time when the Christian movement began. The class consists of a 30-minute video with discussion following.

United Women in Faith



MUMC’s United Women in Faith meet monthly via zoom at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044952957?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044952957?pwd=TmY2Ym5PaU9MbUNiWEpSY0E2SWpIQT09)

[pwd=TmY2Ym5PaU9MbUNiWEpSY0E2SWpIQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87044952957?pwd=TmY2Ym5PaU9MbUNiWEpSY0E2SWpIQT09) on the

2nd Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. The next meeting will be June 9th. (The group will be taking a break in July and August.)

After a brief business meeting the group reviews portions of a book they are reading. Our current study is *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who are Weary of Violence* by Shaine Claiborne and

Michael Martin. Inspired by the prophetic image of beating swords into plows, *Beating Guns* provides a provocative look at gun violence in America and offers a clarion call to change our hearts regarding one of the most significant moral issues of our time. *Beating Guns* allows victims and perpetrators of gun violence to tell their own compelling stories, offering hope for change and helping us reimagine the world as one that turns from death to life, where swords become plows and guns are turned into garden tools. Participants are asked to be prepared to discuss from Chapter 10 through the end of the book at our June 9th meeting (extra chapters since we didn’t get around to our discussion time in April). United Women in Faith is open to all women, of all ages who wish to be in a fellowship of women who study issues that affect women, children, and youth.

For more information on UWFaith, please contact Sherie Koob at

sheriekoob@hotmail.com.

**Starting May 19th! Join Faithful Hearts Journey Group in Room 206S
or via Zoom at 9:30 am*

The Hard Good:

Showing Up for God to Work in You When You Want to Shut Down

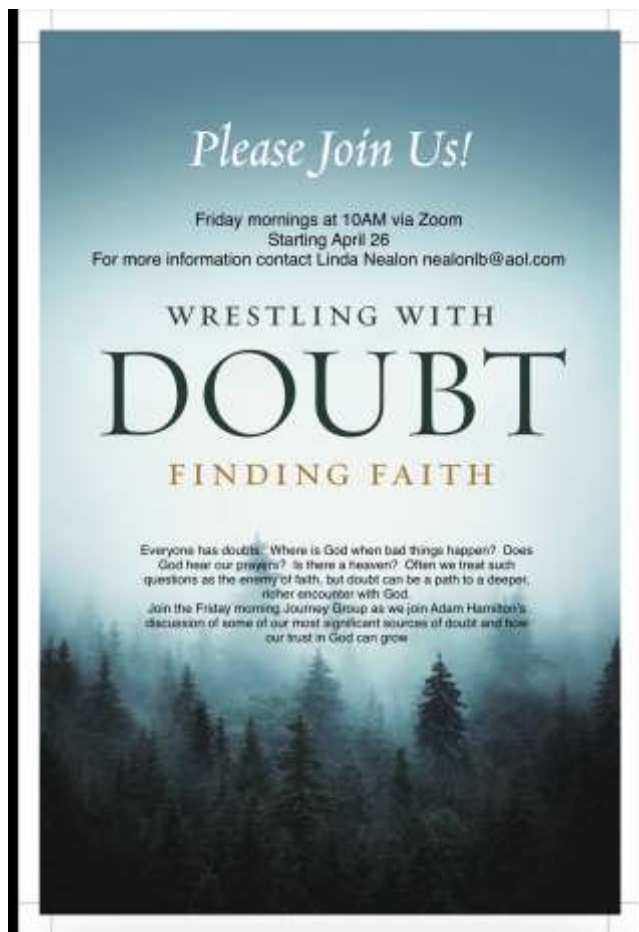


What does it feel like to come back from something hard, to be able to hope again? Instead of running away from the obstacles we face and the growth we crave, our challenges can become the keys to our greatest usability in the kingdom of God--that is, if we let God make good of them.

- **Accept things we wish were different**
- **Apologize and forgive first**
- **Cheer for someone who gets what we want**
- **Open our hearts again when we've been hurt**
- **Find joy in the waiting**
- **Show up when we want to shut down**

Your hard place is never too hard for God. Allow it to change you, help you, and ready you for the greatest comeback you have ever known.

***Contact Elaine Canonico at 301-606-0063 or Diane Lewis at 240-344-1565 or celticblue2022@gmail.com for more information.**



**Serendipity Book Club Selections
2023-2024**

**SMALL
GROUPS**



All book discussions will be conducted via Zoom.
Contact Mary Straits for details and sign in information

Serendipity Book Club

Did you know MUMC has a book club. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month via ZOOM. We would love to have you join us for our devotions, program updates and book discussions.

Do you see one that looks interesting? If so, please contact Mary Straits at 301-371-7344 or jmstraits@comcast.net. Our book discussion group is open to all and you do not need to be a member of MUMC to ZOOM in.

S'AGES

S'Ages will meet at Modern Asia Restaurant

1306 W. Patrick St.

(eat promptly at noon)

Anyone interested in attending must call Kitty **240-385-6331**

Before June 3rd!

FAITH FOOD FRIENDS

Regular members will be called.

New Members WELCOME!

Just call Kitty Kefauver for registration (240-385-6331)

July and August we will be eating at a restaurant

(more information to come)

Transportation Needs:

Contact Judy Garrett (301-371-5622)

for arrangements to doctors appointments, groceries, etc.

The Lions Club is collection old glasses and hearing aids. Bring your donations to MUMC.



This Meal Train Ministry has been so helpful over the years to so many of our congregants. It provides meals when someone in the congregation has a need: illness, surgery, new family member, death in family, hospitalization, etc. If you would like to be placed on the email list that is sent out

for people to provide meals when there is a need, please email Kathy Farrell - kathyf0421@gmail.com - 410-733-4794.

PRAYERFUL STITCHERS

Prayerful Stitchers is an on going ministry of faithful knitters and crocheters who create shawls approximately 20"x 60" or lap blankets 30"x 45" and newborn blankets 24"x 30".

All are welcome to ZOOM into an evening of chatting and stitching or meet at MUMC in the gathering room at 7 pm. on the first Friday of each month, or work at your own pace. You don't need to knit or crochet to be a part of this ministry. We also need people who are willing to deliver shawls and visit with the person receiving the gift.

If you know someone who needs to be wrapped in prayer and comfort, please pick up a shawl or lap blanket in the church office or leave a message with your request and we will make arrangements to get it to you. For the celebration of joy for the birth of a new baby, please contact Roberta Matthai for a baby blanket. For additional inquiries contact Roberta Matthai (301-788-4516).

Altar Flowers



If you would like to dedicate flowers in honor of someone or a life event, or in memory of someone, please contact **Jan Walden** at jfkwl126@hotmail.com or

240-870-2994. Request by Monday preceding the Sunday you would like flowers arranged. The cost

of flowers is **\$35.00**. Your check should be made payable to MUMC (note ALTAR FLOWERS in the memo line). You are welcome to take the flowers after the Sunday Worship Service.



GARDEN HELPERS WANTED

It's that time of year again. We're looking for volunteers to help care for the church flowerbeds, and memorial gardens. Please prayerfully consider signing up for a week to keep our grounds looking good through the spring, summer and fall.

Weekly Garden Schedule for MUMC

Please sign up to volunteer to tend to our Memorial Garden and all the flower bed areas around the church building. Sign up for any week, beginning in May and ending in October, Sunday through Saturday. You can come as often as every day and during any time of the day that works best for you, or you can pick a day of the week that works with your schedule and accomplish everything in one day. It's up to you. We appreciate any and all help that we can get to maintain the beauty of the grounds.

Your responsibilities will include:

1. Water pots (Preferably daily) and gardens depending on rainfall.
2. Deadhead flowers (spent blooms).
3. Tidy up the rock area & mulch. Make sure mulch and rocks are in beds not on walkways.
4. While watering the flower, also add water to the fountain rock- there is a small reservoir under the rock that tends to evaporate on hot days and damages the motor. ***Disregard adding water for fountain until further notice (fountain not working currently)**
5. Weed all gardens.
6. Remove any trash from the area.
7. Sweep sidewalks/brick areas as needed.

Please be sure to note that the date you are signing up for is for that entire week through Saturday, not just that Sunday. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! You can find the sign-up on Sign Up Genius.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040B4FAEA72BA2F58-48120283-weekly>



We are looking for volunteers who enjoy taking pictures to document our events here at MUMC. We would love to have pictures to put in our monthly newsletter showing off some of our activities, Easter egg hunt, potlucks, work parties, family events and celebrations, special worship services. Just general church life events. If you attend an event here snap some pictures and email them to office@mtownumc.org. Thank you in advance. We look forward to seeing your entries. Please know that not all photos will be used.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY NEWS

We had a busy May and wrapped up another successful year!



May Events

End of
the year
Gifts



The 2's Field Trip
May 1st & 2nd



Muffins in the Morning
May 9th & 10th



May 23rd & 24th



The 2's and 3's perform
on May 28 & 29th



The 4's
Graduation
May 31st

UPCOMING EVENTS

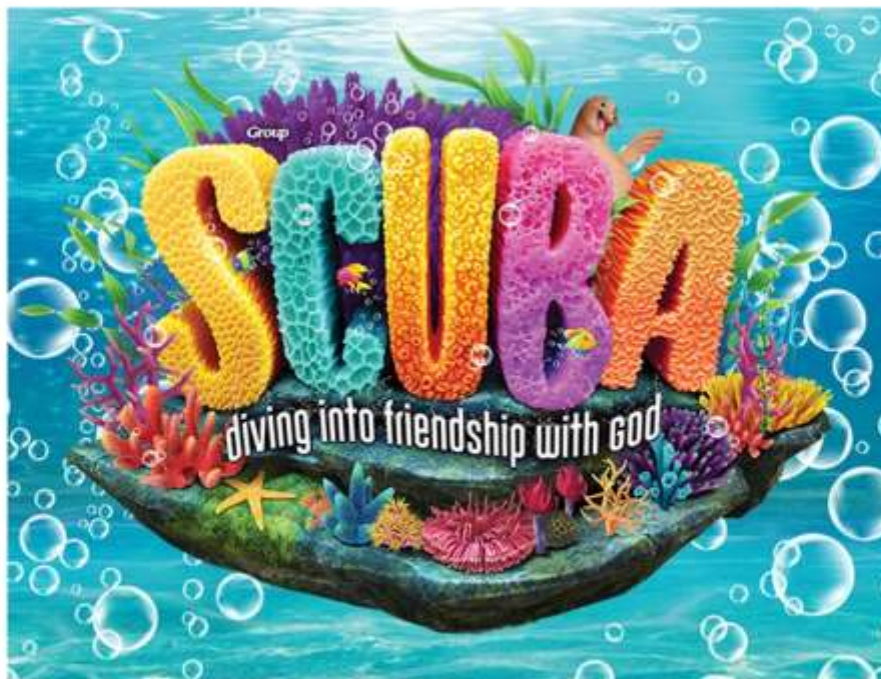


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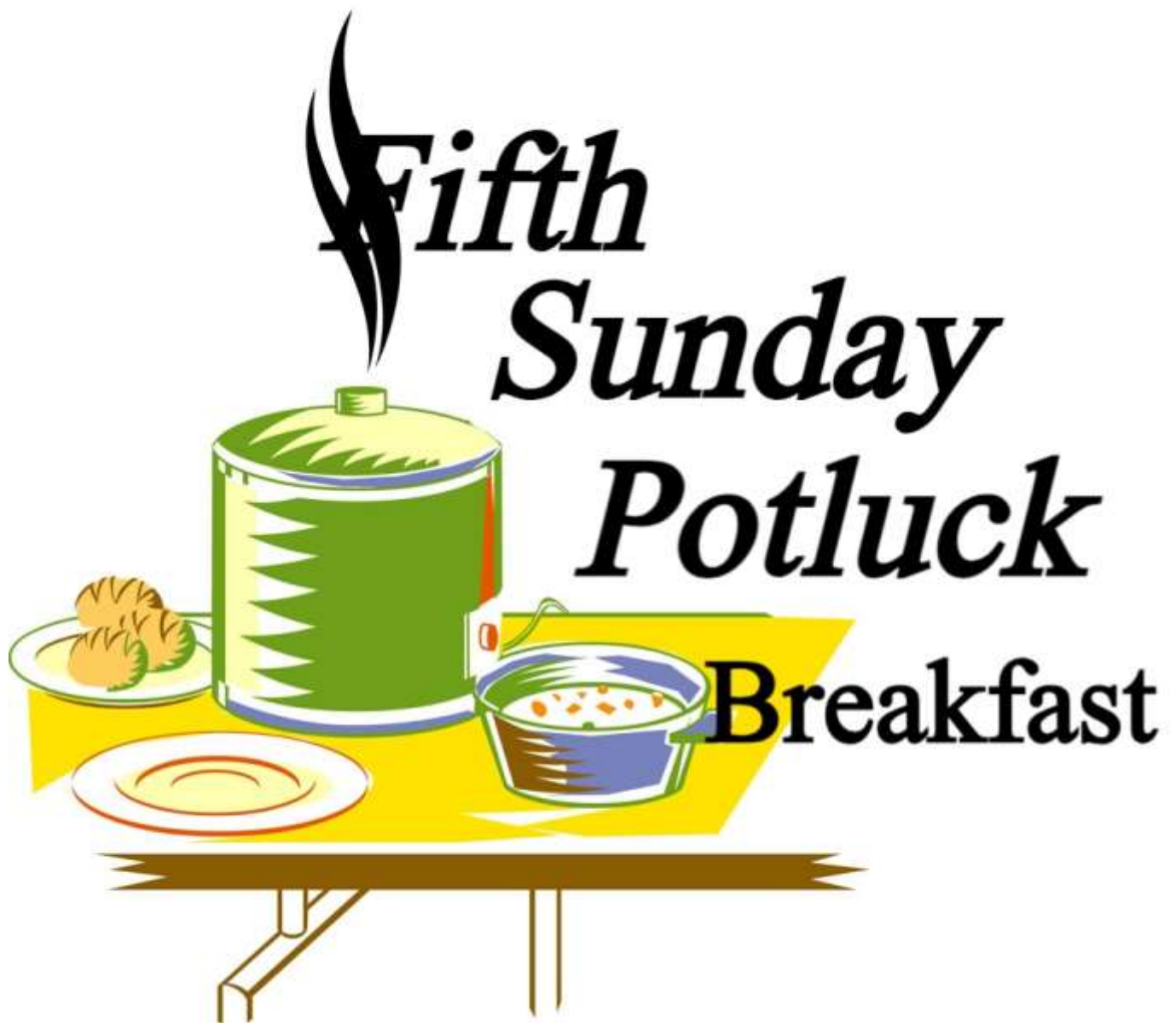
**CONFIRMATION
SUNDAYS 2024**

JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND OR 9TH
AT THE 10:30 SERVICE
AS WE CELEBRATE OUR
CONFIRMANDS

The poster features a teal background with floral decorations in the corners. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.



VBS Planning Meeting June 2nd at 11:30 am.



Join us for breakfast between services June
30th!

Bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet will be in
the Narthex closer to the date.



SUMMER KIDS CLUB CAMP

AGE 3 TO
RISING 7TH GRADE

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 8TH
WEEKLY, STARTING TWO
WEEKS AFTER FCPS ENDS
TO AUGUST 9TH
COST VARIES DEPENDING
ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS



MUMC Summer CAMPS

MUSIC MAKER SUMMER CAMP & JR. MUSIC MAKER SUMMER CAMP

RISING 2ND TO RISING 8TH
AGE 4 TO RISING 1ST

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 8TH
WEEK AFTER FCPS ENDS
9:30AM TO 2PM
SHOW: THE FOLLOWING
SATURDAY AT 5PM

BASE CAMP RATE:
\$45 PER CAMPER

ADDITIONAL FEE:
BEFORE CARE 7-9:30 AM
\$50 PER WEEK, PER CAMPER
AFTER CARE 2:30-5 PM
\$50 PER WEEK, PER CAMPER

MANIDOKAN CAMPS

Register Starting Feb 1st
Adventure Camp
Best Week Ever
July 8th to 12th
Middle/High School
Cost: \$580/\$480

Mini Camp
June 26th to 28th
Rising 1st to 8th
Cost: \$315



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CAMP

AGE THREE TO
RISING 5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 8TH
JULY 22ND TO 26TH
9AM TO NOON
\$35 PER CAMPER
TEEN HELPERS NEEDED
RISING 6TH TO 12 GRADE



Middletown United Methodist Church 7108 Fern Circle, Middletown MD
Learn more about each program by visiting mtownumc.org.



COMING SOON!

TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ABOUT US

The mini pantry movement is a grassroots, crowdsourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need for food or a need to give, mini pantries help neighbors feed neighbors, nourishing neighborhoods. Come check us out at the address below!



GIVE WHAT YOU CAN

Place unexpired food, hygiene, or paper items inside the mini pantry. Give what you would want to receive.



TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

If you find items inside and you need them, take them. Please take only those items you need. You determine your need.



THINGS TO NOTE

Please see this mini pantry as our neighborhood's. Be aware foot traffic may increase, and please reach out with suggestions.

Little Free Pantry—Middletown UMC's Memorial Garden Coming this May

This pantry cares for our community, feeding our neighbors. If you don't know what a Little Free Pantry is, it is an outdoor pantry that provides food for those in need, just like a Little Free Library provides books. There are people in our community who could use some help and the pantry is anonymous. People don't have to be embarrassed to pick up Mac-n-cheese or a can of tuna fish to feed their family. The theme is "Leave what you can. Take what you need."

This is Bethany Bishop's Girl Scout Silver Award Project.



Your metals for recycling provides funds for Middletown Service Day projects and local charities.



Every Sunday 7am to 12:15pm at Holy Family Catholic Church

7321 Burkittsville Rd, Middletown. Look for large white van with trailer in parking lot.

Cans, coat hangers, old hardware, wire (coated or not), pots and pans, pipe, chains, etc.

WHAT IS PROJECT LINUS?

Frederick, MD chapter of **Project Linus** is a non-profit organization that makes, collects, and distributes blankets to local children who have suffered trauma and/or a crisis.

Have a question? Would you like to volunteer?

Do you know a child in need of a blanket?

Are you with a local business that is willing to be a drop-off location or make a donation? We'd love to hear from you! E-mail:

plfred-county@gmail.com

We meet on the 1st Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. @ MUMC, in the social hall.

Would you like to connect with other moms in our community?

Do you have little ones who would like playdates?

Would you like to enjoy a moms night out?

Join us!!



Who we are

Middletown Moms is a local parenting group, founded in 2002 by a local mom. The group is sponsored by the Middletown United Methodist Church (MUMC) and open to members of any denomination/ religious beliefs. You do not need to be affiliated with MUMC to join. We hold our monthly meetings in the winter months at MUMC.

What we do

Monthly membership meetings, holiday parties, playdates in members homes, park meet-ups, craft playdates, library story times, lunch get togethers, clothing swaps, moms' night out and night in, community service and more!

How to join

We use a **private** Meetup platform and a **private** Facebook page to plan and communicate. Membership is \$20 per year and gives access to these groups. Submit a "join" request on Meetup or reach out through our public Facebook page and an email will follow.

Middletown Moms is a non-profit organization.

Not sure? Come check out an event before you join!

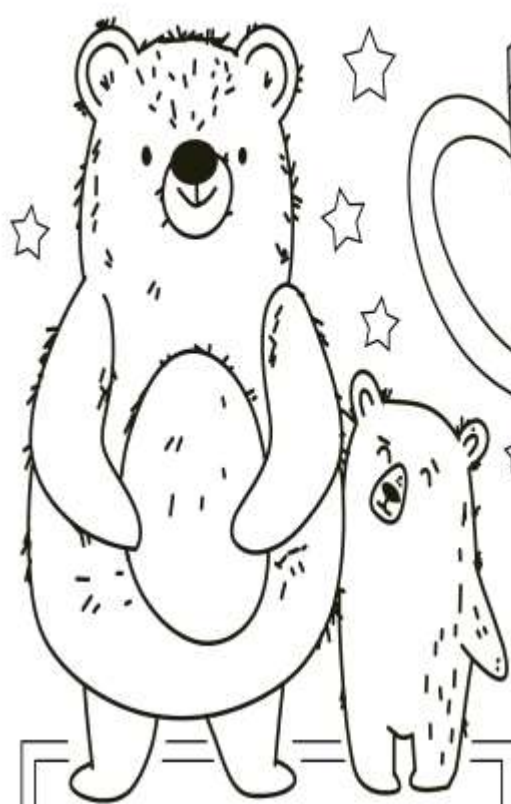
Check out our Meetup page!



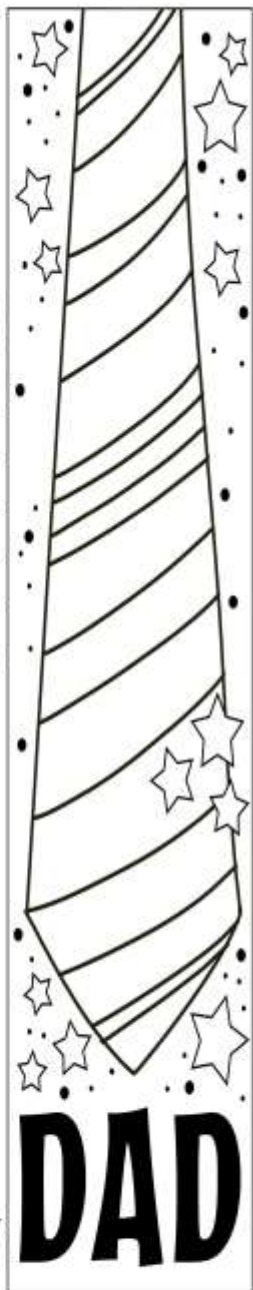
Public Facebook page



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My dad is the best because:



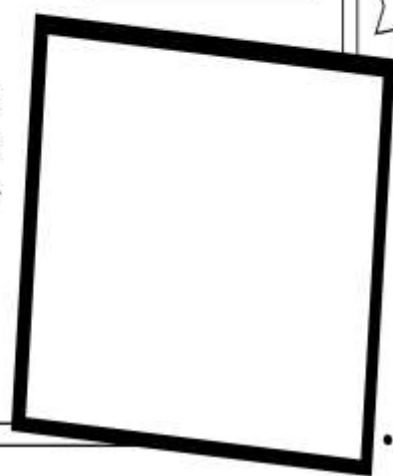
Color and cut out the bookmark!

My dad's name is _____.

His favorite color is _____.

His favorite food is _____.

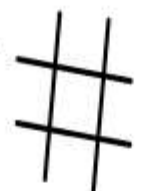
Draw a picture of your Dad!



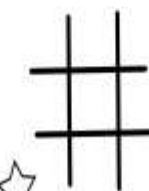
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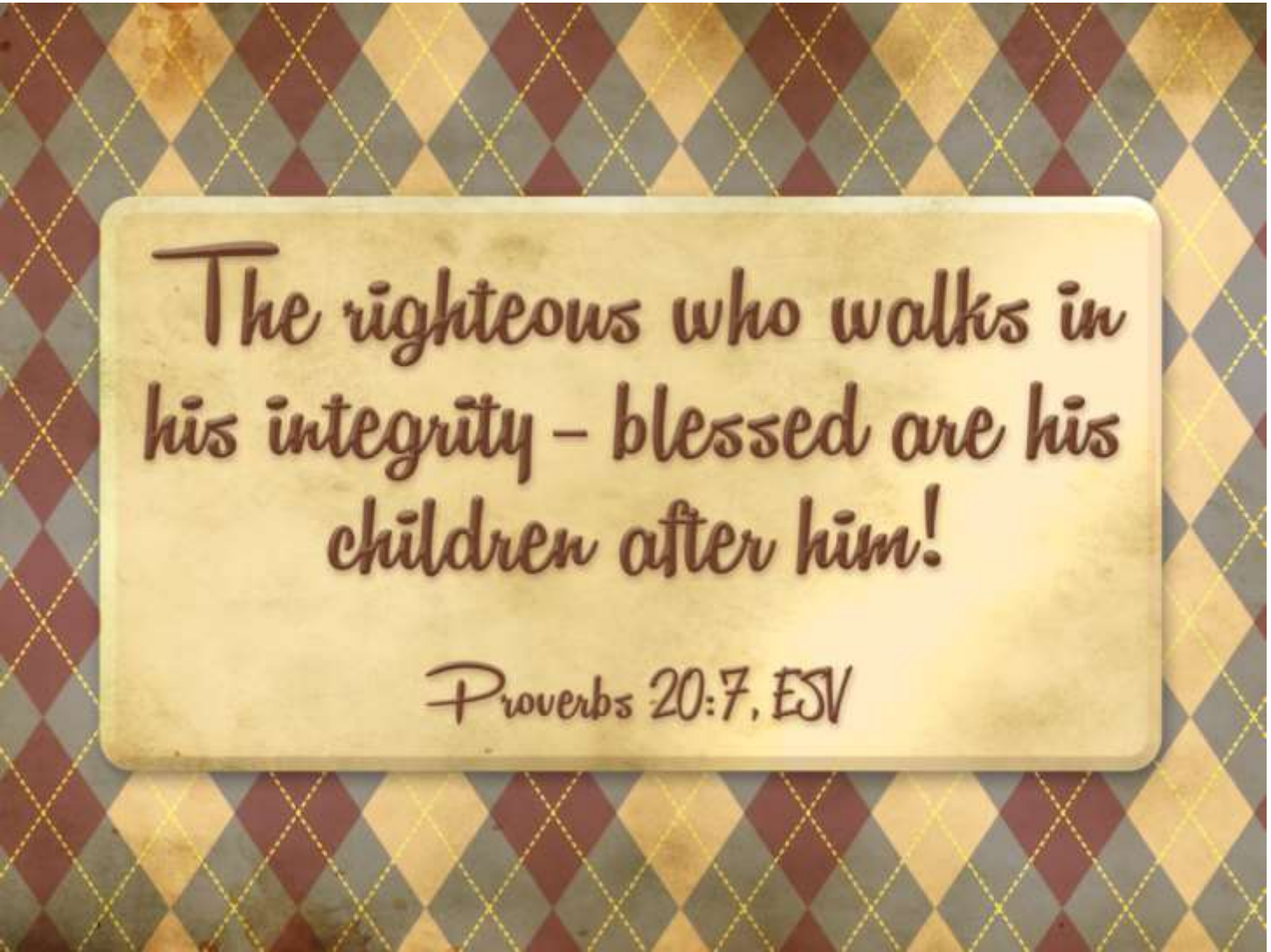
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TIC TAC TOE





The righteous who walks in
his integrity - blessed are his
children after him!

Proverbs 20:7, ESV