



CRESSET

July/August 2017



Heritage Sunday & Senior Recognition - Sunday, June 25

On **Sunday, June 25**, we celebrated Heritage Sunday and Senior Recognition. We celebrated the 40, 50, and 60-year members, but we also want to give special attention to our members having 70-plus years: Jackie Breedlove (72); Freda Crowe (74); Marion Hite (72); Betty Kimmel (75); Shirley Robinson (71), and Carl Winters (72). (See complete list on page 10.)

Please note: If there are any corrections to the list on page 9 or if you are attending another church and need to transfer your membership, please contact the church secretary (phone message at 301-729-0052 or email to kathy.cecil@cresapumc.org). Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

Music Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, June 11, we celebrated our music groups and organists. (See page 8.)



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Address information is needed on the following 40-50+ year members:

- Susan Jane Craig
- Dennis Hoppert
- Karen (Campbell) Howsare
- Steve Miller
- Teri Ann (Pyles) VanMeter
- Jody Winters
- Rick (Randall) Workman

(If we cannot locate these individuals, they can be removed from membership at our annual charge conference.)

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Communion will be served on Sunday, July 2 and August 6, 2017

From the Heart of the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Six whole years have now gone by since I first began my appointment as pastor of Cresaptown United Methodist Church. As I begin my seventh and final year as your pastor, (Yes, that is right! For those who do not know already, I will be retiring after this year in July of 2018.), I want you to know that I continue to grow in my gratefulness to God for bringing me to Allegany County and for guiding the Bishop to appoint me to serve here at Cresaptown UMC. I am truly blessed by the Lord to be able to serve both you and the community as your pastor and lead you in worship and in ministry in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. I also want you to know that I am determined to have a great final year and to finish strong and will continue to work hard in helping you become the congregation the Lord desires for Cresaptown United Methodist Church to be.

As I began to write this article, I found myself in the midst of ministry of reaching out to the community. I was an active participant in the "Hope Against Heroin March" and led a group which started at the Dollar General on Greene St. to Canal Place, where we joined forces with other people in taking a positive stand in the name of Jesus against the drug epidemic. But that is not all! For as I write this, I find myself preparing for Heritage Sunday (Sunday, June 25, 2017) and reflecting upon the Scriptures that I will be using to share the message that the Lord has laid upon my heart.

For those of you who may not know or remember, Heritage Sunday is a day which we here at Cresaptown UMC have set aside to celebrate how God has worked in our past and a time in the present for us to renew our commitment to Christ and the Church, and a time for us to seek God's blessing on our future as a congregation. Each of these three components is very important and as your pastor, I believe we need to truly take time to do all three parts.

The challenge before us is be able to celebrate our past in a healthy way. I say this because many

congregations live in the past and by doing so have created a monument to give glory to the past. While it is important that we honor the past and accept our heritage of the past, we cannot dwell on the past, live in the past, or try to recreate the past. We must trust the living God for today! And that it is why we need to take time to renew our commitment to Christ and the Church in the here and now, for only then are we able to trust the Lord for the present and our future!

As we reflect upon our past and think about how God has been faithful to us, I call each of us to be encouraged to trust God in the here and now. We do not want to take God's presence for granted. Nor do we want to seek after God's blessing without first seeking after God! For I remind you that as followers of Christ we are to first seek the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all our needs will be taken care of by our Heavenly Father! So, together, let each of us ask the Lord to give us a greater desire to know Him and be enthralled with His presence in our lives no matter where we are, so that everything we say or do is done for the glory of God! Being passionate worshipers of the Living God is the beginning point for us to be all that we meant to be during this challenging days and opportune times!

Yes, we live in challenging and trying times. There are no doubts about that! But I also know that because of Christ we as believers have a great hope in Christ! Therefore, let each one of us together set our eyes on Christ and run the race that is set before us now! Let each of us wait upon the Lord and be renewed by His strength! Let us be hopeful people and pray together, asking the God of hope to fill each of us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we as a congregation may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Let us covenant together to be found faithful and by God's grace be hope filled people! For I truly believe, the best is yet to come! To God be the glory! Amen!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Hal

BIBLE READINGS FOR JULY
God's Faithful Word of Mercy and Forgiveness
(2017 Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society)

1	Matthew 18:15-35	11	Exodus 12:21-36	21	Leviticus 16:20-34
2	2 Corinthians 2:5-17	12	Exodus 12:37-51	22	2 Samuel 9:1-13
3	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	13	Exodus 13:1-10	23	Psalms 32
4	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	14	Exodus 13:11-22	24	Psalms 43
5	Exodus 1:1-22	15	Exodus 14:1-31	25	Psalms 56
6	Exodus 2:1-25	16	Exodus 15:19-27	26	Psalms 57
7	Exodus 3:1-22	17	Exodus 16:1-21	27	Psalms 68:1-20
8	Exodus 5:1-21	18	Exodus 16:22-36	28	Psalms 68:21-35
9	Exodus 5:22—6:13	19	Exodus 17:1-16	29	Psalms 80
10	Exodus 12:1-20	20	Leviticus 16:1-19	30	Psalms 103
				31	Psalms 113

BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST
God's Faithful Word of Encouragement
(2017 Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society)

1	Philippians 1:1-30	11	1 Thessalonians 2:1-16	21	1 Timothy 4:1-16
2	Philippians 2:1-30	12	1 Thessalonians 2:17—3:13	22	1 Timothy 5:1-25
3	Philippians 3:1-21	13	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18	23	1 Timothy 6:3-21
4	Philippians 4:1-23	14	1 Thessalonians 5:1-28	24	2 Timothy 1:1-18
5	Colossians 1:1-23	15	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12	25	2 Timothy 2:1-26
6	Colossians 1:24—2:5	16	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17	26	2 Timothy 3:1-17
7	Colossians 2:6-19	17	2 Thessalonians 3:1-18	27	2 Timothy 4:1-22
8	Colossians 2:20—3:17	18	1 Timothy 1:1-20	28	Titus 1:1-16
9	Colossians 4:2-18	19	1 Timothy 2:1-15	29	Titus 2:1-15
10	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	20	1 Timothy 3:1-16	30	Titus 3:1-15
				31	Philemon 1-25

NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING

You might like to remember these people with cards, visits and prayers:

Nancy Phillips: Lions Manor, Seton Drive, Cumberland, MD 21502

Wilma Bizaro, Jim Lease: Devlin Manor, 10301 Christie Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502

Agnes Morral, Betty Kimmell: Frostburg Village, One Kaylor Circle, Frostburg, MD 21532

Ruth Galford: The Kensington Algonquin, One Baltimore Street, Room 520, Cumberland, MD 21502
 Phone 301-777-1623

Sarah Davis: Allegany Rehab & Nursing Center, Furnace Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

CARDS AND PRAYERS

For our *out-of-town* cards and prayers:

Betty Oliver: 4305 Loft Woods Dr, Cohutta, GA 30710 *(Note Betty's New Address!)*

Charlotte Coheley: 6074 Southern Oaks Drive, Winterhaven, FL 33884

Elaine Brauer: 1090 Grand View Avenue, Everett, PA 15537

Mildred Pyles: c/o Randall Pyles, 12801 Mann Road, Little Orleans, MD 21766



CHURCH NEWS . . .

News Concerning the Wednesday Bible Study

Over the past 10 months the group that meets for Wednesday Bible Study has been using Right Now Media and the Bible Study “*Reading Scripture*” to help us go through the Scripture and gain a better understanding of how the Scriptures fit together and reveal to us how the Triune God loves our needy world and desires to have an intimate relationship with us. We have learned how Jesus is presented in each Book of the Scriptures as is the promise of God’s Kingdom. We started in Genesis and recently finished the Book of Lamentations. We have decided to take July and August off and will start up again in September and our time together will begin with the Book of Ezekiel.

Our study meets at the Church and is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. After our study we have a time of prayer together, asking God to help us put into practice what we learn as well as pray for our needy world.

If you are interested in being part of this study and prayer group when it resumes again, please contact Pastor Hal Atkins, who is the leader for this group.

Pastoral Care... Don't forget to contact the pastor when you are in need of receiving a visit for any reason, such as when it is necessary for you or a family member to spend some time in the hospital due to an illness, accident or surgery; or when there has been a death in the family.

Pastor Hal can be reached at the following numbers:
301-729-0052 (church);
301-268-6785 (cell)

Newsletter Information

If you have any information for the monthly newsletter, please contact Kathy Cecil by leaving a message on the church phone at 301-729-0052 or 301-729-8792 (home). Articles can also be emailed to kathy.cecil@cresapumc.org.

If you would like to receive your Cresset by email, please forward an email request to the address above.

United Methodist Women

On Sunday, June 11 the UMW presented Bob Hill with a recognition pin honoring him for his years of service to the church. A reception followed.



A Word About Kairos Prison Ministry

For the past 5 ½ years we here at Cresaptown UMC have been blessed to be the host Church for the Kairos Prison Ministry. It was back in November of 2011 that we first began hosting the volunteers who would go into WCI to share Christ with the prisoners. Much has happened since Kairos #1 at WCI was held. Since November 2011, we have hosted the volunteers for nine Kairos Weekends at WCI and three at the North Branch.

On September 28-October 1, 2017, we will host our fourth Kairos Weekend for NBCI. Please pray not only for the prisoners but also for the entire staff, including the Warden, the Chaplain, as well as the Kairos volunteers who will be going into the prison. And while you are praying, pray too for Kairos Weekend #10 at WCI which will be held on October 19-22, 2017.

Thank you for your prayer support!

News from the Mission Committee...

Communion Mission Continues Monthly:

“As we are fed at the Lord’s table, we should feed others...”

JulyCereals, Boxed Meals & Ramen Noodles

AugustCanned Tuna, Chicken, Canned Meat

SeptemberPancake Mix & Syrup

OctoberSugar & Flour

..... (2 lb. bags of flour preferred)

NovemberSoup & Crackers

DecemberSpaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Note: The Food Pantry could also use any "samples" of soap, shampoo, detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. that you may have received and do not use. Clients can't purchase these items with their vouchers. These can be put in the Food Pantry collection box.

Please remember to bring in your donations monthly!

Cresaptown UMC to Hold Community Block Party

As most of us are aware, Cresaptown United Methodist has been part of the Cresaptown community since 1784. To help us to reach out and continue to connect and build stronger relationships with our community that we have been part of for 233 years, we are holding a Community Block Party on Saturday, August 26, 2017. This is the last Saturday in August right before school starts.

The purpose for us holding this event is missional. We desire to give back to the community and let them know that our Lord cares for them very much and so do we! It is also an opportunity for us to let the community know about the many different ministries that we have as a congregation.

At the Block Party we will have some music groups offering various styles of live Christian music. This will include our own "Pulse." We will also have representatives from the numerous ministries and organizations we support present to be able to raise awareness of these ministries. They will all be housed under one big tent which is being loaned to us by the Baltimore-Washington Conference. These will include the following ministries, as well as others:

Frostburg State Campus Ministry

Camp Hope

Family Crisis Center

Lunch Box Ministry

Habitat For Humanity

Cresaptown Volunteer Fire Fighters

The Interfaith Food Pantry

Kairos Prison Ministry

National Day of Prayer

Back Pack Ministry

Pastors United

Allegany Campers

The Union Rescue Mission

Hope Against Heroin

Campers' Cubby

Crop Walk

Adopt a Homeless Vet

Boy Scout Troop 9/Cub Pak 9

This will be a free event - with free popcorn, drinks, hot dogs, and chips. We are asking local businesses to join with as sponsors and are grateful for the response already!

There will be games for kids along with face painting! People from the Health Department and the Hospital will be represented, as well!

We are asking people who attend to bring non-perishable food for the Interfaith Food Pantry.

(See Flyer on the bulletin board for more information)



Worship Schedule for July / August 2017



July 2, 2017 – The 4th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 10:40-42

Message Title: *Cups of Cold Water*

On this first Sunday of the month we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion as part of our worship together. We will also pray for our nation and give thanks to God for our freedom as we prepare for our celebration of the Fourth of July and our 241st year of independence.

July 9, 2017 – The 5th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Message Title: *The Inviting Christ*

Vacation Bible School begins July 10 and ends on July 14th. As part of our worship we will dedicate our teachers, helpers, and students who will be part of our VBS ministry.

July 16, 2017 – The 6th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Texts: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23/Hebrews 12:1-2

Message Title: *What Kind of Soil Are You?*

As part of our 11:00 worship we will celebrate this year's VBS ministry.

July 23, 2017 – The 7th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 13:24-30

Message Title: *What Kind of Seed Are You?*

July 30, 2017 – The 8th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Message Title: *What Value Do You Put On the Kingdom?*

August 6, 2017 – The 9th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 14:13-21

Message Title: *Bring What You Have to Jesus*

As part of our worship on this first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

August 13, 2017 – The 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 14:22-33

Message Title: *Look to Jesus!*

August 20, 2017 – The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 15:21-28

Message Title: *Throwing Ourselves On the Mercy of God!*

August 27, 2017 – The 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Message Title: *The Church Belongs to Christ!*

Cresaptown United Methodist Church
Youth Handbell Program

Grades 4 - 12

No musical experience required.
No stress, no worries, just fun!



For more information
301-697-9679
Call or TXT

From the Mailbox...

(For our Mother's Day Mission)



May 30, 2017

Cresaptown UMC

Thank you for thinking of us for your
Mother's Day appeal! On behalf of the victims in
our community, we are grateful for your support.

Thank you,
Sarah Kaiser
Executive Director
Family Crisis Resource Center



Music Recognition Sunday, June 11, 2017

On Sunday, June 11 we celebrated Music Recognition Sunday. The congregation was blessed to hear special music by the Choir, Handbells, Bell Ringers, and Praise Band, which brought glory to God and edified us. Thanks again to our Music Directors, Harold & April McClay; our organists; and all the members of the music groups for sharing their musical gifts with all.

2017

Music Recognition
Our sincere appreciation to all our music group members.



Praise Band

Justin Beeler - 3 yrs
Nick Dennison - 3 yrs
April McClay - 3 yrs
Connor McClay - 2 yrs
Harold McClay - 3 yrs

Choir

Carol Bonella - 31 yrs
Brenda Hansel - 4 yrs
Beth Hosier - 3 yrs
Syully Horning - 5 yrs
Peggy McDaniel - 59 yrs
Lee Ann Rice - 14 yrs
Rene Sensabaugh - new member
Bill Stewart - 2 yrs
Jannette Whisner - 22 yrs
Betty Wotring - 52 yrs

Directors

(Years of service to music programs)

April McClay - 31 yrs
Harold McClay - 37 yrs



Special Technology Thanks!

Justin Beeler
Keith Beeler
Cindy Beeler
Eric Horning
Bill Shepherd
Kathie Young

Bell Ringers

Ashton Middleton - 3 yrs
Jacob McClay - 3 yrs
Abby Platt - 1 yr
Caroline Reid - 9 yrs



Bells

Justin Beeler - 11 yrs
Carol Bonella - 29 yrs
Shannon Imes - 1 yr
April McClay - 9 yrs
Connor McClay - 6 yrs
Peggy McDaniel - 37 yrs
Kathie Young - 12 yrs
Jannette Whisner - 19 yrs



Organists

Elaine Brauer - 44 yrs
Carol Cosner - 41 yrs



We Thank You...

Thank you to the congregation for your support. Please consider joining a musical group in the fall. We cannot exist without volunteers! Thank you to all musicians for your time and effort. We appreciate all you do.

Harold and April McClay

Father's Day Mission...
Donations to the World Blanket Appeal totaled \$260.



Forever in our Hearts...

In Loving Memory of:

My husband, Lind Moore by Carol Moore
My father, Harold Crabtree and father-in-law, Adam Grim by Carol Moore
My Grandfathers: Percy Crabtree and Elwood Henry by Carol Moore
My Dad, Parker "Pete" Breedlove by Jackie Breedlove
My Dad, Oliver Lewis by Carol Shumaker
Our father, Howard S. "Ham" Hamilton by his children
My dad, Arthur Stevanus by Freda Crowe
Our dad, Bud Crowe by Vickki and Nancy
Bob Snoeberger by Ron & Rob Snoeberger
Elmer Clyde Durst by daughter Vivian Snoeberger
Jonathan C. Moore by Vivian C. Moore
Dennis Erickson by Brittanie and Jeremy Moore
My dad, Dale Broadwater by Brenda Lowery
My father, Howard Strickler by Helen Pfeiffer
My father, Fred Pfeiffer, Jr. by Fred Pfeiffer
My father by John Smith
Robert Leece by Robert & Suzzanne
James H. Deal, Jr. by Suzzanne & Robert
My father, C.J. Day by Jean Hite
My father-in-law, W. P. Hite by Jean Hite
Our fathers by Sherrell & John Senn
Our dad, pap and great-pap, Larry Davis – We will love and miss you forever by the Davis Family
My dad, Eddie Kroll by Earlene Cordial
My father, Wilbur King Jr. by Kathy Hare
Our fathers, Neil Toey and Peter Colmer by Bob & Ida Toey
Neily Toey by Bob & Ida Toey
My father, Howard Metz, who fathered 18 children, by Helen Klingebiel
Happy Father's Day to all fathers by Helen Klingebiel

In Loving Memory of (cont.):

My father, James Nealis by Kathy Cecil
My father, George Cecil by Tom Cecil
My dad, Henry C. Pfister and J. Marshall Porter by Dottie Porter
Our dads, Clyde Vincent and Harold T. Atkins by Pastors Hal & Ann
Thomas W. L. Hinton Jr., father of Sarah DeValk
Thomas W. L. Hinton Sr., grandfather of Sarah DeValk
Peter "Poc" M. Boger, grandfather of Sarah DeValk
Wayne O. DeValk, father of Matthew DeValk
Robert Reid, grandfather of Matthew DeValk
Clarence O. DeValk, grandfather of Matthew DeValk

In Loving Honor of:

My son-in-law, Danny Evix by Carol Moore
Keith Beeler, wonderful husband and father, by Cindy & Justin
My Dad, Gerald Campbell, Love Linda
James W. Moore, Jr. by Jeremy and Brittanie Moore
James W. Moore, III by Vivian Moore
My husband, Ernie Lowery by Brenda Lowery
Our father, Jeff Hare by Bryan, Matthew and Andrew Hare
Matthew DeValk; father of Tristen, Joseph, Arabella, Tatianna and Gideon



CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Heritage Sunday – June 25, 2017

40-YEAR MEMBERS THIS YEAR (2016)

Robert H. Bennett, Jr.	Susan Ann Reeder
Vikki Lynn (Crowe) Border	Terri Ann (Pyles) Van Meter
Diane Marie Kelly	Erma Wamsley
Lee Kroll	*Susan Jane Craig
Marie Kroll	

40-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Fred Bagley (47)	Cathy Jean (Nee) Miles (42)
Lois Bagley (47)	Roger Moffett (47)
Johnny Lee Baier (46)	Carol Ann Moore (44)
Leah Bohrer (45)	Kathy Ann Morrison (45)
Elaine Brauer (42)	Loren K. Morrison, II (45)
Elaine Sue (Bosley) Calvert (45)	Willa Mae Morrison (45)
Gary Coleman (44)	Scott A. Nee (45)
Jeffrey Lee Coleman (42)	Elaine Norris (45)
Paul Edward Cordial (45)	Mark (Rodney) Paugh (47)
Carol Elizabeth (Stewart) Cosner(42)	Doris Rader (47)
Roger Lee Davis (47)	Jane Eleanor Ramsey (42)
Krista Lou (Kimmell) Eaton (47)	Amy (Workman) Rowan (47)
Gail Carolyn (Hutson) Elseroad (49)	Sherrell Jean Senn (49)
Phyllis (Handley) Fisher (47)	Gerald Simmons (49)
Kimberly Sue (Emerick) Folmer (48)	Barbara Simmons (49)
Barbara (Hager) Gregory (43)	Judy Ann Smith (41)
Mark Ashworth Griffin (49)	James Marshall Stewart (49)
Larry Gyger (47)	Collette Suder (47)
Sheila Marie (Bowman) Harvey (46)	Mary Suzanne Triplett (47)
Anita Jane (Davis) Hill (45)	*Jody Winters (43)
Robert Earl Hill (49)	Mary Jo (Vandenberg)Wolters(48)
*Karen (Campbell) Howsare (41)	Glenn Workman (48)
James Hutson (46)	*Rick (Randall) Workman (47)
Norman Jenkins (47)	Rodney E. Workman (44)
Rita Jenkins (47)	Kevin Wotring (46)
Cathy (Osborne) McKenzie (43)	

50-YEAR MEMBERS THIS YEAR

John Coleman (50)	Cindy (Kifer) Robison (50)
Robert Davis (50)	Vivian Snoeberger (50)
Fred Kreiger, Jr. (50)	Ida Mae Toey (50)
Ronald Paugh (50)	Robert Toey (50)

50-YEAR PLUS MEMBERS

Patricia Angelatta (60)	Ernest Lowery (60)
Sandra Baier (51)	Beatrice McCullough (60)
Robert Bennett (68)	Peggy McDaniel (59)
Donna Bowman (55)	Dennis McKenzie (52)
Jacqueline Breedlove (72)	Nancy Miller (52)
Royce Breedlove (69)	*Steve Miller (55)
Dora Jean Shaffer Buchanan (51)	Thomas Miller (59)
Gerald Campbell (56)	Randy Moffett (51)
Marie Campbell (56)	Sandra (Davis) Moore (56)
Glenn Clayton (55)	Agnes Morral (60)
Earlene Cordial (57)	Ruby Nee (51)
Dwight Cowgill (53)	Brad Nelson (52)
Freda Crowe (74)	Brent Nelson (54)
Sarah Davis (56)	Linda O'Neal (56)
Karen (Mick) Gardner (53)	Sonja Osbourne (69)
Charles Gerhart (68)	Dorothy Paugh (55)
Betty (Gerhart) Gilman (68)	Nancy Phillips (68)
Gary Glover (57)	Dorothy Porter (58)
Peggy Glover (53)	Mildred Pyles (59)
Linda (Broadwater) Greig (58)	Hilda Mae Resh (51)
David Hamilton (51)	LeAnn Rice (59)
Sharon Hamilton (56)	Linda Riley (52)
Lois Handley (51)	Paul Riley (59)
Phillip Handley (51)	Richard Robinson (58)
Marion Hite (72)	Shirley Robinson (71)
*Dennis Hoppert (51)	Leola Saville (52)
Helen Hoppert (52)	Jean Shirey (63)
William Hosier (53)	Carol Shumaker (56)
Betty Baird Judy (69)	Jeff Slider (52)
Beatrice Keister (70)	Harold Stevanus (63)
James Kelley (51)	Delbert Stewart (59)
Nellie Kelley (54)	Fred Taylor (55)
Betty Kimmell (75)	David Toey (56)
Gary Kimmel (55)	Edward Ullery (60)
Ricky (Winters) Kirby (55)	Steve Vandenberg (57)
Donna Knick (54)	James Walton (51)

Report from Annual Conference

By Vivian Moore

We are One: Connected in Covenant was the theme for this year's annual conference and for the first time in the history of the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church the presiding bishop is a woman, Bishop Latrelle Easterling. I, for one, felt the Holy Spirit in powerful ways moving through our conference. During the conference, we voted on four resolutions, five constitutional amendments, the proposed budget for 2018 and other items that enabled the ministries of our connectional church.

We heard reports from the various ministry areas, the Young Adult Council, the CCYM, ROCK, and the District Superintendents. The Rev. Steven Manskar lead the morning Bible Study on Ephesians 4: 1-6 and 4: 7, 11-16. Manskar is the director of Wesley Leadership with the denomination's Board of Discipleship in Nashville. The clergy and laity met in separate sessions on Wednesday afternoon. The laity heard Jodi Cataldo, director of Laity in Leadership at Discipleship Ministries. She outlined the roles, requirements and renewal requirements for those called to be Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Speakers and Certified Lay Ministers. Christie Latona, the new director of Connectional Ministries for the BWC, highlighted the Northeast Jurisdiction's Call to Action for Racial Justice and Reconciliation.

Wednesday evening, Bishop Easterling welcomed us all the annual conference and the opening worship service. Preaching from the Conference's theme in Ephesians 4:1-6, Bishop Easterling spoke of the many instances of covenant throughout the Bible, and explained how "in these covenants God calls upon the faithful to trust and obey, turn away from the former and to walk with God toward a sacred and bright future." She called on each of us to listen to each other in love for we truly need each other to survive. An offering of \$10,051 was collected to assist victims of domestic violence seeking to leave their abusive relationship through the Seeds of Security Ministry. The worship closed with a celebration of communion and a time of praise.

Thursday was devoted to the business of the conference, voting on resolutions, constitutional amendments and the budget. Thursday evening was the commissioning and ordination of 10 provisional members and 8 full

members. Bishop Ernest Lyght, retired, preached at the Service of Ordination and Consecration. He used as his text Luke 11:5-13 and Exodus 16:1-4, both about bread. We, as the church, are to provide fresh bread for those who come through our doors. But too often people find either stale or warmed-over bread. God provides daily, fresh bread for us and we as the church, on fire with the Holy Spirit, need to do the same.

Friday, the concluding day of the conference, found us celebrating the lives of the saints who had gone home over the last year. The Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli, senior pastor of Foundry UMC, brought the words of comfort. She used as her sermon text John 14:1-4. Rev. Cirelli emphasized that Jesus has shown us the way; the way of love and mercy, of humility and service, and to accept the invitation to dwell in God's big tent. Before we left to return home, we celebrated those who were retiring from full-time ministry and those who were being called to new ministries and new churches. One of the highlights for me was the presentation of the One Matters Award to Kyle Durbin, pastor of Frostburg UMC. This award recognized the work of Jennifer Weber and Kyle Durbin bringing Frostburg UMC into a more vital and spiritual relationship with the Frostburg community and providing new avenues of worship. This award recognizes growth in membership, baptisms and confessions of faith. Last year this award was presented to the Cumberland-Hagerstown District. Our district superintendent, Conrad Link is the new dean of the Cabinet.

I want to thank all of you at Cresaptown United Methodist Church for allowing me to serve as your lay delegate to annual conference. If you have questions about annual conference please feel free to ask me or Pastor Hal.

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*Becoming fully alive in Christ and making
a difference in a diverse and ever-
changing world.*



Baltimore-Washington Conference
The United Methodist Church

July Calendar

2 Sun.	Communion (Cereal, Boxed Meals, Ramen Noodles)
3 Mon.	7:00 PM - United Methodist Women
4 Tues.	Happy Independence Day! 7:00 PM - Trustees - cancelled
10-14 Mon.-Fri.	6 - 8:30 PM - Vacation Bible School
13 Thur.	9:00 AM - Ushers' Breakfast 5:00 PM - Union Rescue Mission
24 Mon.	6:00 PM - Council on Ministries 7:00 PM - Administrative Board



August Calendar

1 Tues.	5:30 PM - United Methodist Women Summer Picnic
6 Sun.	Communion (Canned Tuna or Chicken & Canned Meat)
10 Thur.	9:00 AM - Ushers' Breakfast 5:00 PM - Union Rescue Mission
21 Mon.	<i>Cresset</i> (Newsletter) Deadline 6:00 PM - Council on Ministries
26 Sat.	Community Block Party from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

No Bell or Choir Practice in July & August
No Exercise in July or August

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Every Sunday
11:25 AM - Kids' Church
9:45 AM - Church School Every Sunday





Cresaptown United Methodist



Vacation Bible School - Monday, July 10 - 14, 2016

6:00 - 8:30 PM

VBS is for children 3 years to 5th grade.

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DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!***

Note: Children 3 years of age must be accompanied by a family member.
(Students 6th grade and over who would like to help **must** register in advance.
Contact Shannon Imes, Pam Middleton, or Laura Miller)

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