



CRESSET

October 2017



Information Concerning All Saints' Sunday

November 1 is All Saints Day and we will celebrate it as a congregation on All Saints' Sunday, November 5, 2017. As part of our worship on this special Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and we will remember the members of our congregation who have gone home to be with the Lord since last year's All Saints' Day. If you have Christian loved ones who have died in the past year who were not members of our congregation but want us to remember them on All Saints' Sunday, please let the Church Office know and we will include their name during our remembrance time.

Cresaptown UMC to have a Prayer Tent Set Up to Pray for the Community

On **Saturday, October 7**, Cresaptown UMC will join other United Methodist congregations in praying for their communities. Our tent will be set up in the parking area at the Prudential Building located at Howard St. and US 220, right next door to Sheetz in Cresaptown.

If you are willing to help out in this meaningful ministry please feel free contact Pastor Hal Atkins and he will sign you up! Thank you in advance for your willingness to pray for others in our community

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World Communion Sunday



Sunday, October 1

Fall Bazaar & Soup Sale

Saturday, Oct. 28

The annual Fall Bazaar and Soup Sale will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28.

(See Page 10 for more details.)

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Communion will be served on Sunday, October 1, 2017

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From the Heart of the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

If you are familiar with Church History most likely you are aware that on the 31st of October we as Protestant Christians celebrate Reformation Day and the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. We do so because traditionally it is believed that on October 31, 1517, the German monk Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses on the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, located in Saxony, Germany, which was part of the Holy Roman Empire. Nailing these 95 Theses on the Church Door was an act of bold protest on the part of Luther against the selling of indulgences and the teachings of Dominican Johann Tetzel. Luther felt that church officials, like Tetzel, through the selling of the indulgences, were teaching people that they could literally buy their way into the Kingdom of God by purchasing God's favor. Thus, he felt he could not remain silent but must speak out against what he considered corruptive acts and teachings which went against God's Word and loving grace.

But what most people are not as aware of, as they should, is the fact that the act of nailing the 95 theses on the Church door would have never happened if Martin Luther had not been appointed to the University Wittenberg as a Professor of Bible. For it was in August 1513 as a professor that Martin Luther began a course of biblical lectures. At that time Luther was struggling with the issue of how to get right with God. He was going through spiritual torment due his own personal sin. He also had a misunderstanding of God's righteousness for he thought that God's righteousness condemned sinners, not save them. But through the study of the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, and pondering intensely over the words of Romans 1:16-17, Luther, through God's grace, was able to grasp the truth of salvation. He discovered for himself personally that God makes us right with Himself through faith in Jesus Christ. Thus, because of being justified before God through faith in Jesus Christ Luther was then able to make a stand against the selling of indulgences. And it was because of Luther's protest, the truth that transformed Luther's heart was able to be spread and bring transformation to all of Europe.

But the effects of this great biblical truth did not stop there. For it was on evening of May 24,

1738, several centuries later, an unconverted Anglican clergyman went unwillingly to a Moravian meeting on Aldersgate Street in London, England where a man was reading Martin Luther's Preface to the Book of Romans. Through the hearing of the gospel message his life was changed! But I will let him share with you in his own words what happened to him that night. This is what he wrote in his diary: *'About a quarter before nine, while the reader was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given that He had taken my sins, even mine; and saved me from the law of sin and death.'*

Who was this man? The clergyman's name was John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, and the one God used along with his brother Charles and the Methodist Movement as a whole, to help reform the nation of England and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land. Thus, through the preaching of the Gospel, and bringing good news to the poor, Wesley and the early Methodists were used by God, as some historical scholars believe, to save England from enduring the social upheaval that occurred in France, due to the French Revolution.

The good news is that the liberating message of the Gospel of Christ and His Kingdom continues to change lives! But if there was ever a day that needed to experience a fresh movement of God's Holy Spirit and this liberating message, it is today! That is why, as your pastor, I have joined with others all around our world and am praying that God would awaken not only the United Methodist Church, but the entire Church today so we might be part of a great spiritual movement which would have a profound impact upon our needy world. For as we await Christ's second coming, I honestly believe that the greatest movement of God's Spirit is yet to come!

The question is, "Will we be part of it?" If you would want to be part of something like this, I would ask that you begin by reading, studying, and obediently following the message of the Book of Romans. I say this because as I know from personal experience, that by doing so, our lives can be transformed and can be used to spread the transforming power of Christ to others!

May it be so!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Hal

BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER
God's Faithful word of Justice and Peace
(2017 Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society)

1	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	11	Psalms 72	21	Deuteronomy 1:1-18
2	Psalms 7	12	Psalms 73	22	Deuteronomy 8:1-20
3	Psalms 9	13	Psalms 75	23	Deuteronomy 10:1-22
4	Psalms 10	14	Psalms 82	24	Deuteronomy 11:1-17
5	Psalms 12	15	Psalms 85	25	Deuteronomy 11:18-32
6	Psalms 15	16	Leviticus 25:1-22	26	Isaiah 11:1-16
7	Psalms 17	17	Leviticus 25:23-38	27	Isaiah 25:1-9
8	Isaiah 26	18	Leviticus 25:39-55	28	Isaiah 32:1-20
9	Psalms 50	19	Numbers 27:1-11	29	Isaiah 33:10-24
10	Psalms 52	20	Numbers 36:1-13	30	Ezekiel 34:1-31
				31	Psalms 46

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

Doris Oglebay: Williamsport Retirement Village, Room 1107 – Rehab Unit,
 154 N. Artizan St., Williamsport MD 21795

Ruby Nee: 124 Sunbrook Lane, Hagerstown MD 21742-4195



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)

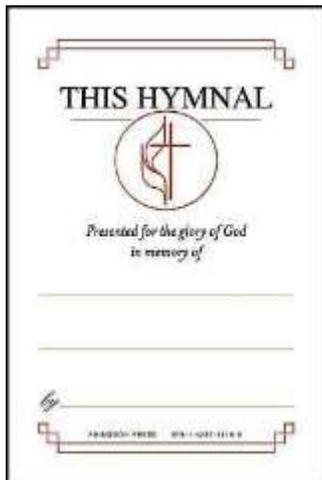
Newsletter Information

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.

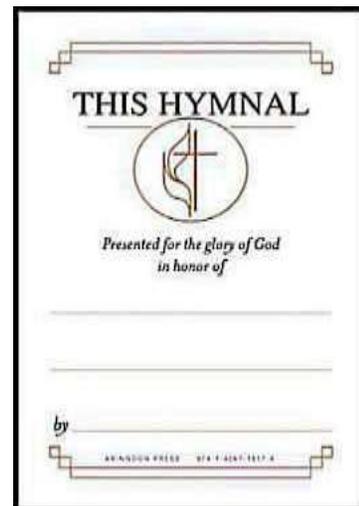
CHURCH NEWS . . .

New Song Books



During our worship services, we often use songs from the two new song books: *The Faith We Sing* and *Worship and Song*, which are supplements to our hymnal. We have had several requests to have these hymns copied and put in the bulletins, which can be costly. Therefore, based on a recommendation from the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Board has approved the purchase of 50 of each of these song books to be placed in the pews. The purchase of these books will be from memorial funds.

We are asking for your help. You can dedicate a song book(s) *in memory of* or *in honor of* a loved one for \$15 or two for \$25. We will place a memorial bookplate in the front of the hymnal showing your dedication.



If you would like to dedicate a book(s), please contact Pastor Hal or Kathy Cecil to complete the informational card.

Worship Schedule for October 2017



October 1, 2017 – World Communion Sunday

On this first Sunday in October we join together with churches across denominations, across the country and across the globe to observe World Communion Sunday. This special Sunday is a celebration of the gift of Christ's blood and body, as well as a celebration of the body that is the universal church. We are reminded that the church is made up of all of those who follow Jesus – a church without borders.

Message Text: Exodus 17:1-7

Message Title: *Water from the Rock*

October 8, 2017 – The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Message Text: Philippians 3:4b-14

Message Title: *Wanting to Know Christ*

October 15, 2017 – Laity

On this special Sunday the worship service will be completely led by our laity. Lay Servant/Lay Leader Vivian Moore will be bringing the message today.

October 22, 2017 – The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

This service is still being worked on at this time. Further information will follow.

October 29, 2017 – Reformation Sunday

Oct. 31, 2017 marks the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Pastor Hal will share a message on the verses which changed Martin Luther's life and which later help him take a stand for Christ that would lead to the Reformation. Message Text: Romans 1:16-17
Message Title: *The Power of the Gospel*

News from Missions...

Communion Mission Continues Monthly:

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

January Boxed Meals/Hamburger Helper
February Meals in a Can
March Peanut Butter and Jelly
April Hygiene & Paper Products
May Canned Fruits and Veggies
June Sliced Canned Potatoes/Canned Beets, etc.
July Cereals, Boxed Meals & Ramen Noodles
August Canned Tuna, Chicken, Canned Meat
September Pancake Mix & Syrup
October Sugar & Flour
(2 lb. bags of flour preferred)
November Soup & Crackers
December Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Please remember to bring in your donations monthly!
Donations to be placed in the plastic tub on the landing at the turnaround entrance (as marked).



A MISSION MOMENT...



Join Pastor Hal Atkins on the local Crop Walk on **Sunday, October 8**, at 2 p.m. If you are not able to walk with him, please support Pastor Hal prayerfully and financially as he joins others from the Cumberland area in walking to end hunger. If you are interested in walking or supporting him and need more information please contact him and let him know. While our local walk helps to end hunger worldwide, most of the money raised during walks in Allegany County remains in our area to support the growing need. Thank you for your help!

From the Mailbox...



Aug. 28, 2017

*Pastor Hal Atkins
Cresaptown UMC*

Thank you so much for including CAMP HOPE in your Community Block Party. We were able to interact with both people that already knew about CAMP HOPE and with some that had not ever heard of the mission program.

We had two families that were interested in having applications mailed and also a local church that might be considering bringing a team to CAMP HOPE next summer. It is always good to have new or returning churches to become involved. Often youth programs go through peaks and valleys with youth and simply don't have the youth to participate. Therefore, churches have to withdraw from CAMP HOPE for a few years, but then return when their youth program grows again.

*With Christ's Blessings,
Sharon Grim
CAMP HOPE Board of Directors*

Administrative Board Minutes September 17, 2017

A meeting of the Administrative Board was held on Sunday, September 17, 2017, following the 11:00 a.m. service with chair Keith Beeler presiding. Pastor Hal opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Keith noted that the purpose of this meeting was mainly to review and approve the following items for the upcoming church conference to be held on Saturday, Sept. 30:

- Budget: Steve Young reviewed the 2018 Budget as distributed, totaling \$165,938. A motion was made to accept the 2018 Budget as presented; motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Lay Servant: Keith Beeler presented the Certified Lay Servant renewal form as completed by Vivian Moore. A motion was made to approve Vivian Moore for renewal as a Certified Lay Servant; motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- Lay Leadership Development: Pastor Hal reviewed the Report of the Leadership Development Committee for the Conference Year January – December 2018, as distributed. He noted that the only change to the Administrative Board was that Carol Bonella would be the new Chairperson of Worship, as she will be replacing Jannette Whisner as chair of the Worship/Music Committee in January. The classes of 2020 for the Lay Leadership Development and the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations committees were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the Lay Leadership Development Committee list for January – December 2018; motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Pastor Hal reported on the upcoming Prayer Request Event on Saturday, October 7. A prayer tent will be set up next to the Prudential Insurance Office on McMullen Hwy (adjacent to Sheetz parking lot) for the purpose of inviting people to be able to request and receive prayers. There will be other Methodist churches setting up tents in areas throughout the community. The District Superintendent will be promoting this event by placing an ad in the local paper encouraging people to participate.

Council on Ministries: On behalf of the Council on Ministries, Pastor Hal presented their recommendation for the purchase of two song books: *The Faith We Sing* and *Worship & Song*, which are supplements to our hymnal. The cost of 50 of each book from Cokesbury has been estimated at \$1,025. It was also noted that we should purchase at least one of each in large print. There was discussion as to how to pay for these items and it was recommended that they be purchased from the Memorial Fund with the understanding that requests would be made to ask the congregation to make a donation to dedicate a book either *in memory* or *in honor* of someone. A dedication bookplate would then be placed in one of the songbooks. A motion was made to purchase 50 of each of *The Faith We Sing* and *Worship & Song* songbooks to be paid for from the Memorial Fund; and, a request would then be communicated to the congregation that they could make donations to dedicate the book(s) *in memory* or *in honor* of someone with these donation going back into the Memorial Fund. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Correspondence – A letter from Ruby Nee (a long-time member who recently moved to Hagerstown to be near her children) was shared with the group commending the church congregations past and present on their continued ministry, especially to herself and her family, and complimenting its many ongoing missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cecil, Recording Secretary



Rally Sunday – Sept. 10, 2017
Outdoor worship followed by an indoor luncheon.



The Community Block Party Was A Huge Success!



On Saturday, August 26, 2017, we at Cresaptown United Methodist Church were able to host a Community Block Party on our church grounds. The purpose of this event was for us as a congregation to give back to the community and bring the community that we have been a part of for 233 years closer together. We also wanted to make people aware of the various ministries and community organizations that we support and what they have to offer the community. We can honestly say that the Lord truly blessed us and enabled us to fulfill our purpose for holding the Block Party. The Block Party was well attended and was a huge success. Everyone who attended the event really enjoyed themselves and was blessed by how the community came together!

To participate in the event we asked everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Because of the large turnout and the generosity of the people who attended we were able to give the Pantry a huge donation of food to help the poor and needy. And because of the financial help of our sponsors, we were able to have free food and drinks, which included hot dogs and chips, water, tea and sodas, as well as popcorn. We had a variety of live Christian music played by the three different groups, which included David Hill and New Chapter, Pastor Jim Jeffries of LaVale Baptist, and our own Christian band, Pulse. We also had games for kids, including a bounce house! The Arrowettes and some of the Cheerleaders from Allegany High School provided face painting. Other activities included tours of the Safety House and rides on the fire engine provided by members of the Cresaptown Volunteer Firefighters; a demonstration by a member of the Sheriff's Department with the canine dog; and Daddio's showed off their exotic reptiles which included "Turbo" a huge turtle! The money that we had left over was donated to the Camper's Cubbie to help care for needy students of Allegany High School.

Our own Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church allowed us to use a big circus size tent. Having the tent enabled us to house representatives of over twenty different ministries and organizations under "one roof" and help bring "unity" to the community." Special thanks goes to all those who helped in any way in getting the tent and for its setting up and taking down. We also want to thank all the local businesses who helped sponsor the Block Party and helped make it such a huge success. These include the following businesses:

- Sheetz of Cresaptown
- Scarpelli's Funeral Home
- First United Bank
- Jump Around, Inc.
- The Eagles of Cresaptown
- Country Club Mall Cinema
- Martin's (La Vale)
- Cresaptown Vol. Firefighters
- Walmart
- Caporale's Bakery
- Stroehmann Bakeries Inc
- Chick-fil A (LaVale)
- Daddio's Exotic Pets
- Frito Lay



United Methodist Women

The UMW met on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. The guest speaker at the meeting was Amy Chronister, Community Outreach Coordinator for Jane's Place, Inc. As part of her presentation, Amy explained that *Jane's Place is both a place and a team of people helping children ages 0 – 18 and their families recover from the devastation of child abuse by providing forensically sound interviews, on-site therapy, scheduling for medical exams, and follow-up services...all free of charge. In 2017, Jane's Place will see between 75-1000 child and adolescent victims of abuse for specialized services, and will reach more than 2,000 adults and children through our child victimization prevention and outreach efforts.* Following the presentation, it was recommended and approved to send a \$100 donation to Jane's Place.



Amy Chronister
Community Outreach Coordinator
Jane's Place, Inc.

Some of the upcoming items discussed at the meeting included:

- Board of Child Care Auxiliary meeting on Thursday, 9/21
- Fundraiser: Two-year calendars (2018-2019) are now available for sale at a cost of \$2 each.
- Backpack Program begins this week
- Monetary donations are running low for Union Rescue Mission meals
- UMW District Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 14
- World Thank Boxes due at next meeting
- In lieu of vegetables, members were asked to bring items for the Campers' Cubby to the next meeting.
- Sunday, Oct. 8 – CROP Walk – Contact Pastor Hal for more information. (UMW to donate \$50 to CROP Walk)

To report suspected child abuse in Allegany County, please call 301-784-7122 or 911 (after-hours). Your call could save the life of a child in our community.

Board of Child Care

Cumberland-Hagerstown BOCC Auxiliary Meeting - Sept. 21, 2017

The Board of Child Care is an organization of volunteers and supporters from across the Baltimore Washington Conference who share in the love of Christ with the children and families served by the Board of Child Care. (Contact Dottie Porter, our Key Person at Cresaptown UMC, for more information.)



The Cresaptown UMW hosted the annual meeting of the C-H Board of Child Care Auxiliary on Thursday, Sept. 21. Registration was at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments were served. There were 32 in attendance. We had 10 attending and were presented the banner for most in attendance. The President of the C-H Region, Dawn Nelson, called the meeting to order. Pastor Hal gave the opening prayer and devotion. The guest speaker was Robert Snurr, Campus Supervisor Falling Waters facility. Mr. Snurr talked about the four principles of Jesus on which they base their students' education: Growth in Wisdom (never stop learning); Growth in Stature (physical health); Growth in Favor with God (spiritually); and Growth in Favor with Man (social skills). Lunch was served following the meeting. Thanks to all the UMW ladies who participated.

The UMW continues to support BOCC by collecting *Box Tops for Education*, annual membership donation, and requests and purchases items for the students' Christmas Store at Falling Waters every year, along with other donations.

October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 4:30 PM – Exercise	3 10:00 AM - United Methodist Women	4 10 AM – Bible Study	5 6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	6	7
8 World Communion (Sugar & Flour) <i>2 lb. bags preferred</i>	9 4:30 PM – Exercise	10 7:00 PM – Trustees <i>(note change in date)</i>	11 10 AM – Bible Study	12 9:00 AM - Ushers/Bkfast 5:00 PM – UR Mission 6:00 - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	13	14
15 Laity Sunday	16 4:30 PM – Exercise	17	18 10 AM – Bible Study	19 6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	20	21
22	23 <i>Cresset Deadline</i> 4:30 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM – COM	24	25 10 AM – Bible Study	26 6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM – Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells	27	28 Fall Bazaar <i>8 a.m. to 3 p.m.</i> 
29	30 4:30 PM – Exercise	31		8:30 & 11:00 Worship Every Sunday 11:25 Kids' Church 9:45 Church School Every Sunday		



2017



Cresaptown United Methodist



Fall Bazaar - Saturday, Oct. 28 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following groups/individuals are taking charge of the areas as listed below:

- Soup & SandwichesChristian Friends
- Drinks Sale..... Youth
- Craft Sale.....Scripture Gleaners
- Bake Sale..... UMW / Scripture Gleaners / Wesley Fellowship
- Yard Sale/Attic TreasuresTom & Kathy Cecil

Preparations for the soup sale will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, Oct. 26 and Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. *Please contact Keith or Cindy Beeler if you are able to help!*

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board adjacent to the church office for soup orders. Or, you can call the church office to pre-order at 301-729-0052. There will be Vegetable Beef and Chicken Noodle soups available by the quart for \$6 each. Pick-up for take-out orders will be after 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28.

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