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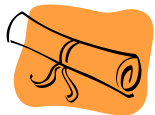
Mother's Day

Once again, the Family Crisis Resource Center of Cumberland will be our Mother's Day mission project. The Center responds with a twenty-four hour "help line." Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are provided emergency shelter. You are invited to honor mothers, grandmothers, or any other special women in your life on **Mother's Day (Sunday, May 13)** by contributing \$5.00 to support the Crisis Center. Please write out the wording for the bulletin. Contact person is Sharon Hamilton (301-729-1186); **deadline is May 9.**

**Family Crisis Resource Center (MD) 301-759-9246
24-Hour Help Line 301-759-9244**



Graduates



On Sunday, May 20, we will be recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of our High School and College graduates. If you know of a member of our church who is graduating from high school or college (or if you have a family member graduating that you would like to have recognized), please contact Pastor Hal at 301-729-0052.

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Mark Your Calendar...



May 3, 2018

Wednesday, May 2 at Central Assembly on Bedford Road at 7 p.m.
Guest speaker is Mike Lindell, Inventor and CEO of My Pillow and the Lindell Foundation, which provides aid to the poor.

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Communion will be served on May 6, 2018.

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From the Heart of the Pastor:

Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus! As I write this article for this month's Cresset, I am getting ready to teach a Lay Servant Class on Methodist History and Doctrine using the book by Bishop Ken L. Carder entitled "*Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*." Preparing for this class reminded me of the fact that May is coming up and that for those of us who call ourselves Methodists the month of May is a very special time of the year. It is a very important month because May reminds us how vital it is for us to have a heart transformed by the grace of God. For you see it was 280 years ago during the month of May that the founders of Methodism, John and Charles Wesley, had their heartwarming experiences just days apart from one another.

Charles put his trust in the finished work of Christ on May 21, 1738, which happened to be Pentecost Sunday. Prior to this time, after his return to England from America, he had been unwell in body and dejected in spirit. But the Lord was still pursuing him and through the Holy Spirit worked in his life to "*chase away the darkness of his own unbelief*" and bring him to the point where he trusted in Christ. On the evening of May 21, Charles wrote in his journal, "*I now found myself at peace with God, and rejoiced in hope of loving Christ.*" He also added, "*I went to bed still sensible of my weakness... yet confident of Christ's protection.*"

Later on that same night, after hearing about his brother's conversion, John wrote in his diary these words, "*I received the surprising news that my brother had found rest to his soul.*" But John would continue on his journey seeking to find that same rest. It would last for three more days, for it was on May 24, 1738, that John had what he refers to as his "*Aldersgate Experience.*" This is how he described in his journal:

"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he 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 to me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

Not only did John and Charles Wesley have their heart transforming experiences by God's grace, they would continue to grow in His grace. Fortunately they did not keep the message of God's transforming grace to themselves. For God would powerfully use them both to help bring spiritual renewal within the Anglican Church and the Church as a whole. This is what later became known as the Wesleyan movement. Its purpose was to reform the nation and to spread scriptural holiness throughout the land. It affected all of England and Great Britain and spread to America. It is now called by Church Historians as the "*Wesleyan Revival*" and/or the "*2nd Great Awakening.*" We as a denomination and as a local congregation have our beginnings because of this great work of God!

As your pastor, I must stop here and ask you a very important question: "*How is it with your soul?*" I ask that because it is important for people today to have a heart transforming experience by God's grace and for them to continue to grow in His grace. So now allow me to rephrase the question. Instead of asking you "*How is it with your soul?*" let me ask you, "*Have you ever had a 'heart-warming experience' where you trusted in Christ, Christ alone for salvation and then received an assurance that you were completely forgiven and were then empowered to live for Christ?*" If your answer to that question is no, please come and talk with me! I would love to share with you how by God's grace you can experience for yourself God's wondrous love found in Christ Jesus!

And if your answer to that question is yes, I have another question for you. Are you being intentional about your discipleship? In other words, are you growing in the knowledge and grace of our Lord? If you are honest and cannot answer this question in a positive way, please come and talk with me as well, because it truly my desire to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus!

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BIBLE READINGS FOR MAY
Growing with God's Word and Being Renewed by the Holy Spirit
(2018 Bible Reading Guide from the American Bible Society)

1	John 14:1-14	11	Ezekiel 1:1 – 2:1	21	Acts 2:29-47
2	John 14:15-31	12	Ezekiel 2:2 – 3:15	22	Acts 3:1-26
3	John 15:1-17	13	Ezekiel 10:1-22	23	Acts 4:1-22
4	John 15:18 – 16:15	14	Ezekiel 36:1-15	24	Acts 4:23-31
5	John 16:16-33	15	Ezekiel 36:16-38	25	Acts 6:1-5
6	Revelation 1:1-20	16	Ezekiel 37:1-28	26	Acts 7:1-22
7	Revelation 2:1-29	17	Ezekiel 43:1-12	27	Acts 7:23-43
8	Revelation 3:1-22	18	Ezekiel 43:13-27	28	Acts 7:44 – 8:3
9	Revelation 4:1-11	19	Ezekiel 47:1-12	29	Acts 8:4-25
10	Acts 1:1-26	20	Acts 2:1-28	30	Acts 8:26-40
				31	Acts 19:1-10

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: Devlin Manor, 10301 Christie Road NE, Cumberland, MD 21502

Agnes Morral, Alice Lewis Greenwood; 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!)*

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.

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
- DecemberSpaghetti Sauce & Pasta

"Campers' Cubby"

Don't forget that donations for the Campers' Cubby for the students at Allegany High School can be placed in the plastic tubs in the Welcome Center throughout the year. Items needed include personal hygiene, school supplies, snacks, etc. Contact Chris O'Brien or Pastor Hal if you have any questions.



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.



SCOUT AWARD BANQUET

As you know we are the sponsor organization for Boy Scout Troop 9. On April 11, 2018, Cresaptown UMC hosted Troop 9's Annual Award Banquet. It was a lovely evening and the United Methodist Women prepared a wonderful turkey meal with all its fixings. Following the meal, the Scouts received their awards. Joseph DeValk, one of our youth is who is also a member of our congregation, has been part of Troop 9 since 2012. He received his cooking merit badge and was appointed Senior Patrol Leader. Another Scout Troop member, William O'Boyle handcrafted wooden swords and presented one to the Steve Nelson, Scout Master, and a few other scouts whom he felt embodied the scout motto. Joey was one of these scouts and he was presented the Samaria sword. The night ended with an Eagle Scout ceremony with Tyler Buttermark receiving his Eagle.

Church News...



With love and the promise of eternal life, we note the death of our members:

*Waneta Yoder on 3/30/18; Ellen Cross on 4/5/18;
John Smith on 4/6/18, and Betty Kimmell on 4/14/18*

From the Mailbox...



(Reprinted since it was incomplete last month.)

*March 13, 2018
Cresaptown UMC,*

Please find enclosed two checks to honor my mother and Pastor Hal. Your church has been a blessing in my life and my family's as well. May you continue to be a beacon in the community as you have always been!

*Sincere Thanks,
Fred Kreiger, Jr.*

P.S. There has been a recent addition to our family as my son Fred III and his wife Samantha gave birth to a son, Fred IV, on January 27, 2018.



On Sunday, Apr. 15, Chris O'Brien, UMW President, and Pastor Hal (center) presented Steve & Linda Young (right and left) with United Methodist Women's Special Recognition Pins for 2018 for their dedicated service to the church.



Mason Trub transferred from Troop 2 to Troop 9. Mason and his family have been attending worship with us since Scout Sunday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

As Pastor Hal prepares for his retirement, he and Pastor Ann are presently sorting and downsizing and are using the parsonage to do so. They have however already moved into their new home. His new mailing address is as follows:

Pastor Hal Atkins
886 Sperry Terrance
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

*Take note: His phone number is still the same.
301-268-6785.*

Worship Schedule for May 2018



May 6, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Message Text: Acts 10:44-48

Message Title: *Word and Spirit*

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

May 13, 2018 – Ascension Sunday (Mother's Day)

Message Texts: Acts 1:1-11/ Luke 24:44-43

Message Title: *The Cross and Flame*

While the focus of our service will be on the ascended Lord and the promise of the Spirit, because it is also Mother's Day, we will honor our Mothers and Daughters as part of our worship.

May 20, 2018 – Pentecost Sunday

Message Text: Acts 2:1-21

Message Title: *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*

As part of our worship on this special day in the life of the Church known as Pentecost we will celebrate the Birthday of the Church. We will also honor our 2018 graduates.

May 27, 2018 – Trinity Sunday

Message Texts: Isaiah 6:1-8/John 3:1-17

Message Title: *Our God Is a Sending God!*

While the focus of our service will be on the Trinity since it is Trinity Sunday, as part of our worship on this Memorial Day Weekend, we will remember those who have given their lives for the protection of our Nation and will have dedication of our Memorials.

*May God give you grace never
to sell yourself short, grace to
risk something big for
something good, grace to
remember that the world is too
dangerous for anything but
truth and too small for anything
but love.*

--William Sloan Coffin

From the Heart of the Pastor (continued from Pg. 2)

It is my prayer that each of us who have been transformed by God's grace will continue to grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and by the power of the Holy Spirit be made more like Him each day. It is also my prayer that each of us would be praying and planting seeds for the next great awakening! The future of our community, nation, and world depends upon it! Something for us to think about and reflect upon as we approach Pentecost 2018.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Hal



Important Days in the Month of May...

The month of May is a very important month of the year. When one thinks of the month of May, what normally comes to mind is Mother's Day and Memorial Day. While these days are very important, there are others days which have significant importance as well, especially in the life of the Church. Below is a list these days for this year's calendar.

May 4, 2018 –National Day of Prayer

This is a very important day which falls on the first Thursday in May. It is a day set aside for us to pray for our Nation. On the Wednesday evening prior to the National Day of Prayer, there will a Service held at Central Assembly and Mike Lindell will be the note speaker. He will also speak at the Prayer Breakfast. Pastor Atkins will attend the Prayer Breakfast held in Cumberland on this day and will participate in the prayer time for our Nation. As chaplain for the State Police, he will be a guest for the Prayer Breakfast. Even if you are not able to attend the Prayer Breakfast or the Wednesday Evening Service, please take some time out to pray for our Nation.

May 10, 2018 – Ascension Day

This is a special day in the Church Year that is set aside for us to remember and to celebrate the ascension of our Lord. Although we will not have a special service on this day, the importance of the ascension of our Lord will be emphasized during our worship on May 13, which is Ascension Sunday.

May 13, 2018 – Mother's Day

This is a special day set aside to honor our Moms and give thanks to them. During our Sunday worship on Mother's Day, we will honor all our Mothers and Daughters.

May 20, 2018 – Pentecost Sunday / Graduates

May 24, 2018 – Aldersgate Day

This is a special day in the life of Methodism. It was on this day in 1738 that our founder, John Wesley, had what is referred to as his "*Aldersgate Experience.*" You can read how he described this experience in his journal in Pastor Hal's article "*From the Heart of the Pastor.*"

May 28, 2018 – Memorial Day

This is a special day in the life of our Nation when we honor those who died during a time of war protecting our nation.

Other Special Days and Events in May 2018

- **May 20, 2018 – 7:00 in the Evening**
Cresaptown United Methodist Church will host the 2018 Baccalaureate Service for the Graduates of Allegany High School. Pastor Hal Atkins will lead the service. Please pray for this service and for the graduates of Allegany High School.
- **May 23, 2018 – Allegany High School Graduation Ceremony**
- **May 30-June 1, 2018 – 234th Annual Conference Meeting of the Baltimore-Washington Conference**
The Baltimore-Washington Conference will hold its Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD from May 30-June 1, 2018. Pastor Atkins and our Lay Member to Annual Conference will be attending. Rev. Atkins will be honored as a retiring pastor at this year's Conference. His retirement is effective July 1, 2018. Pastor Patrick Buhrman, who will begin his appointment here at Cresaptown UMC on July 1, will be commissioned as a Provisional Member of Annual Conference. This means he is on track to become an elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference in three or four years. As the Bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference, Bishop La Trelle Eastering will preside over our Annual Conference meetings. Please keep the Annual Conference in your prayers.

Administrative Board Minutes
March 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Administrative Board was held on Monday, March 26, 2018, with chair Keith Beeler presiding. The meeting opened with a devotion and prayer by Rev. Atkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Correspondence: None

Treasurer's Report: Linda Young reported the following. As of March 26, 2018, the beginning balance in the General Fund was \$19,832.20. Income was \$23,699.79. Expenses were (\$30,292.44), which leaves a current balance of \$13,239.55. However, of this balance there are committed funds (i.e. payroll taxes, apportionments, etc.) of approximately (\$9,112), leaving an un-committed balance in the General Fund of \$4,128 for the end of March 2018. It was noted that of the apportionments due to date, 65% will have been paid by the end of March.

Balances in the Bequest Funds (as of Dec. 31, 2017) are as follows: Endowment Fund \$17,498.41; Investment Fund \$34,996.85. These are the same as the last meeting, as statements are sent quarterly and a new statement has not been received.

Memorial & Building Funds: No reports available.

Committee Reports:

Council on Ministries – Jamie Woodring reported the following:

- Boy Scout dinner will be held on Thursday, April 12.
- Kairos ministry will be here the weekend of April. 28.
- Pastor Hal's retirement celebration will be held following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, May 20. A covered-dish luncheon is being planned.
- Allegany High School's Baccalaureate will be held on Sunday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Annual Conference will be held the weekend of May 30 – June 1

Finance Committee – Steve Young reported that as noted in the Finance report income has been down. For the first quarter of this year, the offering has been 15% less than the same period last year. Expenses have been about the same.

Old Business:

Steve Young asked about the status of the bank issue from last meeting regarding the authorized designees being added to the accounts. The letter of Board approval has been prepared (*copy attached to the original minutes*), and Linda Young will be setting up a meeting in April with the bank and those involved.

New Business –

FSU-Campus Ministries – Keith Beeler reported that the total of the donations for the FSU Campus Ministries was \$750, which enabled us to sponsor three of the 15 students for their mission trip on March 17 – 23. The students will be present at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, April 29 to share their experiences with the congregation.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Hal distributed copies of his report for those attending to review later. As a review of the recent Leadership Days seminars that he attended, he reported and distributed materials on the following: 1) "Active Shooter Prevention Plan" by United Methodist Insurance – This subject should be addressed with the new pastor in the future. He added that Mike Beal, Sheriff's Assistant in Allegany County and member of LaVale UMC, would be glad to do an evaluation of our building and make suggestions.

2) Churches will need to make changes for the future. "Renovate or Die" is an excellent book to help the church to prepare for the 21st century.

3) The Commission on a Way Forward has prepared a final report to bishops. A copy of this article was distributed and reviewed briefly updating the Board about the 32-member commission's suggestions to ministering to the LGBTQ people.

Also, Pastor Hal noted that he will be attending the seminar "Discovering God's Future for Your Church."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Cecil, Recording Secretary



The UMW met on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 a.m.

Some of the items discussed at the meeting included:

- Campers Cubby's donations for next month are individually packaged cheese or peanut butter crackers. (*It was noted that we will continue to collect donations throughout the summer to be delivered in the fall.*)
- Mother's Day Luncheon is following the next meeting (May 1). The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board and the deadline to sign up and pay is Sunday, April 22.
- Camp Hope dinner will be served on Monday, June 25
- Summer Lunch Mission – *tabled until next month; coordinator needed.*
- There was a very small turnout for the pancake breakfast on Easter Sunday.
- Candy sales went well, over 70 pounds made.
- New fundraiser – LeAnn Rice presented the catalog for boxed greeting cards. Orders will be taken.
- Backpack Mission – Donna Priest volunteered to coordinate this mission beginning in the fall of 2018. Backpacks are packed on Thursday mornings and delivered to Bel Air & Cresaptown Elementary School.
- UMW Spring District Meeting will be held in Hancock on Saturday, April 14. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and breakfast is \$7. Topic is "Climate Justice."
- No report available for Veterans.
- Stork's Nest – Pack the Playpen! (Sponsored by the March of Dimes and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority); this was discussed briefly as a possible mission for next March (2019).
- UMW Special Recognition pins will be presented on Sunday, April 15.

Let Us Continue to Be Extravagant in Our Giving!

Cresaptown UMC has a great heritage. Like those who have gone before us, we live in challenging times. One of the challenges that we face as a congregation is how we can continue to be faithful to the call of God upon our lives and be the local church that God calls us to be. The financial responsibilities of being a **one point charge with a full time pastor** keep going up. So do the costs of caring for our facility and being in ministry to the people that God has called us to reach out to.

Recently the leaders of Cresaptown UMC chose to be risk taking in mission and continue to be a one point charge and have a full time pastor. **This was a step of faith on their part and will continue to be not only for our leaders but for all faithful members of Cresaptown UMC.** Thus, all members are being asked to continue to be faithful stewards and be extravagant in their giving so we continue to be a caring church of the community with God's heart for our world.

We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can increase your financial giving, not just to keep our doors open, but so we can in Jesus' name bless the people we are called to reach. While we cannot offer prizes, expensive gifts, and vacation trips like certain radio stations do to their givers, we can and do give our thanks for your faithful support. Also know the Lord honors your faithfulness and is seeking to bless other people through our congregation. May His name be praised through Cresaptown UMC long into the future!



Dear Beloved Members of Cresaptown United Methodist Church,

Greetings in the Lord! For almost seven full years now, I have been blessed to serve Cresaptown United Methodist Church as your pastor. As most of you are aware by now, my time with you is coming to a close. I will be retiring effective July 1, 2018, and my last Sunday with you as pastor will be on June 3, 2018. But in case of an emergency or death, I want you to know that I will be available to give pastoral care as needed. However, from July 1, 2018 on, I will cease being your pastor and will be following the Baltimore-Washington Conference Policy which is for all pastors, including those who are retiring. In case you are not aware of what the Policy is, it is as follows:

Paragraph 2412 – Returning to a Previous Appointment (BWC Policy Manual)

As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members or member families in the previous appointment. Since appointments are generally announced several weeks in advance, each pastor has adequate time in which to affect closure and make appropriate referral to another for the pastoral care of members.

Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor. The present pastor, at his or her discretion, may invite the previous pastor to return for pastoral functions. However, the present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor.

Now that you have read the policy, I ask that you take to heart what you just read and I would encourage each of you to support the policy by your prayers and your actions. I will do so out of love for you and for the covenant that I have with my pastoral colleagues, with includes Pastor Burhman.

By the way, this is a good lead in to ask you do something. So that the transition goes smoothly, I ask that you begin praying for your new pastor now, especially if you haven't done so already. I know that he would truly appreciate it and it would bless his heart!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Hal Atkins

May



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
8:30 & 11:00 Worship Every Sunday 11:25 Kids' Church 9:45 Church School Every Sunday		10:00 AM - United Methodist Women & Mtr's Day Luncheon 6:00 PM - Worship Comm.	<i>(No Bible Study In May)</i>	National Day of Prayer 6:00 - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM - Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion (Canned Fruits & Vegetables)	4:30 PM - Exercise			9:00 AM - Ushers/Bkfst 6:00 - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM - Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day - Family Crisis Resource Ctr Mission	4:30 PM - Exercise			6:00 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM - Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Pentecost (Wear Red) & Graduate Sunday	<i>Cresset Deadline</i> 4:30 PM - Exercise 6:00 PM - COM 7:00 PM - Admin. Board			6:00 - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM - Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells		
27	28	29	30	31		
Dedication of Memorials & Peace With Justice - Special offering				6:00 - Exercise 6:00 PM - Youth Bells 7:00 PM - Choir 8:00 PM - Adult Bells		

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Cresaptown United Methodist

A Prayer for Pentecost 2018...

O Spirit of the Living God,

As Your Church, we bow before You and Your awesome presence and power today! We recognize that we are desperate for You! Thus, we ask that You descend upon us on afresh today, and that You blow Your might wind upon us and cause Your fire to burn within us. Purify our lives and may the beauty of Jesus be seen in us today. We this we pray in the name of Christ our Lord, the One who reigns with the Father and with You, One God now and forever. Amen.



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