



Pleasant Times

November & December 2011

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“SUCCESS = One Step at a Time” Pastor Dick Harden

I have always realized that the only way to success in any project is to take one step at a time. In my engineering it was very clear that we could accomplish a technical project by a careful and thought-out process. Success was usually measured in small steps and not always in leaps and bounds. Success takes patience.

God works this way also—slowly and deliberately and sometimes it takes a while to see any results. But God is very faithful to us and as we read in Psalm 107, -”O give thanks to the Lord, who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!”

With the guide of the Holy Spirit, your church is very focused upon two areas—Children’s Education ministry and Missions. Let me take a few moments to share with you the emerging vision for the future.

Children’s Education Program: This summer, we had a very successful Vacation Bible School. More than 42 children, youth and adults came each day, to sing, pray, learn about Jesus, have snack time and play. Out of this successful program came the desire to begin a Children’s Education Program on Sunday morning. Now each Sunday morning - three to seven children, two youth and two adult leaders come to worship and then leave for the Children’s Education program in Tracey building.

What is most exciting about the program is the new energy that is in worship. Every Sunday in September and October (except the recent snow Sunday) we have exceeded the 52 week average in worship. We are optimistic and hopeful that this trend will continue as we continue to trust in God’s gifts to PGUMC.

Missions: Jesus is very clear to us that we need to show love and concern for our neighbor. The one way we can do it is through missions work to our neighbors. PGUMC is working to help New Hope UMC in their missions to the homeless by providing tents to those men who live in the woods near New Hope UMC. If you would like to help each high quality tent costs about \$250 - you can buy a tent or a share of a tent for \$25. Make a check payable to PGUMC with a memo to “Tent ministry.”

In early 2012, we plan to take a dinner meal to Heart’s Place homeless shelter located at St. John’s UMC in Baltimore. We will provide a hot meal to about 25-30 homeless men, women and children who reside at Heart’s Place.

I firmly believe that the Spirit is moving slowly and steadily at PGUMC. We sense this in worship. We sense this in Adult study programs, we sense this in the Children’s program. We just sense the movement of the Spirit. So - come to worship on Sunday and join in!

Dick



Communication

Visit us on our website for a summary of what is happening at PGUMC - - -
WWW.PleasantGroveUMCMD.org

Are you interested in receiving weekly news of the events at PGUMC? Each Thursday we email the Pleasant E-news to all who wish it. You can read it on the church website or on your own email. Just send Helen a quick email - pgchurch@verizon.net.

Join us on Thanksgiving morning for Breakfast & Worship



8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
In our Social Hall located
on the corner of Dover
and Pleasant Grove
Roads.

**Good Food! Great Fellowship!
& Praise music!**

Please R.S.V.P.

**Email: pgchurch@verizon.net
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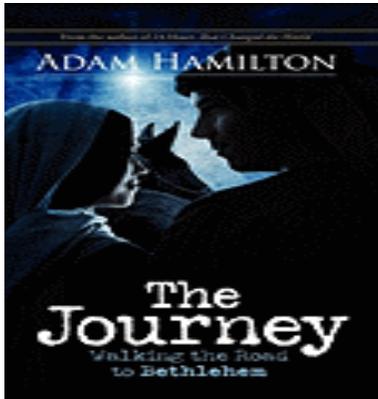


Upcoming Worship Schedule

November 6th	All Saints Sunday
November 13th	Stewardship
November 20th	Christ The King Sunday
November 27th	Laity Sunday and First Sunday in Advent
December 4th	Joseph
December 11th	Mary & Elizabeth
December 18th	Nazareth to Bethlehem
December 25th	The Manger



Advent Adult Course:



The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem by Adam Hamilton

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in his fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Hamilton approaches a world-changing event with thoughtfulness. Using historical information, archeological data and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become real and heartfelt as you walk along this road.

The journey begins Sunday, November 27th at 9:15 a.m.—cost of book \$18.00 - DVD based program .

Please register with the office. Pastor Dick has preliminary books if you would like to look at them.

Coming In January - 40 Days in the Word

This will be a church-wide study program of Rick Warren's latest program. We will study together and hear sermons about the Bible. As Rick Warren says: *The goal of the program is that after 40 days you will:*

- * Love the Word of God like you have never loved it before.
- * Learn the Word of God like you have never learned it before.
- * Live the Word of God like you have never lived it before.

Stay tuned for more to come!

UMW News.....Vola Osborn

Our ladies have been “busy bees” from September thru October.

Sept. 16th & 17th we had our Craft and Flea Market Sales at the Steam Show in Arcadia. Despite being a bit chilly, we did fairly well.

Following that, on October 8th, we handled the Reception for the Kirkland-Montgomery Wedding. Thank You to the great team of helpers including two ladies from Reisterstown.

On October 15th, we hosted the Reisterstown UMC Women’s Retreat. They seemed to be having a great time and lunch was easy to do. We enjoyed Having them.

The next meeting will be November 1st at 7:00 p.m. Sharon Osborn’s home.

Nov. 5th is the Christmas Bazaar & Flea Market. Quite a number of vendors will be selling their wares. Come out and support them and buy lunch, etc.

December 6th, we will be our Christmas Meeting (dinner hopefully) place to be decided.

The Missions we supported this year were Red Bird in Kentucky, Shepherd’s Staff and missionary, Susan Porter.

A Heartfelt Thank You....

It is with sincere appreciation that I thank my many friends for their calls, cards, flowers, fruit, visits and other acts of kindness shown me during my recent surgery and while I was confined to my home. I am looking forward to seeing everyone very soon.

With love in Christ’s name,

Bea King



New Members Class

On November 13th and 20th , Pastor Dick will lead a class for all who would like to become a member of Pleasant Grove UMC. In the class, we will learn about what the United Methodist Church is and how it is impacting the world through its witness to Jesus Christ.

Contact Pastor Dick - revwrh@gmail.com if you are interested.



Christmastime is coming!

With the recent short snow event in October we were given a strong reminder that Christmas will soon be upon us.

Beginning with Advent on November 27th Pleasant Grove will be preparing for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas Worship will be held on Sat., December 24th at 7 PM with Candle lighting.

Christmas Day, Sun., December 25th come out to celebrate at Jesus’ Birthday Party during the 10:30 AM worship.

Make your plans now! There’s plenty of room for YOU!

OUR CHURCH COOKBOOK



Calling All Cooks

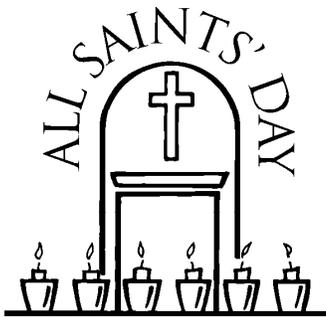
Have you got a great recipe you would like to share!

Approximately 20 years ago we gathered a collection of great recipes and had a Cookbook published. We have been asked over and over if we have any more. The answer is — No.

If you have one cherish it.

So, with the help of our members and friends we have decided to forge ahead and try another cookbook. In order to accomplish this we need a minimum of 150 recipes.

Pick out your favorites and submit them to **Sharon Osborn** (15681 Dover Rd., Upperco, MD 21155) or **Bea King** (4418 Upper Beckleysville Rd., Hampstead, MD 21074) or if you want to email it — send it to **pgchurch@verizon.net** with the subject listed as **RECIPES** no later than **September 30th**. Recipes may be hand written (legible), Xerox copy, type. Looking forward to lots of ideas.



On Sun., Nov. 6th we remembered some very precious church members who died this year. Among those were:

Howard "Jake" Brown Rachel Borgen
Christopher Avyn Minor Perry Cooper
Erma Keyser and Eula Frances Harvey

They were each treasured by us and we will always remember their unique ways and their faithfulness to God. A chime was rung and a candle was lit a sure an visible sign of their presence lost from our church family. Our prayers are extended to their families and to all those whose names were shared during this special All Saints Day service.

Prayer Corner - Please keep these loved ones in your prayers...

The Frances Harvey family Bruce Smith & Family The Keyser Family
 Joyce Smith & Family Vernon Bolte Bruce Smith & Family
 Si & Jane Benson Bruce Tracey



Let's CelebrateBirthdays

Happy November Birthday to:

Nov. 1 Vernon Bolte Nov. 10 Joe Tracey Nov. 12 Pat Scarlett
 Nov. 5 Art Smith Nov. 18 Georgianna Harvey

Happy December Birthday to:

Dec. 7 Helen Kemp Dec. 20 David McElroy
 Dec. 10 Ruth Warren Dec. 21 Kelly Schaefer
 Dec. 11 Fred Schaefer
 Dec. 16 Jennifer Sterling

Happy Wedding Anniversary to our lovebirds

Fred & Linda Schaefer - November 11
Ann & Dick Harden - November 18th - 50th Anniversary!
Bob & Doris Kirkland - December 1



If you would like to order poinsettias to be placed on the church tree stand during the Christmas Eve service in honor or in memory of your loved one(s) please complete the form below and place it in an envelope along with your check made payable to:

“Pleasant Grove UMC” and write on the envelope Poinsettia’s

I would like to order _____ poinsettias @ \$9.25 each

(6 to 8 blooms)

COLOR CHOICE(s): RED _____ PINK _____ White _____

In Honor of : _____

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In Memory of : _____

In Memory of : _____

Please put into offering plate or mail to Helen.

Dedications & orders may also be emailed to: pgchurch@verizon.

Calendar:

- November 1 **UMW Meeting Sharon Osborn’s home 7 p.m.**
- November 3 **Spirit & Spice Bible Study 10 AM - Noon & Choir rehearsal 7 p.m.**
- November 5 **Fall Bazaar & Flea Mkt. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
- November 6 **All Saints Day celebration Worship 10:30 a.m.**
- November 9 **Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.**
- November 10 **Spirit & Spice Bible Study 10 AM - Noon & Choir rehearsal 7 p.m.**
- November 13 **New Members Class**
- November 15 **Administrative Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- November 17 **Spirit & Spice Bible Study 10 AM - Noon & Choir rehearsal 7 p.m.**
- November 20 **Poinsettia order deadline**
- November 24 **Thanksgiving Morning Breakfast & Worship**
- November 27 **“The Journey” Advent Bible Study 9:15 AM Sundays & UM Student Sunday Offering**

- December 1 **Spirit & Spice Bible Study 10 AM - Noon & Choir rehearsal 7 p.m.**
- December 4 **Holy Communion 10:30 AM Worship**
- December 6 **UMW Christmas Party**
- December 8 **Spirit & Spice Bible Study 10 AM - Noon & Choir rehearsal**
- December 14 **Trustees Meeting 7 p.m.**
- December 15 **Spirit & Spice Bible Study 10 AM—Noon & Choir rehearsal**
- December 20 **Administrative Board Meeting 7 p.m. (tentative)**
- December 24 **Christmas Eve Candle light Worship 7 p.m.**
- December 25 **Christmas Morning Worship 10 :30 a.m. “Jesus Birthday Party” during service.**

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Joy to the World

