

BACK RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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PARISH PEN

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MISSION STATEMENT

Becoming and Making Followers of Jesus Christ
Who are Demonstrating Christ's Love & Teaching's
and Making a Holy Impact on the World.

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A ONE MINUTE PRAYER TO START YOUR DAY

I come to Your presence today with a bit of a sheepish look and a heavy heart. I have been here before—countless times—and You have not forsaken me. However, I feel so needy that sometimes I second-guessed returning to You. But I know Your name, and You are my Holy Redeemer. You are my Savior and Messiah. It is grace that falls from Your lips, not the gavel of conviction when I am humble and in need. God, grant me the peace that comes with Your strength and courage. Do not let me turn my back on You when I so desperately require Your guidance.

Psalm 9:10

Those who know your name will trust in you, for you Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.



EXPOSING PEOPLE TO GOD

A very close friend sent this to me and I thought that just maybe we should attempt to live our lives using this format as a template. Thank you Brenda K.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR WORK WEEK PERFECT

Monday Washday

Lord, help me wash away all my selfishness and
Vanity, so I may serve you with perfect humility
Through the week ahead.

Tuesday Ironing Day

Dear Lord, help me iron out all the wrinkles
Of prejudice I have collected through the years
So that I may see the beauty in others.

Wednesday Mending Day

O God, help me mend my ways so I will not
Set a bad example for others.

Thursday Cleaning Day

Lord Jesus, help me to dust out all the many faults
I have been hiding in the secret corners of my heart.

Friday Shopping Day

O God, give me the grace to shop wisely so I may purchase eternal
happiness for myself and all others in need of love.

Saturday Cooking Day

Help me, my Savior, to brew a big kettle of brotherly Love and serve
it with clean, sweet bread of human kindness.

Sunday The Lord's Day

O God, I have prepared my house for you. Please come into my heart
so I may spend the day and the rest of my life in your presence.

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK...

Love Divine, Fill Love Excelling

In a myriad of miraculous ways,
God shapes our lives and changes our days,
Beyond our will or even knowing
God keeps our spirit ever growing . . .
For lights and shadows, sun and rain,
Sadness and gladness, joy and pain,
Combine to make our lives complete
And give us victory through defeat . . .
"Oh, Love Divine, All Love Excelling,"
In troubled hearts You just keep dwelling,
Patiently waiting for a "prodigal son"
To say at last, "Thy will be done."

Helen Steiner Rice

ESTABLISHING FAITH—FILLED RELATIONSHIPS

Let us not forget those church family members who are celebrating a birthday in the month of June.

June 01 — Edgar Lauenstein of 1503 Old Eastern Ave. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 01 — Myrna Loucks of 153 Bladen Rd. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 03 — Ethel Ryder of 1203 Bayside Rd. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 13 — Camile Southworth of Address Unknown

June 13 — Alice Blume of 5 Tamarac Trail - Baltimore, Md. #21220

June 16 — Barbara Calligan of 19 Bladen Rd. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 17 — Sandy Goles of 1413 Sussex Ave. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 20 — Barbara Meyers of 505 Hillside Dr. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 21 — Jo Mizell of 1626 Cape May Rd. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 24 — Jeanne Brode of 3 Cardinal Rd. - Essex, Md. #21221

June 25 — John Soper of 301 Nitram Ct. Apt. #3A – Middle River, Md. #21220

June 29 — Roland Airey of 655 Kingston Road – Middle River, Md. #21220

June 30 — Phylis Clements of 2211 Riverview Rd. – Essex, Md. #21221

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE AND MAY GOD GRANT YOU A SPECIAL BLESSING ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY.



BIBLE TRIVIA – (Questions)

Ok folks, here is our Bible lesson for this month. Hope you all do well or at least better than I did. As I have been telling you, this is a learning process for me also.

1. Who helped the Hebrew Spies escape from Jericho by sending them down a rope through a window in the outside wall?
2. According to Mark, when Jesus began preaching in Galilee, what were the first two things He called upon people to do?
3. Whom did God send to tell Zerubbabel, son of the Judean governor, and Joshua, son of the high priest, that it was time to quit putting it off and rebuild the temple?
4. Who was Diotrephes?
5. Where is Timothy teaching when Paul writes to him?
6. How does Luke identify the persons who were first to visit the tomb after the resurrection?
7. What was Elisha doing when Elijah called him to service?
8. What (and where) was Nehemiah's occupation at the time he learned of Jerusalem's fate and decided to go there?
9. We know that Judas received thirty pieces of silver for betraying Jesus. What is the significance of that amount (or thirty shekels of silver) in the Old Testament?
10. Upon hearing that the Jesus' tomb was empty, who ran to the tomb to look?



June Events

6/1 10:00 AM UMW Executive Committee Meeting in RJ Room

6/2 7:00 PM Wednesday Traditional Worship in sanctuary

- 6/4 6:30 PM Churches for Streets of Hope meeting in RJ Room
- 6/6 12:00 PM Betty Barton's Community Group Picnic in BRUMC back lot
- 6/6 12:00 PM Teel's Community Group Meeting in RJ Room
- 6/9 7:00 PM United Methodist Women meeting in church hall (all are welcome)
- 6/23 6:30 PM Finance Meeting in RJ Room
- 6/17 12:00 PM Lunch Bunch (all are welcome)



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In Need of Prayer

NEW From Jeanne Brode - Please pray for my nephew, Lonny Goss. He is in the hospital in Denton with an infection clear through his body. The Drs. are afraid it has even reached his brain. The Dr. told his sister he only has 20% chance of leaving the hospital. My other nephew, Marty Effland (he is the one with lung cancer) has started chemotherapy. He is still very sick. All prayers appreciated.

NEW From Karen Kerr - My sister's supervisor blacked out yesterday at home and he doesn't know why or what happened and he is in hospital.

From Myrna Loucks - Please pray for Elaine Farmer, who is having angioplasty surgery on May 14.

From Myrna Loucks - Please pray for healing for Angel Marie and her newborn baby Landon.

From Karla Schaefer – Thank you all for praying for my cousins.

From Teel Byrne - Please pray for Jackie Megee who just found out she has a cancerous thyroid.

From Toni Goodman - Please pray for my granddaughter, Sarah Brady, and her family. Her son was born 3 weeks early and they are now testing him for Down's syndrome.

From Bill Poplovski - Ethel had cataract surgery 4/29. Doctor said it went very well - Praise God! She is home now resting and recovering. We hope to see everyone on Sunday. Thank you for your prayers.

From Jeanne Brode - Please pray for my nephew, Colton. He is only 2 months old. He is in the hospital with blood in his urine, dehydrated, and his pulse is over 300. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

From Ethel Poplovski - Please pray forCarolynn. She was in an accident in Mississippi early Sunday. She is home now but bruised and sore.

From Ethel Poplovski – Bill shows a lot of improvements....he is driving more, trying to use his left hand and his printing is better. His therapy will

end next week. They are very pleased with his progress. He had appointments with his PCP and his heart doctor this week--both are concerned with his weakness. He will now begin his tests and doctor appointments which will hopefully lead him to his surgery. His surgeon's appointment is May 20th; surgery should follow after that appointment. The really great news....he has been concerned about his angel ministry....he tried yesterday and was successful (although it took a long time) in making the name angel for a baby who will be baptized in church in a few weeks. Thanks for all your prayers and please continue to keep him in your prayers....he tires easily. His robotic surgery for the defibrillator is scheduled for June 3rd, and surgery to place the stent in the right artery will be done approximately 3 or 4 days later. Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthews 19:26 Please check our **website's prayer page** for the most recent prayer concerns and celebrations! If you don't have the internet or e-mail, call the church office with your prayer concerns.

In Need of Continued Prayer (Long-Term)

Allan Robinson, Grace Watkins, Jasper Chambers, James Gludan, Walter (Jack) Brode, Paula Easley, Al Kenny, Bill Sigler, Audrey Lipka, Raul Kalloo, Ed DeWitt, Robert Prince, Bev Jetke, Neal Robertson, Tammy Adams, Neil and Debbie Kipp, Evelyn, Roxanne Hann, Ed Travers, Ann Thomson, Doris Lipscomb, Scott Brode, Scott McIntyre, Steve Hummel, Dan Easley, John-John.

Shut-Ins – Catherine Fraiser, Arthur and Eileen Dickerson, Jean and LeRoy Sewell, Dorothy and Bill Smith, Jena Stepp, Juanita Tearle, and Margaret Breeden-Wayland.

Your Pastor and Church

YOU'RE FAVORITE HYMN SING – Beginning Sunday, May 30, 2010 and the last Sunday of each month thereafter, instead of prelude music before the Sunday Worship we will do a hymn sing. Here's your chance to sing your favorite hymn from the United Methodist Hymnal. We will ask for requests. Come prepared with the number you would like to sing. We will sing 2 verses of each hymn. We will begin at 10:20 AM ending for service to begin at 10:30 AM.

KINGS DOMINION DISCOUNT TICKETS The Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church is offering discounted tickets for \$27.50 and Junior/Senior tickets for \$24.50. See flyers in the kiosk for purchasing information. Discounts available for each Saturday in May and Memorial Day Weekend.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL (Big Groups and Big Worship) – has moved to a new day and new format. It's now called **KIDS NITE OUT** and will be held on Friday nights once a month from 6 – 8 PM. Ages are Pre-K through 5th grade. Check out our

website for updates or feel free to contact Sandy Goles at pnutdak@aol.com or 410-574-3835 for more information.

Check out our **CHURCH WEBSITE** by going to www.backriverumc.com. This is a useful tool to help us with getting information out to the community and to our congregation. It is a work in progress, so if you don't see your ministry there yet, it may be coming soon. Or feel free to email a reminder to: revjd@backriverumc.com.

EXALTING GOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Mark your calendars for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 7 PM. Additional upcoming dates are June 2 & 16, Speakers to be announced. We urge everyone to try to support our Wednesday evening worship whenever you can. You **will receive** a good spiritual benefit from it and at the same time, it gives you an opportunity to fellowship with friends, especially if you missed our Sunday service for some reason. You cannot visit God's house enough or pray too much. We are looking forward to seeing you all there. The service is not the same without your presence. What is missing in the following word? C H _ _ C H. God Bless.

EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY

NEW HOMELESS MINISTRY – We are still in need of SOCKS for the homeless. Please see Karla Schaefer with any questions. Thank you.

2nd ANNUAL TEDDY BEAR RUN Sponsored by “Sisters of Chrome” Motorcycle Club. You can donate a NEW Teddy Bear to assist children in a trauma situation. Place your Teddy Bear on the Alter by June 13th.

FOOD LION MVP REWARDS PROGRAM Please re-register your Food Lion MVP cards to show Back River UMC as the designated charity. They have updated their systems and everyone needs to register again. Please see the flyers in the kiosk for detailed instructions. BRUMC's code is **250079**. Instructions are also posted on our church website at www.backriverumc.com. Just scroll to the bottom and click on the link. If you need live assistance, call Phyliss in the church office on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM, or leave a message with your card number. We only have 13 people registered and need at least 25 to qualify for the Rewards Program.

HAITI RELIEF The United Methodist Mission Teams and the Committee on Relief is working to help in the relief efforts throughout Haiti. For more information, or to donate online, please visit the Conference website at www.umc.org/haiti. 100% of

gifts to UMCOR through the Advance support the designated project. Checks can also be mailed to your "Conference Treasurer" at 7178 Columbia Gateway Drive, Columbia, MD 21046. On the check, note: Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance # 418325.

BAGS OF HOPE – Outreach Ministry for the Homeless. We are now making 40-45 lunches weekly and our needs have greatly increased. We need donations of baggies, individual bottled water, snacks such as Little Debbie's and individual pudding cups, and fresh fruit like tangerines and bananas. We can always use extra volunteers as well. Come experience the joy of spreading hope and feel the impact God will make on your life as you impact others. If you have any questions you can call or email Karla Schaefer at 410-746-9111 or Picturelady1@aol.com. Thanks for your generous and continuing support. You're Bags of Hope Team.

Video Ministry: We have DVD's available of the Sunday services. Please call the church office at 410-686-4195.

ENGAGING IN MISSIONS

BIBLE TRIVIA – (Answers)

1. Rahab, a prostitute, who hid the men from the searching authorities, then helped the escape from the city by going through the windows and down a rope to outside the wall. (Joshua 2:1-21)
2. To repent, and believe in the good news He brought. (Mark 1:14-15)
3. The prophet Haggai. (Haggai 1:1-8)
4. A man who was disrupting one of the Christian congregations by self-promotion, rejecting the authority of the elders and telling false stories about them, and refusing to allow visits from the brethren, even expelling members who tried to welcome them. (3 John 1:9-10)
5. Ephesus. (1 Timothy 1:3)
6. As the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee. (Luke 23:55-24:1)
7. Plowing. (1 Kings 19:19-24)
 8. He was a cupbearer to King Ahasuerus, in Susa. (Nehemiah 1:1-2:6)
9. It is the amount of compensation to be paid to a slave owner if someone else's ox gores a slave. (Exodus 21:32) See also Zechariah 11:4-14)
10. Peter, and according to the Gospel of John, another unnamed disciple. (Luke 24:12; John 20:3-10)

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**ALL ARTICLES FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF THE "PARISH PEN" ARE DUE IN**

**NO LATER THEN SUNDAY JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>.**

**A ONE MINUTE PRAYER TO END YOUR DAY**

It is so easy to take credit for accomplishments or milestones in my life. Yet it is You Lord who formed the light and created darkness. This morning I found myself accepting praise for something that was entirely Your doing. My heart lesson tonight is to give You glory for all that happens. You, Lord, do all that is good in my life and throughout my days. I cheat myself out of a deeper faith when I take credit for wonders shaped by my Creator.

**Isaiah 45:7**

I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.