

Oakland United Methodist Church
5901 Mineral Hill Road
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Oakland Trumpet

PASTOR CORNER

ISAIAH 30:15

“For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. But you were unwilling.”

There are ups and downs in our daily lives – at workplace, health issues and family relationships. Some problems are easy to solve, but some difficult. During this season of social distancing, worsening of the economy, many are experiencing fear and foreboding feelings about the COVID-19 pandemic. When I am faced with problems, I get very upset, anxious, disturbed and frustrated. How about you? How do you cope in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic and the many problems and issues that it has generated?

The world reacts in noisiness and actions. We hear and see more and new protests in countries worldwide. People are showing their frustration and anger when things do not go their way. They protest and violence breaks out. They start to blame and point finger at one another. But God says in Isaiah 30:15, “The quiet man is the strong man”. This verse tells us that when we are quiet, we will be strong. When our mind and inner spirit are quiet, we will be calm and be in a better position to think, see and focus when dealing with the problem. When I learned to take the step to be quiet, pray and commit my problem to God, and meditate on His promises, I have peace and find strength to overcome my problem instead of grumbling and complaining about the problem. The three key words in this verse that have helped me when I face problems are:

Quietness towards God

In Psalm 46:10a, God wants us to “Be still and know that I am God”. We need to take time to be quiet before God and worship Him in the quietness of meditation, trust and worship. We must not allow work and busyness to take us away from this quietness before Him. The quietness in God has help me not to focus on the problem but to draw strength from God and to see His direction. He helps me to look at



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WORSHIP SERVICE UPDATE

We hope to continue our outdoor service/Service at the hall until October. See Oakland's Re-opening Well Protocols and Procedures. We will continue to offer our online services.

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**HALL CALENDAR
REMINDER**

We have heard nothing about whether the hall/kitchen will be open for any type of activity. Things change at the drop of a hat. All I can say is check with me and I will try to have an answer for you.

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**CHURCH
CONFERENCE**

No date has been set for the annual Church Conference this year. We do know that we will be meeting online this year instead of in person.

things better and clearer. He gives me inner peace to engage and resolve the problem His way.

Quietness towards circumstances

The world always complains about circumstances. But God's word says in Philippians 2:14 that we should not complain. Philippians 4:6-7 says that we should not be anxious, but to commit whatever circumstances we face to God in prayer. If we follow this teaching, we will see two results in our lives. We will have peace instead of unrest and as in Philippians 4:11, we will have contentment instead of complaints. When I learn to come to God and commit my problem to Him, I find inner peace instead of living with unrest. He grants me a contented heart instead of anxiety and complaints about the problem. I also find strength to face my problem and overcome it.

Quietness towards opposition

We always find our old nature wanting to respond angrily to those who oppose or criticize us. The world says we must fight back. The Bible says as believers, we should not. In 1 Peter 2:20-23, Jesus has given us a good example in which we need to follow. From these verses, we learned that Jesus was reviled and suffered at the hands of the sinful men. In verse 22, we learned that Jesus had done nothing to merit this revilement and suffering. Jesus was innocent, sinless. How did Jesus react to His enemies? (1) Jesus was quiet. He did not retaliate. (2) Jesus committed Himself and the situation to His Heavenly Father. In verse 21 we learned that Jesus left us an example so that we might follow in His steps. When faced with opposition from our critics, we should be quiet and commit the situation to our Heavenly Father and entrust ourselves to Him who will judge justly. Finally, God wants us to make it our goal to live a quiet life (1 Thessalonians 4:11) and to have the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:40). As a result, we will be strong and able to respond well to the problems we may face in our journey through life.

Blessing,

Rev. Robert Wellman

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please do not forget to let the church secretary (**Jaclyn Wilson, 410-236-2442, jwilson@oaklandumc.org** or place your information in her "secretary folder" in the church office or the membership secretary (**Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029 mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com**) know of **any and all changes** in membership information. Remember we are not mind readers. Our records are only as good as you help us keep them. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter and you would like for it to be, please let us know. Thanks!

No one is where they are by accident and chance plays no part in God's plan.

CORRECTION TO THE 2019 DIRECTORY:**NEW ADDRESS FOR:**

Janet Kapraun, 425 Westminster Avenue, Hanover, PA 17331

CONGRATULATIONS!

Nicole (Bogas) and David Harper and brother Miles on the birth of their son and his brother Owen Blackledge Harper born 6/15/2020. 1525 Acadia Street, Durham, NC 27701.

Jennifer (Schissler) and Todd Schlossnagle and brother Cooper on the birth of their son and his brother Bentley Cole Schlossnagle born 6/17/2020. 5375 Rocks Road, Pylesville, MD 21132.*

PRAYERS FOR:

Nancy Kelly* as she continues to recuperate from breast cancer.

Wanda Crestani-Myrna's sister as she continues to recuperate from breast cancer.

Nancy Beltz-Debbie Plummer's cousin as she continues breast cancer treatment.

Brenda Gretzinger*-as she recovers from recent surgery.

The following continue to need special prayers, Cards and notes are welcome.

*indicates members

Mary Frank*, 6281 Oakland Mills Road, Sykesville, MD 21784

Brenda Gretzinger*, P.O. Box 135, Sykesville, MD 21784

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MaryJo Ridgely, Fairhaven, 7200 Third Avenue, Unit G-05, Sykesville, MD 21784

***“As people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go...
Footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and
faith. Make a resolution to make a difference in someone's day.”***

***God didn't promise days without Pain
laughter without Sorrow
nor sun without Rain
But He did promise
Strength for the day
Comfort for the tears
And Light for the way.
He didn't promise us that life would be easy
either but HE did promise to go with
us every step of the way.***

OAKLAND BAKERS UPDATES

We don't know if we will be making **APPLE Dumplings** in **September** so stay tuned. We will let you know!!

We thank you for your loyal support in all our fundraisers.

Gail Martin 410-795-8252/410-795-3833 for additional information.

WORDS FROM PROVERBS

The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor. Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife;
quarrels and insults are ended. One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace will have the king for a friend.

Proverbs 22: 9-11

AUCTION

The 2020 still on hold depending on the health situation

2020 AUCTION TEAM

Larissa Nicholson, Gail Martin, Diane Harpine

VETERANS DINNER

DEPENDING ON HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

Every year Veterans are traditionally honored **November 11th**. On behalf of **Oakland Church**, the **Oakland Bakers** hope to again host a **Veterans' Dinner** at the **Hall** on **Monday, November 16th** with Veterans and their guests attending the **"by invitation only"** event.

A very delicious meal will be served under the direction of **Chef Bonnie Harmon** with the **Oakland Bakers** assisting in the preparation of the meal and providing assorted desserts.

The Hall will be decorated with personal remembrances of service to our country. Patriotism fills the Hall. We are very proud of our men and women in service no matter where they served.

It's a great time to thank our Armed Forces, as well as veterans for their service to this great nation. Display your United States flag, attend a community celebration or reach out to a military family in need throughout the year.

Contact Gail Martin 410-795-8252/410-795-3833 for additional information

GOD BLESS AMERICA

TRUSTEES

Trustees have been somewhat quiet during this unusual break. However, Glenn Jaeger and Rick Agoris have taken turns mowing the large church field. Thank you. The guys also built shelving units in the church basement for West Virginia clothing donations. The church and hall are sanitized each week but there are several closed off areas not in use. When we return to indoor church service there will be usage guidelines. We hope to resume our capital funds projects in the fall if guidelines allow. Please contact me for any issues.

Thanks, Diane and Team.

ROCK 2021: FEB 5-7 IS POSTPONED

In response to the coronavirus pandemic and out of an abundance of caution to safeguard the health and well-being of the youth, BWC leaders have made the difficult decision to postpone ROCK. We plan on offering innovative and creative ways to engage youth with their faith, one another and the world. These exciting virtual, opportunities will be announced in early fall 2020. Arrangements are already underway for ROCK 2022 to be back in Ocean City.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to Covid-19 we have decided to delay the opening of Sunday School this year. I am previewing some lessons that will be made available for you to access on your computer/device. We think it is important to provide Sunday school lessons no matter if we are able to meet in person or not. They won't be involved, possibly a short video lesson and then an activity you can print out and possibly directions for a craft. It is a work in progress right now. As soon as we decide on what we want to do.

Debbie Plummer & Brian Polk

BOOK CORNER: "GRACE" BY MAX LUCADO

Summary

Grace. We talk as though we understand the term. The bank gives us a grace period. The seedy politician falls from grace. Musicians speak of a grace note. We describe an actress as gracious, a dancer as graceful. We use the word for hospitals, baby girls, kings, and premeal prayers. We talk as though we know what grace means. But do we really understand it? Have we settled for wimpy grace? It politely occupies a phrase in a hymn, fits nicely on a church sign. Never causes trouble or demands a response. When asked, "Do you believe in grace?" who could say no? Max Lucado asks a deeper question: Have you been changed by grace? Shaped by grace? Strengthened by grace? Emboldened by grace? Softened by grace? Snatched by the nape of your neck and shaken to your senses by grace? God's grace has a drenching about it. A wildness about it. A white-water, riptide, turn-you-upside-downness about it. Grace comes after you. It rewires you. From insecure to God secure. From regret riddled to better-because-of-it. From afraid to die to ready to fly. Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.

This book can be purchased online on Cokesbury or Amazon or you can borrow a copy from your local library.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Right now we are still planning on holding our Halloween Party but this year it will be completely outside at the hall.

Join us on Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 2pm-5pm

All Ages are Welcome!

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our Friends and Member in August, September and October!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 - Brittany (Tracey) Bopst
5 - James McCarty
6 - Jacob Bopst
7 - Thorton Hush
9 - Jessica (Brown) Stroup
10 - Lori Schissler
10 - Gloria Serrao
10 - Danielle Triplett
11 - Martin Harris
13 - Linda Stevens
14 - Brady Finecy
14 - Ryan Frye
14 - Walter Weise
15 - Lee Stuples
16 - Nickolas McCarty
17 - Kay Bruner
17 - Valerie Miller
17 - Priss Reed
18 - Megan Cusack
19 - Linda Frye
19 - Jack Harpine
19 - Anthony Harris
19 - Geoffrey Serrao
20 - Cassidy Brown
20 - Logan Harpine
20 - Matthew Royer
24 - Ryan Hoff
25 - Tayla Lindenberg
26 - Jacob Kick
28 - Barbara Watt
29 - Kayla Martin
29 - Tressa Ports
30 - Christopher Gallagher

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Laney Edmondson
1 - Nick Edmondson
2 - Emily Polk
2 - Trent Taylor
3 - Nathaniel Wilson
4 - Diana Agoris
5 - Gene Stuples
6 - Jean Bell
6 - Andy Schissler
7 - Stefanie Hush
8 - Richard Plummer
8 - Donald Yates
10 - Bryce Washington
11 - Randy Broos
11 - Stacey Harpine
11 - Jason Wisner
13 - Brenda Gretzinger
13 - Pip Quinn
13 - Dean Watt
14 - Meagan Luecking
14 - Jason Watt
17 - Teresa Brown
17 - Debbie Finecey
19 - Tyler Conaway
19 - Courtnee Harpine
19 - Ethan Kiple
20 - Kimberly Thompson
22 - Samantha Bouma
22 - Rachel Dickerson
23 - Mary Beadenkopf
26 - Jayleigh Lighty
26 - Myrna Tracey
29 - Milton Beadenkopf
29 - Erin Helmick
29 - Timmy Triplett
30 - Sadie Bopst
30 - Denise Merkle

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Nancy Kelly
2 - Lisa Merkle
3 - Katherine Gallagher
3 - Wayne Tracey
6 - Ricky Bell
9 - Sophie Claytor
10 - Diana Broos
10 - Garrett Naill
11 - Sara Stansfield
12 - Alyson Merkle
13 - Betty Markowski
14 - Scott P. Kick
15 - Jerry Broos, Jr.
15 - Lindsay (Merkle) Forrester
15 - Chad Patterson
16 - Karli McAllister
16 - Jenifer Rouse
18 - Eve Helmick
18 - Mary Leatherwood
19 - Megan Bell
19 - Allison Hush
19 - Don Schissler
22 - Jace Lighty
23 - Donald Jenkins
25 - Jeffrey Streif
26 - Joyce Johnston
26 - Jarrett Lighty
27 - Sue Hush
27 - Lynn Luecking
28 - Michael Beyer
28 - Alex Harpine
28 - Timothy Stuples
29 - Carol Bell
30 - Lee Edmondson
30 - Debbie Schissler
31 - John Pfaff

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Rob and Cherie Stevens
26 - Nelson Claytor and Denise Merkle

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Paul and Grace Schissler
2 - Nikolay and Amy Gavishev
2 - Michael and Barbara Wallace
8 - Mike and Della Polk
10 - Jeanette and Tom Brown Jr.
20 - David and Sharon Burrows
21 - Scott and Shari Kick
23 - Ricky and Jean Bell
23 - Glenn and Sue Jaeger
28 - Don and Lori Schissler

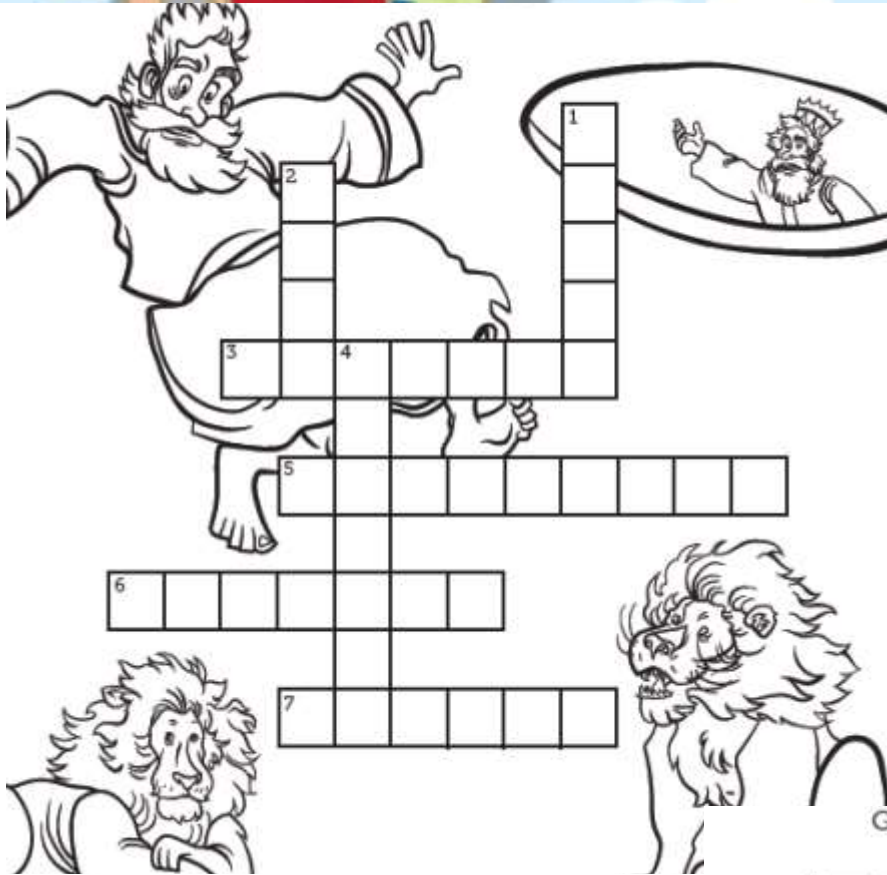
OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Chuck and Kendra Lindenberg
4 - Kim and Dale Frye
4 - Chip and Joyce Johnston
8 - Adam and Julie Helmick
14 - George and Brittany Bopst
16 - Susan and Anthony Harris
17 - John and Loretta Greer
17 - Walter and Grace Weise
18 - Keri and Matthew Richard
20 - Wendy and Jeff Streif
20 - Jerry and Barbara Watt
24 - Wayne and Sharon Tracey



Children's Corner

Daniel and the Lions Den



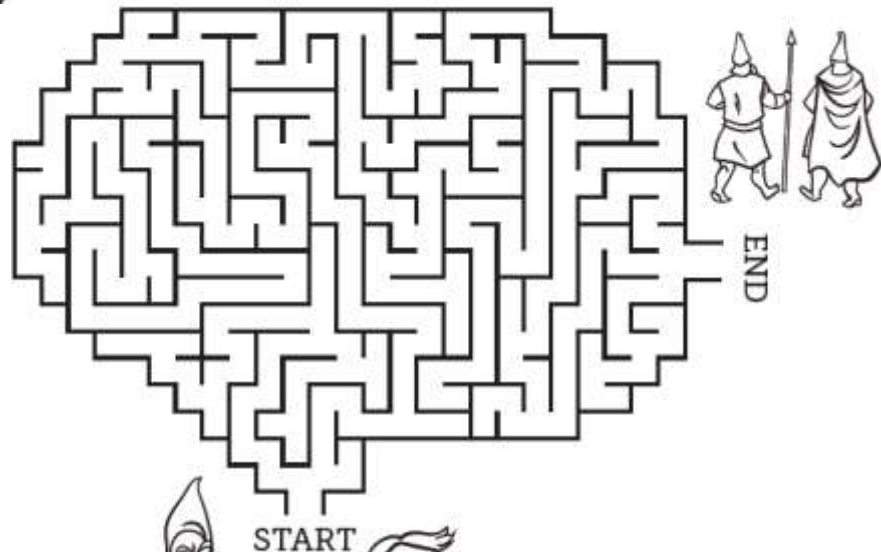
Guide the soldiers to arrest Daniel.

Across

3. King Darius sent a _____ to his people that said that God of Daniel is the living God.
5. Darius the Mede divided his kingdom into 120 _____.
6. The evil advisors who _____ against Daniel were thrown into the lions' den.
7. Anyone who didn't pray to King Darius would be _____ into the lions' den.

Down

1. A _____ was placed over the mouth of the den to seal it.
2. King Darius said to Daniel, "May your God _____ you!"
4. Daniel survived the night in the lions' den and didn't have a single _____ on him!



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