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REACHING OUT, GROWING CLOSE, CHANGING LIVES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Office Hours

Monday	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am to 4:00 pm

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

125 Years and Counting....Praise God!

While I have only been a part of the 125 year history of Cedar Grove UMC for over four years, I am now a permanent part of its history. The same is true of every one of you. As you know on October 22nd we are going to not just remember our 125 years and everyone who has had a big or small part of it, but we are going to celebrate the great things that God has done through this church over the years. It is my hope and prayer that all of you will join us in this great day of celebration. I want to thank the Martha Lydia Circle who has taken the lead in the planning of this great celebration; they have done a great job!

The day before our anniversary at Davidsonville UMC from 1pm to 3pm we will have our church conference (which is a charge conference where every member of the church has a voice and a vote, the change was mandated by our district superintendent for all churches) where we conduct the annual charge business and ponder what the church needs to do in the future. It is a reminder to us that while we look back at what God has done through our church He is not done doing great things through our church!

Yesterday, today, tomorrow are gifts to us from God. We benefit from the past faithfulness of those who went before us here, we are blessed by God today by His presence in our lives, and gives us the gift of tomorrow, which comes with promise, hope, and eternity with God.

I have always cherished a coffee mug my mom gave to me which has the words 'God's Day, God's Way.' May this be true for our church as we have our church conference, at our 125th Anniversary celebration, and everyday going forward as we strive to be the people God wants us to be in words and deeds.

Your fellow servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ,

Glen



CHURCH NEWS

125th Anniversary of Cedar Grove UMC will be held on October 22nd at the 10am worship service with a meal to follow. We have many special things we plan to do at this service and it is not one you will want to miss. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more information but please save the date and be a part of this special day in the life of our church.

Church Conference will be held the day before the anniversary October 21st, at Davidsonville UMC at 1pm. Since this will be a church and not a charge conference every member of the church will have both voice and vote. This change has been made in our district by the district superintendent for every church.

CGUMC's Annual Community Fall Festival with a Trunk n Treat is Saturday, Oct. 28 at 4:00-6:00 pm.

This fun, free event includes a trunk n treat, face painting, a cake walk, crafts and games. While here please enjoy a free hot dog, soup, chips, and lemonade! If you can donate candy or decorate a trunk and pass out candy, please sign up on the list in the narthex or contact the office.

Cedar Grove UMC Women's Ministry Presents: *From Darkness to Light* - Women's Retreat Weekend

Featuring Anita Gutschick from Women of the Bible and Bible teacher, Joanne Guarnieri Hagemeyer, Friday, March 2, 2018 thru Sunday, March 4, 2018 At the Clarion Resort Fontainbleu Hotel, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. More information on this trip can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Wednesday Dinners and groups are back! Come out and join us at 6pm for food and fellowship, and then at 7pm the women's bible study, youth group, and kidz group begin.

The **Tuesday morning Bible study meets at 10am** and is studying the Gospel of Luke and if you would like to come please do. We usually have 14-16 people present and have room for more. If you have any questions contact Pastor Glen.

Family Movie Night is Friday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be showing "Captain Underpants." Wear a cape and you will get a free treat! Movie night is FREE and all ages are welcome! As always, our movie night snack bar will be open selling pizza, popcorn, candy, and sodas. Everything is \$1.00 or less. Hope you can join us for a fun evening! Movie night is held on the 2nd Friday of every month.

Trustees Note: We no longer need the **leather sofa** that was in the Parlor and is now in the hallway. If you would like to have it, please contact the Church office at 410-867-7417.

The **Church Office** is open Monday-Wednesday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. **If you need assistance when the office is closed**, please contact Pastor Glen at pastor@cgumc.org or by cell at 443-699-3645. The office emails will not be read until the office admin is back in the office. So if you have an immediate need, please reach out to the Pastor. Thank you.

Hurricanes Disaster Response: We as United Methodists are very proud of The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and our Bishop has encouraged us to give to UMCOR. Contributions to UMCOR will be used to support the full-time personnel, supplies, and equipment needed for disaster response and setting up a long-term rebuilding plan. You can give online to UMCOR's Domestic Disaster Advance or send a check to UMCOR. See their website at <https://www.umcor.org/> for information and to donate.

125 Years



Join us to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 22, 2017. A special service will be held at 10:00

am followed by a church-wide potluck luncheon. The Martha Lydia Circle is spearheading this event. Many special things are being planned for this service, and we would like your help to make this a memorable day. If you have any special Cedar Grove mementos you would like to share or display, please let us know. Special displays will be set up in the parlor for all to see. We are also looking for any pictures you may have depicting Cedar Grove activities such as weddings, baptisms, Sunday School activities, Youth Group

shenanigans, camping trips, service projects, retreats, special services or any other Cedar Grove photos. We will also be inviting former members who have left the area to this special day. If you know of anyone who you think would like an invitation, please provide names and addresses to the Church office at office@cgumc.org.

Finally, we hope to make a Memory Book of this special day where Cedar Grove members and attendees can share their special memories and thoughts of Cedar Grove United Methodist Church. Watch for more details on how to provide these special thoughts to be included in the Memory Book. As we prepare for this celebration, please join us in continuing to pray for Cedar Grove United Methodist Church. May we continue to be a beacon of light to South County and may God be glorified in all we do!



MISSIONS CORNER

(This month we are highlighting : **The Holiday Sharing Program**)

CGUMC supports the Anne Arundel County DSS Holiday Sharing program each year by assisting 25 families/seniors with food at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. As stated on the AA County website: "The Holidays are the time to make memories that our children will treasure throughout the years. Can you remember a Thanksgiving without a turkey... a Christmas without the magic of a Christmas tree, and without presents wrapped just for you? Sadly, there are families in our own county who will be unable to provide these memories for their children unless you help."

The county matches our church with families or seniors in need from our area in the county. We then purchase and provide the donation to those on our list.

If you'd like more information regarding this mission, please contact Ingrid High at Ingrid.Quimby@gmail.com.



BOOK CORNER



The True Jesus: Uncovering the Divinity of Christ in the Gospels

David Limbaugh Regenery 2017 454 pgs

(353 pgs the main text, the remainder is notes and indices)

I suspect that some of you reacted when you saw the last name of the author and were either pleased to see the name 'Limbaugh' or displeased to see that name. Yes, David Limbaugh is the brother of the radio personality Rush Limbaugh who is both loved and hated depending on who you talk to about him. But let me be clear, like Rush or don't like Rush, this book written by his brother and has nothing to do with his famous brother or his politics. David Limbaugh is an accomplished lawyer and columnist and has written books on a number of topics and recently has published three books on Christianity. I have bought all three but this is the first one I have read and it is excellent. I plan on reading the other two, one on defending the Christian faith and one on the Old Testament and what it tells us about Jesus.

First, this book is written for the average reader and Christian (or for that matter skeptic, non-believer, someone curious about what the four Gospels say about Jesus, etc...) and focuses on telling us the story of Jesus using only the four Gospels. It's 12 chapters are divided into two parts, part 1, the much shorter part titled 'Backdrop to the Greatest Story Ever Told' and the longer part 2 beautifully titled 'A Visit From God' which goes through the events and teachings of Jesus' lives and using the four Gospels tells the story, explains the story, opens the story and does it all in an interesting and thought provoking way.

Second, as you read it you will want to have your Bible handy as he constantly gives you Scripture citations so that you can read the story in the Bible yourself and thus see that what he tells you about it is right on the mark.

Third, while I would encourage you to read the whole book from start to finish you can also use it as a reference. Curious about the meaning of the Transfiguration, look it up in the index and go right to where it is explained. (Just as an exercise, I did this and it worked fine! While there were several pages cited, I went to the one multiple page citation and by only reading that section it gave me a lot of good information.) My one criticism of this book is that it is too bad that he only included a topical index and not a scripture index. It would be nice if it was easier to look up what this book says about a verse. For example, if I was looking at John 3:16 and wanted to know what this book said about it I could look it up in an index to see what is written about it.

Fourth, while at times he goes deep biblically and theologically and might require those not used to some of the terminology to slow down, anyone can follow it and amen to that. Sometimes we need to delve deep and I am glad that Limbaugh, who wanted to write a basic text for everyone, also wants to give the whole truth about Jesus and to do that you need to go deep.

This is a great book. I don't care if you know your Bible really well (my friend who is a pastor and read this book with me knows the Bible as well as do I and we really enjoyed this book) or know very little of it, this book is for you. Do you want to deepen your appreciation of who Jesus is? Then this book is for you. I would like every Christian to read it. I think someone who wants to know what the Gospels say about Jesus and have it well explained would enjoy this book. I would enjoy leading a group of 10-15 people in a discussion of this book and if you are interested in doing so let me know. Finally, let me say one more time, don't be put off by the last name of the author, it in no way impacts what this book accurately says about the Gospels and what they tell us about our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

Pastor Glen Arnold

EVENTS AROUND TOWN



Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to Benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals (Children's Hospital). Friday, Oct. 6, 2017. 5:00-8:00 pm at Cedar Grove Church. Tickets: \$10 per person. Please contact Wendy or Steve Bernard at 443-534-8738 for tickets and information. *Invite your family and friends to support this important fundraiser!*

Anne Arundel County, MD Good News Jail & Prison Ministry will hold its 2017 Benefit Concert on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017. Doors open at 3:30 pm. Concert featuring CCF Worship Team, DiVine of Annapolis, Minister Johnathan Dunn, Soloist, Trinity UMC Choir of Annapolis, and Voices in Praise Youth Choir of Friendship UMC. Free Will Offering. Event site: Chesapeake Christian Fellowship, 377 W. Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD 21035. For info: www.goodnewsjail.org or 410.222.4937.



Southern High School Sports Boosters is holding its 6th Annual Bull & Oyster Roast to raise funds for the athletic program at the high school. **Saturday, Oct. 14, 7:00-11:00 pm at the Deale Elks Lodge.** Tickets are \$35 each, includes catering by Bayside Bull, oysters, & non-alcoholic beverages. SoCo Country Style! Must be 21 or older to attend. Purchase tickets online at <http://southernathletics.org/boostersbullroast>



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WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND**

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and Bible teacher, Joanne Guarnieri Hagemeyer*

**Friday, March 2, 2018 thru Sunday, March 4, 2018
At the Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel
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If you'd like to go on this fun retreat weekend, please complete a registration form by Dec. 1st (forms can be found in the narthex or you can contact the Church office). Cost is \$35 per person for the weekend (non-refundable). This fee is for the retreat program only and does not apply to your hotel stay. (Each attendee is asked to make their own hotel reservations at the hotel, see info below.) Please make checks payable to "Cedar Grove UMC Women's Ministry" and put "For Retreat" in the memo area. You may place the check with your completed registration form in the collection basket during Sunday Worship or you can mail it to the Cedar Grove office or to Diana Seen at 4923 Thomas Drive, Shady Side, MD 20764.

Please contact us if you have any questions:

Diana Seen: 443-618-9759, dianaseen4@comcast.net

Sharon Staley: 410-562-6646, sharonstaley@aol.com

Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel Package Rates:

- Standard Double/Double: \$269
- Double Occupancy: \$155
- Triple or Quad Occupancy: \$125

The Package Rate is based on single, double, triple or quad occupancy. The package rate includes: 2 nights' accommodations in a standard double/double room, Saturday breakfast buffet, Sunday deluxe breakfast buffet, all taxes and service charge included.

Individual Reservations: All guests will be responsible for securing their own reservations. Please use the Clarion's toll free number, 800-638-2100 when making your reservations and request the special Cedar Grove UMC group rate.

Hotel reservations must be made by Feb. 2, 2018.

Hotel Policies: Check-In: 4:00 PM. Check-Out: 11:00 AM. Personal checks not accepted in hotel. 72-hour notice required on cancellations/changes. No refunds for early check-out.