

THE RELIGIOUS EVENT

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge conference was held on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Faith United Methodist Church. This year, the conference was conducted differently than the past. Previously, the DS or a representative met separately with each church and reviewed the reports and conducted the voting. This year five churches met together in a cluster to vote on church reports. Rev. Joe Daniels, District Superintendent, conducted the conference. The five churches participating in the conference were: Faith UMC, Pastor Kathryn Woodrow; Jerusalem-Mt.Pleasant UMC, Pastor Hattie Johnson-Holmes; Mizo Fellowship, Pastor Biak Chhunga; North Bethesda, Pastor Jeff Jones; and Rockville UMC, Pastor Martha Meredith.

The primary reason for the group meeting was for the church members to get to know each other, develop friendships and identify a large mission project on which the church members can work cooperatively to improve their "ZIP Codes".



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Rev. Hattie Johnson-Holmes, Pastor

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

The Word of God is being preached with power and passion. I thank God for the Lay Servants which I give an opportunity to preach. Hearing their growth and understanding of the word is refreshing and exciting. Through support and guidance we welcome Ann Taylor, another Lay Servant who answered the call to this ministry. She will continue on this faith journey to become a certified Lay Servant.

Thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, vital worship is experienced. Worshipers are lead into a deeper encounter with the message of the gospel by the preached word, choirs and musical selections and the taught word.

Bible Study Classes are continuing: Sunday Morning, Wednesday Night, and Tuesday Night via telephone. Our Wednesday night bible study class was blessed to have a few of our classes at the Shady Grove Rehabilitation Facility when one of the class members was there. Opportunities for members to attend bible study are available and encouraged.

Holy Communion is administered to the congregation every First Sunday. When I am not present and Ordained Elder is invited to preach and administer Holy Communion. I also visit and administer Communion to the sick and shut-in.

Three of our youth were confirmed and read into the church membership this year. Two of the three were baptized last year. We had a wedding this year within our church family. I was pleased to consult with the couple and facilitate the wedding. Families and friends of the bereaved are comforted and assured of my assistance. We were blessed to have the Home Going Service of one of our Jerusalem-Mt. Pleasant UMC members at Waves of Glory Church of God in Christ. Waves of Glory Church of God in Christ was Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church before merging with Jerusalem United Methodist Church.



How the church defines its mission to its parish, the local community and beyond the local community.

The mission is defined to the local community and beyond the local community by first expressing the vital important of Bible Study. We are aware that we need to know the word if we are to live the word.

The church is engaging in vital worship where the application of Biblical truths are sung, read, preached and danced, producing Spiritual healing and enrichment.

Building relationships and peoples' desire to serve have been evident of the growth of individuals. We host two programs organized by our young adults that feed sheltered families and give gifts during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. We distribute information about the church and invite families to visit. The United Methodist Women also prepare meal for one of the shelters. We send letters of thanks to visitors who complete a "Let us Get to Know You!" card and we invite them to return.

We had an opportunity to meet Dr. Gregory E. Bell (Director of Diversity Initiatives Montgomery County Public School System. We will hopefully network with him as we build relationships in our quest to adopt a school.



Mission Statement

Our mission, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is to develop ourselves and others spiritually through biblical studies and worship, and to extend the unconditional love to all as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

LAY LEADERSHIP MEMBERS

Church Council Chair	Wanda Jackson
Finance Chair	Larry Jackson
Lay Leader for local church	Delores Howard
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Peggy Blake
Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair	Venus Walker
Treasurer	Cheryl Curry
Trustee Chair	Thomas Davis
United Methodist Women President	Evelyn Buford
United Methodist Men President	Warren Crutchfield
Membership Chairperson	Jean Johnson
Finance Secretary	Alwyn Taylor
Coordinator of Family Ministries	Doris Prather
Communications Coordinator	Chiquita Sorrels
Nominations Chair	Rev. Hattie Johnson-Holmes
Worship Chair	Paulette Dudley
Evangelism Chair	Henrietta Jenkins
Stewardship Chair	Evelyn Buford

CHURCH CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 2 Charge Conference @ 7:00PM
- 8 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 9 Reserved for Trustee Meeting
- 15 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 16 Church Council Meeting @ 7:00PM
- 22 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 26 Fall Rally (*members are asked to pay \$150*)
- 29 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)

NOVEMBER

- 1 Emancipation Day at the Beall-Dawson House time 12-4 PM
- 5 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 6 Reserved for SPPRC Meeting
- 12 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 15 UMW Executive/Mission Team Meeting @10:00AM
- 13 Reserved for Trustee Meeting
- 16 UMW Unit Meeting after church
- 19 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 20 Church Council Meeting @ 7
- 22 John Walker Jr. Charity Event
- 27 THANKSGIVING DAY
- 30 UMW Installation of Officers Sunday

DECEMBER

- 1 Evaluation Reports due to BWC
- 3 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 14 UMW Christmas Luncheons
- 10 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 17 Bible Study @ 7:00 PM (Cordelia House)
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday)
- 31 New Year's Eve Service @ 11:00 PM

**JMP Bible Study: Sundays – 10 AM Church Sanctuary; Wednesdays – 7 PM Cordelia House;
Tuesday night telephone Bible Study – 8 PM**