

Unity-Washington and Wesley United Methodist Newsletter

Called to Witness Great Things

John 1:43 – 51

⁴⁸ Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”

If you were asked to list some of the great things you’ve seen in your lifetime, what would be on your list? Depending on age and circumstances your list may be long.

Long ago, Jesus once told a man named Nathanael that if he followed Jesus, he would see great things. Nathanael did follow and the things he saw the world still remembers because he and the other witnesses were excited enough to tell about them.

Have you noticed how much more OK it is for people to become excited on fanatical about their area’s professional sports team than about religion or God? Why is it impolite to discuss religion at a social event? When and where do you feel comfortable discussing religion? Or can you do so just anywhere? Moderation may be just the thing when it comes to consumption of food and beverages. But when speaking about God, it is not what Jesus had in mind.

Now where Jesus called Philip and Nathanael to be witnesses of great things, the whole meaning of witness was included. That is, they were to see and then tell what they had seen. Having told their story clearly, they were not responsible for whether or not people listened. You know that bus company slogan, “Take the bus and leave the driving to us.” It’s the same story with telling the great things of Jesus. While it’s up to us to tell them, it’s up to the Holy Spirit to bring belief into the hearts of our hearers. So what was Nathanael – what are we - to do? Simply tell your story. “I met a man who knew me before he met me.” That may have been Nathanael’s opening line. What is yours? I believe in Jesus, who loved me enough to give his life for me. This Jesus loves you too. There’s room in his heart for all of us because He is God. But that doesn’t mean his life and death were any less real. Many people saw it happen, told what they saw, and went to their deaths rather than deny the story.

Since those days, millions of lives are trusting in Jesus rather than anything or anyone else.

Join Nathanael and Philip in taking a story like that to a friend or a neighbor; and see if the Lord doesn’t bless your faithfulness.

Invite a friend or neighbor to Church, so they can hear the great things of God!

**In Ministry Together,
Pastor Glenn Lyburn**



MYF Newsletter

The 2012 Youth Rally was a terrific success. There were 35 attendees including my parent volunteers. I cannot thank them enough for all their support. We would NOT be able to do all the things we do, without their help.



Youth Rally 2012

Dates to look forward to.....

Feb. 4th - 6 to 8pm due to the Super Bowl on the 5th.

Feb. 11th - Free concert 33 Miles!

Feb. 12th - Sunday Night Light 6-7:30pm

Feb. 17th -Casual Friday 8:30 to 10pm

Feb.19th - Variety Show 7pm \$5.00 per person – the money goes to the

Church Scholarship Fund

Feb. 25th - Middle School dance 7-9pm, (5th through 8thgrade are welcome) \$5.00 a child

We will have music, pizza, etc. Snacks will be \$1.00. Also we will have group

Picture's if interested. \$2.00 a picture

Feb. 26th - MYF 6-8pm

South Pacific being performed by North Dorchester High School

Thursday March 1ST 7pm

Friday March 2nd 7pm

Saturday March 3rd 1pm and 7pm

Sunday March 4th 2pm

Josh Usilton, Olivia Jackson and Calvin Collins will be performing!



Mary Martha News

Nine hearty members of the circle met on January 12 in the church parlor. Several of our members are not well including our treasurer, Julie. We pray that she and Jean W. will be on their feet soon. Members that are volunteering in the Nearly New Shop are asked to mark their calendars. Kathy L. will not be able to make reminder calls. We look forward to providing refreshments at the annual Variety Show to be held February 19. If you have not been asked to provide goodies or serve, check with Janie to see what is still needed. We will need all hands on deck in order please those that are traveling "Around the World in 80 Days". Our November fundraiser was a success so we are planning another Wheaton's discount shopping day in the fall. As so few of us were in attendance, its important that we check on each other and make sure all are of sound mind and body for our upcoming activities.

Everything you need to know, you can learn from Noah's Ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat!
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
8. When you're stressed, float awhile.
9. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
10. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.



WORDS FROM WESLEY UMC

The Wesley UMC Adult Choir presented their monthly worship service for residents at Genesis Health Center in Seaford DE on Sunday afternoon, January 15th. The following selection is from that program.

I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say, "I am a Christian", I'm not shouting, "I'm clean living."
I'm whispering, "I was lost." Now I'm found and forgiven.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are all too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.


When I say, "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou.
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's grace, somehow.

Annual Variety Show 2012

The Unity-Washington Variety Show to benefit the scholarship fund will be held on **Sunday, February 19th at 7:00pm**. This year's theme will be "Around the World in 80 Days." Anyone interested in being in the show should see Virginia Naugle. Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, children 5 and under are free. Tickets will be available at the door.

Out Reach Idea for February

Send a lonely friend or neighbor a Valentine



Facts about the Bible

by David Padfield

The Bible is composed of 66 books. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Some 39 or 40 men had a part in the writing of the Bible, from Moses to the apostle John. It took over 1500 years to produce the Bible.

Out of all the men who wrote the books of the Bible, Luke "the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14) was the only Gentile. He penned the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts.

The first section of the Old Testament is called the Pentateuch. It contains the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy). These books, written by Moses, cover the period of time from Creation to the death of Moses, just prior to the entrance of God's people into the promised land.

The Old Testament contains twelve books of history, from Joshua through Esther. There are five books of poetry: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. There are five books of the major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. There are 12 minor prophets, from Hosea through Malachi.

The New Testament contains four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), each telling the story of the life of Christ from different viewpoints. The New Testament has one book of history, the book of Acts, which tells of the establishment of the church and the growth of Christianity in the first century. It also has 21 epistles, the majority of which were written by the apostle Paul (Romans through Jude) and one book of prophecy (the Revelation), penned by John while on the isle of Patmos.

The Old Testament was written in Hebrew (with the exception of Daniel 2:4b-7:28 and Ezra 4:8-6:18). The New Testament was written in Greek.

Puzzle Time

Scriptogram: Each letter in the passage is replaced with another. Solve the code and discover the verse(s).

Solution on last page. (Hint: c=s)

Knczc cghv zsbe lnd, H gf bln dnczddnobhes, gsv bln
ahjn: ln blgb pnahnwnbl hs fn, blezml ln yndn vngv, xnb
clgaa ln ahwn:





February Mission Moment

Calvin Collins-Head of Missions

Unity-Washington UMC

Thanks to everyone who helped with all of the missions we did in 2011! I would like to thank everyone for their help in the Angel Tree Christmas Party; especially the mIme's for Christ Team for helping out with the kids, and performing for the families. I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Operation Christmas Child Christmas Shoeboxes.

For February we will do the College Boxes for the students in college. If you have any students you know of that would like to be put on this list please let Mrs. Debbie in the office know! Also in the upcoming months, we will be doing the "Turn on The Tap" Project through Samaritan's Purse! What you do is fill up an empty water bottle with spare change and turn it in. More details will come in March, 2012!

Do you like getting good deals? We have storage for new toys for the Toy Shop which is held in late December. If you buy toys you can give the toys to Mrs. Debbie in the office. Monetary donations are GREATLY APPRECIATED! Just put a note that says "For Toy Shop Mission" in the offering plate. Thanks for making our church a VERY giving church! ☺

*****MISSION IDEAS-** Please Write any mission ideas that our church could in the future do and turn into the office, or put in the offering plate!

Thank You,

Calvin Collins - Head of Missions

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Long Term Prayer List

Please call Debbie at the office 410-943-3222 or email UWUMC@yahoo.com for changes to prayer list

Adeline Mock
Alice Bennett
Anne & David Ball
Annette Smith
Betty Nagel
Beverly Morris
Brad Brown
Brenda Basham
Brenda Coulbourne
Brianna Bradshaw
Brittany Prager
Bunky Bell
Carol Bramble
Carroll Pinkett
Carroll Sneed
Cate Cordrey
Chris Foxwell
Christine Wands
Curt Stephens
Daniel Murray & Family
David Jones
Dick Wilson
Donald Jones
Donna Ball
Donna Wright
Dorotha Hallowell
Dorthy Jones
Eddie Lankford
Eileen Jones
Ellie Everton

Ferguson Gemeny, Jr
Gary Sheets
George Sherman
Ivy Sherman
George Sherman
Henry Dockins
Howard Blake
Irvin Dean
Ivy Sherman
Jackson Bradley
James McMillan
Janet Womach
Jean Bramble
Jean Knodle
Jeanne Johnson
Joanne Dayton
John Jones
Jean Hollowell
Joyce Watson
Julie Lowry
Larry & Marsha Kile
Leonard Gadow
Lisa Short

Lloyd & Joan Fooks
Louise Neal
Margaret Jones
Mary Cullen
Megan Smith
Melvin Adams
Merritt Pritchett
Mimi Brown
Nancy McCulley
Nancy Ober
Olivia Nossick
Peggy Eisenhower
Roberty Stafford
Ronnie Nichols
Samantha Wright
T.J. Hess, Jr.
Terry Kokochak
Timmy McMillan
Todd Schilling
Traci Kimball

Sympathy List

Nevaeh Bishop
Jarrod Nickell
Stewart Stitzel
Janice Moore
Blanche Usilton





Birthdays

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|----|----------------------|----|------------------|
| 2 | Jeanne Windsor | 16 | Edwina Kimball |
| 3 | Betty Pritchett | 18 | Ruth Koski |
| 5 | Mark Howard | | Bob Plutschak |
| 6 | William Hanna | 21 | Conner Kimball |
| | Robert McMillan | | Mike Griggith |
| 7 | Redgia McMillan | 22 | Myra Truitt |
| | Michael Willey | 23 | Wayne Griffith |
| | Chris Hurley | | Mike Smith |
| | Merritt Pritchett | | Jenna Usilton |
| 8 | Deborah Messick | 24 | Michael Racculia |
| 9 | Rik Davis | 25 | Bonnie Griffith |
| 10 | James Scott | | Michelle Seretis |
| 11 | Lloyd Foard | 26 | Kimberly Jarrell |
| | Bobby Howard | | Steve Haddaway |
| 12 | Nancy Bartrum Cook | | Greg Robison |
| | Taylor Howard | 27 | Melissa Lewis |
| 15 | Chase Parker Andrews | | David Scott |
| | Junior Mills | 28 | Billy Jackson |
| | Nancy Smith | | |
| | J. T. Elliott | | |

Anniversaries

- 2 Beverly and Kenny Hurlock
- 5 Kelli Anne and Josh Bostic
- 12 Evelyn and Louis Koski
- 14 Nancy Bartrum and Charles Cook
- Barbara and Bryon Richardson
- 18 Pat and Charles Green
- 20 Shari and Steven Blades
- 28 Melissa and Redgia McMillan
- 29 Lisa and Jim Murray

Puzzle Solution:

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25

~ February 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 mIme Practice 7:30 Adult Choir Practice	2	3	4 6:00PM – 8PM MYF Meeting
5 8:45 Wesley – 9:30AM - Sunday School 10:30AM – U-W Worship 6:00PM - MYF	6 7:00PM – Worship Committee Meeting	7	8 6:30 mIme Practice 7:30 Adult Choir Practice	9 7:00PM – Mary Martha Circle Mtg.	10	11
12 8:45 Wesley – 9:30AM - Sunday School 10:30AM – U-W Worship 6:00PM – Sunday Nite Lite	13	14	15 6:30 mIme Practice 7:30 Adult Choir Practice	16	17 8:30PM – 10PM MYF Casual Friday	18
19 8:45 Wesley – 9:30AM - Sunday School 10:30AM – U-W Worship 7:00PM – Variety Show	20	21	22 6:30 mIme Practice 7:30 Adult Choir Practice	23	24	25 7:00PM – 9PM MYF Dance (5 th – 8 th Grades)
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