



## *St. Georges United Methodist Church*

*Worship. Grow. Serve. Share.*

**March 2019**

Back in the 90's, putting a big loud sound system in your car was the epitome of car modification. Those of us gear heads that were more focused on speed than style scoffed at it a bit, but it remained a deep trend in car culture. The main purpose of putting in the sound system was to increase the bass your music put it out. The high end and vocals didn't matter too much, as long as you could feel the chest-thumping bass from 3-miles away. It was an odd time...

I heard once that God is the bass note to the song of creation. As in, while other voices, noise and music may play, the bass notes hold everything together. And I like that. When bass is done correctly, it's subtle, behind the rest of the music. Its only job is to give depth to the sound, make it deeper, richer. Most of the time, you won't even notice the bass notes in a song. But, if they disappear, you're sure to notice that something is missing. And that my friends, is God.

You may have heard by now that I the United Methodist Church has seen fit to reappoint me. That is, come July 1<sup>st</sup>, St. Georges will have a new pastor. It was a surprise to be sure, and it took me a while to process the thought of leaving, but I've come to peace with it. Through the past 3 years of ministry with you we have done some amazing ministry and touched countless lives with the gospel. We have healed, grown, and branched out in ways that only God could have orchestrated.

As my time with you grows short, I am coming to grips with the reality that while my season may be finished here, God is not done with St. Georges. The music is playing loud and wonderful here. And that bass note of God can be heard for miles. In the next few months we'll work on transitioning and preparing for a new leadership season, but I urge you church, keeping playing that beautiful music. Listen for the bass and follow its rhythm. Keep in time, and above all, Love God and Love People.

**Pastor Dave**





## Donna Goes Walk About....

I love the snow. I love watching it fall. I love driving in it. I love seeing it in the trees and bushes in the yard. We've had some snow this year...SO...I'm ready for spring now. ☺ I'm looking to be amazed once again at how God takes our dreary, cold, black and white world and brings it back to life with growing lawns, trees budding and flowers blooming. Yep. I'm ready. Come on spring!

This past month we had a successful soup sale, the Boy Scouts cooked up a delicious breakfast for us on Scout Sunday and the spaghetti dinner fundraiser for VBS was a big success. The food was delicious and the kids did an awesome job as servers.

The Ministry Team has been meeting on a regular basis and there are tons of plans in the works fun and service in the weeks and months to come. We continue to collect cold weather clothing to pass on the homeless and the scouts did a shoe collection for a program that creates jobs in Africa.

A Youth Sunday School class will begin this month on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This will be for students in 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Jim Gestwicki will lead the class and it will meet in the upstairs lounge. If you'd like more information, just contact Jim or Pastor Dave.

This month has 5 Sundays so we'll be meeting in the downstairs fellowship hall for service on March 31<sup>st</sup> and we'll enjoy a delicious pot luck lunch immediately after church. This will happen again in June and then September and is a great time of fellowship.

And finally, it was a shock for all involved when the announcement was made that Pastor Dave will be leaving us at the end of June. I've been a Methodist all my life and I never get used to it. Kinda makes me want to become a Presbyterian sometimes! We've been a pretty good team these last few years and accomplished some pretty amazing things. Our prayers go with Dave and his family as they go on to meet their new adventure.

That's all for now so I'll see you on Sunday!

*Donna*



## Methodist Women

Thanks to all who helped with our Soup Sale in February. Thanks to all who made soup and to those who bought the soup. With your help we made \$348 which will be donated to a soup kitchen to help feed others.



The Methodist Women will have their meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm at the Church. We are looking for a local non-profit organization to be the recipient of the money we earn from the Silent Auction during our May banquet. If you know of an organization please let us know.



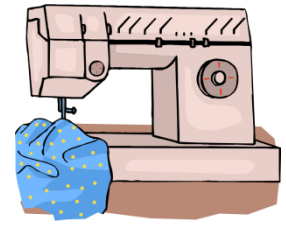
Some scouts  
enjoying  
Gunpowder  
Falls State Park  
in Maryland

The Sea Scouts  
are a newly formed  
group and seem to  
be enjoying  
themselves.



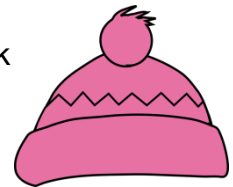
## Friendship Star Quilters

Our quilting group will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5 from 9:30 am to 4 pm in the church social hall. Come when you can and stay as long as you want. Lunch will be served. Bring a sewing machine if you can or just come and help tie the quilts.



## Mission Update

On behalf of the many folks that received your kindness and love, I thank you. The warm clothing, hats, coats, gloves, socks, boots, sweaters, blankets, and comforters were distributed thru The Sunday Breakfast Mission in Wilmington and The Parris Foundation in Elkton. Please continue to pray for these agencies, the volunteers that work with them and the recipients of their efforts as they try to overcome their trials.



On March 10th, The Sunday Breakfast Mission's Men's Choir will once again bless us with their voices during the 10:00 a.m. church service. There will be a Pot Luck meal following the service so there will be time to fellowship with the men.

Additionally, we will be collecting non-perishable breakfast food items to be donated to The Sunday Breakfast Mission that day. Let's load up their van:!!!!  
Once again, I thank you for sharing your love and generosity with others in need.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
Carole Jaques  
Mission Chair

The King will reply, "I tell you the truth, whatever you have done for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matt.25:40

**SAFE SANCTUARIES**

Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth



## Safe Sanctuary Training

Monday, March 11 @ 7pm

Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> after worship

Pizza and water ice will be provided on the 17<sup>th</sup>.



## Happy Birthday to...

Lyndsey Ordorica Calvetti.....March 7  
Kelsee Carroll.....March 12  
Devon Cavender.....March 15  
Sean McEvoy.....March 16  
Jessie Brewer.....March 26  
Molly Cleaver.....March 28

Let us not become  
weary in doing good,  
for at the proper  
time we will reap a  
harvest if we do not  
give up.

– Galatians 6:9

## Report from the General Conference

ST. LOUIS — The United Methodist Church on Tuesday voted to strengthen its ban on gay and lesbian clergy and same-sex marriages, a decision that could split the nation's second-largest Protestant church.

After three days of intense debate at a conference in St. Louis, the vote by church officials and lay members from around the world doubled down on current church policy, which states that “the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.” The vote served as a rejection of a push by progressive members and leaders to open the church to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

By Timothy Williams and Elizabeth Dias, New York Times. Feb. 26, 2019

## Follow up Meetings –

March 9<sup>th</sup> - 10-11am @ Cornerstone UMC w/ light refreshments @9:30am

March 19 – 7pm @St. Georges UMC featuring a round table discussion

Be strong and courageous...Do not be afraid or terrified. –  
Deuteronomy 31: 6, 8



## Photos from February Events



Soup Sale



Spaghetti Dinner

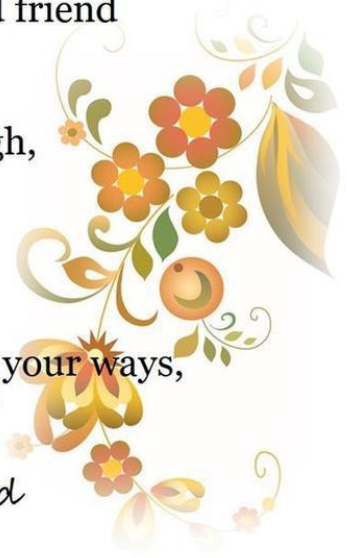


What a blessing a good friend is. We have many people who walk through our lives. Some stay a while. Some stay a lifetime. And some are in our lives for just a brief time. God sends us his angels in many forms. Most of us have been blessed with wonderful friends who may have come into our lives in school, at work or as a spouse. Sometimes a BFF (best friend forever) is called home, and then they become our guardian angel. Here's to good friends, wherever they are.  
— Donna C

## A Good Friend

There is nothing like a good friend  
To tell your troubles to.  
Someone to open up with,  
Someone to talk you through,  
The highs; the lows,  
The everyday struggles,  
Someone who knows,  
Your every quirk and flaw,  
Someone who understands your ways,  
And loves you after all.

*Mobi world*



*St. Georges UMC invites you!*

*Friendly's*  
Where ice cream makes the most of it

## Great Tasting Fundraising

Enjoy a fun night out  
with friends and family!

Tuesday, March 12th from 5 - 9 pm at the  
Middletown Friendly's

350 Dove Run Centre Dr.  
Middletown, DE 19709

A percentage of all sales will go to the church.

## Model Train Day

Saturday, March 23rd  
10am - 2pm

Commodore MacDonough Gymnasium  
St. Georges, DE

**Free Admission!**

Plenty of parking

Refreshments! Door Prizes!  
Crafts for Kids!  
Several Gages to see!  
Many New Layouts  
Rides for Kids!

Sponsored by St. Georges UMC & Everspring Church





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## Dates to Remember

March 3.....Communion Sunday 10 am  
March 5.....Friendship Star Quilters 9:30a – 4p  
March 9.....General Conference Follow up mtg @Cornerstone 10am  
March 11.....Safe Sanctuary Training 7pm  
March 14.....UMW/UMM monthly meeting 7 pm  
March 17.....Safe Sanctuary Training after worship  
March 19.....General Conference follow up mtg @ St. Georges UMC 7p  
March 23.....Train Day at Commodore Center 10a – 2p  
March 31.....5<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship downstairs w/potluck lunch after

Traditional worship service every Sunday @ 10 am  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 am  
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