



**THE METHODIST MESSENGER**  
**NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 312 E. Main St., P.O Box 236 Fruitland, Maryland 21826

**Our Mission Statement: We are First and Foremost a Church with the Mission of "Bringing People to Christ and Christ to People".**

**For April 2024**

<p align="center"><b>Nursery duty</b></p> <p>First Sunday    Nancy                                   Ruark</p> <p>Second Sunday    Pat Kern</p> <p>Third Sunday    Patti                                   Miller</p> <p>Fourth Sunday    Dudley                                   Bowman</p> <p>Fifth Sunday    David Croft</p>	<p align="center"><b>Scriptures for April</b></p> <p>April 7    Acts 4:32-35                           John 20:19-31</p> <p>April 14    Acts 3:12-19                           Luke 24:36-48</p> <p>April 21    Acts 4:5-12                           John 10:11-18</p> <p>April 28:    Acts 8:26-40                           John 15:1-8</p>	<p align="center">Birthdays and Anniversaries</p> <p>April</p> <p>1 Alice Ledger Ness</p> <p>2 Mike Nelson</p> <p>3 Judy Bennett</p> <p>12 Jeri and Bob Bozman              Anniversary</p> <p>13 Karla Kramer</p> <p>14 Sylvia Fields</p> <p>    Jake Disharoon</p> <p>19 Ian Ayotte</p> <p>21 Bill Simms</p> <p>22 Melissa Richardson</p> <p>23 Pat Bennett</p> <p>27 Chris Derbyshire</p> <p>    Bradley Chatham</p> <p>    Karen and Bob Ayotte              Anniversary</p> <p>30 Laverne Gladmon</p> <p>    Sherrie and Robert              Messick anniversary</p>
<p><i>I will need everyone's submissions for the newsletter by the 24<sup>th</sup> of every month to get everything together for the following months newsletter. Unless someone wants me to edit something then I will, but if not then I will copy and paste as is.</i></p>	<p align="center"><b>Liturgies</b></p> <p>April 7    Lori</p> <p>April 14    Pat</p> <p>April 21    Patty</p> <p>April 31    Flo</p>	
<p align="center">A Reminder</p> <p>We need to have people who can do coffee hour monthly and if you can then please contact Buddy</p> <p>Thanks to          coffee hour.</p> <p>We need to have people who can help count money and if you can then please contact Ellen</p> <p><a href="mailto:Paul.Nelson@stjohnsfruitland.org">Paul Nelson</a>          1121 Johnson Rd.          Salisbury, Maryland 21804  <a href="tel:443-591-0494">443-591-0494</a>  <a href="mailto:Pnelson37@gmail.com">Pnelson37@gmail.com</a></p>	<p align="center"><b>Children Message:</b></p> <p>Karen</p> <p align="center"><b>Ushers:</b></p> <p>David and Ellen          David and Ellen          David and Ellen          David and Ellen</p> <hr/> <p align="center">Just a reminder of AVON SSS BUG GUARD sales all profits will be donated to St John's. Please call Jean Powell 443-235-2431 for more information.          Thank you for your support!</p>	



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**Clean-up Day**

April 13th, beginning at 10 am we will meet to freshen up the parking lot and church yard to make it more welcoming for visitors. We will also be assembling the gift bags for the teachers and staff of Fruitland Intermediate School. We expect to have another day later in the spring to freshen up the inside of the building as well. Any and all help will be appreciated.

**Fruitland Intermediate School**

At the request of the school counselor, we will be providing snacks for the teachers and staff of Fruitland Intermediate School. The counselor suggested individual bags of potato chips, cookies, muffins or other small treats. We will combine these into gift bags for each staff member. We have also been invited to come at lunch time to mingle with the students. If you have any questions or want to go to the school, please speak to Pastor Karen. Snacks can be left in Fellowship Hall.

**Church Finances**

The average Sunday Offering for 2024 has been \$1742. To meet our budget, \$2325 is needed each Sunday. Fortunately, between funds carried over from 2023, trustees' investment dividends added to the Operating Fund, and some unexpected donations we have been able to meet our financial obligations.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <a href="#">Worship and Sunday School 10 am</a> Holy Communion Coffee Hour VBS Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Clean-up Day 10 am
<b>14</b> <a href="#">Worship and Sunday School 10 am</a> One Boarm Meeting 11 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <a href="#">Worship and Sunday School 10 am</a>	<b>22</b> Earth Day	<b>23</b> Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <a href="#">Worship and Sunday School 10 am</a>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bible Study 10 am by Zoom				



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### **Diaper Bag Project**

\$603.56 was collected for our diaper bag project. With this amount we were able to fill eleven diaper bags and deliver them to HALO for new mothers who may not have the support to get the things needed to get started with a precious little baby. Each bag contained 6 pairs of socks, 2 bibs, 2 hats, several long sleeve onesies, several short sleeve onesies, 2 footed sleepers, 4 washcloths, 2 receiving blankets, 4 burps cloths, a book, 88 diapers, and a card with a note of encouragement for the new mother and an invitation to visit our church with her child. Celeste Savage, at HALO, was very pleased to accept the bags and said she would see that they were distributed to new mothers.





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**Thank you to everyone who continues to support the First Baptist Church in Fruitland with non-perishable items for the Food Pantry!**

**Missions Team Dates to Remember:**

- 4/27/24 – God's Kitchen at Grace Church – meet at 9:00am to bag lunches**
  - 6/7/24 – Set up and cook for the Annual Food and Yard Sale – 9:00am**
  - 6/8/24 – Food and Yard Sale (proceeds to benefit the Operating Fund for the church) 8:00am**
- More dates to follow.**