



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

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For May 2024

<p align="center">Nursery duty</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 Craft</p>	<p>Scriptures for: May</p> <p>May 5 Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17</p> <p>May 12 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 John 17:6-9</p> <p>May 19 Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15</p> <p>May 26 Isaiah 6:1-8 John 3:1-17</p>	<p>Birthdays and Anniversary</p> <p>May</p> <p>1 Tom Jones</p> <p>6 Susan Ledger</p> <p> Judy and Pat Bennett Anniversary</p> <p>17 Benjamin Maddox</p> <p>18 Addison Chatham</p> <p>20 Louie Richardson</p> <p>23 Kelly and Alan Johnson Anniversary</p> <p> Shirley Sexton</p> <p>28 Jayne and Ron Dryden Anniversary</p>
<p><i>I will need everyone's submissions for the newsletter by the 24th 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>May</p> <p>5 Buddy</p> <p>12 Lori</p> <p>19 Pat</p> <p>26 Patty</p> <p>Children Message:</p> <p>Pat</p>	
<p><u>Paul Nelson</u> 1121 Johnson Rd. Salisbury, Maryland 21804 <u>443-591-0494</u> <u>Pnelson37@gmail.com</u></p>	<p>Ushers:</p> <p>Jim and Anna Grace Jim and Anna Grace Jim and Anna Grace Jim and Anna Grace</p>	



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St John's is experiencing some financial strain currently and we need your assistance, please. To meet our budget, we need an average Sunday offering of around \$2300 and currently ours totals \$1600 per week on average. We are not in serious trouble, as we do have trustee funds and currently, we receive about \$24,000.00 per year from these funds. To date we have had to request \$10,000 – almost half of the year's expected drawings - and this is only March. This message is to make you aware and to request that you consider additional tithings or gifts to St. John's. We make every effort to keep expenses to a bare minimum, however, all costs are increasing. Our insurance has been one area of increase and we will be investigating and pricing this expense. The Board is also considering selling one of the excess parking lots we have at the end of Main Street towards South Division Street as a possible source of funds. We will experience some decrease in expenses when we lose Pastor Karen, as her successor will be considered part time. (Not that we are looking forward to losing Pastor Karen because we are not!) We wanted to make all aware that we are looking to decrease expenses whenever possible and possibly free up funds through sale of unused property if that is feasible. If you would, please keep this in mind as you budget your offerings for our church.

We need to have people who can help count money and if you can then please contact Ellen.

Many thanks,
Ellen
Treasurer

A Reminder

We need to have people who can do coffee hour monthly and if you can then please contact Buddy Pennewell and Cathy Grimm.

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!



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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.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship and Sunday School 10 am Holy Communion Coffee Hour 11 am VBS Meeting after church	6 Church office closed	7 Church office closed	8 Church office closed	9 Church office closed	10	11
12 Worship and Sunday School 10 am	13	14 Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	15	16	17	18
19 Worship and Sunday School 10 am Pentecost	20	21 Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	22 One Board Meeting 5 pm	23	24	25
26 Worship and Sunday School 10 am	27 Memorial Day Church office closed	28 Bible Study 10 am by Zoom	29 Fruitland Intermediate visit.	30	31	Upcoming Event Yard Sale June 8 Prep Day June 7