

TOM'S CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MESSENGER

My First Day on the Job!

Today is Wednesday, July 1st, 2026, the first day of my new job. I have been assigned to a new year that started this morning out at Tom's Creek United Methodist Church near Emmitsburg, Maryland! It was a busy day of meeting and greeting beautiful people in a beautiful neighborhood. You will be inspired too as you visit and learn about these people. I surely have been inspired today!

First thing this morning, I was able to learn about a special team of missionaries who cook, package, and deliver delicious meals to people in their homes across the area. Some of these recipients are unable to get out of their homes without assistance, and others have varied experiences such as recovering from medical procedures. Some Feeding FriendZ helpers were busy early using an assembly line for prepping, cooking, and packaging ahead of other teammates who would come deliver the food out into the local

communities. I had the privilege of getting to ride along with one energetic missionary as he took Feeding FriendZ goodies as far as Littlestown and back to Taneytown in the Carroll Vista community. He told me others were delivering on the Emmitsburg and Gettysburg side as well. I met new neighbors as we delivered and even got to pray with a man at one stop! It was wonderful to see the practical ministry this group shares with neighbors, week by week and to see the joy and gratitude of those on the route who are receiving this love and good food. The 'Feeding FriendZ' group said they have been doing this weekly sharing since the COVID era, and all are welcome to come join in this special way of serving in Christ's love with them.



Before my ride along out into the community on one of the Feeding FriendZ's routes, I met eight ladies playing Mahjong upstairs in the church! I introduced myself as the new pastor and learned that some were church members while others were neighbors or friends. They told me they host Mahjong and fellowship like this every Wednesday morning which is open to all.

As I said 'hello' to different church leaders throughout the day, I learned about "House of David," the Spring Bible Study, that just concluded in the last couple of weeks. Leaders told me how there's been a long-standing run of Thursday morning Bible Studies held twice a year that are very well attended by members and neighbors alike with some coming from as far away as Frederick!

Another leader spoke up to tell me that a great teacher hosts the class too.

Another member reached out to me, as the new pastor, to fill me in on plans for a "Christmas in July Yard Sale" that the church family is hosting. Others told me about the "visitation" group that eats lunch together and gets out checking on folks in their homes once a month on a Sunday afternoon. One of the Sunday School teachers talked about how their classes take turns each month preparing and hosting a worship service in the Lorien Assisted Living Center in Taneytown. I learned there are upcoming concerts this summer where the church will host the community to meals and music. Someone asked, "Are you coming to Oldies?" They were enthusiastic telling me about the "Oldies and Goodies" meal and game time that is open to the neighborhood on the third Thursday of every month! They named a variety of the good food and fun that's always a part of "oldies"!

Now that I've put you
there on a hilltop, on a
light stand—shine!
Keep open house; be
generous with your
lives. By opening up to
others, you'll prompt
people to open up with
God, this generous
Father in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16
The Message

After visiting a couple of members in their homes, I got back to the church in time to find one couple working hard decorating the narthex area with a stunning collection of dolls! This was a beautiful set of "First Ladies" they were setting up to share some fun and interesting facts around the 250th birthday of this country. Those First Ladies made me think about how the Church is the "Bride of Christ." I can see that this group of disciples is an active part of the "Bride of Christ," the family of our Lord hard at work here sharing the joy and love of his Kingdom across this region.

As I drove home, I called our District Superintendent to let him know that I am on my new post and looking forward to the new year here with the LORD and these special agents of God's grace. I hope you will come to be part of our new year together in the Lord too!

In Jesus' love,

Pastor Mike Cantley



Feeding FriendZ--Visitation Group--Spring Bible Study--Yard Sale--Oldies & Goodies--Lorien Assisted Living Ministry--Concert--Decorations, etc. via Special Agents of God's Grace.

May 24 Message: **Proclaiming Together by Pastor Mike**

Lay Reader: **Pastor Linda Warehime**



May 31 Message: **Matriculation and Participation in our Vocation**

Bells: **Sound and Rejoice Team**

Acolyte: **Ryan VanGarven**

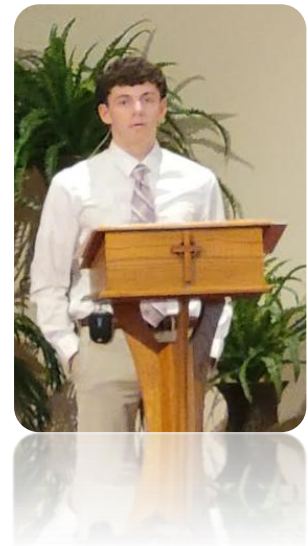
Lay Reader: **Bonnie Gillum**

Graduates: **Owen Furry, Lucy Watkins and Christian Kendall**



June 1 Baccalaureate Service

Owen Furry delivered the Graduation Message at Catoctin High School's Baccalaureate service at Thurmont United Methodist Church. It was reported that a record number of graduates were in attendance. *Way to go- Owen!*



Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic was held at Mount Tabor Park in Rocky Ridge on June 1st. We have held our picnic there on the 1st Monday in June for many years, but the weather has never been more perfect than it was this year. Everyone enjoyed the pizza, side dishes and desserts. A few people even strolled over and took a trip down the BIG SLIDE. A huge thank you to **Mary Harner** for chairing the picnic this year. She did a great job! And thanks to everyone who brought food to share.



David Wantz

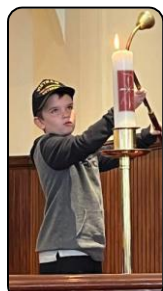


Bill Warehime, Dominic White, Heather Fitzgerald



Dominic and dad, Matthew

June 7 Message: *Forming a Family/Preparing People*



Christian Kendall
Acolyte



Pat Brabson
Lay Reader



Deb Henning
Playing Flute



Iris Rodgers
Singing



Pastor Mike with Young Disciples

June 14 Message: ***Forming a Family/Preparing People***

Part 2- In Love Ever Caring

Lay Reader: Pat and Roy Chapman



Special Music: Joe Coleman



Debbie and Larry Henning



Young Disciples by Pastor Mike



June 21 Message: ***Forming a Family/Preparing People***

Part 3- A Change of Masters

Lay Reader/ Young Disciples' Message: Joe Coleman



Whistler: Trudy Price



June 23 Oldies and Goodies Gathering

The June gathering of the Tom's Creek Oldies and Goodies was held on the 18th with a luncheon at the church. **Bonnie** thanked everyone for coming and contributing to the wonderful meal. She also thanked **Romaine, Sharon and Jamie** for bringing the chicken salad and ham. It was delicious! **Bonnie** welcomed **Carol Hipp** and some of the members of the Thursday morning bible study group who joined us. She then introduced our custodian, **Janet Richards**, who also joined us for the meal. **Brooke** led the group in prayer. After the meal, **Trudy** led 2 games. The winners of the Scripture Matching game were **Joe** 1st, **Roy** 2nd and **Carol** and **Pat** 3rd. The winners of the Famous Fathers game were **Joe, Carol** and **Gail**. The Oldies and Goodies always meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Plan on joining us next time!



Dave Guthrie and Casey Glass



Janet Richards

June 28 Message: *Forming a Family/Preparing People*

Part 4- Tuning the Orchestra

Lay Reader: Pastor Linda Warehime

Special Music: Dale Carr, Singing 'Our Great God Medley';



Pastor Mike is addressing Young Disciples and playing guitar.



Decorations: American Presidents and First Ladies



Many thanks to **Joyce and George Bruchey** for setting up these displays.

Visiting the Shut-Ins:

On Sunday, June 28th, the Visitation Team called on several members of our church family who are unable to attend services. Thanks to **Curtis and Pat** for providing lunch before we departed. Those whom we visited were **Mary Glass, Ellen Staub, Bob and Elza Hurst, Ken Hood and Chester Fogle and Wanda Shook**. Our next visitation afternoon will be in September. Watch the bulletin for detail. Everyone is always invited to participate.



Ellen Staub



Mary Glass

July 5 Message: ***Forming a Family/Preparing People***

Part 5- All in the Family

Lay Reader: Bill Coburn



"Creekers Gather from Near and Far!"

When there is good company and good food, any outing with a Creeker is guaranteed to be a good time! On a recent visit home from Salisbury, Olivia Imirie joined her mom, Kathy Imirie, and Linda Myers for breakfast at the *Honey Bee Restaurant* in Gettysburg. They all had a wonderful time catching up. Truly, the love of Tom's Creek members extends near and far. Happy summer to all!" Abe Lincoln was looming above the table!



Kathy Imirie, Olivia Imirie and Linda Myers.

July 12 Message: ***Forming a Family/Preparing People***

Part 6- Special Agents/Special Agency

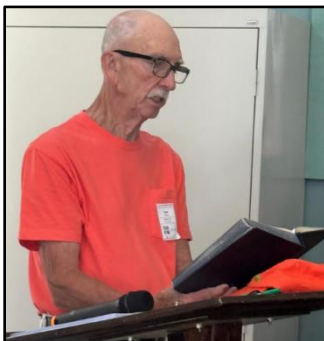
Lay Reader: Phyllis Kelly

Special Music: Dale Carr- Singing 'Jesus is the All the World to Me'



Lorien Assisted Living Ministry Outreach

The Triumphant Disciples Sunday School class led the worship service at Lorien on July 12th. **Roy Chapman** opened the service with prayer. **Roy** and **Pat** sang the hymn, "Pass It On". **Linda Myers** then shared her amazing life story with the group. Following Linda's talk, the residents were asked to share their favorite hymns and **John**, one of the residents, accompanied the singing of the hymns on the piano. And play he did! He was amazing!! Thanks to all who attended. The residents at Lorien are always so appreciative of our visits and leading their worship service. All Creekers are always welcome to participate.



Roy Chapman



Linda Myers &



John at piano

July 16 Monthly Oldies and Goodies Gathering

The July gathering of the Oldies and Goodies was held at the church in the fellowship hall. The main dish was fried chicken. Thanks to everyone who brought side dishes and desserts and thanks to **Trudy Price** for preparing the games.



Anita Hill, Sandy Negro, Vicki Cramer



Barb Price, Trudy Price, Wanita Harner, Barb's friend

July 19 Message: ***Forming a Family/ Preparing People***

Part: 7- More than a Child of God



Pastor Bill Warehime
Guest Pastor



Pat Brabson
Lay Reader



Joe Coleman
Addressing the Youth Disciples

July 25 Hyssongs Gospel Concert at Tom's Creek Church



Richard IV

It was a wonderful evening, Saturday, July 25th, with the **Hyssongs** joining us for a yummy meal topped with ice cream in our fellowship hall and then heading upstairs to the sanctuary to hear a ministry of music by **Richard, Dell, Kelly, Makayla and Susan** along with **Richard IV** doing the media. We clapped and sang along, praising our Lord. There were about 85 in attendance. We were blessed with wonderful weather, laughter and an all around great evening. We thank everyone who came out and supported us and helped make this evening event happen. We will be doing it again with the Down East Boys on Saturday, August 29th, with dinner at 5:00 pm and their concert at 6:00 pm at The Promised Land. Please pray for beautiful weather, a safe trip for the guys and another successful event.

Pat Baughman

School Supply Drive

Picture of the trunk load of school supplies that were donated from TCUMC to the Catocin feeder area schools for their school supply drive.



July 26 Message:

A Surprise Testimony

Lay Readers: Jackie Furry and Owen Furry Special Music: Alaina Furry and Adam Furry

Youth Disciples: Jackie Furry and Elliott Furry Guest Pianist: Debbie Henning



Upcoming Activities

September 14th Ladies Annual Prayer Partner Reveal

Prayer Partner Reveal Night will be September 14th at 6 pm at the church. Please bring a gift and card that has your name on it, so they know who has been praying for them. Any new ladies are welcome to join. Please bring a covered dish to share. Any questions please contact, or call, Mary Harner at 443-340-2872. Thank you! **Mary Harner**

August 22nd Tom's Creek Annual Church Yard Sale

Tom's Creek Annual Community Yard Sale, August 22, 8 am-2 pm, The Promised Land. Below are the ways in which you can participate:

- Reserve a space for \$10.00 to sell your treasures.
- Donate your treasures to the church table where proceeds go to the church.
- Donate baked goods to sell. (Think of Face of America snacks.)
- Distribute, post flyers and spread the word.
- Assist people in finding their area on the day of the yard sale.
- Pray for all who are organizing, selling, and attending this event.

Pray for unseasonably cool weather for August 22! Contact **Kathy Imirie** at 301-471-2585 or kitherapy@yahoo.com for more details. Flyers are available on the lobby table for you to take and distribute.