

La Plata United Methodist Church

The Body of Christ,



The Family Of God

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 9, 2018

Café Worship (8:30)

You may leave your cell phones ON, but set to vibrate or silent, please

Music Before Worship

Mike Rainwater

Welcome & Centering

Please stand, if able

Centering Thought (Together)

Creator of all, I am small, yet you make time for me whenever I call upon you. You have my good ever before you and you walk with me through every moment. Yes, I am small, but in your love, there is no one like me and I am fearfully and wonderfully made. In Jesus name, Amen.

Greeting Each Other in the Name of Christ

Please be seated

Musical Moment

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul

Announcements & Invitations

Time of Prayer:

Sharing Our Week's Blessings & Trials, Requests,
Silent Prayers, Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (Together)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Reload

Scriptures for the Day

The Epistle Reading

1 John 2: 28 - 3: 3

The Gospel Lesson

John 1: 1-4, 10-13

The Message

Rev. Dr. Susan E. Boehl

“Family Ties: Part 1 - Families Have A Bond”

Please stand, if able

Benediction



Liturgist: Don Purdy

Service Prayer Partner: Doris White

Traditional Worship (11:00)

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Prayer Before Worship

God, Bring my mind to a calm I have not had all week. Bring a peace to my spirit the world does not have to give but thankfully has no power to take away. Most of all, give me your Holy Spirit to live in victory each moment. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Prelude, Lighting the Altar Candles, & A Time of Quiet Meditation

Linda Dent Mitchell

When the Prayer Before Worship has finished and the Prelude begins, please quiet yourselves in preparation for worship.

Introit:

Chancel Choir

“He Is Lord”

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Where do I belong?

Where do I belong?

We belong to the Lord

Who has created, saved, and sustained us.

I'm glad we have come home

God welcomes us with open arms

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Hymn

UM Hymnal, 545

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Passing the Peace of Christ

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet our neighbors and extend God’s peace to each other.

Please be seated

Children’s Moment

Trish Carruth

Welcome, News & Opportunities

Anthem: Chancel Choir
"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"

The Epistle Reading 1 John 2: 28-3:3

Offertory: Chancel Choir
"Nearer My God to Thee"

The Doxology UM Hymnal, 95
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all
creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication (Pastor)

Hymn of Preparation UM Hymnal, 389
"Freely, Freely"

The Gospel Lesson John 1: 1-4, 10-13
This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Message Rev. Dr. Susan E. Boehl
"Family Ties: Part 1 - Families Have A Bond"

Closing Hymn UM Hymnal, 557
"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

Benediction

Congregational Response The Faith We Sing, 2080
**All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.**

Postlude Linda Dent Mitchell

Acolyte: Ashton Gordon; Liturgist: Don Stapleson
Organist: Linda Dent Mitchell, Chancel Choir Director: Pat Day
Service Prayer Partner: Archie Verdiglione, Sr.

*The flowers on the altar are
given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of their Mother,
Beulah Winkler,
by Joyce, Mary, Bonnie & Tricia*



The flowers *on the altar*
are
given to the glory of God,
and in loving memory of
Leonard Giannini

The Scripture Lessons

1 John 2: 28 - 3: 3 (NIV)

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

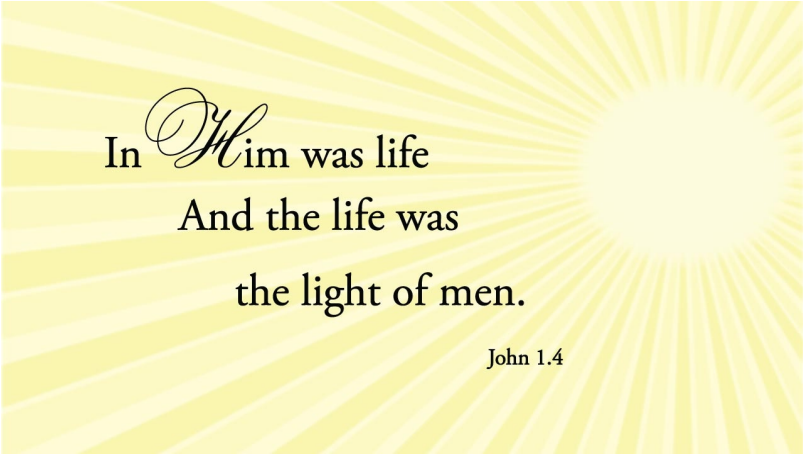
If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

John 1: 1-4, 10-13 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.



In *H*im was life
And the life was
the light of men.

John 1.4

Living Into God's Word

What is the BEST thing about your family?

What is the one thing your would change about your family?

How is the church like a family?

What (or who) holds YOUR family together?

How can people tell you “belong” to a specific family?

Be honest - can people tell YOU “belong” to God's family?

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 9

- 8:30a **Café Worship** (FH2)
- 9:45a Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00a **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)
- 12:00p Fellowship Ministries Team Meeting (FH1)
- 1:30p Sagepoint Service
- 6:30p Youth Group (YR)

Monday, September 10

- 9:00a Meals & Hope Food Prep (Kitchen)
- 5:30p 12 Step Home Group - AA (Rm. 104)
- 6:00p BLP Board WCBA Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)
- 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 1438 (Rm. 110)
- 8:30p AA Meeting - Warner Group (Rm. 104)

Tuesday, September 11

- 10:00a Staff Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)
- 10:00a UMW Book Club (Parlor)
- 1:30p BLP 2's Team Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)
- 6:00p Creative Circle Meeting (Rm. 104)
- 7:30p Finance Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)

Wednesday, September 12 - Charles County Fair

- 9:30a Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Rm. 110)
- 12:00p AA Meeting - Serenity Seekers (Rm. 104)
- 1:30p BLP 4's Team Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)
- 2:00p Food Pantry - open till 4:00 (Bowie Annex)
- 6:00p Beatitudes Puppet Practice (Rm. 110)
- 6:30p Southern Maryland Trail Riders Board Meeting (FH1)
- 7:30p Chancel Choir Practice (Adult Choir Room/ Rm.100)

Thursday, September 13 - Charles County Fair

- 1:30p BLP 3's Team Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)

Friday, September 14 - Charles County Fair

Saturday, September 15 - Charles County Fair

Sunday, September 16 - Charles County Fair

- 8:30a **Café Worship** (FH2)
- 9:45a Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00a **Traditional Service** (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 17

- 5:30p 12 Step Home Group - AA (Rm. 104)
- 6:00p Girl Scout Troop 1438 (Rm. 110)
- 8:30p AA Meeting - Warner Group (Rm. 104)

Tuesday, September 18

- 7:00p UMW General Meeting (FH1)
- 7:30p Trustees Meeting (Rm. 412/Board Room)

Program News

WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - We have now returned to our normal program-year pattern of Sunday morning worship with Café Worship at 8:30 AM in fellowship hall #2, and Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 AM.

IT'S CHOIR TIME AGAIN - Chancel Choir is waiting for you! We begin rehearsals next Wednesday September 5 at 7:30 PM in the choir room downstairs. You do not need to commit to every Wednesday or Sunday. Don't say you can't sing--we will help you! Come when you can and enjoy the fellowship and music

CHERUB CHOIR AND CRIMSON ANGELS - If your child or grandchild is at least 4 years old and likes to sing, dance, play an instrument, and sing praises to God, then bring them to join the Cherub Choir. If you are middle and high school, we have a place for you in the Crimson Angels advanced music, praise movements and more.

We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 to 7:45 PM. We sing during the 11:00 AM service on the second Sunday of each month from October through May. We start September 19. For more information, contact Linda Dent Mitchell at jdls712@comcast.net or call 301-653-1165 after 6:30 PM during weekdays and during the day on the weekends.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE - Nursery care for little ones (ages 0-4 yrs) is available during the 10:00 Sunday morning service. Please be considerate of the other worshipers. If your little one becomes unsettled and distracting, please step out of the service. An usher can direct you to the nursery or to the rocking chairs in the back. We are grateful to the staff and volunteers that help us provide a nursery each week.

If you are a parent or a grandparent of young children, or you just want to spend some time with the youngest in our congregation, considering signing up to volunteer in the Nursery. Contact Alyssa Wheeler at awheeler007@gmail.com if you want to volunteer, or just have some questions.

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES - are available, please see an usher to get one.

FELLOWSHIP

ABR CIRCLE - The ABR Circle meets the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM in the new church parlor (unless a special activity is planned). The meetings are approximately 1.5 hrs. All women of the church are invited to join and share our magnificent fellowship! Questions? Contact Carolyn Rogers, 301-934-3157 or cdrogers3@verizon.net .

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - The next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM. Join us for awesome fellowship. All women of the church are welcome!

BULLETIN BOARD - On your way into service on Sunday, please take a special look at the bulletin board in our common area. Carol Sorenson has done a great job of creating Charles County and those places where members of La Plata UMC reside. This month, we will begin a series on the church as a family. Please stop by the bulletin board and, using the pins provided, stick a pin in the area that you call home. It will be great to see how far the Body at La Plata goes into our community and our world. It also will help show us where we might focus extra effort to invite others to join the Family!! If you do not find your place of residence on our map, please let us know and we will make it appear:-)

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS - Please join us this evening, September 9 for our evening Youth Group. We will gather from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the youth room for fellowship and fun. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are welcome to join us, and we love friends! Then Movie Night on Sept. 21 and Game Night on Sept. 28. Mark your calendars now! Contact Corrie Roberts, our Youth Leader, if you have any questions.

PAINT NITE - On Saturday, September 22, "Paint Nite" is coming to LPUMC. Sue Belmore, Carol Sorenson and Tina McCormick are starting their own Paint Shoppe. We will begin with a family night. You do not need to know how to paint, we will teach you and you will leave with your very own masterpiece. We encourage children to try it. You will need to sign up in the front entrance starting September 2, so we can tell if there is an interest. We would like to continue this during the fall and winter months. If you have not tried Wine and Design or any of the many paint nights at restaurants, give us a try, you might find you have a hidden talent and what a better way than to share the evening with the family.

DISCIPLESHIP

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - The Wednesday Morning Bible Study is gearing up for the fall! The first class is "What Happens When Women Say Yes to God" by Lysa Terkeurst and will begin September 5. This class meets from 9:30 - 11:00 in room 110 and everyone is welcome to join! Please sign up for the first class with Corrie Roberts (301 934-1328) by August 8. If you are looking for a caring group to explore your faith this is the class for you.

CONFIRMATION MENTORS NEEDED - Confirmation is an exciting time for our church, educating and welcoming our youth into membership. Youth will be affirming their faith, and becoming more aware of how God has been, and continues to be, at work in their lives. Confirmation is a stepping stone along their lifelong faith journey, and you are invited to be a critical part of that journey!

Each confirmand will have a mentor and this year we would like to invite our congregation to consider being mentors. Mentors would have the role of talking with our youth and sharing their own faith as an example of how God works in their lives and how having faith can guide us through our daily lives. Serving as a mentor will be an exciting opportunity to support our youth and develop relationships. Please consider being willing to serve as a mentor. Corrie Roberts is taking names to create a 'pool' of people interested in supporting confirmation as a mentor. While every person in the 'pool' may not be assigned a specific youth to mentor, your attendance at church, talking with youth, and modeling your faith while at church functions affects all our children and youth. Thank you for considering serving as a mentor for confirmation. Contact Corrie Roberts if you are interested in being in the 'pool' or if you have any questions.

SERVICE & CARING

VOLUNTEER AT THE FAIR - This year's Charles County Fair is September 12 through 16! If you are interested in working at the LPUMC Food Booth, please contact Tina McCormick 301-906-0264 or sparklepink1968@gmail.com.

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2019 - It's time to start planning for our ASP trips for 2019. We can register our groups on Sept. 17 so I'm trying to get a rough head count for ASP. Please contact John Carns at 301-848-0060 or carns@comcast.net if you are interested in joining us next year. We are planning two trips for next year, one for adults and senior high youth and, for the first time, one for adults and middle school aged youth (must be through the 6th grade by next summer).

COUNTERS - Have you ever wondered what happens to the offering once it is collected? Well, now is the time to find out. We have four counting teams and they each serve one Sunday a month during the second worship service. They are responsible for counting the offering from both services as well as any monies that are received through the mail. They are looking for a few folks to join their team. If you are interested, or would like more information, call Karen in the church office.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP - The Food Pantry is requesting your donations of the following items, grape jelly, canned peaches, pears, mandarin oranges, applesauce, (no peel off cups please), pasta meal bags, baked beans, soups, children's juice boxes, snack items for kids (individual wrapped cookies, cheese crackers etc.) and empty egg cartons. You may place your donated items in the Food Donation Box in the front entrance. Pet food donations are always appreciated. You can also make monetary donations, just write "Food Pantry" in the memo line of your check, or give online.

BRICKS - I have had a number of folks inquire about purchasing an engraved brick for the floor of the Bell Tower. We need 25 reservation forms, so if you have been thinking about getting a brick, now is your chance! Give me a call in the church office and I will get your information to add to the stack. Once we have 25 bricks, I will send them out to the engraver and have them installed once they are done. There are a number of \$100, \$500 & \$1,000 bricks remaining for purchase.

OCTOBER WORK TRIP - Our church's Volunteers in Mission (VIM) work trip to Tarboro and Princeville, North Carolina will be October 13-20. Information packets and registration forms are on the Information Table in the Narthex. Please pick up a packet, fill it out, and plan to go with our church and others from Linthicum Heights UMC.

CHURCH BUSINESS DIRECTORY - We are in the process of updating our Church Business Directory. If you have a skill or business you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the insert in your bulletin. We will run the insert through the end of the month. You may also call Karen in the church office 301-934-2288, or email the information to laplataumc@gmail.com.

FAITH SHARING

WEAR YOUR FAITH - On September 15, you are invited, encouraged and actively asked to wear YOUR faith. Whether working at the Fair, engaged in other activities, or just going to the corner market, are you willing to wear on your outside what you believe on your inside?

THE GOAL? To saturate social media with messages of faith and to change the life of one (or more than one) who needs to know that there is a God who loves them and can break in to who they are and help them become who God has called them to be!

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO? Simply wear your favorite shirt with an inspirational saying, scripture passage, church logo, etc. Take a picture of it and post on your own Facebook page and tag the Facebook page of La Plata Umc. Let's drown out the divisive and negative posts that crop up on Facebook and FILL it with God's Love and the promise of a better day.

MAKE A NEW FRIEND TODAY - As you enter Church today to worship, look around and see if you can find someone you don't know. During Passing of the Peace, make a point to introduce yourself to them and invite them to join you in an activity of the Church. If you can't get to them during the Passing of the Peace, hang around for a bit after worship and strike up a conversation with them. In time you'll discover if they are long lost members, or here for the first time. Either way, you get to make a new friend. Thank you for being one of the friendliest and most caring congregations around.

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS - It is the simplest and most effective way to share Christ with others: just invite your friends to church with you. Most people who grew up as Christians and who aren't in a church say they just haven't found a church they like, and because no one has invited them. Most people if you ask, will say yes to an invitation. Just ask them to come to church for a special event, or special Sunday, or to hear a sermon you think will help them.

ADMINISTRATION

CONGREGATIONAL SMALL GROUP MEETINGS - The next Congregational Small Group meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23 at 12:30 PM. The agenda for the small group meetings is to provide input to Pastor Susan by answering these questions: 1. What is important to people in the congregation? 2. What are the congregation's strengths? 3. What are they excited about? 4. How has God been active in the congregation? 5. What do they see for the future? 6. What are the key challenges? If you have not attended on yet, please sign up on the clip board during worship, or call Karen in the church office.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 7:30 in Fellowship Hall 1. Administrative Council is an open meeting and all church members are invited and encouraged to attend, only members have a vote and voice.

STEWARDSHIP - Please be sure that the outer doors close firmly and are locked when you leave the building. Turn out the lights when you leave a room. Turn off the heat/air conditioner in the room you are using. These are all things we can do to keep our building secure, our members safe, and our operating costs down.

DONATIONS - Please check with the church office before "donating" items to the church, then we can notify the proper program or ministry to pick them up or put them away. If you simply drop things off, no one knows who they belong to or what to do with them.

CHURCH WEBSITE - To go directly to our church website on your mobile phone, you can scan this little black box with your cell phone's QR Reader app. Put your phones camera over this graphic, and it will take you to our website, or key in www.laplataumc.org.



Our Prayer List

The family of Leonard Giannini as they celebrate his life and mourn his loss.

Lennis Bridgett - is in Charles Regional Hospital after a fall.

Tom Hall - is recovering at home from Pneumonia.

Bruce Richardson - Don Purdy's neighbor is recovering from brain surgery.

Randy Hill - is still at Restore Health Rehab and meeting with doctors to determine the next step in his treatment.

Jim Dent - is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.



Continue praying for these friends & loved ones:

Christina Kingsbury

Jennifer Carpenter

Mike Merritt

Larry Johnson

Chris Moorhouse

Sharon Ferguson

Rollie Hower

Rosalie Snyder

Dorothy Jackson

Drey Thomason

Crystal Rupprecht

Mary Ann Bivens

Landin Richards

Sonny Rupprecht

Laurie Hamilton

The family of Gene Stine

Don Rowe

Frank Brinson

Alyssa Buckler

Hailey Sellers

Barbara Rowe

Jim Harmon

Tom Berry

Mike Byrd

Dawn Camp

Jennifer Hamer

Katrina Gessner

David Smith

Don Stapleson

Duke Deldeo

Renee Nash

Trevor Brown

Larry Johnson

Chris Rogers

Sue Carns

Jennifer Hancock

Julie Burch

John McPherson

Sal Aloisio

Marion Craft

Jason Morrison

Patricia Buckler

Sharon Biasatti

June Hanson

Robert Altiero

Becky Dean

Linda Belanger

Jerome Church

David Beatty

Jeff Bennett

Jimmy Roberts

Dan Brennan

Our Church Staff & Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Susan E. Boehl.....	Senior Pastor
Rev. Ed Chance	Retired Pastor / Visitation
Corrie Roberts	Youth Leader
Karen Hamner.....	Church Administrator
Patricia Day.....	Choir Director
Linda Dent Mitchell	Organist
Cheryl Reckeweg.....	Hand Bell Choir Director
Laurie Smith	Church Treasurer
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Jim & Dina Harris	Church Sextons
Bill Riley	Groundskeeper
Julie Robbins	Preschool Director
Trish Carruth	Asst. Preschool Director
Eugene Bradford	Administrative Council Chair
Archie Verdiglione, Sr.	Lay Leader
Kevin Robbins	Board of Trustees President
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Zana May.....	Finance Committee Chair

Our Church Motto for 2018

"We are trusting in God's providence to lead us and bless us as we go through a year of change and growth"



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