

# The Grapevine

October 28, 2018

## A Note from Pastor Susan

Dear Ones,



I have a picture in my home with the saying, "Until God opens the door, praise Him in the hallway". What a simple, yet deep truth! I am not a very patient person. Ask virtually anybody I know. It is difficult to wait. I want what I want when I want it! Does that ring true for you too? One of the greatest pieces of advice I ever received was from a retiring clergy colleague. He said, "God doesn't wear a wristwatch - and even if He did....it wouldn't be in your time zone".

Waiting is not easy, but we do know the bible promises that God is never early (when his blessings would not be fully appreciated) God is never late (when his blessings would not be most helpful) but God is Right. On. Time. (when his blessings can break in to the world and make a way for us).

So even though we have to wait by our own time clocks, we should anticipate his goodness, because we know God always keeps his promises.

So Praise him in the hallway before the door opens. Give thanks for his will, even before it unfolds for you. Let us sing a song of God's provision, even before God proves himself to us! We KNOW there is a blessing coming...let us glorify God even as we (patiently?) wait for it.

His...and Yours,  
Pastor Susan

## Church News:

### Fair Trade Coffee Sunday- **NEW**

Fair Trade Coffee Sunday is this week. Fair Trade coffee will be offered at the Cafe' service as well as after the 11:00 AM traditional service. New this time, available for purchase is Organic Mama Tierra coffee. This medium roast coffee from the heart of Oaxaca, Mexico is produced in partnership between Equal Exchange and Catholic Relief Services. Proceeds from this coffee support the work of CRS to restore and protect coffee communities across southern Mexico and Central America with clean water, healthy soil and resilient farmers. K-Cups will again be available as well as decaffeinated and whole bean coffee. As always, funds are sent to the Edelen family to support their work with Wycliff Bible Translators. Purchasing fair trade coffee supports small farmers in developing countries. Since Halloween is approaching a little extra 'treat' will be on the cart for you to enjoy.



### Trunk N Treat on Sunday!- **Fun Event**

Join us this Sunday for our annual Trunk N Treat! We will circle our cars in the lower parking lot to pass out goodies to children in the community. In the past, this has been a fantastic evening of fun and fellowship. Participants are encouraged to decorate trunks or dress up, but that is not necessary. You can just bring a chair to sit next to your neighbor if you wish. Arrive at 5:00 PM for set up so we are ready for trunk n treaters from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Plan for about 150 kids. Invite your neighbors to join in the fun!



# WE ARE A VITAL CONGREGATION

## Worship Attendance

Oct. 7	213
Oct. 14	344
Oct. 21	264

## This Past Week

8:30	106
11:00	129

Facebook Views	176
Others	29
Oct. 21	264

## Church Income

Oct. 7	\$12,388
Oct. 14	\$ 8,181
Oct. 21	\$ 8,932
Need/wk.	\$ 12,911

## Cub Scout Pack #423 Roy Rogers Night– NEW

Please come out on Tuesday, October 30 from 5:30-8:30 PM to Roy Rogers in La Plata and support Cub Scout Pack #423. They are raising funds for their troop events. Enjoy some good food, some fellowship and support a great cause!



## Upcoming Events:



### Annual Harvest Dinner is Just Weeks Away

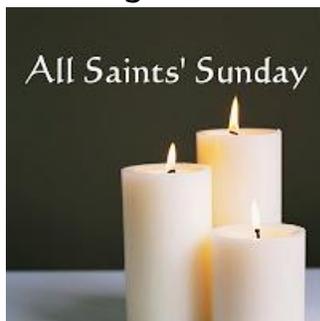
Our Annual Harvest Dinner will be held on Friday, November 2, from 4:30 - 7:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We need everyone's help to continue this successful fundraiser, so please invite your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. The menu features ham, roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, kale, cranberries, rolls, drinks, and dessert. Drive Thru/Carry-out meals are also available.

### Time Change in Our Favor – NEW

On the first Sunday of November, November 4, Daylight Saving Time comes to an end. In the wee hours of the morning congress will squeeze in an extra hour so we can all benefit from a little more sleep over night, or a little more staying up in the evening. Either way, the clocks will “fall back” and we will set our clocks one hour later to get back onto Eastern Standard Time (EST).



### Seeking Names of ‘Saints’ – Remembering Those We’ve Lost



All Saints' Sunday

As November approaches, the church office is seeking the names and photos of church members, and members of your extended family, that have passed away in the past 12 months. If you have a loved one who died between November 1, 2017 and October 31 of this year, we want to list their names in the bulletin. We will also show a photo of the church member as well as toll a bell and light a candle for each member who has died in the past year. Please call the church office and confirm that we have the names of your loved ones and email a photo to Karen. If you lost someone in your immediate family connection (grandparents, parents, step-parents,

siblings, spouse, or child) we would like to remember them on All Saints Sunday, which this year is November 4.

### Homemade Pies for the Holidays! - NEW

The youth are once again taking orders for homemade pies. Pumpkin (\$13) and lemon meringue (\$14) pies can be ordered from the youth. Pies will be baked on November 9 and be available for pick up on Sunday, November 11. They can be frozen for use on Thanksgiving or Christmas. Pies must be pre-ordered and paid in full by November 4. Terry and Mark Stancliff help with this fundraiser that supports the youth. People have enjoyed the pies in the past and we look forward to baking them for you again this year! Order forms will be in this week's bulletin (checks payable to: LPUMC Youth), or contact Carrie Roberts.



**Our Sunday Schedule at La Plata UMC**  
**8:30-Café Worship**  
**11:00-Traditional Worship**

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

## Love in a Lunch Box Class- **NEW**

Blessed Lambs Preschool presents a fun, interactive workshop for Parents. This workshop will give parents the tools they need to make healthy lunches a part of everyday life for their family. Join us on Monday, November 5 from 6:30-7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall 1 for lots of great information and tons of ideas on how to ensure good nutrition for those you love. It is a judgment-free zone where all parents can come and learn together.



## Holiday Shoppe is Coming Up- **NEW**

Our annual Holiday Shoppe & Bake Sale will take place at LPUMC on Saturday, November 17 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The UMW ladies have been working all year on this big event. We will have 2 large rooms of vendors featuring one of a kind items. Our Recycled Christmas is huge and is back again this year. Our Creative Craft Circle will be silent auctioning their beautiful Quilt and they have made many beautiful hand-crafted treasures. The big draw is our Homemade Bake Sale just in time for Thanksgiving desserts. Come for breakfast or stay for lunch.

Please consider donating to our bake sale. We will collect goodies starting on Thursday, November 15. The purpose of the Holiday Shoppe is to raise funds for our many Mission Projects. We help the LPUMC Youth, Women and Children in our community and around the world

such as our adopted children in India. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing you on November 17th!

## Veteran's Day Observance - **Photos Needed**

We are starting to plan for our Veteran's Day Service on Sunday, November 11. As we did last year, we are asking all those who have served in the armed forces, to please submit a picture of you in uniform, at whatever stage you wish while you were serving. Color or Black & white photos would be great. We will be putting together a PowerPoint display of all the veterans in our church. And during the moments of our recognition and appreciation, we want to show the pictures in worship on the wall and on the screens. So if you have a digital picture, please email it to the church email ([laplataumc@gmail.com](mailto:laplataumc@gmail.com)) or if you have a printed photograph, scan it and send it to us, or bring it by the church office so we can scan it for you. We look forward to receiving your photographs.



## UMW Book Collection- **Consider donating**



The United Methodist Women are collecting books to donate towards a great cause that Deaconess Pat Marks has started. They are collecting new and very gently used (gift quality) books for children ages 0-17 whose mothers are currently incarcerated at Maryland Correctional Center for Women (MCI-W) in Jessup, Maryland, and Baylor Correctional Institution for Women in New Castle, Delaware. There will be a box in the lobby area of the Church to drop off your books to help this great cause.

Thursday, October 25

Brian Fisher  
Adam Todd  
Summer Maddox  
Rory Daetwyler-12  
Abigail Turner-6  
Elizabeth Turner-6

Friday, October 26

Saturday, October 27  
Rollie & Harryette  
Hower-67

Sunday, October 28

Eleanor Snyder  
Catherine Henry  
Jacob Hebner-8

Monday, October 29

Damon & Mary Cruz-13

Tuesday, October 30

Ann Bergerstock  
Kevin Robbins  
Tricia Shaw  
Amanda Robbins  
Kaitlyn Rose

Wednesday, October 31

Marion Craft  
Lennis Bridgett  
Richard Reckeweg  
Eric Robertson-21  
John & Sherri  
Hastings-20

Thursday, November 1

Sherry Wright

Friday, November 2

Sherri McConnell  
Catie Boggs  
Isabel Pyle-10  
Warren & Carol Teets

## The Walk to End Homelessness-Fun Community Event

Unfortunately Charles County is not immune to the problem of Homelessness. Our Homeless population keeps growing, but many churches and people have partnered with Lifestyles, Inc. to help battle this epidemic. For the past 16 years Lifestyles, Inc. has been hosting the Walk to End Homelessness. This year's Walk will be held, Saturday November 17, starting at 9:00 AM at the La Plata Town Hall. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause, sign up to walk, on Lifestyles website [lifestylesofmd.org](http://lifestylesofmd.org). If you would like to help our church battle this problem by helping with the Food Pantry, Southern Crossing, Safe nights or Meals and Hope, please the church office at 301-934-2288.



## Families Sought to Light Advent Wreath – NEW



With two services per week, four weeks of Advent, and three services on Christmas Eve, we have a number of slots for those who would like to light the candles of our Advent Wreath this year. Starting next week, Nov. 4, you may begin signing up to be one of the families, couples or groups that will help lead the Advent portion of our worship during these important weeks. If you'd like to be one of them, write "Advent Candles" on the pad, or call the church office to reserve a slot.

## Our People:

### Prayer Requests:

Larry Johnson will have an angioplasty on Friday, Oct. 26.

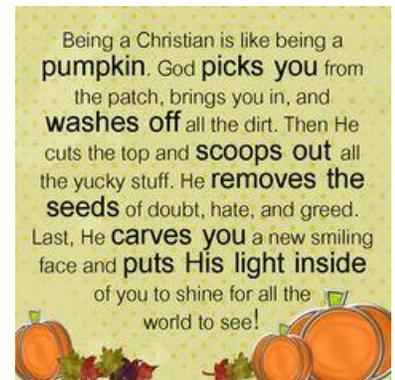
Chris Rogers is in Mt. Vernon hospital, she is having hip replacement surgery.

Please pray for David Smith, **Laurie Smith's** brother in law. He is fighting Stage 4 Lung Cancer and is in need of prayers.

Becky Dean, Joyce Hancock's niece has been diagnosed with bladder cancer

Please pray for **Erica Blass** and her family as they celebrate the life and mourn the loss of her aunt Laurel, who passed away last Saturday.

Mary Pat Berry is recovering from knee replacement surgery.



## Community Opportunity:

### Live Nativity Volunteers Needed– Please consider volunteering

The sixth annual Kris Kringle Christmas Market will take place at the Charles County Fairgrounds on December 7<sup>th</sup> through December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Once again there will be an indoor live nativity which includes live animals and costumed participants playing the parts of all those who were a part of the original nativity story. Live animals are provided by Mary's Go Round. The costumes are provided (for all ages and sizes) by Pat Brennan and the participants are drawn from both our congregation and Port Tobacco Players. This is an opportunity to step into the scene and feel the joy and excitement that surrounded this tiny baby born in Bethlehem so long ago.

Thousands of people come to visit this Kris Kringle Christmas Market each year, many come just to show their children the live nativity. What an awesome opportunity to witness to our community!! To some, this may be the first time or the only time they are introduced to Christ.

Costumes and props are provided, as well as a dressing area. The display is somewhat interactive and those who cannot stand may be seated on hay bales, etc. if needed. We do take breaks as necessary. Obviously it takes quite a few people to complete the scene from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon. The Market opens on Friday at 4:00pm and closes on Sunday at 3:00pm. If you or your family would like to be a part of this beautiful experience, please consider signing up for one or more of the time slots below. For any questions, or if you would like to participate but cannot do the entire time slot as listed, please contact Pat Brennan at 301-934-0334 (home), or 240-346-4080 (cell), and you will be scheduled for whatever time you can give. What a great way to get into the rich warm feelings of Christmas!

Friday 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday 1:00pm – 4:30pm

Saturday 4:30pm – 8:00pm

Sunday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Sunday 1:00pm-3:00pm

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