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Seven Baptized During Inspirational Service



Sis. Doris Brown prepares to be immersed during Baptism 2017



Seven Candidates came to South County Community Church on Sunday, July 23rd to be baptized. Ages ranged from 10 to over 75. All were prepared to make an “outward sign of an inward change” and be baptized into the body of Christ and St. Matthews UMC. This was a special afternoon not only for the seven who made

the decision to be immersed, but also for the 50-plus members of the St. Matthews congregation who joined in this service as witnesses and active participants in this special day.

The Candidates were: Jackson Garner, Monya Dorsey, Carol Holland, Thelma Holland, Doris Brown, Olivia Gray and Anthony Tydings.

The service was more than just immersing the candidates. It was a time of singing and praying and learning about what baptism means in the United Methodist Church. Baptism is a sacrament in our denomination, meaning it is something that Jesus commanded

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Women’s Day Activities Engages Church and Community

The St. Matthews Annual Women’s Day activities began with the Season’s Banquet, which was all about fellowship, food and fun. This event had four stations—Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter with a feast at each station.

Next, the women held a fish fry and Yard Sale on a beautiful June day. Tables were inside and outside with

items from jewelry to crockpots and much, much more. The fish and chicken dinners, of course, were excellent. Other events included shoe, hat, and tie rallies; all which were successful. The culmination of the Women’s Day season was Women’s Day on Sunday, June 25th with an exceptional service focused on the

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A Message From The Pastor



STAND FIRM ON GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, 2 Chronicles 20:17a

Most of us were taught by our parents to always have a backup plan. No matter what we were planning to do, we were always to have a second option “just in case.” When I set my career goals and planned on attending college, my father wanted to know what else I had planned to do if my goal of becoming a newspaper reporter fell through. When traveling, I was told that it is always wise to have an alternate route, just in case the one you were on was blocked. At work, while planning an event, I was always told to consider “Murphy’s Law” (anything that could go wrong would go wrong) and have a secondary plan in place.

Having a “Plan B” may work great in the world, but it does not work when dealing with God. First, it is not our plan anyway (**Proverbs 16:9**). The word says that “He knows the plans he has for us (**Jeremiah 29:11**).” God’s plan for us does not come after a consultation session with us. God does not send us a correspondence seeking our input or approval of his plan. In fact, he tells us very little about our plan in advance. And when God does reveal the plan, there is not a period of negotiations or a question and answer session. Our only response is to be obedient. We are to do what the Lord tells us to do and “stand firm.” After all, God has known since the beginning of time what we are supposed to do (**Ephesians 2:10**). It’s called our destiny.

Many times the plans God has for us do not correspond with our hopes and dreams (**Proverbs 19:21**). He may tell us to do things we don’t want to do and to go places we don’t want to go. And along the way, things may get a little dicey as the enemy attacks us and we are surrounded by fear, doubt and confusion. But God tells us that we are to be obedient, “stand firm” and don’t waiver in our belief. That means that we must demonstrate that we have faith in God, despite what our eyes see (**2 Corinthians 5:7**). We must believe that God’s plan will work out for good (**Romans 8:28**). We must be fully persuaded that God’s plan is the best and only effective plan for our lives; a plan that leads to victory.

The only way to achieve victory and reach our destiny in Christ is to be obedient in standing firm and waiting for the Lord to put everything in place. Any alternative plan that changes what the Lord has told us is a trick of the enemy. God does not change his mind (**Numbers 23:19**). He knows what is best for us, but we have to do it His way. Hold on (**Psalms 37:7**), do not consider any alternative plans, and know that the greatness God has placed in you will blossom where he plants you. So be patient and wait on the Lord.

Continued Blessings, Your Pastor

Rev. Marvin R. Wamble

“Engaging, Impacting, Transforming”



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| Saturday, August 5 | Car Wash, 8 a.m. |
| Saturday, August 12 | Fish Fry, 11 a.m. |
| Sunday, August 13 | Usher Board Meeting, 9:45 a.m. Male Chorus Anniversary, 4 p.m. |
| Sunday, August 27 | Everybody's Birthday, 1 p.m. Matthews Scott Service, 3 p.m. |
| Wednesday, August 30 | Church School Staff Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, September 7 | Worship Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, September 9 | Leadership Training, 9 a.m. Sis. Carrie Dennis 95th Birthday Party, 3 p.m. |
| Sunday, September 10 | Grandparents Day Usher Board Meeting, 9:45 a.m. |
| Thursday, September 14 | Church Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, September 17 | Charge Conference Reports Due Men's Day |
| Sunday, September 24 | Jersey Day |
| Thursday, September 28 | Combined Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 1 | World Communion Sunday Combined Services, 10 a.m. |
| Sunday, October 8 | Usher Board Meeting, 9:45 a.m. |
| Monday, October 9 | United Voices Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. |
| Wednesday, October 11 | Church Conference Reports Submitted |
| Sunday, October 15 | Laity Sunday Usher's Anniversary, 3:30 p.m. |
| Monday, October 16 | United Voices Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m. |
| Thursday, October 19 | UMW Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fall Revival, 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 21 | South County Church Conference Davidsonville UMC, 9 a.m. |
| Saturday, October 28 | Hallelujah Party, TBD |
| Sunday, October 29 | Youth Sunday |

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baptism

Baptism took place Sunday, July 23 at South County Community Church. Rev. Marvin R. Wamble officiated.

Doris Brown ~ Monya Dorsey ~ Jackson Garner ~ Olivia Scott Gray

Carol Holland ~ Thelma Holland ~ Anthony Tydings



Monya Dorsey



Jackson Garner



Olivia Scott Gray



Love Bible Pray



Thelma Holland



Anthony Tydings



Carol Holland

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His followers to do. Baptism can be done by sprinkling, pouring or immersion. All forms are equally effective because the key elements of water and God are present. Immersion is popular because it represents being buried with Christ and the resurrection as a new creature.

EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA 2017



Easter Extravaganza 2017

Pastor Marvin R. Wamble insists that Easter is the Super Bowl for Christians. "It is the day that changed everything," Pastor Wamble says. "Once Jesus got up, lives for all eternity change."

The celebration of the great event is worthy of a grand title and St. Matthews participated with a Sunday morning Easter Extravaganza that included skits, dancing, lots of singing, sharing of Easter memories and a preached word to remind us all the great sacrifice of our Lord and Savior.

Women on the Move 2017



Women's Day Speaker Dr. Tasheka Green



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Proverbs 31. Dr. Tasheka Green was the guest speaker. Her message to all the women in attendance was to make sure to always put God first. She also let the women know that despite God moving in all our lives, many times our purpose is not about us, but about those God has chosen us to touch.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MOTHER/DAUGHTER TEA



As United Methodist Women (UMW) our mission and purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of missions through participation in the global ministers of the church. The UMW Ministry is seeking new members. You are invited to come help us fulfill our mission. The UMW held the Women's Tea on Saturday, May 13 and wish to thank everyone for their support.

A DEDICATION TO OUR CAREGIVERS

We thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our sick and shut in. We know that it is at times a thankless endeavor, but without your commitment and dedication, so many families would be lost. Please read the words of this prayer and know that it is written for you.

A Prayer for the Caregiver

by Bruce McIntyre

Unknown and often unnoticed, you are a hero nonetheless.

For your love, sacrificial, is God at his best.

*You walk by faith in the darkness of the great unknown,
And your courage, even in weakness, gives life to your beloved.*

You hold shaking hands and provide the ultimate care:

Your presence, the knowing, that you are simply there.

You rise to face the giant of disease and despair,

It is your finest hour, though you may be unaware.

You are resilient, amazing and beauty excelled,

You are the caregiver and you have done well!

Grace Agyemang

Diana Blunt

Laureen Brown

Monya Dorsey

Lanita Hicks

Sylvia Hicks

Mary Holland

Virginia Hopkins

Jean Yvonne Johnson

Patricia Matthews

Delores Medley

Shirley Murdock

Constance Nick

Kathi Norris

Judy Offer

Carol Owens

Joyce Powell

Dayna Scott

Sharon Smith

Alberta Tagoe

Kathleen Thompson

Mary Tyler

In Loving Memory

Mildred Naomi Davis

Sunrise January 19, 1945



Sunset April 15, 2017

Installation of Officers Sunday, May 11

2017 Congregational Goals

1. Evangelism Goal to increase Community Outreach
2. Organize Visitation Ministry & Increase Visits by twenty percent
3. Increase Financial Giving by ten percent



CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

On Sunday, July 30th, St. Matthews recognized those who graduated from High school and college. The graduates were:

- Iyanna Pratt, pictured, graduate of Southern Senior High School will attend Wesley College to become a Nurse.
- Jenise Wamble graduated from Towson University with a degree in Communications.
- Deion Hammond, a graduate of Riverdale Baptist School, is attending Monmouth University on a full basketball scholarship. His major is sports medicine and he will become an athletic trainer.



CELEBRATE OUR MOTHERS

On May 14th, St. Matthews celebrated the mothers of the congregation. It was indeed a grand celebration highlighted by the oldest mother in the church Sis. Carrie Dennis (pictured with Pastor Wamble).

All of the mothers of the church were given flowers and lots of love on their very special day. And the many mothers who have made their heavenly transition were not forgotten. A prayer of thanks were lifted for all those mothers who are in the heavenly home.



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| Ralph Matthews, Sr. | July 2 |
| Terrance Tasker | July 2 |
| Delores Harley | July 2 |
| Jesse Smith | July 5 |
| Kendal Gross | July 6 |
| Rev. Roberta C. Matthews | July 7 |
| Tyra Dunscomb | July 11 |
| Angel Jones | July 11 |
| M'Kaijaye Butler | July 11 |
| Tonja Booth | July 13 |
| Tony & Tonea Mullen | July 13 |
| Constance Nick | July 14 |
| Jant Thompson | July 14 |
| Arthelbert (Buddy) Holland | July 15 |
| Charlton Henry | July 21 |
| Nate Barnes | July 25 |
| Gayle Thompson | July 27 |
| Virginia Hopkins | July 27 |
| Saniyah Sims | July 30 |



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| Saniya Holland | August 3 |
| Kathy Norman | August 3 |
| Bruce Thompson, Jr. | August 3 |
| Eliza Dennis | August 4 |
| Eugene Gray | August 5 |
| A'Mya Smith | August 7 |
| Bessie Thompson | August 8 |
| Jacqueline Myers | August 10 |
| Rosetta Carter | August 11 |
| Tamara P. Smith | August 11 |
| Kiesha Gray Tydings | August 12 |
| Erin Booze | August 18 |
| Credella Matthews | August 23 |
| Ron F. Holland, Sr. | August 24 |
| Jalen Greenwell | August 25 |
| Anthony Tydings | August 25 |
| TaShick Holland | August 27 |



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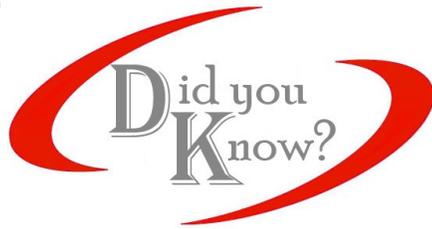
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| Cameron Minor, Jr. | September 1 |
| Dewayne Salisbury | September 2 |
| Therla Smith | September 2 |
| Cerena Edmonds | September 4 |
| Carrie Dennis | September 7 |
| Dorothea Dennis | September 10 |
| Thomas Willie Scott | September 10 |
| Cheryl Hammond | September 11 |
| Patricia Matthews | September 11 |
| Chaunce (C.J.) Ferguson | September 12 |
| Alfred Dorsey, Sr. | September 13 |
| Anita Tyler | September 14 |
| Kenaya Gray | September 15 |
| Victoria Norman | September 15 |
| Joseph E. Foote | September 16 |
| First Lady Anita Wamble | September 17 |
| Derrick K. Myers | September 18 |
| Marynette Nick | September 20 |
| Kenneth Gray, Sr. | September 21 |
| Brionna Dove | September 21 |
| Florine Thompson | September 22 |
| Marshiel Baker | September 23 |
| Thelma Barnett | September 24 |
| Brian Moulden, Sr. | September 24 |
| Donald Hammond | September 25 |
| O'Dell Dove | September 25 |
| Celeste Thompson | September 30 |





“Charge” Conference is now a “Church” Conference

For the first time the yearly Charge Conferences for churches in the Annapolis Region will be a Church Conference. What is the difference? In order to encourage broader participation and ownership of the local church's ministry, Church Conference will be the norm going forward. A Church Conference allows all members to be able to vote on the decisions made during the gathering. In the past, we followed the practice of the pastor having to request a Church Conference; however, *The Discipline* does give the superintendent discretion to convene Church Conferences as well. The Church Conference for St. Matthews will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday October 21, 2017 at Davidsonville UMC. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Church Conference Reports
due Sunday, September 17.

CELEBRATION TIME

Did you know that St. Matthews will celebrate its 130th Anniversary on Nov. 6, 2017. Stay tuned for our Anniversary Celebration Activities.

Cemetery Survey and Inventory

The St. Matthews Trustee Board recently put out some guidance information on the use of the church's cemetery. At present the official policy is that no other burials will occur in the church cemetery until an official survey is completed to determine who has plots and how many additional burial plots may be available. On Saturday August 12, starting at noon, members of the trustees will be doing a mapping and location of all the graves and burial sites in the cemetery. As we all know, some grave are marked and some are not. And we know some proposed burial sites are marked and some are not. As we go through this mapping process, we would like the assistance of all families of the St. Matthews congregation to complete this mapping. We know that some members of our families and especially our senior members, have a wealth of knowledge about who and where grave sites are in the cemetery. So, we would like members of all the families to assist the trustees in making this map as accurate as possible. Please come out on Saturday, August 12th at noon and assist the trustees with doing this preliminary mapping in the cemetery. We will still have to get professional surveyors involved to get a final mapping survey and then we can reevaluate whether we can or cannot continue to use the cemetery for future burials.

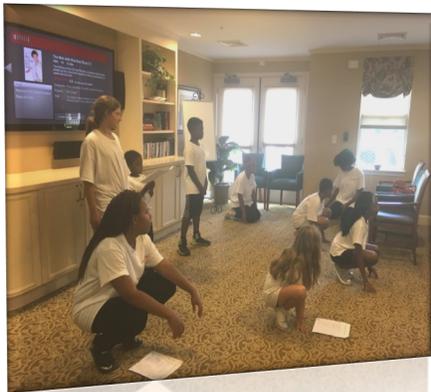
The School of Supernatural is for those who want to encounter the supernatural ways of God in their normal everyday life. If you're excited about representing God through signs, wonders and miracles and want to be known as someone with a deep personal relationship with Jesus, this is the school for you. The Bible School is a powerful faith-based institution in the Anne Arundel County community. For more information, please contact: Dr. Gloria Ann Turner, Founder & President at 443.822.7535

ARTICLES NEEDED

We need your articles and pictures for the success of the St. Matthews Messenger Newsletter. Please send to SMUMCSS@gmail.com.

Articles should be 200 words or less and the due dates are the 15th of the following months: June, September, and December 2017. For additional information please call 410-867-7661.

Summer Camp on Wheels (SCOW)



The first week of SCOW included Vacation Bible School and a visit to the Brightview Senior Citizen Home. The campers presented a musical in which the residents really enjoyed. One resident responded, "you are our future" and invited the campers back. The campers were proud of themselves with shining their light on others by bringing smiles to the Senior's faces! We celebrated by making a stop at *Rita's Italian Ice* in Edgewater. The campers also enjoyed the scavenger hunt at Howard University! Although it was hot, the campers enjoyed running through the campus of the university.



WE ARE ONE: connected in Covenant

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, left, shares a blessing with the Rev. Selma Johnson during the ordination service.

Baltimore-Washington Conference

The 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference was held Wednesday, May 31, through Friday, June 2, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington D.C. This annual event



drew more than 1,500 clergy and lay members from 628 United Methodist churches in Maryland, Washington, the panhandle of West Virginia and Bermuda.

Photos and stories from Baltimore Washington website, www.bwcumc.org

Bible study during annual conference was led by Rev. Steven Manskar. The scripture was Ephesians 4:1-4, 7, 11-16. Manskar showed God's vision for the church where members are "to demonstrate what reconciliation and real justice look like." "The church is the instrument of God's mission in the world," he said. "When the world looks at the church, it should get a glimpse of God's Kingdom."



Anita Tyler

By Melissa Lauber

When Bishop LaTrelle Easterling pronounced the 233rd session of the Baltimore-Washington Conference open, she made history as the first woman to lead the 159,000 members and 1,050 clergy who make up the 628 churches of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

But Easterling's actions were more focused on the future as she set an ambitious, faith-centered and Spirit-driven vision for the Conference during the three-day event, May 31-June 2, at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel. During opening worship, the bishop stressed the theme of the session, "We are One: Connected in Covenant." She preached to a spirited gathering of more than 1,527 registered members and guests, who filled the ballroom to capacity.

"We are the body of Christ together," she said. "How we choose to live out our days is our response to this covenant. ... If we allow ourselves to be divided, we will lose our moral witness to the world."

Blood Pressure Screening

Sunday April 30, 2017



The line for Blood Pressure Screening



Trustee Matthews has his results!

Sis. Margie Booth & Nurse Debbie Burke



KNOW YOUR NUMBERS!



Gifts for the participants

Vacation Bible School — Glow For Jesus!!



VBS convened with thirty children, youth, young adults and eight adults. We learned that Jesus is the Light, Moses was called to be the light, Ruth radiates the Light, Paul and Silas Lights up the Prison and the Kingdom of Light. Most importantly we learned that in Matthew 5:16, Jesus commands His people to let their light shine! We are called to shine so others may see our good works and glorify God, we are call to shine through work, academic excellence and unselfish service.



July 4th Shady Side Parade



UNITY DAY 2017



Easter Egg Hunt Crew with Sollers

Children's Time





Rev. Marvin R. Wamble, Pastor

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9:30a.m. ~ Sunday School
11:00a.m. ~ Sunday Worship Service

Bible Study — Wednesday
1:00p.m. at Sollers
6:30p.m. at St. Matthews

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