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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

"The **mission** of the **church** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." -  
Mission Statement of the United Methodist Church

One huge concern I have, one that is shared by many pastors, is the decline of mainline denominations. This is something that's a huge challenge right now. We have seen this challenge reflected in the statistics we've been looking at during our strategic planning workshop meetings.

This decline is also reflected in giving. In this conference there are many congregations that are fragile, both in terms of membership and finance (which is related to the membership but also the economy). By fragile I mean that the membership and finances of these congregations are such that the loss of one or two key members or even a slight decrease in giving towards ministry will greatly weaken their ministry and place them at risk of closing.

Something that is being discussed in clergy circles is the possibility that we have walked into this trap ourselves. We are not now, nor have we been for the last 60 years or so, actively engaged in an important task expected of all disciples - the task of disciple making. We have released Christian disciples from the responsibility of making disciples, and shifted that task instead to church programs. Call this the mass production approach to discipleship. The problem is that disciples really can't be mass produced, they have to be lovingly introduced to Christ in ongoing one on one relationships. The result is that we are losing more disciples than we are gaining.

I heard several days ago in a sermon preached by our District Superintendent, Rebecca Ianicelli, that in the discipline of Karate one cannot obtain a black belt unless they have introduced someone else to that discipline and then been a mentor to the initiate. I checked this out with my brother who I knew had also taken Karate. My brother told me that this was absolutely true and one of the reasons he had not achieved the level of black belt. The expectation of mature practitioners of the discipline is that they introduce another and mentor them in the martial arts. I mention this because in the early church the expectation of a disciple was the same. Mature disciples were expected to make new disciples. Truth be told the expectation is still the same we just haven't pushed it.

The most formative years for the Christian Church were the 300 or so years following Jesus ascension. During that time the growth of the church was explosive! Did they have curriculum? Did they have a bible? There were writings that were being circulated and read in worship services. They had the Old Testament Scriptures – but no bible as we know it. The Bible as we know it was assembled and finally fixed in about 425 a.d. Even then there were not a lot of copies to pass around. So during the years of the Churches great expansion there was no curriculum, no bibles, no tracts, no videos, and absolutely no social media! How did the faith spread so fast and so far? It spread through person to person contact and sharing. A disciple making a disciple.

Making disciples this way is not something most of us are comfortable with. If I were to ask each of you to go out and find someone who is not a Christian, or someone who is a nominal Christian, share your faith with them and mentor them into the church; most of you would be very uncomfortable. We were never taught how to do that! If someone had taught us we would not be finding it so uncomfortable.

One of the reasons that the church is dwindling is because disciples are not making disciples. From the beginning one person sharing their faith with another, and mentoring that person, has been a key to the church's growth. If we want to grow we need to be effective in doing this. We need to start being effective in making disciples. This also means we need to be effective in preparing disciples to be able to make new disciples. The bottom line here is that we each need to find someone that really doesn't know Jesus and share our stories with

them of what Jesus has done and is doing in our own lives. Then we need to be a mentor to them as they take their beginning steps in their relationship with Jesus.

It is for this purpose that one of the areas of concentration moving forward – identified by the Strategic Planning Workshop - is the development of a culture of Intentional Discipleship in our congregation. What that will look like is still being worked out. But I know at the very least we will need some dedicated individuals who want to explore how they can be effective disciples bringing others into our faith. None of us are experts at this – so please don't think that you have to be! We will be learning as we go. We will be blazing new paths. I invite you to join me in the adventure. Blessings and Peace – Pastor Mike

**S.P.R.C. - NURSERY SUPERVISOR** - We are looking to hire a Nursery Supervisor for Sunday mornings. It is an hourly position. If you know anyone who may enjoy this role, please contact **Sarah Ann Parsons**, ASAP at [charsar@comcast.net](mailto:charsar@comcast.net) or 410-491-9311.

## **FAITH HOPE CIRCLE**

**Annual Christmas Luncheon**  
Thursday, **December 5, 2019** at 12:30 PM  
**The Sunset Restaurant**, Glen Burnie, MD  
(details coming soon)

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 11:45am (September – June) Members bring their bag lunches (drinks and desserts are provided) and enjoy fellowship and discussing ongoing projects. Some of the many plans involve preparing meals for those unable to get out due to illness or weather, organizing and preparing funeral luncheons, supporting various charities, disaster reliefs, and organizations, hosting Bingo for residents and patients at Glen Burnie Rehab, ETC. This lovely group is always looking for new members. Please contact the church office with any questions! 410-255-8887.

## **THE FORUM**

We will review the Old Testament from the point of view of **Amy-Jill Levine**, Professor of Old and New Testaments at Vanderbilt University. She is not only well-informed, but is very interesting and often down-right entertaining! Hope to see you this Tuesday - or any Tuesday since there is no prep or homework, just learning and laughing. Questions – call Bill Paull at 410-647-5885, [wapaull@yahoo.com](mailto:wapaull@yahoo.com).

**SARAH'S HOUSE WISH LIST** – **November** – Over the counter medications (Tylenol, aspirin, non-alcohol cough & cold, stomach remedies, etc.. Donations can be brought to Fellowship Hall and placed in the labeled container (inside the cabinet by the Admin office.)

**CRAFTS** - Craft sales from July & August earned \$27 for the general fund. Thanks for your continued support. -Pam Mertz



**BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, let's help bundle up!**

**MT CARMEL COAT DRIVE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019  
NEW AND GENTLY USED COATS, ALL SIZES, MEN, WOMENS AND CHILDREN. WILL BE  
DISTRIBUTED BY THE BEMORECARING AND BEKIND ORGANIZATION TO HOMELESS PEOPLE  
IN OUR AREA. PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS ON THE RACK IN THE NARTHEX.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**December 14, 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL FROM 3-7PM  
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, MUSIC, FOOD, CRAFTS,  
A VISIT FROM SANTA, GAMES AND MUCH MORE.  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.  
MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR TODAY!**



# Thanksgiving

## 2019 Collection of

## Canned Goods

**Holiday Sharing** at Mt. Carmel this year includes several options. One option is to help provide a good Thanksgiving dinner for our friends at the Soup Kitchen we support in Pasadena. We are requesting just the traditional canned goods needed for one family. If you help us with the “fixings”, we will bag them up. Please drop goodies off in designated boxes in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex:

- Boxed stuffing mix
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Box of instant mashed potatoes
- Canned Yams/sweet potatoes
- Canned gravy
- Cans of assorted vegetables



Collecting as of:  
**October 13**

Thanks for your help!  
Outreach Committee  
Mt. Carmel Church



## Annual Christmas Luncheon of Faith Hope Circle



Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 12:30 PM

at

The Sunset Restaurant, Glen Burnie, MD

*Cost: \$25.00, includes entrée, beverage, dessert and gratuity*

### Entrée Choices:

- Sour Beef with Dumplings and Salad
- Fried Stuffed Shrimp with Coleslaw and French Fries
- Crab Cake with Coleslaw and French Fries
- Chicken Imperial with Coleslaw and French Fries
- Stuffed Tomato with Shrimp Salad and Coleslaw and French Fries
- Open Face Prime Rib with Coleslaw and French Fries

This reservation is for: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate your choice of entrée, write your name in space provided, and then return this form together with your payment

to **Diane Malat**. If you are paying by check, make it payable to **Faith Hope Circle**. Please return your choice and money by **Sunday, November 24 2019**.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

The younger group in Sunday School is learning that all the parts of your body need to work together. Eyes, ears, mouth, hands and feet need to work together to make your body work. And in a church, everyone brings a talent to make all the parts needed to work together. The bible verse for this unit is Acts 4: 32, “The community of believers was one in heart and mind”.

The Middle/Sr. class will be having lively discussions and activities in the trailer. This group will also be helping the Outreach Committee put together the Thanksgiving bags for the Soup Kitchen. This will be a great help and a great community service project for our youth.

Deb McMurtrey  
Sunday School

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

The holidays are upon us. Ready or not. Your Outreach committee has planned the following projects for giving. We are asking our members and friends to find one project that interests you and participate with a giving heart. Here are the plans for the upcoming months:

- 1. Gather Thanksgiving canned goods** - Starting now a list of food items needed to make up Thanksgiving bags for our friends at the Pasadena Soup Kitchen is listed in the weekly bulletin. Bring in specific canned goods to make a nice Thanksgiving dinner for each family and we will make up the bags. Last year we distributed 63 bags. With the help of the Child Development Center we hope to meet that goal again.
- 2. Holiday Sharing through the County** - Our plans include providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners and gifts for 5 families and 5 seniors in our area. We expect to receive the names through the county shortly. We will let you know as soon as the names are available.
- 3. Gently Used Toys** – for our friends at the Pasadena Soup Kitchen. We are collecting gently used, clean toys including stocking stuffers, puzzles, books, etc. for a give-away table at the Soup Kitchen in November and December. We can start collecting those items now. If you are a grandparent check your spare bedroom for outgrown toys, buff them up and bring them in.
- 4. Cookie Bake** – Bakers, start your ovens! We will gather for fellowship, a light dinner and cookie counting on **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** in the hall from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. You can bake your cookies there or bring them ready to package that evening. Last year we contributed about 133 dozen cookies to be handed out to the homeless. We will also take cases of water at this event. Please come join

Deb McMurtrey  
Outreach Committee

## NEWS FROM MT. CARMEL CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Happy Happy November! Fall is finally here and Wow what a beautiful time of year it is! God is Great! I guess before we know it we will be shoveling snow! October was a very busy month for us. **Fall pictures** were taken from a wonderful community photographer, Jamie Hurst. She is so very talented and had most of our friends smiling! **Ident-A-Kid** also visited to make identification cards of our children for a minimal fee. This is a great service we offer to our parents once a year. October was also **Fire Prevention Month** so all of our classes enjoyed a visit from our local fire department. They enjoyed looking at all of the equipment on the fire truck and what each item was used for as well as getting a chance to sit in the fire truck. We are so thankful for what our community fire fighters do to keep us safe!

Our first center field trip was to **Clarks Eliok Pumpkin Farm**, what a fun and beautiful day it was. We enjoyed a hayride, visiting animals, and of course picking our own pumpkin.

Our pre-school classes celebrated **Grandparents Day** October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> with a special song and snack to celebrate our wonderful grandparents. This was also the same week as our yearly **Book Fair**. The more books we sell the more we can stock our classrooms with new books. We hope everyone had a chance to stop in and possibly do some early Christmas shopping. Reading is so important in the life of a child!

**Ledos Pizza Fundraiser** was on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will let everyone know what we earned as soon as we receive our check. Thank you to everyone who came out to eat and help our school. Ledos is always a favorite for everyone!

Our yearly **Fall Harvest Festival** was held on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30-8:00pm. Everyone was invited to a fun evening with face painting, music, games, and make your own sundaes. What a great time!

Our pre-school classes celebrated **Halloween** on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> with snacks and a parade to show off their costumes. We also had several parents decorate the trunks of their vehicles for our classes to trunk-or-treat, this was so much fun for everyone. We are so thankful for all that our parents do to help our center!

Looking Ahead to December: **December 5:** Pre-k walking trip to the library. **December 7:** Mt. Carmel Vendor Holiday Event, **December 20:** Christmas program for all classes with a special visitor. **December 23-January 1:** School closed for Holiday Break. **Jan 2, 2020:** School re-opens! Thank you all for your support and prayers throughout the year.

Dawn M. Rey  
Director

### GIRL'S NIGHT OUT (Woman's Ministry)

Girls Night Out is an open invitation to ALL women to share a couple of hours of fun, food, fellowship and a short devotion. We meet on the 1st Friday of the month throughout the year at 6:30pm for Pot Luck Supper. Ladies, don't miss out on another opportunity, mark your calendars now.

#### Upcoming gatherings will be:

Friday 1st November, 2019  
Friday 6th December, 2019

Please join us! Bring a friend and a dish to share.

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” ~Matthew 18:20  
NKJV

## SARAH'S HOUSE UPDATE

The September 2019 meal marked the 13th year anniversary of the Sarah's House Ministry at Mt. Carmel. It was in September of 2006, that the Mt. Carmel UMC Disciple Bible Study class was prodded by the Prophets to undertake a homeless shelter ministry. They served dinner on the third Sunday in October of 2006 at Sarah's House, a shelter for homeless families located at Ft. Meade. From that beginning, a team of caring Christians from three churches has served a meal at Sarah's House on the third Sunday of January through October. (Since many volunteer groups serve meals in November and December, we step back for those "holiday-only ministries".) From early in 2007 until early in 2014, Mercier's Tree Service and its employees fully funded the ministry. Sarah's House has a Wish List of constantly needed items, and an item from the List is published in the Mt. Carmel bulletin and newsletter. Almost every month there are donations to fulfill that month's wish.

The class of 2008 realized that about half of the guests at Sarah's House are children. So they collected some children's books to read with the children after the meal while their parents do K.P. Each child picks a book or two to be kept by him or her as a gift. Over the years, 20 to 30 books a month have been given to kids. To maintain a supply of books, starting in April of 2015 some members (thank you Fahlteichs) of Our Lady of the Chesapeake heard of the ministry and committed to gathering books for this project. As a result, Our Lady became the major source of books for Sarah's House. (Now, as a practical matter, fewer than a dozen books are claimed per visit because most kids have a smart-phone and find books boring, leaving a supply of at least a few hundred books at Mt. Carmel.)

Over the years, the number of Sarah's House guests served has varied dramatically. One Sunday a few years ago there were six adults and four children served. Compare that to Sunday April 15, 2018 when 23 kids, and 27 adults were served ! Over our thirteen years of ministry we have served an average of 17 kids and 16 adults per meal which, when you include serving office staff, makes over 4,500 meals through 2019 ! What began with a few Mt. Carmel UMC Bible students currently includes participants from two churches buying and/or serving food.

The 2019 ministry team members were: **Cathy Buckwalter, Rose Ann Feldman, Betsy Gregory, Carol Hallam, Alice Hastings, Sarah Jenkins, Barbara Johnson, Gail Miller, Pat Mulkey and Bill & Gloria Paull**. In addition to these folks, a special thanks to all those that have supported this ministry with prayer, jumped in as an emergency cook/server, made Wish List donations, given financial support, and donated books.

**NOTE: As of October 2019 Bill & Gloria and Carol Hallam are no longer able to help in this ministry.** Bill was the coordinator, and Gloria and Carol cooked and/or served. If you can be a Sarah's Servant, as coordinator or cook/server, please tell Pastor Mike and/or Betsy. And contact Bill (wapaul@yahoo.com //410-647-5885) if you're curious about the coordinator job so he can explain what it involves before signing up.

## September 2019 ATTENDANCE & GIVING

**September Monthly Giving** – general budget: \$15,438/ restricted giving: \$6,110.

**September Attendance** – average weekly Sunday attendance was 58.

\*The reporting of attendance and giving figures is behind, due to information for the most recent month not being complete at the time of publication.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Laney Lenz	02
Dave Gresham	03
Allison Paul	03
Stephanie Donaldson	13
Renata Schmitt	13

Laura Vest	13
Levi Dunmyer	16
Nicholas Shanefelter	16
George Jones	17
Dominic Ransom	18

David Hein	20
Adalai Schmitt	20
Ed Garnett	23
Amber Tongue	27



## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Kim & Ed Garnett 11/02  
Dennis & Cari Beuerle 11/02  
George & Catherine Jones 11/08

Joe & Andrea Barnes 11/9  
Kevin & Barbara Davis 11/14  
Jack & Ginny Stephan 11/29

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

11/04 – 6:30 p.m. – Girls Night Out  
**11/03 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**  
11/04 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
11/04 – 6:30 p.m. – Trustees Committee  
11/05 – 10:00 a.m. - Forum  
11/05 – 7:00 p.m. – Scout Troup #412  
11/06 – 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
11/06 – 7:00 p.m. – Strategic Planning Workshop  
11/07 – 11:45 a.m. – Faith Hope Circle  
11/07 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
11/07 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
11/09 – 9:00 a.m. – Scouts Cleanup Day  
**11/10 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**  
11/10 – Newsletter article deadline  
11/11 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
11/11 – 7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee Mtg.  
11/12 – 10:00 a.m. - Forum  
11/12 - 7:00 p.m. – Scout Troup #412  
11/13 – 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
11/13 – Rotary Thanksgiving Dinner

11/14 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
11/14 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
11/15 – 6:00 p.m. – CDC Paint Night  
**11/17 – 10 a.m. – 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
11/18 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
11/18 – 7:00 p.m. – Admin Council Mtg  
11/19 – 10:00 a.m. - Forum  
11/19 - 7:00 p.m. – Scout Troup #412 – Church  
11/20 – 9:30 a.m. - Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
11/21 – 6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts – Church Hall  
11/21 – 7:15 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal  
**11/24 – 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary**  
11/24 – RSVP due for Faith Hope Circle Luncheon  
11/25 – 6:30 p.m. – Worship Committee  
11/25 – 6:30 p.m. – Tiger Cubs – Church Hall  
11/26 – 10:00 a.m. - Forum  
11/26 - 7:00 p.m. – Scout Troup #412  
11/27 – 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Group – Sanctuary  
11/28 – 6:30 p.m. – Thanksgiving Day!

*A complete calendar of events can be found at <http://mymcumc.org/events/>*

## WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday:

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery 10:00 a.m.

### Monday:

Tiger Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday:

Forum 10:00 a.m.  
Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m.  
ASAP 6:45 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Prayer Group 9:00 a.m.

### Thursday:

Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m.  
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 p.m.

## LITURGISTS SCHEDULE

Carol Mosmiller 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday  
Phyllis Basil 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
Warren Magruder 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
Nancy Trimper 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday



## Hello Mt. Carmel eGivers!

Starting as soon as you're ready, you too can be a Mt Carmel e-Giver! Let us know and we will be happy to help you get setup. - Financial Secretary, Dave Shelton

**Fresh Flower Fee Increase:** The cost of fresh flowers on the alter has increased to \$30. Silk flower fees remain the same (a donation of your choosing.) Please continue to put your payment in the offering on the day you have requested the flowers.

## HUGE SUCCESS

**The 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** of Mt. Carmel in Ministry was held on **October 20, 2019**. It rained like it has never rained before... but that wasn't a factor for this awesome event! Listen to these comments:



Hopefully I'm not forgetting anyone; just wanted to say a HUGE Thank You to EVERYONE who help make what I think was a very successful 135 Anniversary! Lots of people, laughs, and excellent food. If we can pull this off in the pouring rain, just think what we could do when the sun is shining!! I feel very hopeful with the amount of new faces I saw and looking forward to seeing the pictures that the Pasadena Voice photographer was taking. He even stayed for lunch!!! Lisa Blakeney

Everything was wonderful! I was so happy to be part of this special day along with our families from the school. Yes, despite the rain it was a beautiful celebration and I feel working as a team we can all do great things for Mt. Carmel in the future! Thank you and God Bless each and everyone of you! Dawn Rey

Thank you Lisa for all your hard work, sometimes Thank You is not said enough. Also thanks for all your work with the Strategic Planning Program. Thanks. Phyllis Basil

You all did a wonderful job and I know everyone enjoyed the day. Congratulations on the success. So uplifting! Sarah Ann Parsons

What a great event! We were so pleased to have such a large crowd. Everyone pitched in and brought something to share. The team was taking care of this and taking care of that... Leslie was like a little bumble bee, working so hard. It was such a group effort and you could tell everyone had fun. Diane Malat

We're thrilled to honor such a big milestone for the church and for the community! Zach, Pasadena Voice

**SURVEY RESULTS ARE POSTED ON PAGE 10-12 of this Newsletter!**

## Mt Carmel United Methodist Church Strategic Planning Committee UPDATE

[Additional Church Service Survey Results...](#) The strategic planning committee would like to thank the congregation for your responses and suggestions regarding an additional service. The following are the results of the survey. While it appears clear what the congregation wants for the additional service, there are many details to work out and volunteers needed before we can put the program in place. Stay tuned for further details and please strongly consider volunteering to help out wherever needed.

*Note: At the end of the question will be the number of persons who responded to the question and then before each option will be the number of persons who selected that option. Not everyone responded to every question and some persons selected more than one option.*

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1. Please indicate your preference for a 2nd service time: **Out of 73 responses...**

- 0 - Monday evening
- 0 -Tuesday evening
- 5 -Wednesday evening
- 3 -Thursday evening
- 2 -Friday evening
- 11 -Saturday evening
- 2 -Sunday evening
- 50 -Sunday morning (before current service)

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2. Please indicate your preference for a style of worship for the additional service: **Out of 74 responses...**

- 46 -Contemporary (informal, contemporary music, & less liturgy)
- 27 -Traditional
- 1 -Either

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3. Would you attend this service if it had recorded music instead of live music with or without a choir?  
**Out of 73 responses...**

- 56 -Yes
- 17 -No

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4. Would you or someone you know be willing to assist (via voice or instrument) with the musical component of the service? **Out of 70 responses...**

- 11 -Yes
- 44 -No
- 15 -I don't have a lot of musical talent but am willing to help in other ways.

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5. Would you be interested in having a children's church during the additional service? **Out of 67 responses...**

- 26 -Yes

- 9 -Yes, and I would be willing to volunteer to help with the Children's Church from time to time.
- 32 -No

There were also 25 written responses that supported the persons selections and/or gave ideas for activities to incorporate...

I think that the second service should be the same as the first service and that the musicians could leave before the second sermon as it used to be but also including communion Sundays.

- I will be supportive of the majority vote of the congregation.
- If a contemporary service were added, it would not have to have "less liturgy." I would still like to have communion on certain days, the regular Scripture readings, message, etc. Just use contemporary music.
- We need two services.
- Keep the ten o'clock service as is
- We need this to provide another time for worship for those who are not available on Sundays. My preference is Saturday but I'm certainly willing to attend other days if I'm available.
- I prefer things stay the way they are now. Thank you.
- My comments: Love the idea of less formal, earlier, shorter service for families. I saw Strategic Planning wanting observations from other churches... I attend Light House (when my son goes). It seems that people really like the informal approach with sermons being part of a series... it keeps you interested in coming the next week :) This is fun as a different church I attended had an "Eagles" series that included 1 song per Sunday. I remember the "Desperado" one was fantastic!! Also - scripture is included as part of the sermon and not read separately first. I know we can't do the "band" the way some of these larger churches do - but I'm not sure that is the main attraction... my son arrives 15 min late, AFTER the music... not his thing. It's the informal msg. that he likes, mixed with humorous "story telling" style of preaching. Not even sure you need to offer Sunday School if its a shorter service... maybe coloring pages and crayons. This would also give us SOMETHING to promote on FB and Website and paid ads??? I would call it the Simple, Short & Sweet Service for Families :)))
- I would like to see the church go back to 9am and 10:30 services. I help out with Sunday school and would like to be able to attend church after Sunday School at 9am. I live in Annapolis so it is hard for me to take part in practices during the week, plus I have no musical talent.
- Would like traditional svc at 9, and second svc at 1030 as before.
- [person just put their name in]*
- I believe that we need an alternative day and time as just having two services on Sunday morning back to back will most likely have the impact that we want and does not offer enough contrast. My thought is that late afternoon on Saturday may work (prior to dinner) so that people still have the evening for other social activities that may be planned. I also believe that there needs to be some type of children's activity; however, it does not need to be a formal structure such as Sunday School. Thanks
- [person just put their name in]*
- Question 1. Would like 0900 and 1030 services. with Sunday school at 0900. Question 2. Would suggest traditional service 1st & 3rd Sunday and contemporary 2nd & 4th Sunday at 0900. A traditional service at 1000.
- I think it is important for people to be able to have a choice of which service to attend on Sunday Morning.
- Would like the service to be at 9 am Sunday, regular service. Or could be contemporary.
- I do not see the need for an additional service when we have trouble getting a decent number of people to attend the one service we currently have.
- I have been unable to attend services since the time was changed for the service to 10. We all voted as a church to keep the 9 am. service I have heard many people who are unhappy that the service was changed to 10 to accommodate the choir. I go to

church for the service. The choir is a nice add on but not necessary for my attendance. I have talked to at least ten parishioners who can't attend at 10. I feel that at least 11 who can't attend and contribute to the offering adds up.

- if you are going to 2 services. I think they should be 9am and 10:30am. Just my thoughts
- Saturday evenings may be a good time for the contemporary service and Sunday am for traditional
- I honestly think we should go back to our original services - one at 9:00 and the other at 10:30. Both should be the same except maybe the choir could do every other week, changing off between the services or no choir at one service.
- n/a
- Have one week be contemporary for both services
- I believe we need a daycare so that our younger congregation can bring their children and have somewhere for them to go so they can enjoy the service.
- Ideally, I would like to return to the 2 traditional services at 9 and 10:30 Sunday morning (with Sunday school at 9:00) as well as have a contemporary weekday evening service, possibly Wednesday

Please give your name and contact information to Lisa Blakeney [vocvalidate@gmail.com](mailto:vocvalidate@gmail.com); Rich Connelly [richann@cablespeed.com](mailto:richann@cablespeed.com), Pastor Mike [soujourner56@gmail.com](mailto:soujourner56@gmail.com), or anyone else that is part of the Strategic Planning committee if you are willing to help out and/or know some one who may be interested in being part of a contemporary group.