



# The Octagon

Severna Park United Methodist Church News

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### My Grandma's Legacy

Last year, my grandma had fallen ill during my parents' visit here. After they went back to South Korea, my grandma moved in with my parents in Seoul. I remember my grandma in my childhood and how she always smiled back at me whenever our eyes met. She is a gentle, faithful and loving person and people around her can feel the warmth coming out from her personality.

My grandma has Alzheimer's disease and now the time has come for her to be with a caretaker most of the day. As her Alzheimer's was getting worse, she started to have difficulties communicating with others. She started to speak broken Korean, often just words or phrases, and now she is limited to speaking only three phrases. With her wide smile and twinkle in her eyes, she says, "My baby," "Beautiful,"

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and “Love you.” When I Facetime with her, that’s the only phrase she tells me: “My baby, Beautiful, I love you,” over and over again. Her words instantly cheer me up, and I never get tired of hearing them.

To tell you the truth, I enjoy talking to her (or just listening to her) more than my parents. My parents are always concerned about my health, ministry, family, our immigration status in the US, and our kids, Ana and Ruah. They try to give me parental guidance and advice out of love. I understand that we live far away, and they are worried. But sometimes it just blocks communication with my parents. I know that working out is good for me, but telling me to exercise again and again will not necessarily make me exercise. It actually hinders me from working out.

I would rather listen to my grandma, in her broken Korean. I just want to keep listening to the affirmation that I am her baby, I am beautiful, and I am loved, over and over again. Her smile is so bright and warm, making her statements so true and real. It is hard to talk about my grandma without tears. I feel her time is limited, and since I am in the process of receiving a travel permit and a green card, I cannot leave the country until they are issued. I am grateful for the technology that allows me to easily reach out to her.

My baby, Beautiful, I love you. These words will be my grandma’s legacy to me. Her words remind me of God’s affirmation for all of us. We are God’s babies, we are beautiful, and we are loved. Even though we know this truth in our hearts, it is always good to hear it.

If you ever need to hear that in person, I will be happy to affirm you. Just give me a sign, like a wink or a smile, then I will know what to do. God’s child, you are beautiful and you are loved. Amen.

*Rev. Narae Kim*

## Summer Worship News



For our July worship series, we’re going to hop on the VBS Food Truck wagon (how’s that for a mixed transportation metaphor?) and explore

stories in the Bible that involve food like Jesus feeding the 5000 and the provision of manna in the wilderness. We’ll also be asking church members to share their favorite recipes and maybe even have a summer picnic together. Stay tuned for more details as we join around God’s table for FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

## Other Significant Dates

**June 19:** ASP Consecration Sunday

**July 24:** VBS Sunday at 9am Service

**August 14:** ASP Witness Sunday

## Music Director Search

**A huge thank you to our music director search team!** We are excited to announce that we are in the process of finalizing an offer with a new part-time Music Director who will be working with our choir, handbells and children’s music ministry beginning in July. Stay tuned for more details.

## Mark Miller Concert

SPUMC is excited to host Mark Miller in concert on **June 18 at 3pm** as he brings Love & Justice for All to the Annapolis



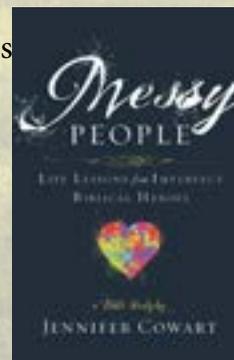
District. The concert is free, but a love offering will be taken to support the work of the Bishop’s We Rise United initiative for learning, dialogue and action around racial justice. We invite you to come out for an inspiring afternoon of music and to bring a friend with you. We are also looking for volunteers to greet, usher, and provide other hospitality as we host this event. If interested, contact Betty Spengler. [betty.spengler@gmail.com](mailto:betty.spengler@gmail.com)

## New Women’s Bible Study

We are happy to announce a new women’s Bible study to begin by Zoom on **Thursday, June 16 at 8pm** and run for 6 weeks.

“MESSY PEOPLE” by Jennifer Cowart addresses the reality that every life gets messy sometimes. Messes can be painful, hurtful, confusing... but very real. Yet always, God is present and has often used messy people!

This study will dig into lives of biblical heroes who were “messy” but used by God in very powerful ways. Together, participants will learn to thrive with God’s guidance and help. “Messy People” will be led by one of our newest members, Kara Heagel, along with



her sister. Kara is on the middle high Sunday School teaching team, has pitched in to help the tech team, and most importantly, is a seminary graduate! She is eager to share her faith and meet other interested disciples.

If interested, you may email Kara at: [theHeagels@gmail.com](mailto:theHeagels@gmail.com) for information about how to join us on Facebook.

You can find more about the book at Cokesbury’s website: [www.Cokesbury.com](http://www.Cokesbury.com)

## Financial Update

As we enter into the summer months, we are calling on all of our members and friends to continue to remember the church with your giving. Through the first 4 months of the year, we were running a slightly higher than expected deficit of \$84K deficit. Some of that is attributable to the fact that we had to take another in-person Covid pause back in January for 4 weeks and we are still working hard to get back up to full strength in worship. It has been anything but a straight-line recovery! We do have PPP II funds that will cover this gap but we will need to increase our giving through the end of 2022 and into 2023 in order to sustain all of our ministries here.

This summer, as you are in and out town (and in and out of worship!), we encourage you to continue to support our church through your faithful and sacrificial giving. You may donate to the church through your phone (Text GIVE to 855-603-8993), by giving online ([severnaparkumc.org/give](http://severnaparkumc.org/give)), by dropping off donations in our lock box on the porch or mailing in your offering. Or you can go old school and place your offering in the plate on a Sunday morning, too :) However you choose to give, we deeply appreciate your faithfulness!

# Welcome New Confirmands!

We received the Confirmation Class of 2022 into full church membership on Pentecost Sunday, June 5 at our 10:30am service. We celebrate with these young people on this important marker along their journey of faith. Congratulations!



Kendall Bishop



Kate Edwards



Brenna Gruman



Bodie Isenberg



Ava Lazzor



Caden Lazzor



Ellie Milauskas



Seth Parsons



Andrew Patterson



Connor Rayburn



Grayson Robinson



Adam Sexton



Mason VanHorne



Ava Zimmerman



Matt Zimmerman

## End of Year Sunday School

In June, we will continue our study called Messengers. We are going to look at the most important message that was ever sent out and how we are meant to be the ones delivering it. Kids are God's messengers that can share the stories of God's miracles. God's message goes everywhere because God delivers everyone!

Then we will move to Ever After. Fairytales are full of fantasy and imagination. We love them because they take what could be real and add extraordinary circumstances. But what if there was a story where the extraordinary circumstances were real? Could a story like this exist? We are going to look at the story of Ruth to see how God truly writes the best, real stories for us — full of companions, hope, boldness, and the knowledge that God is always taking care of us!

## Help Support VBS

VBS Registration is full but don't hesitate to register on the waitlist! Help us keep VBS affordable by donating supplies. Donating supplies now helps us know which supplies we need to purchase. Check out our Amazon wish list which will be updated regularly. [www.severnaparkumc.org/vbs](http://www.severnaparkumc.org/vbs)



## Summer Sunday School

This summer kid detectives will dig into a few of Jesus' parables to solve the mysteries of how to grow their faith, how to care for, serve, and love others. Growing spiritually doesn't have to be an unsolved mystery! They'll discover that the answers have been there all along: spend time with God, spend time with others, use your gifts, and share your story.

Sunday School at 9:00 will vary each week so check out the schedule below. Elementary kids will worship with their families in July. Nursery care is available weekly at 9:00 (babies and toddlers) & 10:30 (kids 5 and younger).

- **June 26:** Preschool and Elementary- Games
- **July 3:** Preschool Only- The Parable of the Sower Part 1
- **July 10:** Preschool Only- The Parable of the Sower Part 2
- **July 17:** Preschool Only- The Parables of the Bags of Gold Part 1
- **July 24:** VBS Sunday- All Kids in Worship
- **July 31:** Preschool Only- The Parable of the Bags of Gold Part 2

## Serving at First Fruit Farms

A few slots still remain for families to serve together in missions as we harvest produce at First Fruit Farms. First Fruit Farms is an hour from the church. All ages are welcome to participate. Produce is shared with local food banks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens and other food providers.

Please sign up for either or both opportunities: **Tuesday, June 28 9:00-11:30 and Saturday August 20 9:00-11:30.**

### Attention Graduates!

Your church wants to celebrate your accomplishments! Let us know if you have high school, college or graduate school grads in your family or if you are graduating yourself. Please include school and degree achieved and send this information to Rev. Lee at: [Iferrell@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:Iferrell@severnaparkumc.org)

### Buy Gas for ASP!

The trip to Magoffin County, KY is coming up soon for the 2022 Appalachia Service Project team. Won't you consider buying them a gallon (or tank!) of gas so we can be sure they can get home! Just \$5.00 (sadly) will really help them out. **Donations will be collected starting June 19!**

### UMYF Banquet

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) has started its informal summer MYF program. **Every Sunday at 7:00 pm** we gather for games, events, food, activities or general hanging out. Special events will be announced. We will meet rain or shine. Congratulations to those youth recently recognized at the end-of-the-year Banquet!

#### LEADER AWARD:

Becca Calish and Caden Lazzor

#### SPIRIT AWARD:

Brooke Hughes and Stephen Nunn

#### UNSUNG HEROES:

Grade 7 – Ava Lazzor

Grade 9 – Marielle Unger

Grade 10 – Danielle Sexton

Grade 11 – April Collins

Grade 12 – Alyssa Gonzales

#### ICU Leadership:

Olivia Unger, Ben Howard, Drew Trull, Becca Calish, David Young



## Living Well on Wilkens

Living Well on Wilkens, our former ministry to women on Wilkens Avenue in Baltimore, was organized as a separate 501(c)(3) corporation. On April 25, the Board of Trustees of LWOW unanimously agreed to dissolve as a separate corporation, and to transfer the assets from the sale of the house on Wilkens Avenue (\$44,994.72) to the Missions Committee.

The Missions Committee has formed a sub-committee to determine the best way to provide assistance to local ministries to women and refugees: The Samaritan Women Institute for Shelter Care, Sarah's House, "Seeds for Security," the International Rescue Committee. Part of the assistance will be designated in honor of Rev. Nicole Christopher, who was so instrumental in beginning the work of LWOW.

Special thanks to the Trustees of LWOW for their dedicated service:

Byron Brought (president), Kris Carpenter-Zyla, Becky Clapp, April Doss, Allen Egloff, Ron Foster, Dave Robinson, Sherry Vain-Callahan, Karen Wolcott, and to the corporate officers, Barbara Zinck (secretary) and Lynne Chaput (treasurer). And thanks to Randy Rutledge for legal counsel.

## SPAN: Opportunities to Help

- Sponsors and volunteers are needed for their 5K Turkey Trot at Kinder Farm Park
  - Donations of the following items are needed to help vulnerable neighbors: toothpaste, Depends, diapers size 4+, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, mac & cheese, tuna/hamburger helper, canned pasta, applesauce, syrup, icing, mayo, ketchup, mustard.
- [spanhelps@yahoo.com](mailto:spanhelps@yahoo.com) or 410-647-0889

## Ukrainian Outreach Results

The Mission Committee is excited to share the results of our humanitarian supplies collection in partnership with St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral in Silver Spring, MD which took place in April and early May. Thanks to everyone who contributed both in the form of Amazon deliveries directly to the Cathedral and for generous supply donations brought to SPUMC for delivery.

We donated over \$7,000 worth of medical supplies, baby supplies, hygiene items and canned food. Our supplies were delivered to St. Andrew's in 3 SUV's and were shipped a couple days later. Thanks to the volunteers who helped to sort and transport the goods, and a special thanks to Community United Methodist, Calvary United Methodist and to Ellie Farquhar's school Golden Mean Tutorial Academy who also dropped off hygiene kits and supplies. Most of all, thanks to all of you who participated from the bottom of our hearts for your generous contributions!

If you missed your chance to participate, you can still find a current wish list and send supplies directly to St. Andrew's via their website <https://www.standrewuoc.com>



## Clothing-For-All Sale

A Clothing-for-All and Children's Supplies Sale was held Saturday, May 7 to provide low-price clothing to people in our community and to raise funds to support Volunteers in Mission and United Women of Faith. In the end, we raised over \$2500 and more importantly, took a step forward to being able to do a more expanded sale in the fall. Many thanks to everyone who donated and volunteered, with special thanks to Karen Myers who was the overall coordinator, Chip Linehan, her right hand man, and all the wonderful ladies in the kitchen who provided meals and snacks on Thursday and Friday and great food the day of the sale itself. Mark your calendars for the first Saturday in October when we'll be back at it again!



## Heaven's Kitchen

We had a delightful early Memorial Day Weekend Cookout with our Heaven's Kitchen guests on Saturday, May 21. We were blessed with a patch of shade, a nice breeze and good conversation around the table. Burgers, dogs and home-made side dishes made for a fun feast. Thanks as always to Chip & Hope Linehan, the faithful core of volunteers who support this ministry monthly with food and service. This is a great way to get involved with the missional outreach of our congregation for you and your kids. Contact Chip for more details. [boxslsman@aol.com](mailto:boxslsman@aol.com)



### Nursery School Graduation

SPUMC Nursery School celebrated the end of our 51st year with a joyful program at the end of May. Families of our preschoolers enjoyed watching the students sing, play “Jesus Loves Me” on the bells, and receive “graduation” caps and certificates before heading off for summer and then Kindergarten. What a great way to mark the end of our school year! We still have a handful of openings for the upcoming school year. To register, visit our webpage: [www.severnaparkumc.org/nursery-school](http://www.severnaparkumc.org/nursery-school)



### Disciple 4 Graduates

Disciple 4 is a thirty-two week study of the Old Testament “Writings”, the Gospel of John, and the Book of Revelation. Congratulations to the dedicated students who faithfully completed this course: Jathan and Melissa Biddlecomb, Pam and Rob Biddlecomb, Mary Kay Brought, Charlie Catlett, Dottie Johnson, Paula McDermott, Mary Lou Myers, Ron and Sue Spath, Sue Springett, Carrie Stone, Matt and Karen VanKirk, Kerri Webber, and Shirley Young.



### Baptism Class

If you are planning to have a child baptized at SPUMC in the coming months, you are asked to attend a one-time class with one of our pastors. The next class is Sunday, June 12, 10:30am in room 301. RSVP to Beth [bfrank@severnaparkumc.org](mailto:bfrank@severnaparkumc.org)



### Adults Loving Life Events

Save the date for these upcoming events! More information is to follow. Contact Lou or Kathie Kamm: 410-647-5914

**August 24**-Indoor Picnic Luncheon; with catering by Mission BBQ and entertainment by singer/guitarist Jerry Colley.

**Sept. 21**-Luncheon with a presentation by Pastor Byron.

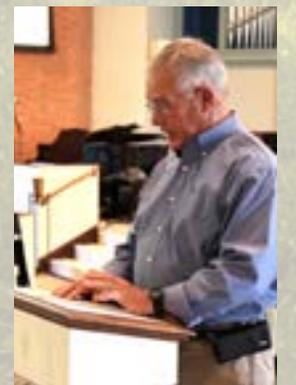
**Oct. 26**-Luncheon with our own Shawn Reese joining us to play our favorite hymn requests.

**Dec. 7**-Bus trip to American Music Theatre for “Home for the Holidays.” Lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord.



### Wanna Read Scripture?

If you are interested in reading scripture at our Sunday services, please let Paula McDermott know. You can choose which service time and how frequently. [pbmcdermott13@outlook.com](mailto:pbmcdermott13@outlook.com)



### Staff Outing to Lovely Lane

The church staff went on a field trip last month up to Lovely Lane UMC in Baltimore, the birthplace of Methodism in the U.S. We learned about the history of this congregation and soaked in the beauty of the space, alongside the staff of Bel Air UMC where Rev. Byron Brought (the younger) serves as the lead pastor. We look forward to partnering with them again in the future!



## Spark in the Park!

This summer, our Family Ministries will be heading outside with a series of Spark in the Park meet-ups. Connect, cool off with an ice pop, and enjoy the summer sun with your church family.



- **June 28 9:00am** At First Fruit Farms- Advanced Sign-ups Required
- **July 11 5:00pm** Kinder Park Big Playground- 1001 Kinder Farm Park Rd.
- **July 29 6:00pm** Downs Park Playground- 8311 Downs Park Loop Pasadena
- **August 7 2:00pm** In the Parking Lot
- **August 20 9:00am** At First Fruit Farms- Advanced Sign-ups Required  
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