

METRO UMC MESSENGER



NOVEMBER 6, 2024

ABOUT US

VISION STATEMENT

*Transforming the World
through Jesus Christ*

MISSION STATEMENT

*Passionate Christians Making
Disciples of Jesus Christ*



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Heavenly Father,

As the election season draws to a close, we come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging Your presence throughout this process. We thank You for the opportunity to participate in shaping the future of our communities and our nation.

Now that the votes have been cast and leaders chosen, we seek Your continued guidance and wisdom. We pray for those who have been elected to serve, that they may lead with integrity, humility, and a deep commitment to justice and compassion. Grant them the strength to fulfill their duties with courage and dedication, always keeping the needs of the people at the forefront of their minds.

We ask for healing in our land, for the mending of divisions and the building of bridges among diverse groups. Help us to move forward with a spirit of unity and cooperation, recognizing that we are all part of a greater community.

Lord, bless those who were not elected with peace and perseverance, and may they find new ways to contribute to the common good. Surround all leaders and citizens with Your love and grace, guiding us toward a future that reflects Your kingdom's values.

In gratitude and hope, we place our future in Your hands, trusting in Your everlasting care.

In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Pastor Faye



MEN'S DAY 2024

THEME: KINGDOM MEN MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Embracing Our Kingdom Purpose

We are excited to delve into the theme of "Kingdom Men Moving in the Right Direction" during our annual Men's Day celebration on Sunday, November 17th. This theme is not just a call to action but a profound journey towards living a life of purpose, strength, and unwavering faith.

As Kingdom Men, we are called to reflect God's love, wisdom, and leadership in every aspect of our lives—be it in our families, communities, or workplaces. *Matthew 6:33*, reminds us, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." By prioritizing God's kingdom, we align our lives with His will and purpose, ensuring we are moving in the right direction.

Walking in Faith and Integrity

True Kingdom Men are distinguished by their faith and integrity. *Proverbs 20:7* asserts, "The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him." This scripture highlights the importance of living a righteous life, which not only secures blessings for ourselves but also sets a powerful example for future generations. Walking in faith and integrity is about building a legacy that honors God and benefits those who come after us.

Being Leaders and Servants

Leadership within God's kingdom is intrinsically tied to service. *Mark 10:45* enlightens us: "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Kingdom Men lead by serving others, embodying the servant heart of Christ. This approach to leadership ensures we guide others with humility, compassion, and a genuine desire to uplift those around us.

The Kingdom Men's Toolkit

To equip ourselves as Kingdom Men moving in the right direction, consider the following toolkit:

- Daily Devotionals:** Spend time each day in the Word to deepen your understanding and connection with God.
- Prayer Journal:** Keep a journal of your prayers and reflections to track your spiritual growth and answered prayers.
- Accountability Partner:** Partner with a fellow believer to encourage and hold each other accountable in your faith journey.
- Community Service:** Engage in acts of service within your community to practice leadership through humility and love.
- Family Time:** Prioritize quality time with family to strengthen bonds and model Christ-like behavior.

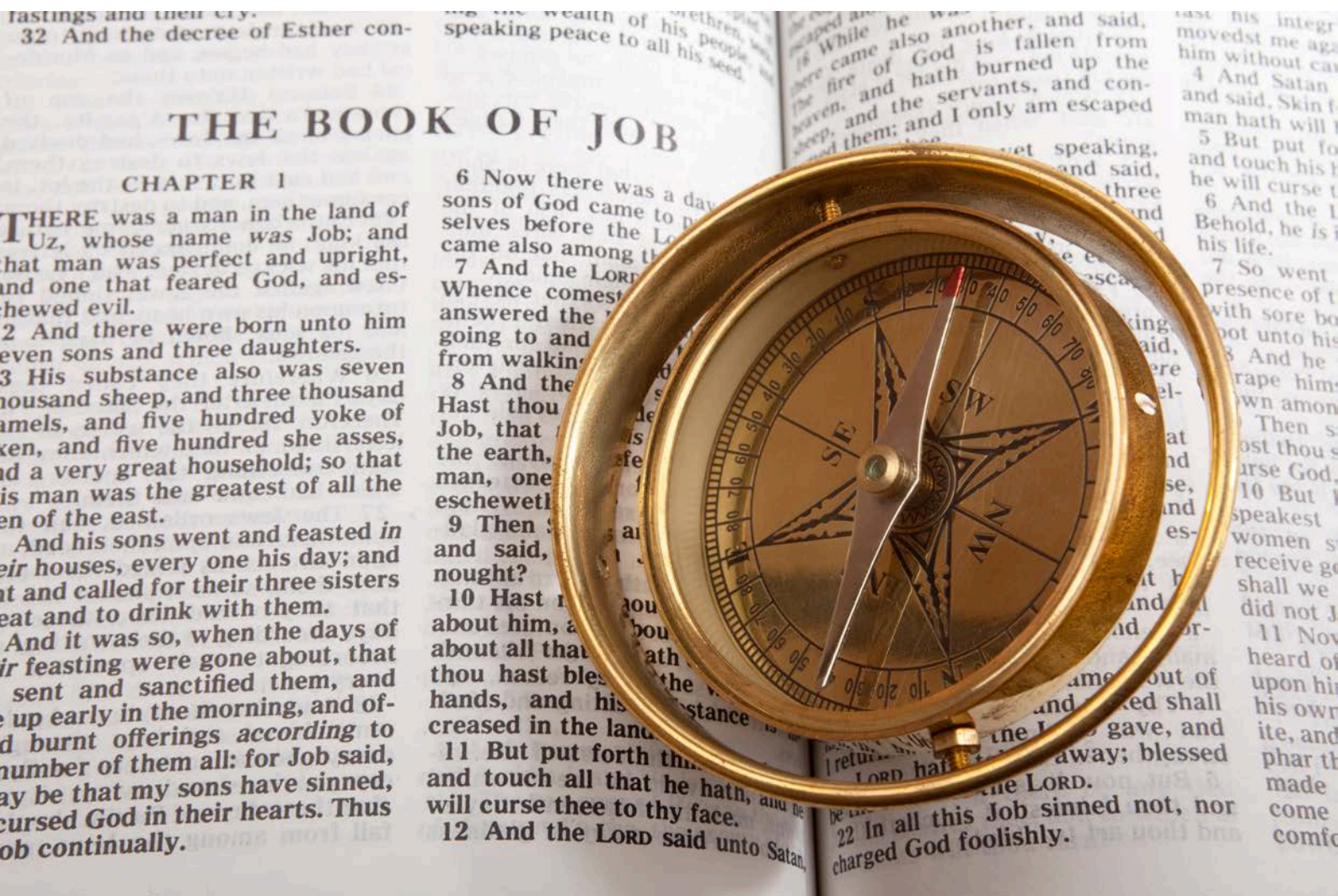
Join Us in Celebration

We invite everyone to join us for this uplifting event, a day filled with fellowship, worship, and encouragement. It is a time to celebrate the men who are making positive impacts in our church and beyond.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, November 17, 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 am
- **Guest Speaker:** Certified Lay Servant Russell Young of Christ United Methodist Church in Aquasco, MD
- **Guest Musician:** Mr. Frankie Addison
- **Location:** Metropolitan United Methodist Church

Our Men's Day celebration serves as both an invitation and a guide for men seeking to strengthen their spiritual journey. By integrating scripture and practical tools, we aim to inspire and equip men to lead lives that reflect the love and purpose of God. Let us encourage one another to be Kingdom Men, moving confidently in the direction of righteousness and service. Let us come together to honor and empower our Kingdom Men as they continue to move in the right direction, guided by faith and love.



THE PARADE OF COLORS: A VIBRANT CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Last year, Metropolitan held a Parade of Colors capital campaign fundraiser to raise money to help with a number of large purchases and maintenance projects for the church. Because of the success of this fundraising effort, Metropolitan will kickoff another Parade of Colors Campaign, beginning in January 2025.

The Parade of Colors church fundraiser brings together the community in a vibrant celebration of faith and unity. This joyous occasion not only serves as a significant fundraiser for the church but also as a testament to the diverse and colorful tapestry of the congregation.

Scriptural Foundations

The concept of the Parade of Colors is deeply rooted in biblical teachings. The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12:12–14, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many." This scripture eloquently emphasizes the unity and diversity within the body of Christ, which is beautifully reflected in the Parade of Colors.

Description of the Event

The Parade of Colors features an array of activities, each designed to highlight different aspects of the church's diverse community. Participants are encouraged to wear colors that represents their ministry participation or support. The event kicks off with a colorful parade, where members march together, symbolizing the unity and harmony within the congregation.

Throughout campaign, church ministries offer various activities and opportunities to fellowship and learn about the different ministries of the church. T

Definitions and Examples

1. Unity in Diversity:

- Definition: The concept that a community or group can be unified despite its diverse elements.
- Example: The Parade of Colors exemplifies unity in diversity as church members from different cultural backgrounds come together to celebrate their faith and support their church.

2. Fellowship:

- Definition: Friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.
- Example: The Parade of Colors fosters fellowship among church members as they bond over shared activities and cultural exchanges.

3. Fundraising:

- Definition: The process of seeking and gathering voluntary financial contributions

by engaging individuals, businesses, charitable foundations, or governmental agencies.

- Example: Proceeds from the Parade of Colors go toward various church initiatives, such as community outreach programs, youth activities, and building maintenance.

Impact and Significance

The Parade of Colors is more than just a fundraiser; it is a celebration of the church's collective identity and a powerful reminder of the beauty found in diversity. It allows church members to strengthen the bonds within the congregation.

Moreover, the funds raised during the event play a crucial role in supporting the church's mission and activities. These contributions help sustain vital programs that benefit both the church community and the broader local area.

The Parade of Colors church fundraiser is a testament to the power of unity and the richness of diversity within the body of Christ. The Parade of Colors campaign filled with joy, learning, and fellowship, all while supporting the church's mission. Inspired by the teachings of the Bible, this event beautifully illustrates how a community can come together, celebrate its differences, and work towards a common goal.



PRAYER REQUESTS

As we come together in faith and fellowship, let us remember the power of collective prayer. The Bible reminds us in James 5:16, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." With hearts full of love and compassion, we lift up the needs of our community, trusting in God's grace and mercy to bring healing, comfort, and strength.

In this spirit, we invite you to join our prayer list, a sacred space where we can lift each other up in times of need, gratitude, and celebration. Whether you are seeking healing, guidance, comfort, or simply wish to offer praise, your intentions are welcome here. Please take a moment to reflect upon the following prayer requests and join us in lifting these concerns to our Heavenly Father.

We would like to pray for:

Aaron Kane
Vernon Myers
Vivian Lewis
Kleston Whitaker
Thomas and Evelyn Dashiell
Felicia & Wilbur Greenfield
The Wood Family
Greg & Vivian Claytor

Michelle Jordan
Shannon Stewart
Debra Newsome
The Cooper Family
Nellie Barbour
Yvonne Hancock
Laverne and Charles Foster



To add your name or prayer requests to the list or to include someone you know who could use our collective prayers, please reach out to us. Let us come together in faith, knowing that where two or three gather in His name, there He is with us (Matthew 18:20). May our prayers be a source of strength and solace, and may they bring us closer to the heart of God.

Prayer requests can be submitted through the church's website metroumcindianhead.com/Prayer-Request or by clicking the QR code.



PRAYER



CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

• MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

- **Thursday, November 7** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Sunday, November 10 - NFL Team Spirit Sunday**
- **Sunday, November 10** at 10:00 am (*In Person*) - Youth Sunday School
- **Monday, November 11 - VETERAN'S DAY**
- **Monday, November 11** at 11:30 am (*In Person*) - Trustee Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 12** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Finance Meeting
- **Thursday, November 14** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Sunday, November 17** at 10:00 am (*Via Zoom*) - Men's Day
- **Thursday, November 21** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Sunday, November 24** at 10:00 am (*In Person*) - Youth Sunday School
- **Sunday, November 24** at 11:00 am (*In Person*) - United Women in Faith
- **Monday, November 25** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Unified Board
- **Saturday, November 30** at 11:00 am (*In Person*) - United Methodist Men

DECEMBER

- **Thursday, December 5** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Sunday, December 8 - NFL Team Spirit Sunday**
- **Sunday, December 8** at 10:00 am (*In Person*) - Youth Sunday School
- **Sunday, December 8** at 11:30 am (*In Person*) - Trustee Meeting
- **Sunday, December 10** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Finance Meeting
- **Thursday, December 12** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Saturday, December 14** at 2:00 pm - Christmas Caroling
- **Sunday, December 15** at 10:00 am - Christmas Program & Fellowship
- **Thursday, December 19** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Sunday, December 22** at 11:00 am (*In Person*) - United Women in Faith
- **Thursday, December 26** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Bible Study
- **Saturday, December 28** at 11:00 am (*In Person*) - United Methodist Men
- **Monday, December 30** at 7:00 pm (*Via Zoom*) - Unified Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS



 METROPOLITAN
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO
BIBLE STUDY

WITH PASTOR FAYE

THURSDAYS 7 PM VIA ZOOM

GENESIS to REVELATION

*A Comprehensive Verse-by-Verse
Exploration of the Bible*

***This Week's Lesson: Chapter 9
Jacob and Laban
(Genesis 28-31)***

***To connect using your smart phone, tablet or computer (video & audio)*
<https://zoom.us/j/97076134594> Meeting ID: 970 7613 4594**

***To connect using your telephone (audio only)*
(301) 715-8592 - Meeting ID: 970 7613 4594**

When asked for the Participant ID, enter #
Then press # again to enter the meeting.

To register



*Purchase book through Amazon or call Metropolitan on
(301) 375-9088 to get details about how to get the book.*



NOVEMBER
MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Dust Off Your Metro UMC Church Bank

Don't have one? See Sis. Diane Butler
SAVE YOUR LOOSE CHANGE FOR METROPOLITAN

Get a bank. Fill it up. Bring it back to church.
Get it back...and REPEAT





WEEKEND BACKPACK FOOD PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

STARTING IN OCTOBER

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

STOCKERS

PACKERS

DRIVERS

For more information, contact
Sis. Sheila Myers on (301) 326-0369 or see Sis. Nickki Harris

Youth Sunday School

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month (During Service)

GROUPS

Pre-K/First Grade

Elementary/Middle/High School



REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Ways to Give

Offering envelopes are available at Metropolitan.
If you would like the offering to be applied to a specific ministry or program, please make note of that on the envelope or check.



BY MAIL

Send your checks or money orders to Metropolitan UMC
3385 Metropolitan Church Road
Indian Head, Maryland 20640

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH



ONLINE

Give online using our Church Center App



Select Metropolitan United Methodist Church



IN PERSON

Give in person on Sundays or drop contributions off in black box at

Metropolitan Church

Sun: 9-11 am;

Mon-Wed: 9 am - 12 pm

Sat: 9 am - 11 am

METROPOLITAN UMC FOOD PANTRY GIVEAWAY



Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 am

**OPEN TO THE
COMMUNITY**

3385 Metropolitan Church Road, Indian Head, MD

Metropolitan UMC *Community Dinners*



OPEN TO ANYONE
WHO WANTS A MEAL

Join us for our
Community Dinners

EVERY WEDNESDAY
from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free to the Community!

GRAB AND GO!

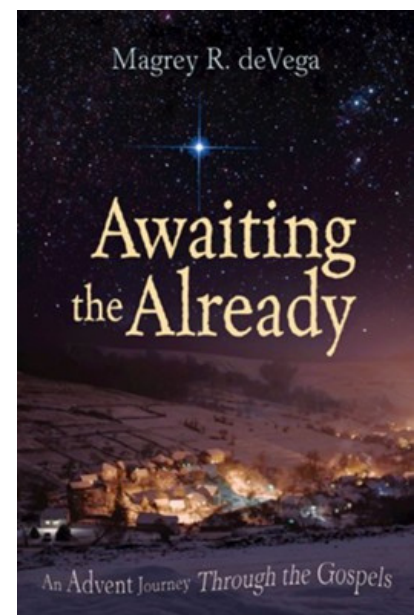
Bring a Friend!

Sponsorship opportunities available.
Please see Pastor Faye A. Johnson

Advent BIBLE STUDY

Awaiting the Already: An Advent
Journey Through the Gospels

- **December 12 - Chapters 1 & 2**
Mark: Slow Down, Pay Attention
Matthew: The World As It Is
- **December 19 - Chapters 3 & 4**
Luke: The Ultimate Advent Playlist
John: The Light in the Darkness
- **December 25 - Christmas**
Study on your own
Titus: Paul's Christmas Letter



The study guide
may be
purchased on
Amazon. Cost:
\$8.00

SERVICE TIMES

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays at 10:00 am

Join us for In-Person or Virtual Worship Services

Join us on Zoom

Connect using your smartphone, table or computer (video and audio)

Meeting ID: 961 1274 4083

Connect using your telephone (audio only)

Dial: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 961 1274 4083

When prompted for the Participant ID, enter #

Then press # again to enter meeting

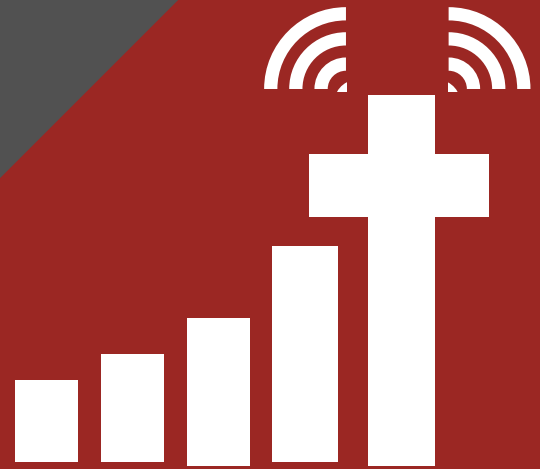
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BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

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