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Going It Alone as a Disciple

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

Romans 12:4-5

Do you tend to think of the church as a group of people dedicated to a special mission or purpose? If so, then you could call the church an institution. Do you think of the church as a body with different parts that helps others? You could call those parts members. The idea of being a member of an institution comes from the early understanding of the Christian church. Yet institutions and membership have become negative words today, even though they have positive definitions. We have come to be skeptical and distrust institutions in favor of rugged individualism.

I started watching a TV show called "Alone" on the History channel. This latest reality show is about people trying to survive alone in the wilderness for as long as possible. It is an extreme test for the rugged individual. The person who lasts the longest wins \$500,000. This past season the contestants were in Patagonia, and the winner was alone for 87 days. The show reveals the challenges of being alone, and one of the things contestants long for the most is not simply food, but family. They long to be able to interact and socialize with others, particularly the people they love. This simply reinforces the truth that we are created to be in community.

Too much individualism is not good for us. We are wired for connection with others. Studies on isolation show that prolonged periods without human interaction lead to mental instability. Even the monastics who practice longer periods of solitude tend to limit the number of days apart from others to about 30 days. I believe that too much time away from other Christians can cause spiritual instability and people start to believe some pretty quirky stuff when left to their own faith development.

Discipleship, or following Christ, happens best within a faith community, not only because we are wired for community, but because we sharpen each other in our faith. Our interactions and study of God's word together help us to be better disciples. The accountability of the Christian community encourages us to grow in our faith and not simply conform to a set of rules. Jesus always sent the disciples out with at least one other disciple. Yet, I see many

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Summer Sermon Series Each summer we focus the messages on Bible study. This summer we will be studying Paul's letters to the church during the first century. Paul had many things to say that comforted and challenged the church to follow Christ. We may learn that we have strayed from what it means to be the church today and also learn what it means to be the church for one another.

INVEST IN AMAZING

Diane Costello recently shared her family's story: *Last year our 13-year-old son wanted to seek out a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God, and that search ultimately led our entire family to Glen Mar Church in Ellicott City. I will never forget our first Sunday at Glen Mar. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. Within a couple months, our son was volunteering to play music in the Saturday evening service, and he happily joined the high school youth group in the fall. I joined a church-wide book study and the whole family felt inspired to serve in various volunteer opportunities. Glen Mar has grown our family's faith, and our son has found a place where he feels comfortable. We look forward to continuing our spiritual growth as a family, connecting with others, and serving alongside others at Glen Mar.*

Changing lives within and outside the church through Glen Mar is what the Invest in Amazing goals are about. It's about faithfulness and prayer for the resources to produce fruit in our church and neighborhood. It's about remembering all the people who have come before us in ministry bringing us to now. It's about having a facility in which to worship. It's about celebrating Easter and Christmas together in God's house at Glen Mar and invigorating 400 ministry involvement, spiritual

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disciples going it alone these days. This simply reveals that we have bought into the American cultural value of rugged individualism. We don't want to be accountable to an organization or group. Individualism is an American value and not a Christian value.

I grew up going to church off and on. I wandered away from the faith and decided to go it alone. Despite my frustrations with the church over the years I have grown more participating in it, rather than apart from it. I have grown in my ability to worship my creator. I have learned to focus my life less on self and more on others because of the community and in spite of that imperfect community. I have experienced God's grace most

in the Christian community. I have grown in my faith because of the others in the church who have fed me spiritually and physically. The church has never been a perfect harmonious community, but it has been better for my spiritual well-being than going it alone.

We not only learn discipleship from reading the Gospels and teachings of Jesus, we also learn from other present day disciples. I think of a Sunday school teacher who challenged me to rethink my faith. There was a youth pastor who took me to Christian concerts and helped me understand the relational aspect of God. There was the pastor who helped form my call to ministry. There are numerous people in small groups who have asked the hard

questions and made me wrestle. I have learned that little spiritual growth happens apart from Christian community.

Discipleship is not a solo activity. To be a member of the church is to commit oneself to discipleship. The church is the body of Christ, and we each have different roles to play that help each other be disciples. We are members of the body called the church and we are disciples attempting to follow Jesus whom we are representing today. Can you see how the church (institution) and discipleship (membership) are connected? We are a community of disciples and we need each other to grow.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Matt

Summer Youth Stuff *by Jen Rowell, Minister for Middle School Youth*

Mission trips, movies, mini-golf, and more. Don't take a vacation from Glen Mar this summer – there's too much to do!

The summer kicks off **with back-to-back youth mission trips to Hurley, VA** - youth and adults growing closer to God as they build friendships and repair homes. For high school seniors and college students, whose summer begins earlier, there's also a trip to West Virginia to help those recovering from last year's devastating floods. And there will be a brand new "trip" this summer – **Baltimore "Mission Camp"** in late July. Since everyone gets to sleep in his or her own bed, this series of day trips to various locations in Baltimore is open to middle school youth, too.

While the regular Sunday morning programs wrap up in June, July will bring a special version of ROOTED for rising 6th grade youth through collegians. Large group games and laughter, fellowship, and an interactive message – ROOTED meets at 9:30 a.m. in Youth Lounge.

Kick-n-Flick – just for rising 6th through 8th grade youth – offers a chance to make new friends through a variety of fun activities. There will, of course, be Kickball and movies, plus a pool party, several fun outings, and a mix of other games.

High school youth (rising 9th through 12th graders) and college-age young adults will continue the tradition of **Dinner and a Movie nights** – meeting at various homes for dinner together, a movie, and a discussion about the movie.

A summer highlight is **Vacation Bible School**, and youth are a huge part of VBS. Rising 6th and 7th graders get to take part in a special program just for them – VBX – an "extreme" (deeper and edgier) version of what the younger kids will be doing. Older youth practically run the rest of the show – up front on stage, back in the tech booth, supporting the stations, and one-on-one with the kids, youth work hand in hand with adults to make VBS fantastic.

The "dog days" of summer bring **August Family Church** with worship services

that are especially inclusive for all ages. Children, youth, and families are invited to take on new leadership roles, including a weekend of youth preaching. Each weekend explores a different way for young people to engage in worship.

A New Kind of Leader

Over the winter and spring, Glen Mar's youth leaders have been reading and discussing *A New Kind of Leader* by Reggie Joiner. We've been exploring ideas like why we do what we do, what our strategy is, and how our environment influences everything we do. Each month we get together and talk about a chapter (and in June we'll have a party!). Getting leaders from the Sunday morning programs together with youth group and small group leaders and having both middle and high school leaders in the same room have been invaluable for guiding the future of our youth ministry. And hopefully our leaders are feeling empowered to make an even greater difference in the lives of Glen Mar's young people.

Year-Round Service through Grassroots Partnership

Cold Weather Shelter Review

Glen Mar hosted the Cold Weather Shelter March 27 – April 3. Throughout the week we served 12 men, 6 women, and 6 children ages 2 through middle school.

The week could not have happened without the help of the over 100 volunteers from Glen Mar, including individuals, families, small groups, neighbors, the Glen Mar youth, Girl Scout troop, and Softball team. Youth set up the area for guests, elementary age children made a welcome banner, and older children made hygiene kits.

The guests were well fed three meals a day including delicious donated meals from Tino's Italian Bistro on Centre Park Drive in Columbia, and Chick-Fil-A on Executive Park Drive in Columbia. Entertain-



ment included Bingo from the Girl Scouts, haircuts donated by an employee of Hair Cuttery, Ping Pong thanks to the use of the Youth Group's table, DVD viewing, basketball, cards, and board games. One night a volunteer washed the guests' feet following the example of Jesus' act of

servanthood to his disciples. Our guests also took advantage of the opportunity to share their prayer requests, which were passed along to the Glen Mar prayer chain.

Each day people did the guests' laundry, provided morning and evening transportation, cleaned the living area, prepared and served food, and volunteered their time as hosts for the evening and overnight shifts. Facilities staff assisted with prepara-

tion, set-up, tear-down, trash removal, and help whenever needed. What an outpouring of love and support from Glen Mar! The guests were so appreciative. We thank Glen Mar and the business community for all of the support that was provided.

"Soup'r Sundae + Silent Auction made over \$37,500 for Grassroots

This year's event, held at Wilde Lake High School on April 2, was a big success! Glen Mar partnered with Bethany UMC to create the Silent Auction team that provided over 250 baskets/gift certificates for sale to those who attended "Soup'r Sundae." Thank you, Glen Mar, to all who contributed such creative, popular, and attractive baskets for the auction. Your donations helped us to raise this money for Grassroots, Howard County's only 24/7 homeless shelter and crisis center. Thank you!

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relationship-building and community-engaging ministries and connections per month. It's about being ready to support neighbors in grief after a tragedy or after losses from a sudden flood. It's about open minds and hearts of welcome for all who come to Glen Mar. And, it does take momentum-- in worship, in telling our story, in Christian relationships, in service, in spiritual growth and in generosity.

With prayer, the campaign leaders have set significant goals. A \$2.8 million goal for our capital effort will reduce the level of indebtedness for our facility and grounds. Achieving this target means expanding our faithfulness and trust in God's provision so that \$700,000 extra principal will be paid over the three-year period, saving 50 cents on each dollar and freeing funds for the future. For the operations of the facility, staff and ministry programs and activities, we are stretching up from \$1.6 to \$1.8 million in order to meet pressing technology, personnel and mission growth. Invest in Amazing is faithfully planting seeds for spiritual trees and fruit-bearing orchards that some of us will not see, yet God and people we care about in our families and our community will have a place in which to praise God, grow disciples and serve their world.



Mark your Calendars for May 22 and the 6th Annual Glen Mar Golf Classic.

Last year, Grassroots received 32,751 hotline calls, served over 270 clients in its shelter/motel program, and served 831 clients at the Day Resource Center. Its mission is to help those in need, and Glen Mar UMC is a big supporter of Grassroots' mission. A great way to support Grassroots is to register for the Glen Mar Golf Classic #6 on May 22 with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. It is guaranteed to be a great day and all proceeds go to Grassroots. As a special bonus, George and Sally Dohner will cater the event once again. Not a golfer? Consider becoming a sponsor for as low as \$250 (hole sponsorship). Need more information? Go to www.glenmargolfclassic.com or check out the Glen Mar website, www.glenmarumc.org.

DANCING NEEDLES' MEMBERS BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE *By Connie Ballenger*

At Dancing Needles' meetings, hands fly, needles click, and conversations flow. "It's nice to get together and chat," said Lois Hildebrand, who leads the Glen Mar group.

The items that the group knits or crochets provide tangible ways to show caring to people across the globe.

Shawls made by Dancing Needles' members are given to individuals who are convalescing from illness or surgery. Their blankets provide warmth to newborns and their caps cover the heads of neo-natal infants. The crafters' scarves and hats have been shipped overseas to show support to first responders and military families through Operation Gratitude.

No item leaves a member's loving hands without the group praying over it. The item is then placed in a gift bag with a card to tell its recipient where the gift came from and that it has been prayed over. Finished items sit in a church closet to await their destinations.

"Knowing that the shawl has been prayed for and then having the shawl cover an individual is very uplifting and encouraging," said Minister for Congregational Care Marti Windram, who is the group's staff contact person and delivers many of its creations.

Ron Stevens received a shawl after falling down steps and fracturing two pelvic bones in January. "I felt God's love through those people doing something special," he said. "It gave me a positive feeling and helped my recovery."

"We felt so welcomed and taken care of," said Diana Heinz, referring to the two

hand-made baby items her family received from Dancing Needles and the homemade meal a church member (who was not affiliated with Dancing Needles) brought her following the birth of her twins, four years ago. These kindhearted gestures sparked an idea that evolved into a spinoff ministry at Glen Mar. Shortly after receiving these unsolicited gifts, Diana started Stork Bites, a group that prepares and delivers meals to families who have new babies.

In January, Dancing Needles' members extended their already long reach into the world in a new way - they taught children how to knit at Glen Mar's Day of Service. In addition to possibly adding to the ranks of those who knit, that project produced numerous hats and scarves that were delivered to Ames Memorial United Methodist Church in Baltimore to give to the homeless.



Dancing Needles formed about 2008 at the suggestion of Ruth Bell. Ruth, then the staff person in charge of Glen Mar's Caring Ministries, said that Faith Community Nurses (nurses who focus on the care of the spirit like Ruth did) have a long history of starting knitting and crocheting groups. "This activity reminds people who receive the prayer shawls that they are part of a community that loves, cares, and prays for them," said Ruth.

When Ruth retired from Glen Mar in 2010, Dancing Needles sent more than warm thoughts her way. Each group member knitted a piece that was sewed

into a blanket in appreciation of Ruth's service.

Dancing Needles now has 13 members. They are Linda Burgard, Pat Crandall, Julie Cupp, Lois Hildebrand, Myra Hilterbrick, Linda Hunt, Karen Lloyd, June McCormick, Maria Misak, Jeannie Odermatt, Cheryl Post, Barbara Robb, and Debby Sire. The group meets at Glen Mar every other Thursday, but some members work exclusively from home.

One hundred forty of the group's shawls and baby blankets have been distributed, according to Marti. No tally is kept of the number of Dancing Needles' scarves and hats that have been circulated.

It's unusual for someone to work on a project designed for a specific recipient, and in many instances, Dancing Needles' members don't know where their crafted pieces wind up.

The group offers intangible benefits to its members. "It inspires me to try something different," noted Maria Misak. Maria stated that she loves to knit but admits she "only needs so many blankets" for herself.

"This group encourages you. If you get 30% to 40% through a project and get bored, you have to finish or you'll get teased to death," said Linda Hunt. Joking aside, "I always feel better when I leave here," avowed Linda.

Dancing Needles offers their finished projects to anyone in need, regardless of their church affiliation. Contact Lois at 410-465-0756 if interested in delivering their handcrafted items.

The group welcomes new members, and will teach them to knit or crochet if necessary.

Dancing Needles' members provide their own yarn and other materials, but if anyone wants to make a contribution, contact Lois.

The Heart of Caring Ministries

By Marti Windram, Minister for Congregational Care

When you receive a visit during a hospitalization or a stint in rehab; when you marvel at the texture and workmanship of a handmade prayer shawl or baby blanket; when a smiling church family member delivers a home-cooked meal or a hot pizza; when you receive a card, an email, or a phone call celebrating a joy, expressing get well wishes, or offering words of comfort; when you find the altar flowers, a poinsettia, or an Easter flower on your doorstep; or when you feel the comfort of being lifted up in the prayers of many, this is the work of those who have felt called to be Caring Ministers.



As the Minister for Congregational Care at Glen Mar, in partnership with three dedicated and compassionate pastors, we are grateful for those who have stepped forward to be the hands and feet of Caring Ministries. Those who participated in Caring Ministry training in February, 2017, are Rod Angle, Carolyn Danaher, Jesudoss Jeyachandran, Allison Laszczynski, Mary Maxey, Grace Omenyi, Tamera Sheil, Liz and TJ Sprankle, and DC Veale. They were commissioned at the 9:30 service on Sunday, April 30. I look forward to seeing how God will use them as they care for us!

My Transformation Story *By Delaney Tacka*

My name is Delaney Tacka and the mission program at Glen Mar UMC has fundamentally changed my life.

My faith journey began four years ago, when I was in seventh grade and my family began attending Glen Mar Church. After a year of attending the church I decided to sing at one of Glen Mar's coffeeshouses and it was there I met some people from the eleven o'clock Worship Band who encouraged me to join them. Two years later that band had become my church family. Granted at that point most of the members of the band had children who were older than me, but they were my family all the same.

At this point in my faith life I was lost. After a difficult freshman year in high school, I had almost completely turned from God. That's when Al Hannagan told me that some last minute spots had opened up on the Hurley mission trip and he wanted to know if I was

interested. I had heard great stories about past trips, so I wanted to go. Two weeks later my mom and I were in a van headed to Hurley. Right away I began to meet people and I realized these Glen Mar folks I had been too afraid to talk to were not half bad!

My life changed after just a few days at Hurley. The whole trip I had been on the lookout for a breathtaking "God moment" that would really change me, but I had been looking in all the wrong places. On the third night, I got on stage to sing. When singing at the 11:00 a.m. service at Glen Mar, I would look out to find my family. But this night, I looked out and saw the smiling faces of all the friends I had made the past couple of days and I realized that through this trip, God had given me the youth church family I had always wanted. At the end of the service the pastor asked for anyone who had not asked Christ to fully be

the ruler of his or her life to come forward and I did. Maybe God was waiting for that last piece of the puzzle to come together or maybe He just wanted me to humble myself enough to realize how much I needed him, but that night I accepted Christ as number one in my life.

When I came home from the trip I immediately joined a class to become a member of the church. My singing at Glen Mar and my connection to the people there had completely changed. By the time the opportunity arose for me to return to Hurley the next year I had been offered a part-time position at the church as the contemporary worship intern. One mission trip changed my life forever and I would not be the person I am today without it. I encourage anyone, if you are able, to go on a mission trip with Glen Mar and let God change you by using you in the building of his kingdom.

Jesus' Last Words Stirred Deep Emotions at Good Friday Service by Connie Ballenger

Against a backdrop of a drab brown cross holding a garland of thorns and with dim lights and performers dressed in black setting a solemn mood, Glen Mar presented Theodore Dubois' "Seven Last Words of Christ" in the Spirit Center on Good Friday, April 14.

This service was staged by 60 choir members (alternately sitting and standing on risers), three soloists, three instrumentalists, two liturgists, and two Roman soldiers under the leadership of Glen Mar's Music Director Sophie Hong. Five hundred people heard the 45-minute drama of Jesus being mocked, beaten, and murdered on the cross.

"The Seven Last Words of Christ" were actually seven phrases that Jesus spoke at his crucifixion. They were taken from the four Gospels. The words were printed in the service bulletin, read orally, and performed musically to heighten the emotional impact of the service.

A variety of sounds were employed to help the audience feel the gravity of the message – nails being hammered

into the cross, choir members repeatedly chanting the words "guilty" and "kill him," and the timpani and organ reverberating like an earthquake while lights flickered intensely.

Tenor David Artz, baritone Jason Buckwalter and opera singer Jennifer Dunn performed several solo and duet parts flawlessly. All three have performed in numerous musical companies.

International prize-winning harpist Jasmine Hogan and accomplished organist Yeri Jang excelled at their instruments. Glen Mar's Contemporary Music Director Robby Burns, who has performed in many musical settings including the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, played timpani.

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Doretta Boazzo,

Though virtually all audience members agreed the music was exquisite, they departed in silence. The music was a means to an end, not an end in itself. The desired end was understanding the significance of Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross that paid the price for all human sin and gave all who believe in Him eternal life.

Sophie pointed out the purpose of this service, "I want people to know that Jesus loves them. He loves each one of us so much He gave His life for us."

"I could tell from rehearsals that this piece was emotional and moving," said Tim Vawter. Though Tim was a guitarist and lead singer for a band in his early 20s, he had never sung in a choir before preparing for Dubois's cantata. Despite the complexity of the seven-movement piece, Tim described the experience of performing it as "awesome."

As audience member Doretta Boazzo was leaving after the service, she commented, "I felt tears burning in my eyes... It allowed me to envelope the spirit of Holy Week and realize we are all part of a human family but also a holy family as children of God."

"The choir was perfect and the soloists were phenomenal," stated audience member Spencer Klevenow, a retired instrumental music teacher from Montgomery County Public Schools. "This is the most spiritual I can be – when I listen to music of this caliber performed this well."



The cross on the hill inspires and sets the stage for worship pilgrimage, rainbows, sunrises, and moonlight.

Photos submitted by
Rainbow - Ellen Hughes
Moonlight - Don Burgard
Sunrise - Bob Henry



Maunder Thursday, worshippers wrote down their sins (in chalk) on pieces of slate; processed to the cross and laid them at the base. Two days later it rained, washing the chalk away.

Photo shared by Shirley Matlock





Mark your Calendars!

“Invest in Amazing”

May 20/21 Commitment Weekend Join us for an exciting weekend of worship as we make our commitments to Invest in Amazing.

June 10/11 Celebration Weekend Gather with us as we praise and worship God on this special weekend of Celebration! We will receive our “first fruits” offering for the three-year giving period.

Confirmation Service – Sunday, June 4, 4:00 p.m.

The 40 members of this year’s confirmation class have been working hard all year learning about the United Methodist faith and their own personal faith. They’ve experienced Christian community, taken part in worship, and served the church, the community, and the world in various ways. In the next few weeks they will be making the decision to join the church as full members, and you are invited to join them at a special confirmation service.

You Are Invited to Attend Relay For Life

Glen Mar’s Angels for a Cure team will participate in Relay For Life of Howard County on June 10 and 11, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds, 2210 Fairgrounds Road, West Friendship. The public is invited to this free event.

Relay is an annual event to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for the American Cancer Society. Thousands of Relay For Life events are held throughout the world each year. The event has raised nearly \$5 billion to fight cancer.

One of the most moving and beautiful activities at Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony held at dusk. Candles are lit inside of personalized bags and are placed around the Relay track as glowing tributes to those who have been affected by cancer.

If you are a cancer survivor, you and one guest are invited to the free Survivor Reception with a catered dinner before the Relay. Please register as a survivor online http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17SA?pg=entry&fr_id=83099 You will be asked to give your T-Shirt size. No RSVP is necessary to attend the Relay.

To join the Angels for a Cure team or donate, call Connie Ballenger at 410-796-0290.

Vacation Bible School - Maker Fun Factory

“Created by GOD built for a Purpose”

Session I: July 10-14 9-noon, Session II: July 17-21, 9-noon

Participants include children entering kindergarten through kids entering 7th grade the fall of 2017.

There are still some kindergarten and 6th and 7th grade openings.

Teen helpers need to be entering 8th grade the fall of 2017. All teen helpers must participate in the interview process.

Childcare for parent volunteers will be available during VBS (9-noon) for children too young to enter the VBS program.

Extended VBS is offered from noon-4:00 (replacing Camp Glen Mar) **Cost for VBS only** is \$25 per child or \$50 per family. (9-noon)

Cost for VBS with Extended VBS is \$165 total per child - 9:00 - a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Check the web site for more information or contact Margaret Lang,

[410-465-4995, x204 Margaret.Lang@glenmarumc.org](mailto:410-465-4995_x204_Margaret.Lang@glenmarumc.org).

Make Beautiful Music Part of Your Summer

Glen Mar will offer two free high-quality concerts at the church this summer. The public is invited. Glen Mar Music Director Dr. Sophie Hong will direct both concerts.

The first event will be held on Sunday, July 23 at 3 p.m. and will feature instrumental music. The second concert will take place on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. Opera singers will perform. Refreshments will be served during intermission at both concerts. Child care for preschool children will be provided.

These events are part of the Glen Mar Summer Concert Series to offer free concerts to people in Central Maryland and beyond. They will feature nationally and internationally known artists performing a variety of music.

Last year, 350 people attended Glen Mar’s first free summer concert on July 28 where Youngso An, Dr. Ahreum Kim, and Dr. Sophie Hong’s performances showed that classical music is not boring.

If anyone is interested in sponsoring this summer’s concerts, please contact Dr. Hong at Sophie.Hong@glenmarumc.org or 410-465-4995 ext. 209. Sponsorship benefits include publicity on the event webpage, public recognition at the events, and an advertisement in the programs.

Summer Sunday School

9:30 & 11:00 Preschool/kindergarten programs run all summer.

9:30 & 11:00 Elementary programs run through July.

Family Church takes place during the month of August.

Bring a Penny for PENNY

Meet Penny, our new KID MIN offering plate.

She’s loads of fun and helps us teach our 1st-5th graders all about the HABIT of giving. You guessed it, she’s a Shop Vac, with a lot of fun feathers wrapped around her. Penny is in

action every Sunday morning during both 9:30 Pathfinders and 11:00 Kids’ Worship.



Habitat for Humanity Update

by Adrienne Taylor

The faithful & hearty Habitat for Humanity crew worked through the winter months on McCabe Avenue in Baltimore, and is enjoying the milder weather. The crew has done framing in a few homes and installed porch railings and trim on a home. Several homes on McCabe are now refurbished, owned and occupied by partner families. Several homes are under construction, with a few more damaged homes stabilized while Habitat decides whether to try to save and restore them or demolish them. We are about half way through the McCabe project. The value of the homes on the block have increased dramatically. Join our crew when we work on the second Saturday of the month.

Contact Adrienne Taylor to sign up. If construction isn't your gift, there are many volunteer opportunities through Habitat of the Chesapeake. You can also donate to or shop at the 5 area Restores that raise funds for building.



Messenger Schedule

The schedule for The Messenger through Fall 2017 is listed below, along with due dates for submissions. We strive to be forward looking, to allow readers to involve themselves in ministry, but also to include a summary or highlights of recent, relevant events. Each edition will have an area of focus, but ministry announcements from the congregation are welcome at any time. Announcements are best, but if an article is submitted, please honor space limitations of 500 words (1/2 page). Longer articles may be edited or returned to be shortened. Photos are encouraged! Please provide a caption or description. Please make every effort to honor the dates listed, as time is needed for assembly, layout, editing, and proofreading. Thanks for all your input!

August/September/October - Deadline is July 28

E-mail submissions to Laura Dreibelbis,

laura.dreibelbis@glenmarumc.org or leave a copy in her mailbox. Call or e-mail with any questions or ideas!

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