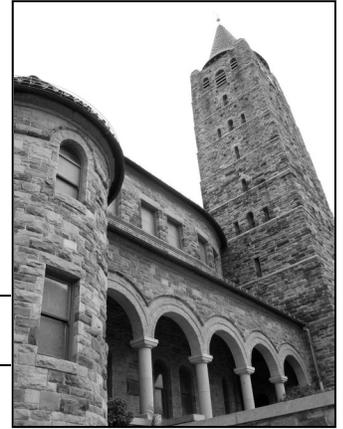


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OPEN HEARTS

GLEANINGS FOR SUMMER REFLECTION

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For most of his life Albert Einstein had the portraits of two scientists, Newton and Marshall, hanging on his wall as role models to inspire him. Toward the end of his life, however, he took them down and replaced them with portraits of Albert Schweitzer and Mahatma Gandhi. He needed new role models, he said - not of success, but of humble service. *Philip Yancey*

I cannot fail to be thrilled every time I read the things that Jesus said, and I am more and more convinced of the necessity of following him. What Jesus means to me is this: In him we are able to see God and to understand God's feelings toward us. *Charles Schulz*

All the church has ever needed to rise from the dead is memory, bread, wine and the Holy Spirit - that, and care for the world that is at least equal to her care for her own preservation. *Barbara Brown Taylor*

Gretchen Alexander is sightless, but she refuses to allow her blindness to limit her life activities. She enjoys archery, golf, softball, sailing and water-skiing, as well as a number of other activities that those of us who are sighted have yet to learn. She speaks to groups about living life fully. When speaking to a group of high school students, she was asked if there was anything she wouldn't try. "I've decided to never skydive," she answered. "It would scare the heck out of my dog."

The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning. *Ivy Baker Priest*

There is the hidden presence of others in us, even those we have known briefly. We contain them for the rest of our lives, at every border we cross. *Michael Ondaatje*

The work of salvation, in its full sense, is (1) about whole human beings, not merely souls; (2) about the present, not simply the future; and (3) about what God does through us, not merely what God does in and for us. *N T Wright*

We are not saints, we are not heroes. Our lives are lived in the quiet corners of the ordinary. We build tiny hearth fires, sometimes barely strong enough to give off warmth.

But to the person lost in the darkness, our tiny flame may be the road to safety, the path to salvation.

At the end, if we are brave enough to love, if we are strong enough to forgive, if we are generous enough to rejoice in another's happiness, and if we are wise enough to know that there is enough love to go around for us all, then we can achieve a fulfillment that no other living creature will ever know. We can re-enter Paradise.

Harold S Kushner

A person will worship something...therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we are worshipping, we are becoming. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



OPEN DOORS

RESTORATION GIFTS	LECTIONARY READINGS		
<p><u>IN HONOR OF</u> Dolores Shaw <i>Georgann Nedwell & Kate Maskarinec</i></p> <p><u>IN MEMORY OF</u> Beatrice Heard Badders <i>Georgann and Nancy Nedwell</i> The Rt Rev Robert C Harvey <i>Joanna and Donald Kann</i> Estelle Kennedy Hutchins Tulloss <i>Estelle K Tulloss Wagner</i> <i>J Carroll Tulloss</i> Helen Clare Tulloss Pratt <i>J Carroll Tulloss</i> Helen Grafflin Tulloss <i>J Carroll Tulloss</i> William Brice Tulloss <i>J Carroll Tulloss</i></p>	<p>July 6 <i>4th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 24:34-67 Psalm 45 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-30</p>	<p>July 27 <i>7th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-52</p>	<p>August 17 <i>10th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:29-32 Matthew 15:10-28</p>
	<p>July 13 <i>5th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-23</p>	<p>August 3 <i>8th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21</p>	<p>August 24 <i>11th after Pentecost</i> Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20</p>
	<p>July 20 <i>6th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-43</p>	<p>August 10 <i>9th after Pentecost</i> Genesis 37:1-28 Psalm 105 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33</p>	<p>August 31 <i>12th after Pentecost</i> Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28</p>

CONGREGATION UPDATES	Greeters	Guides
 <p>With a deep sense of loss, we offer sympathy to the family and the wide circle of friends of Bea Badders. Bea died on June 17th after a brief illness. We will celebrate her life and faith at a memorial service at Lovely Lane on July 9 at 10am.</p>	<p>July 6 Carol Curtis and John Hutchinson July 13 Aimee and Ken Delaney July 20 Linda Webb and Diane Macklin July 27 Carrie Harnick Aug 3 Angie and Dennis Ferguson Aug 10 Susan Preston and Craig Smith Aug 17 Abedoh/Enos Family Aug 24 Nancy and Emora Brannan Aug 31 Marisa and Johnny Olszewski</p>	<p>July 6 Craig Smith July 13 Sefi Abedoh July 20 John Strawbridge July 27 Lenore Baier Aug 3 Mike Rouse Aug 10 Diane Macklin Aug 17 Linda Webb Aug 24 Carol Curtis Aug 31 Eleanor Packard</p>

LOVELY LANE ADULT STUDY SERIES

METHODIST EDUCATION: A LEGACY OF LEARNING

Faith, religion, and education are foundations for the Methodist movement and cornerstones for the United Methodist Church. Dr. Emora Brannan, Conference historian, will lead two evenings of fellowship concerning the formation of educational institutions and their contemporary outgrowths.

Date: Wednesdays, July 16 and 23
Time: 6:30 PM Mingle and Munch (light refreshments served)
7-8:30 PM Discourse and Discussion
8:30-9 PM Sweet Treat

Location: Lovely Lane Museum at 2200 Saint Paul St.
Entrance is on 22nd Street

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Come celebrate the 90th birthday of Dolores Shaw on July 13th. The day will begin with our regular worship service in the sanctuary at 10 AM (summer schedule). We will move to Lovely Lane hall for food and fellowship at 11 AM.

Dolores has requested no gifts. If you would like to make a donation in her honor, the Lovely Lane Restoration Fund and the UM Historical Society are important areas of concern to her.

Cards sent to the church will be given to her on that day.



OPEN MINDS

From the Lay Leader...

Summertime is here at last! Summer is synonymous with vacation, time off and taking things easy. It is the time to relax and do nothing.

I can't imagine anything worse.

I've never been good with "downtime." I live by my "to do" lists, and seldom know what it's like to have a day with nothing planned.

I recently had a conversation with someone who has a friend that is "such a good Christian that she doesn't worry about anything." The person I was speaking with greatly admired this friend and wished he could more like her. I, on the other hand, took issue with this. "Christ wants us to live without *fear*," I argued, "but there is a lot that he wants us to *worry* about."

Without care, without worry, important things would not get done. We are meant to worry about homelessness and hunger. We're meant to worry about crime and injustice. We're meant to worry about mission and ministry.

In the epic story of *Ulysses*, there is the tale of the care-free Lotus Eaters. This is a society of people who live on an idyllic island and eat nothing but the abundant fruit of the Lotus tree. At first, this seems like a paradise, and might mistakenly be taken as a metaphor for Christians about the abundant love of God. But Captain Ulysses quickly realizes a dreadful danger; for the Lotus Eaters do no good, go nowhere, and accomplish nothing. As his crew fall under the spell of the Lotus fruit, he realizes they may never leave the island and never return home to their families. They will be forgotten, and they will cease to matter.

God has given us a great gift in our ability to care. Caring is the root of dreaming, of planning and loving. All human achievement, science and art are the products of people

who thought they could make things better.

In fairness, it would be easy to overstate this idea, and to develop a Victorian moral self-righteousness about the "sin of idleness." God is said to have rested on the Seventh Day. There is nothing wrong with a well-earned rest. It is no sin to sleep or to enjoy some recreation. But be mindful that "recreation" means "re-creation"... a process of re-creating our spirits and our energies.

After all, we are made in God's image, and God is the Creator. We are each made to be a creator – a doer.

And so we thank God for giving us work to do; meaningful work... fruitful work... selfless work. In our church missions and in our everyday personal ministries, we are grateful that we have work that matters enough to be worth worrying about.

At Lovely Lane, the gift of work takes many forms; we are engaged with Manna House, strengthening our commitment to the Board of Child Care, and creating a new relationship with Phoenix Rising Assisted Living. We are raising money to fight malaria and to provide relief through UMCOR. We are working to provide avenues for education for youth and adults. We serve as stewards and guides for our denominational history and heritage. And, of course, every week and every day we open our doors to all to worship and to service in Christ's name. To touch the lives and souls of all who seek for more meaning than passing their days eating the Lotus fruit.

Wherever we find ourselves this summer, we will find people who need an encouraging word, a sympathetic ear or a witness to grace. Once a month we have a "work day" at our building or at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. But for us, the people of Christ, every day is a work day.

Peace,
John Strawbridge, LAY LEADER

LOVELY LANE VISITS BARRATT'S CHAPEL

On Saturday, August 23rd, we will make a visit to Barratt's Chapel – the place where Thomas Coke met Francis Asbury and made plans to hold the Christmas Conference at the Lovely Lane Meeting House. Barratt's Chapel is near Dover, DE. We are planning to charter a bus to transport us. The drive is not quite two hours each way, and we will plan to have lunch along the way.

Plans depend greatly on how many people go. If you would like to be a part of this special trip, please look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or sign up via email to the church office or to John Strawbridge.



MANNA HOUSE

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The Drop-In-Center provides services starting with the morning meal from 8:30 - 10:15 AM every day and continues until 4 PM (Mon - Fri). Services include access to a phone, a chance to request clothes, time to take a warm shower, food vouchers to a local food pantry and assistance with applications for birth certificates or ID's.

Your support makes a difference!

OUR MISSION

July-August 2014

To celebrate the vision of God's Good News in Jesus Christ in liturgy, learning, and life, through the revitalization of our congregation, the restoration of our building, and the strengthening of our traditions, while recognizing our unique presence and mission in Baltimore City.

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CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Worship and Sunday School

Adult Sunday School Class **9 AM** Worship **10 AM**

Fellowship Hour/Guided Tour

Sundays **11 AM** (following worship)

Baltimore Folk Music Society

Wednesdays **8 PM** (weekly dances in Lovely Lane hall)

BLS Martial Arts

Saturdays **8 AM**

Tuesday, July 1 - 5

Community UMC (Crofton), mission retreat

Thursday, July 4

Holiday, church office closed



Wednesday, July 9

Memorial Service for Beatrice Badders, Sanctuary, 10 AM

Sunday July 13

Dolores Shaw Birthday Party, Lovely Lane hall, 11 AM

Monday July 14 - Sunday, July 20

St. Joseph Prep School retreat

Wednesdays, July 16, 23

Classes by Dr. Brannan in the museum, 7-8:30 PM

Tuesday, July 22

Lovely Lane Board of Trustees mtg, library, 7:30 PM

Monday, July 28

Old Goucher Community Assn., 7 PM

Saturday, August 2

Church-wide work day, 9 AM



Monday, August 25

Old Goucher Community Assn., 7 PM

Monday, September 1

Holiday, church office closed

Sunday, July 6 - Sunday, August 31

Summer Sunday schedule

Adult Sunday School Class **9 AM**

Worship **10 AM**

Lemonade on the portico **11 AM**

Guided tour **11 AM**

