



Lovely Lane United Methodist Church

MOTHER CHURCH OF
AMERICAN METHODISM



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

“Light Shining in the Overwhelming Darkness”

In whatever way the darkness shows itself in our lives, Christ has come to be a light for us. Wherever there is darkness in our family, in our friendships, in our community, Christ has come to shed light on all those areas of our lives to restore peace and harmony and joy. Wherever there is darkness in our nation or in the world at large, Christ has commanded us to let our light shine before all, to use whatever means we have at our disposal to relieve the suffering of others and drive out the darkness that shrouds the lives of so many. We are to let the light of Christ shine through us so that the darkness of despair and hopelessness might be dispelled.

Darkness has filled the lives of so many, but it is now our job as those who have the light of Christ in our lives to let that light shine into the darkness to give hope, encouragement, the means to avoid sickness and more deaths. Jesus says to us, *“You are light for the whole world. ... No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people (Matt 5:14-16).”*

During a severe outbreak of influenza that had claimed the lives of many people, all public gathering places in one town were ordered closed in order to stem the spread of the disease. This included churches. Yet more than ever, it was then that people needed hope and consolation.

Burdened by his inability to reach out to people in their time of need, one resourceful pastor thought of his church’s magnificent stained glass windows. Those windows faced a main street and many people passed by the church everyday.

The pastor had numerous floodlights placed inside the church; the light shining through the glass to the outside world gave passers-by the full effect of the windows’ story. There for all to see were the timeless portrayals of Jesus:

Jesus the good shepherd carrying a lamb;

Jesus the searching Savior rescuing the lone lost sheep while the ninety-nine rested safely in the fold;

Jesus praying in Gethsemane;

Jesus on the cross;

Jesus risen from the dead.

These windows were silent sermons of light and stained glass.

People who passed by the church would stop reverently, silently. They found themselves filled with new determination and encouragement. In the darkness that filled their lives the light streaming from those windows the words of Isaiah took on new meaning, *“Your days of grief will come to an end. I, the Lord, will be your eternal light, more lasting than the sun and moon. (Isaiah 60:20).”*

When the wisemen bowed before Jesus they realized that the brilliance of the star they had followed was nothing compared to the light that God has sent at Christmas. Jesus is the one who will meet you in your deepest darkness, whatever that darkness is for you. His love never changes. In his light, we find the strength to carry on.

In his light, the darkness around us and in the lives of others is replaced with hope, love, and forgiveness.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Debbie Scott

DOROTHY KRUG MATCHING CHALLENGE

We, members and friends of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church, have successfully met the Dorothy Krug Challenge. And, the clock is still ticking to receive even more donations as we go to print!

As stated in our acknowledgement letter to donors over these last 14 months, we have collectively shared Dorothy Krug's vision and thank her for her inspiration to believe in the future of our church.

"In November 2017 life-long congregational member, Dorothy B. Krug, pledged a gift of \$100,000 to match new funds raised for the church building by December 31, 2018. She has as a goal to enhance monies dedicated to church restoration, renovation and maintenance. She envisions such restricted funds will be used to prevent disrepair and to upgrade building conditions to open the church's doors to greater use by congregational members—and the local, national and international community—to host activities consistent with the United Methodist denominational spirit."

It is that spirit—that hope—that took us over the finish line in early December with most of the month still remaining to collect even more funds. We are zeroing in on the \$110,000+ level raised to meet her challenge. You truly inspired us, Dorothy!!



CURRENT TOTAL: \$106,849 as of December 16, 2018



DOROTHY KRUG MATCHING CHALLENGE

LISTS: New donations have been received by the following individuals/organizations since publication of the December 2018 Tower. A full listing of ALL donors since November 2017-to-Date is available from the Church Office.

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THANK YOU!

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SOME CURRENT EVENTS



From the Lay Leader...

When a self-appointed Christian missionary was killed on North Sentinel Island in November, it raised some hard questions for Christians. Although he was following the Biblical importuning to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” [Matthew 28:19] he was also violating national law, exposing the indigenous peoples to disease, and risking the lives of potential rescuers. Was he doing God’s work, or his own?

I don’t know that our current age is all that different from times past. But unique or not, these are times in which people of faith, and Christians especially, are facing some questions. Hard Questions.

Among my friends who are agnostic or atheistic, one of the prime complaints about Christians is “they think they have all the answers.” But from abuse scandals in the Catholic Church to the potential schism over inclusiveness in the United Methodist church, to the fact this has become known as the “Post-Christian” era... Christians are clearly at a loss for answers.

John Wesley believed that Christians (and his Methodist followers especially) needed only the Bible for answers. He called himself a “man of one book.” Yet history has shown that the “One Book” can be read and interpreted in different - and at times equally compelling - ways to support varying and even contradictory conclusions.

But the Bible actually addresses the issue of Hard Questions and Contradictory Answers head on. Because trying times like these are not new. And Jesus himself was put to the test over Hard Questions and contradictions.

When they became afraid of Jesus’s growing influence, the church leaders and elders asked Christ questions that they hoped would catch him up in contradiction to church law. The examples are too many to quote here but they are familiar, and in each case Jesus turned the question on his inquisitors and showed how they did not understand their own questions.

And it is the questions that are the key. Jesus, in his own most basic teaching, did not teach facts and law. He taught in Parables. And the Parables typically were built around a question. “Who was the man’s neighbor?” “Don’t you leave the ninety-nine sheep to look for the one that is lost?” “Do you hide a lamp under a bowl?”

The New Testament as a whole is a conversion of faith. It takes us from the easy carved-in-stone rules of the Ten Commandments and other law, and teaches us a new approach to spirituality based on asking questions. In the age of Christ, God has given us context – love God and Love one another – and instructed us to continuously ask how we apply that context to our daily living and belief.

Wesley realized this. His Holy Club (the seed of Methodism) developed a list of 22 questions that every member was supposed to ask every day. “Did the Bible live in me today?” “Am I proud?” “Is Christ real to me?” His conferences and class meetings were structured as questions: “How shall we appoint our preachers?” “How is it with your soul?”

And so our task as present-day Methodists and Christians is to reject the simplistic impulse to reply on answers, and to embrace the questions. We must receive the Hard Questions. Admitting our mistakes and guilt where we should, and allowing for new and bigger understanding where we are able. We should not wait for others to challenge our faith, but should be challenging ourselves daily, just as Christ challenged us.

New Years is traditionally known as a time when we make resolutions; statements about what we will do to improve ourselves. But in pre-determining our answers, we either limit how far we will go, or set ourselves up for failure if we don’t go far enough. As we in the church face the new calendar year, wouldn’t we do better to begin by opening ourselves to the possibility of unanswered questions?

Peace,
John Strawbridge,
LAY LEADER



Our Christmas Altar

We thank our members and friends for placing poinsettias on the Lovely Lane Altar, remembering the birth of the Blessed Babe of Bethlehem, and the birth of American Methodism, at the Lovely Lane Meeting House Christmas 1784.



By Sefi Abedoh:

In memory of her parents, Meriyamoh & Momoh Abedoh

By Dan & Sasha Bailey:

In honor of Leroy Bailey and Paul Cassarino

In memory of Deborah Bailey, Marilyn Bailey and Phylis Cassarino

By Helen Boore:

In memory of Mrs. Janice C. Boore and Dr. Burwell F. Powell

By Emora & Nancy Brannan:

In honor of their Children & Grandchildren

In memory of their Parents

By Henry & Linda Chen:

In honor of Emora & Nancy Brannan, Nancy Nedwell, and Dee Shaw

In memory of Beth Glasgow, Adele Daly, Bob Shaw and Dick Wilson

By Susan Denny Conner & Family:

In memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. C. Sherman Denny, Jr., grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. C. Sherman Denny, Sr., and grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Rigby McDorman

By Gladys Cunningham:

In honor of her beloved parents, George & Gladys Morrison

In memory of her dear friend, Ann Watters

By Carol Curtis:

In honor of Neill Curtis and Ivan Reyes

In memory of Danny Curtis

By Cathy Dryden:

In memory of Hattie Farmer Dryden, Thomas Elliott Dryden, and Frank Patterson Dunnington

By Betsy Fisk:

In honor of my Fabulous Family

In memory of my husband, George Fisk

By Laura Gamble:

In honor of Morris L. Gamble

In memory of Louise A. Gamble

By Marian Munn Griffin:

In memory of Albert & Frances Munn, Dalton Munn, Albert Munn, Jr., Daisy Munn Trobaugh & Mike Griffin

By Etzie S. Heyl:

In memory of the Holmes Sisters: Ethel Holmes Matthews, Martha Holmes Tracey, & Edna Holmes Brown

By David & Judy Hughes:

In memory of Raymond L. & Esther M. Hughes and John L. Hughes

By Debbie E. Jackson:

In memory of David B. Turner

By Joanna B. & Donald R. Kann:

**In honor of Dolores Shaw, Emora & Nancy Brannan, Rev. Debbie Scott, Rev. Nancy Nedwell, and all
Our Friends at Lovely Lane**

In memory of Dr. Frederick & Joan M. Barkalow

By William Kilmon:

**In memory of Eleanor H. Kilmon, Nadine M. Kilmon, Eleanor K. Doerr, Linton E. Kilmon, Sr. and
Linton E. Kilmon, Jr.**

By Mr. & Mrs. Richard T. Kircher:

In memory of Mary R. Eliason Kircher, Henry C. Eliason & Katherine R. Eliason

By Dorothy Krug:

Merry Christmas to all!

By Jackie Noller:

In honor of Dorothy Krug

In memory of her parents, Robert & Twyla Noller and her husband, Robert Castadot

By Dennis M. Nonemaker:

**In memory of Albert E. & Mabel B. Nonemaker, Margaret E. Nonemaker, William J. Burgan and
Loved Ones**

By Eleanor M. Packard:

**In memory of John Neal Packard, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Rogers Munn, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Earl Packard, I
and Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Yongue**

By Rev. Carl Ford & Linda Peterson:

In honor of Dolores Shaw, Emora and Nancy Brannan

By Carole Quinan & Family:

In memory of her parents, Alberta L. & W. LeRoy Conklin

By Rev. Debbie Scott:

**In honor of her sister, Wendy Joy Scott, the staff, leadership and members at Lovely Lane UMC
In memory of her parents, Gale & Marie Scott**

By Dolores Shaw:

In memory of Wilton & Bobby Shaw

By Charlotte Shrewsbury:

In honor of Dee Shaw and Friends & Family

**In memory of Pat & Fred King, Wilton Shaw, Bobby Shaw, MSC. William R. Shrewsbury and
Friends & Family**

By Roger & Barbara Tinius:

In memory of John & Hannelore Tinius and Theodore & Clarissa Kammar

By John, Kim Ben, Luke, Matt & Jack Vantran:

In memory of Walter & Bea Badders

By Linda Webb:

In honor of Nancy & Emora Brannan

In memory of Mary Hanaford, and her parents - Leslie & Viola Meinders





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January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 AM Worship 12:00 PM Fellowship 12:00 PM Public Tour	31 Office Closed	1 Office Closed	2 University of DE Overnight Departs 5 PM Basketball 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	3 5 PM Basketball 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry	4 5 PM Basketball	5 8 AM Martial Arts 1 PM Che Yoga
6 11 AM Epiphany Worship Service 12 PM Fellowship 12 PM Public Tour	7 5:00 PM Basketball	8 University of Penn Overnight Arrives	9 5 PM Basketball 7 PM Finance Meeting 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	10 5 PM Basketball 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry	11 5 PM Basketball	12 8 AM Martial Arts 9:30 AM BWARM Event 1 PM Che Yoga
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20 11 AM Worship 12 PM Fellowship 12 PM Public Tour 12:30 PM Church Council Meeting	21 5 PM Basketball	22	23 5 PM Basketball 7 PM Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	24 5 PM Basketball 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry	25 5 PM Basketball	26 8 AM Martial Arts 1 PM Che Yoga
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OUR MISSION: 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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January 6	In Honor of Dorothy Krug for her unwavering love & support of Lovely Lane Thank You!	Jackie Noller & Betsy Fisk	Sefi Abedoh	Eleanor Packard
January 13		Susan Preston & Craig Smith	Ethan Coutrill	Lee Enos
January 20		Elizabeth Brannan	Elizabeth Brannan	Sarah Scribner
January 27	In Honor of Neill Curtis III for his birthday By Carol Curtis	Dennis & Angie Ferguson	Johnny Olszewski	Cathy Dryden