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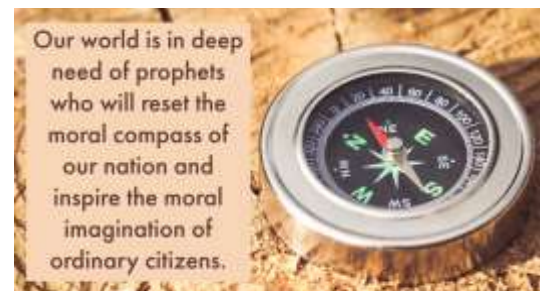
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Just Show Up



Sometimes we just need a feel good story. A devotion popped up on my facebook page today titled Small Kindness by Danusha Lameris. "I've been thinking about the way you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say, "Bless you" when someone sneezes, a left over from the Bubonic Plague. "Don't Die", we are saying. And sometimes when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other. We want to be handed a cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to

the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Hey have my seat." "Go ahead — you first." "I like your hat." From the book Healing the Divide: Poems of Kindness and Connection.

So often, it's the small things that make the world of difference in someone's life. The fall season of the church has started in full force, I'm sitting on the edge of my seat to see if we receive the grant from the National Historic Trust for Sacred Places. We had a long but fruitful Church Council with many eagerly sitting around the table to engage in all that is happening at Lovely Lane UMC. Some are shouldering much of the load and they get weary, thank you so much for your devotion and faithfulness.



We are so grateful for all who keep showing up...who are committed to the mission and vision of our church. Thank you to each of you who just show up, to bring goodies for Fellowship Hour, to clean the kitchen, to lead a tour, to pull weeds and get poison ivy. Thank you for showing up and being the hands and feet of Christ. We do this work together. We may not feel like our contribution is much. We have so little of each other now, these fleeting temples we make together do make all the difference. Thank you.

Blessings,
Rev. Debbie Scott

From the Lay Leader...

In almost every church, on almost every Sunday, Christians of many denominations have at least one thing in common; we all say the *Lord's Prayer*. I used to think of this as a common denominator. But like many elements of our faith, it turns out that upon closer study, the truth is much less clear, but also more wonderful in its adaptability.

For most of us, the debate centers on whether we say "trespasses" or "debts." But the debate goes much further.

What we think of as the *Lord's Prayer* (the *Our Father* to those raised in a Catholic Tradition) is actually two prayers. One version—the version closest to what we say each week at Lovely Lane—is from the Sermon on the Mount in gospel of Matthew 6:9-13. The other comes from Luke 11:2-4 and seems to be from a private moment between Jesus and his disciples. Predictably, there is debate about whether these were two separate instances or whether one of the gospel writers misremembered when Jesus taught the prayer.

Although the structure and general petitions of the two version are close, the wording is quite different. And of all the variations in the wording, it is the fourth petition that makes me think the most;

"Give us this day our daily bread."

In this wording, it seems the most literal and pragmatic of any line in the prayer. Simplicity itself. But another translation of this petition is;

"Give us this day our bread for tomorrow."

In this wording we are not only asking to have our needs taken care of, but we are asking for a small luxury – the luxury of not having to worry about the next day. We are asking God to do more than provide for our physical needs, we are asking him address our emotional needs as well. We want to feel secure that tomorrow is taken care of.

But there is yet another translation that changes the meaning;

"Give us each day our daily bread (or bread for tomorrow.)"

Changing "this day" to "each day" makes it a very different request. Now we are asking for piece of mind. We want the future to be planned for, without end. We want to know we are always fed.

These seemingly small re-interpretations radically alter whether this is a request of the body, the heart or the mind.

But it doesn't end there. Not only can we not be certain of why we are asking, we can't even be sure of what we are asking for. Because the phrase that is generally translated as "daily bread" and sometimes as "bread for tomorrow" doesn't actually have a known translation. The word that appears with "bread" in the original Greek versions of Matthew and Luke appears in no other source. It can be interpreted to mean "daily," but it could more likely be interpreted as something we don't have a single English word for. Something more like, "regularly needed and essential."

The great thing about this less tidy translation is that it doesn't just mean food – it means "the thing we need most" or "the essence of life." In this way Jesus' prayer is forecasting his own role as "the bread of life." According to John 6:32-34:

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
"Sir," they said, "always give us this bread."

A cynic might look at this uncertainty of translation and argue that the scripture must be flawed. But what it really means is that the scripture is transcendent. That Jesus has taken something common – the need for food – and transformed it into something sacred and spiritual; the need for eternal life in God.

The next time you pray the *Lord's Prayer*, remember that it is not meant to be something to say by rote memory. It is a living prayer which takes its meaning from your intent as the asker. But it is also a promise from God that whatever we ask, God will provide even greater.

Peace,
John Strawbridge
LAY LEADER



OCTOBER EXHIBITION IN THE BRANNAN CHAPEL
THE OLD WILL BE RENEWED AND THE NEW MADE HOLY:
CREATION TO IMMIGRATION

Rabbi Joanne Yocheved Heiligman is a textile and mixed media artist whose work is often inspired by Biblical text and Jewish tradition. Her art has been exhibited at the American Visionary Art Museum here in Baltimore, the Ratner Museum in Bethesda, and in one-woman and multi-artists shows. She won a Drisha Arts Fellowship in 2012-2013 to study advanced texts to inspire her art and commuted weekly from Maryland to NYC to participate in that opportunity.

She enjoys giving talks to quilting and religious groups about her work and the texts that inspire it, and is excited to be sharing it with the Lovely Lane Church and its community.

Her work is visually detailed and reflects a deep knowledge of the texts as well as a sense of humor. In addition to Biblical quilts this exhibit will include new installation works, papercuts, and pieces that have not been exhibited before.

She will be at the church Saturday afternoon, October 5th part of the Doors Open Baltimore experience, and during the month of October frequently to discuss her work. Look for her schedule on the Bulletin Board outside the office.



Exhibition Opening:
October 6th, 12PM - 1PM

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR LOVELY LANE TOURS**

Saturday, October 5, 2019

2 Shifts: 10AM - 1PM & 1PM - 4PM

Contact the Office to Sign Up

Doors Open Baltimore will take place on Saturday, October 5th. Among other sites, it is a unique opportunity for us to showcase the architecture of Lovely Lane to our community. We need volunteers to conduct tours from 10AM - 4PM. There are 2 shifts available: 10AM - 1PM and 1PM - 4PM. Please let us know if you are available to lead the tours.



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House**

**BULL ROAST
SAVE THE DATE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019

Manna House, a 52 year old agency Lovely Lane has long supported, will be holding their annual Bull Roast on Friday, October 11, at Rosedale Gardens, 8307 Philadelphia Road, Rosedale MD 21237, from 7PM - 11PM. For tickets, please call the Lovely Lane office or see Duncan Hodge.



BOARD OF CHILD CARE HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Lovely Lane congregation has been very generous over the years in contributing to the Board of Child Care Auxiliary collections. These gifts provide many extras for the youngsters and their families. There have been some changes in these requests.

BCC is only collecting "Box Tops for Education" (no Campbell's soup or other labels.)

They do receive 10 cents for each box top. Another major change is that Box Tops is moving to a digital only collection. It is necessary to download the **BoxTops4Education app** and then scan your receipts. You can check the details on line by typing in "BCC Box Tops." There will also be some copies of the instructions in Lovely Lane Hall near the BCC collection container.

Canned goods and other food donations are no longer being collected for Thanksgiving baskets for the families of BCC youngsters. Instead gift cards for the purchase of groceries are given to the families. BCC requests financial gifts to support this ministry. Updated information for Christmas offerings and collections will be provided as we get closer to that time. Thank you again for your past support. - **Eleanor Packard, BCC Keyperson**

RESTORATION GIVING

Restoration Giving continues in 2019 after the tremendously successful 2018 Dorothy Krug Matching Campaign reached its \$200,000 goal! Below is the list of all donors giving to our Restoration Fund so far in 2019. We appreciate the ongoing support from all who want to keep our beautiful building vital.

Emora & Nancy Brannan
In Memory of Ethel Ankeny
Carol Cory
David Eggleton, Viper Air
In-Kind donation

Daniel Fisher
Anna Frost Testamentary Trust
Melanie Gallardo
Roger Katzenberg
LLUMC Gift Shop

Miller/Sears Family Foundation
William Motley Jr
Jackie Noller
Mary & Joseph Schrufer
Linda Webb



WHO ARE WE

Starting Oct. 13th following worship we will gather for a study developed by the Baltimore Washington Conference. Churches across our Annual Conference have all been invited to participate. Gather a goody in Fellowship Hall then we will circle up in one corner of the room for about 30 min.

Who Are We: Starting Sunday, October 13

HOMECOMING NOV. 3RD

We will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, November 3rd in worship with John Strawbridge preaching and a potluck luncheon to follow. Please contact Nancy Brannan or Sarah Scribner to indicate whether you will be bringing a main dish, side, salad or dessert. Come celebrate with us on this 132nd Anniversary of the dedication of our building.

Our Church Conference will be held after the Homecoming Potluck Luncheon at 2pm at Old Otterbein UMC

CHURCH CONFERENCE NOV. 3RD

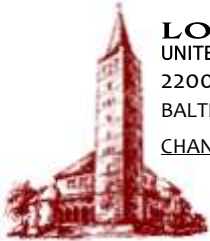
Our Annual Meeting with the District Superintendent and Downtown United Methodist cluster churches will take place at 2pm at Old Otterbein UMC, located at 112 W Conway St., following our Homecoming Luncheon. All are invited to attend and be a part of this important meeting.



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 11 AM Worship Service 12 PM Fellowship Hour 12 PM Public Tour	30 6 PM Baltimore Tai Chi	1 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	2 6 PM Che Yoga 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	3 9 AM Harford Community College Tour 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	4 9:30 AM BLS College Information Session	5 8 AM Martial Arts Class 9 AM Che Yoga 10 AM Doors Open Baltimore 10 AM UMHS Annual Mtg @ Cokesbury Memorial UMC 11 AM First UMC (Millersville, PA) Tour
6 World Communion Sunday 11 AM Worship Service 12 AM Chapel Exhibition Opening 12 PM Fellowship Hour 12 PM Public Tour	7 Change Conference Annual Report Items Due 11 AM BLS High School Concert 6 PM Baltimore Tai Chi	8 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	9 6 PM Che Yoga 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	10 Messiah College Overnight Arrives 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	11 Penn State Overnight Arrives 7 PM Manna House Bull Roast @ Rosedale Gardens	12 8 AM Martial Arts Class 9 AM Che Yoga 8 PM Mind on Fire Fall Show
13 Messiah College Overnight Departs Penn State Overnight Departs 11 AM Worship Service 12 PM Fellowship Hour 12 PM Public Tour	14 6 PM Baltimore Tai Chi	15 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	16 Newsletter Items Due 6 PM Che Yoga 6 PM Finance Committee Mtg 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	17 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	18	19 8 AM Martial Arts Class 9 AM Che Yoga 11 AM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry Fundraiser
20 11 AM Worship Service 12 PM Fellowship Hour 12 PM Public Tour 12:30 PM Church Council Mtg	21 6 PM Baltimore Tai Chi	22 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice 7 PM CVCBD Annual Elections Meeting	23 10 AM Newsletter Mailing 6 PM Che Yoga 7 PM Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM BFMS Dance	24 2 PM BLS Halloween Dance 6 PM Grace Abounds Youth Dance Ministry 6 PM Yoga for Resilience Against Injustice	25	26 8 AM Martial Arts Class 9 AM Baltimore Tai Chi 9 AM Che Yoga 9:30 AM Strawbridge Shrine Annual Mtg Annual Mtg
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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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OCTOBER SCHEDULE

	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Altar Flowers	For the Belated Birthdays of Lillian Seward Porter, Evelyn Porter Kone, and Maxine Verdier	In Memory of Mary Catherine Appel, Margaret E. Nonemaker & Mabel B. Nonemaker By Dennis Nonemaker	In Honor of and with thanks to Sarah Scribner	In Honor of October Birthdays
Tower Lighting	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Greeters	Kristie Weimar & Brent Orr	Dallas Erickson	Linda Webb & Carrie Harnick	Elizabeth Brannan
Liturgists	Dan Bailey	Laura Gamble	Betsy Fisk	Sefi Abedoh
Tour Guides	Mike Rouse	John Strawbridge	Lenore Baier	Carol Curtis
Fellowship Hour Hosts	Sharra Kelly	Carrie Harnick	Sefi Abedoh	OPEN