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Weekly Newsletter for Sunday, May 17, 2015



Welcome!

We are blessed to gather with you for worship this morning at Arden UMC. We invite you to take a moment to sign in on the registration pad in your pew so that we can have a record of your time with us. Please do not hesitate to speak with the pastor or any member of the congregation if you have any questions or we can help you find your place in the ministries of Arden UMC!

HIGHLIGHTS FOR TODAY

Keyword:

**SEED
SOWER**

Questions for further discussion:

1. What do you find challenging about today's parable?
2. What does today's parable tell us about the kingdom of God, and about God's relationship to us?
3. Who is the sower in the text? What might God be saying about our role?
4. What Bible stories were most memorable to you as a child, or which do you think would be most meaningful to children today?

Action Item:

Consider what you, and we as a congregation might be able to do to provide fertile soil for the seeds of faith God plants. Choose one action you can take to promote good soil.

Arden UMC Calendar

Visit our website for more details and upcoming events.

Sunday, May 17

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Casual Worship (Family Life Center)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 p.m. Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)

Monday, May 18

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (various locations)

Tuesday, May 19

- 6:15 p.m. Christian Education Meeting (Family Life Center)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, May 20

- 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Family Life Center)

Friday, May 22

- 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Men (Family Life Center)

Sunday, May 24

- 9:00 a.m. Casual Worship (Family Life Center)
- 10:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Sunday School (various locations)
- 10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)

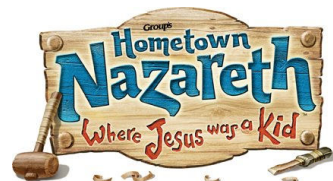
UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- May 24 Pentecost
- May 27-30 Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference Session
- June 28 Youth Swim Party
- June 29 Youth Serve Dinner at Immanuel's House

ARDEN UMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 20 - Thursday, July 23
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for this year's wonderful VBS program! Registration forms are available at church and online. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Doris Ann Fiddler (d_fiddler@msn.com).



ACOLYTE TRAINING SESSION

Sunday, May 17
12:00 p.m.

All persons, age 9 to 99!, interested in serving as acolytes this year are asked to come to this important training session. This brief training is for new AND continuing acolytes. Children younger than 9 are welcome to serve as acolytes if a parent is willing to serve alongside them. For more information, contact Wendy Martz (wmartz37@gmail.com) or Pastor Sarah.



UMM YARD SALE

Saturday, May 23

8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



The Arden United Methodist Men (UMM) will be having their annual Yard Sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate items, please contact John Collis (304-229-2209, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday, Monday morning, or Friday evening). The UMM will also be renting spaces for \$10. The UMM are

looking for someone to donate homemade cookies and cakes for the Yard Sale. All donations will be greatly appreciated.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Did you know that we are currently working on plans to re-start children's Sunday School and add more adult Sunday School classes, beginning this fall? Watch for more information or speak with Pastor Sarah, Doris Ann Fiddler, or Erin Straley for more information!

STARTING THIS FALL: DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Do you often wonder how Christians connect what the Bible says to daily living? DISCIPLE 1 Bible Study Course is foundational for answering your question. This 34-week study is designed for a class of approximately a dozen people. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with Pastor Sarah. We are currently working to determine the day of the week and time the DISCIPLE class will be held.

PRAYER LIST

Shirley Aikens	Beverly Helmick	Arlon Stacker
Sandi Armstrong	Vernon Helmick	Lynn Tinsman
Beth Arnold	Rick Houpt	Dan Turner
Luke Beca	Amy Kelly	
Lois/Rev. Bryan Blair	Nina Laskowski	MILITARY:
Rick Brandfass	Mark Long	Caroline Butler
Vivian Brooks	Andy McDonald	Zachary Butler
Tom and Judy Bryant	June McDonald	James Cogle
Sonny Carter	Trilby McDonald	Joe DeHaven
Jennifer Caskey	Laura Meske	Jim Talbott
Curtis Casto	Jeff Miller	Louie Talbott
Jackie Cogle	Keith Newport	James Threlfall
Paul Cogle	Lewis Parello	Dylan Tryon
Bob & Roger Collis	Elisa Petree	
Richard Crown Sr.	Betty Powell	The staff, students
Eric Dodge	Denny Price	and families of
Marion Finegan	Tom & Sue Price	Mountain Ridge
Mel Flaherty	Kody Shallis	Intermediate School
Barby Frankenberry	Paul Smallwood	
Eber Hasley	Kenneth Smith	

GENTLE WAYS—CELEBRATING MEN AT AUMC

Remember the “Gentle Ways” shown to you by a caring gentleman in your life by donating \$5, or more, in his memory or in his honor to the Arden United Methodist Church Scholarship.

His name and yours will appear in our June 21, 2015, Father’s Day “Gentle Ways!” Tribute.

Please fill out one form for each gentleman; place all of your forms in one of the envelopes available at both entrances; if writing a check for multiple tributes, only one check is necessary; return the envelope to the basket provided or give it to Gail Riggleman, Jerry Horner or Barby Frankenberry by **June 14, 2015.**

FOOD DONATIONS

Each Sunday, you are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food items and grocery gift cards to church. The items will be collected and dropped off for distribution at CCAP/Loaves and Fishes.