



Our Vision

- To be a dynamic, spirit-filled, multicultural, multigenerational, church numbering in the thousands, impacting our neighborhood, nation and world through radically inclusive community building.

Our Mission

- Reaching new, unchurched, diverse, and young people for Christ.

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Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

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A Statement from Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

Save me, God, because the waters have reached my neck! I have sunk into deep mud. My feet can't touch the bottom! I have entered deep water; the flood has swept me up. I am tired of crying. My throat is hoarse. My eyes are exhausted with waiting for my God. -- Psalm 69:1-3

This psalm, this lament, is offered as a communal cry in the wake of metaphorical as well as literal suffering. The psalmist pleads for the innocent to be saved from unjust circumstances. The writer is weary, tired of crying and hoarse from crying out for justice, justice, justice. Yet, the ultimate plea is not for personal retribution, but for public vindication of God's justice. The psalmist does not lose hope, but trusts that God will have the last word.

In the wake of another police shooting, reports of racism and bullying on the campus of American University, and the Washington Post reporting that flyers from the Ku Klux Klan are being distributed from "California to Kansas to New Jersey," Psalm 69 could have been written today. While in each situation the circumstances are different, what is constant is the racism, bias, and disregard for the lives of people of color. This evil has become all too common. How many videos do we need of unarmed men of color being shot in the street before we recognize that immediate action is needed? And, while many argue that we should not question the actions of law enforcement officers who must make split second decisions, the question remains how a terror suspect can be taken into custody with non-life threatening wounds, while a man stranded with a disabled vehicle is tazed and killed.

During our Northeast Jurisdictional Conference in July, delegates adopted a resolution calling for the church to do more to eradicate racism and injustice, and to acknowledge that all lives, including Black lives, matter to God. This Call to Action also admitted that The United Methodist Church has not done enough in this effort. We collectively repented, accepted responsibility, and pledged to take specific action. The resolution calls us to a sense of urgency -- and that sense of urgency is even more tangible and palpable as blood once again stains the street and students don't feel safe on campus. As we are discerning our way forward, we cannot be silent. We cannot wait for yet another board or committee or task force to direct our actions. We must act today, and today is now!

Today we can pray; today we can have conversations in our congregations about race and race relations in our country and communities; today we can engage with our first responders about their approach to community relations; today we can be in conversation with students about feeling safe at school and in their neighborhoods; today we can begin to understand systemic inequities and how we can dismantle them; today we can acknowledge privilege, and use that privilege to confront discrimination; today we can make it known that we will not be silent in the face of hate.

As your new episcopal leader, I am painfully aware that the issue of race and race relations is not an easy conversation. And yet, as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to care for one another, and to confront evil in all its forms. Though the work will not be easy, we join the psalmist in knowing that God will have the last word.



PRESCHOOL OCTOBER 2016

We can't believe how quickly the seasons are changing - Autumn is here! The preschool is bustling as the children are learning to look around and enjoy the changing of seasons. Our 4 year old classes will be taking a field trip to the pumpkin patch. The other classes have enjoyed tasting different varieties of apples, making apple sauce and even painting with apples! We have had a wonderful start to the school year. Thank you to Roger Arnold, Stan Thomas, Mark Warner, Dwayne Weigel and other trustees that helped us shovel 40 cubic yards of fresh wood chips for the

playground! That was a big job! We are also very pleased with the fresh perspective and innovation of our new 2s teacher, Yaritza Garay. Yaritza is joining the Millian staff with 5 years experience at Communi-kids, a prestigious immersion preschool in Falls Church, VA. Yaritza's daughter is a student at Millian, so she is able to combine the nurturing and warm feel of Millian with all of her new, creative ideas! Everyone is welcome to come out and watch the little ghosts and goblins in our Preschool Halloween Parade. Our longer parade (60 students) is on

Monday October 31st at 9:45am. The children will parade in front of the preschool and sit on the stairs for pictures.

Emma Hintz,
Preschool Director

Millian Memorial United Methodist Church

Reaching new, unchurched, diverse and young people for Christ!

OUR STAFF

Bishop:

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Minister:

All baptized members



Sunday Worship Services

9:30 a.m. in English

11:00 a.m. in English/Spanish

2:00 p.m. en Español

Sunday School

9:00 a.m. in English

Domingo Estudio Bíblico

1:00p.m. en Español

Wednesday Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. in English

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ENCOURAGEMENT AND MOTIVATION

Confidentiality is the corner stone of Stephen Ministry. It is absolutely essential for building safe, healing, caring relationships. Stephen Ministers don't reveal what their care receivers have told them. Not to clergy, not to the Stephen Leaders, not to their spouses or friends and not to other Stephen Ministers.

Why? Because trust is vital for a caring relationship to be effective. Care receivers are experiencing difficulties that leave them feeling very vulnerable. Discussing their innermost feelings is an important step in the healing process. But in order to open up and discuss that which is troubling them most, care receivers need complete trust in their Stephen Minister and the assurance that what they say will not be circulated to others and become news for gossip.

This assurance builds trust and creates a safe place where care receivers can risk revealing their most painful issues and problems, ones that they might not even

discuss with close friends or family.

Confidentiality helps create a relationship that promotes healing and hope. Another aspect of confidentiality is that nobody except the Stephen Minister, the care receiver, and the clergy or Stephen Leader even know that a care receiver has been assigned Stephen Minister. Care receivers, of course, are free to tell others about the relationship and who their Stephen Minister is, but the Stephen Minister never tells. This means a care receiver can choose to have complete anonymity. If he or she doesn't want people to know that they have a Stephen Minister, no one will ever know.

The Stephen Ministry model of supervision is a key element. Supervision, done twice monthly, is vital to Stephen Ministry so that they can provide the best quality care possible to their care receivers. In supervision the focus of discussion is on the relationship between the Stephen Minister and the care

receiver, rather than the details of what is going on in the care receiver's life. By not revealing a care receiver's name or any significant details, confidentiality is maintained, and supervision becomes a place where Stephen Ministers can support and encourage one another in ministry while they provide the best quality care to their care receivers. It is a model that has enabled life changing ministry to happen in thousands of Stephen Ministry congregations since 1975.

Why all this talk about confidentiality? To build your trust in Stephen Ministry. It is a high quality, care giving ministry that you can count on should you ever have the need.

Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our Stephen Ministry.

*Dawn Kelley,
Awareness and Ownership*



Millian family,

We are very appreciative of the kindness and support from our Millian friends during these last several years of my sister Kathy's long bout with cancer.

Your concern and support during her long illness and after her passing were very much appreciated. You all were truly a caring

community. We are also grateful for those who attended the Memorial Service as well as those who were unable to attend, but sent caring thoughts and prayers.

Bob and Mary Jo Drake

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Dear Millian Family,  
Your prayers, cards, visits, food, telephone calls and eve-

ry good thought that came my way was greatly appreciated. I felt the love and God obviously received and heard your petitions. I am feeling better every day and I thank you for all you have done.  
Love,

*Regina Crutchfield*





# COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Extending our outreach for the love of our community.  
Stretch us, Lord, to be your hands and feet and voice to make  
a difference in our community.

**October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am. To 2:00 pm**

## **We are offering:**

Face Painting, Pumpkin Decorating, Games for Kids,  
Moon Bounce, Welcome Tent with free gifts

Health Fair, Refreshments,

All children's activities FREE!

Free table space for crafters.

We need your participation in all phases to make this a big  
success!

Sign ups to help are in the chapel



## **SENIORS NEWS**

The Senior Millionaires will hold a regular meeting in the Chapel on Thursday, October 6. Please bring a sack lunch; dessert and coffee will be provided. On Thursday, October 20, we will have an "Everybody's Birthday" party;

tables will be arranged for seating by birth month, so we can gather with others who share the same birth month, and all birthdays will be celebrated at once (with plenty of cake, of course).

Looking ahead to

November, we will be going to Mountaingate Restaurant in Thurmont for our annual pre-Thanksgiving feast on November 17.



## OUTREACH NEWS

**Second Saturday/Food Pantry.** September was the largest attendance at Second Saturday this year. We team with Community Partners “Back to School Celebration” (See Community Partners below). We served 68 families, 152 adults, 137 children which totals 289 persons. This depleted the food pantry. Totals for the Food Pantry for 2016 are: 540 families, 2,442 Individuals, 1,226 adults 1216 children.

Med-Star Montgomery screened for glucose, hypertension, and cholesterol and counseled individuals about their tests. Community Ministries representative informed adults about the Gilchrist Health Center and other resources available through the non-profit organization. Volunteers included teens earning SSL hours, Girl Scouts, and a young adult group.

We are most grateful to St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church for the September 11th delivery of more than 150 bags of food collected for their 2nd annual food drive. A caravan that included vans, trucks and cars along with Pastor Kern and a delegation delivered the food to our food pantry. Our shelves now overflow with food. There is a cart for food donations in the narthex and at the top of the stairs to the Social Hall basement. A list of foods for the bag of food will be placed on the carts. A bag of grocery cost approximately \$14.00 at

Aldi’s. Please pledge one bag of food per month or the equivalent cost. We will also be collecting additional food for Thanksgiving bags. Last year, we donated 75 Thanksgiving bags for the community and Millian families. A \$20.00 Giant gift card was placed in each bag for perishable purchases.

**School Supplies.** Again we would like to thank you for your donations of school supplies. Millian children and youth received backpacks on August 28 filled with the supplies needed for school. The remaining school supplies and backpacks were given to youth that attended the food pantry/Community Partners’ Back-to-School celebration. All of the supplies received were given away with the exception of a few pencils. A few late items will be given to Wheaton Woods or Parkland Middle School. There are students starting school each month of the school year that need supplies. Ask kids that you know who are regulars at Millian to tell you about their backpacks. You really did it – students returned to school prepared to learn.

**Fall Festival OCTOBER 8.** The Fall Festival is Saturday, October 8. Fall means cold weather is on the way. We are asking you to check your closets for warm garments that you didn’t wear last year or you don’t need this year. We also need rummage items that we can sell at the Fall Festival. Please make sure that all clothing is clean and seasonal. You may bring items beginning October 3 to the Chapel Room. We have limited storage space. Come

to the Fall Festival, not only to hang-out with the community; come and volunteer too.

**SMART SACKS.** Nancy Gray and team packed and delivered 124 smart sacks to Wheaton Woods during September.

**Back-to-school celebration .** Community Partners under the leadership of Marguerite Eimer and the partnership of Outreach brought a record number of more than a 100 adults, children and youth to the “Back-to-School Celebration”. There was something for everyone; for adults there were screening for cholesterol, hypertension and glucose, free clothing, and adult coloring. The students made book marks, sand art, coloring, a cookie flag, and received school supplies. There were refreshments for all. Volunteers included a group of six young-adults – Natally Cruz-Castillo, Isela Mattingly, Stephanie Gutierrez-Mangula, Cecilia Solano, Amely Monterroza, and Mariana Carvo; Danielle Alvarado (Linkages to Learning); Betty Bell (Community); Diary Marroquin, and Technician (MedStar Montgomery) and Janet Coffelt, Jann Wisor, and Edith Williams (Millian). Last, but not least about 12 energetic teens from Wheaton High School, Loiederman, Argyle, and Parkland middle schools.

*Edith Williams – Chair  
Outreach Team*



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### We Witness

**BY OUR PRAYERS:** The people listed in our Prayer Ministry appreciate your prayers. If you have additional prayer requests, please call the church office. We ask that the person to be listed has given permission for his/her name to be printed, and that the office staff is updated so that the prayer list can remain current. The person's name will remain on the list for 30 days. If additional time is needed, please call the church office. Names with an \* note a chronic illness. Names in italics are new additions.

#### DECEASED:

*Richard Wyne* Former member of Millian

#### HOSPITAL:

*Chuck Dalrymple* Recovering from surgery  
*Kyle Morgan* 5yr-old diagnosed with cancer, in North Carolina; granddaughter of John Kelley's co-worker  
*Sarah King* Serious health concerns, Carolyn Goldman's niece

#### HOME:

*Thelma Greene* At son's home recovering from a fall  
*José Abad* In Mexico, diagnosed with cancer; Pastor Miguel's personal friend  
*Kimberly Angell* Serious health concerns, daughter of Jean Hudgins  
*Kathy Blakeley* Mother of two children, life threatening illness  
*Deborah Bussard* Serious health problems; daughter of Earl and Beverly Pallas  
*\*Erin Butts* Brain lesions, niece of Chuck Thompson  
*Kelley Campbell* Chronic illness, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Matthews  
*Phyllis Clark* Health concerns; receiving chemo treatment  
*Penny Chapell* Health concerns; Gene Pearson's niece  
*\*Jane Cumings* Health concerns due to MS  
*\*Willian Daniel;*  
*\*Cameron & Cody Daniel* Atrophy of the spinal cerebellum; great grandsons of Jean and Garry Brown  
*Angie Frazier* Intense back pain  
*Sue Ferret* Recovering from a broken leg; Michael Stough's mother in law  
*Hanan Gandasubrata* Personal life issues  
*Mary Lou Harding* Health concerns, Jeanne Roesch's sister  
*Cecilia Hernandez* Health concerns; Jo Ross' friend  
*Sharon Kassel* With MS and Dementia. Donald and Lillian Stough's friend  
*Pamela Kelley* Congestive heart failure; John Kelley's sister  
*Larry Kerr* Recovering from leg amputation; Donald Stough's friend  
*Betty Leizear* Recuperating from surgery after a fall  
*\*Bill Matthews* Health concerns  
*\*Jackie Maphis* Health concerns, daughter of Jo Hagner  
*Sheila Mayfield-Clark* Health concerns. John and Dawn Kelley's friend  
*Cate Neely* Health concerns; Mark Frazier's sister  
*\*Martha Nelson* Health concerns  
*Beverly Ochoa* Receiving cancer treatment. Granddaughter of Dora Martinez  
*Christiana Osho* At home with a very painful knee  
*\*Ernestine Okrah* Cerebral malaria, sister of Lily Boateng  
*Annabelle Ostrander* Health concerns  
*\*Earl Pallas* Health concerns  
*Betty Pearson* Health concerns  
*Harry Pearson* Battling Cancer, Gene Pearson's brother  
*Art Smith* With B Cell Lymphoma; Elsie Sullivan's friend  
*\*Bob Sawyer* Health concerns

Beverly Simmons Health concerns, Brenda Watson's sister  
 Bill Sonnenberg Health concerns  
 Pat Smyrk Health concerns  
 \*Alma Spaid Health concerns  
 Leslie Turner Health Concerns  
 \*Gudelia Zuleta de Wong Health concerns, mother of Ruth Wong de Balderas

**HOSPICE CARE:**

Ann King At home hospice care; Carolyn Goldman's mother  
 \*Gene Wright At home treatment for cancer. Norman Sheetz' brother

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING/REHABILITATION CENTERS:**

Hazel Young Asbury, recovering after knee surgery  
 Norm Brautigam Fairhaven - 7200 Third Ave. Apt M- 115 Sykesville, MD 21784  
 Barbara Brown Wilson Building Rm.337; Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, MD  
 Roger Harris William Hill Assisted Living, Easton MD, brother of Paul Harris  
 Nancy Hinkle Brooke Grove Rehab 18131 Slade School Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860  
 Mary Matlock Shady Grove Rehab Center, daughter of Emma Beaver  
 Mescal Wimberly Alfred House 18114 Cashell Road, Room 6, Rockville, MD 20853

**THE "REST AND RENEWAL, ANTI-SCHEDULE"  
 ONE DAY RETREAT.**

- October 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
  - Camp Manidokan United Methodist Retreat Center near Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
  - The cost is \$29.00 per person and includes lunch and dinner.
  - We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m., travel together in the church vans and/or car pool to the site.
  - The idea for this one day retreat was to have a BREAK from busy schedules and deadlines following a busy October and before a busy Thanksgiving and Advent and Christmas. You will have the freedom to hike and/or explore the beautiful camp property, to play cards or board games, to read, or just relax and renew friendships with church friends, celebrating our life together as God's family.
- Registration and payment due by October 23rd, 2016. Place in collection plate or church office.

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

**Phone**.....

**Email**.....

**Special dietary needs**.....

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**Amount Enclosed \$**.....

**OCTOBER 2016**

| Every Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Every Monday                         | Every Tuesday                                          | Every Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Every Thursday                 | Every Friday                    | Every Saturday                                                                          |
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| 8:00am Adult Sunday School (C)<br>9:30am Worship in English (S)<br>9:30am Adult Sunday School<br>11:00am Sunday School all ages<br>11:00am Worship in English & español (S)<br>1:00pm Methodist Church[Ghanaian] (S & Rm5/7)<br>1:00pm Estudio Bíblico - español<br>2:00pm Culto | 7:00pm NA [Narcotics Anonymous] (FH) | 7:30pm Rockville Men's Choir (CR)<br>Dance Gropup (FH) | 10:00am Holy Communion (S)<br>10:30am Advent Bible Study (C)<br>6:45pm Wesley Ringers (Rm 6)<br>7:00pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Prayer Service (YR)<br>7:30pm AA [Alcoholics Anonymous] (Rm. 5/7)<br>8:00pm Chancel Choir (CR) | 1:00pm Smart Sack Delivery (C) | 7:00pm Millian Youth Group (SH) | 8:30am Wheaton Spanish SDA Worship (S)<br>5:15pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Youth Ministry (S) |

**October Birthdays**

|                       |            |                  |            |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
| Gwen Baker            | October 1  | Versella Shelton | October 15 |
| Joan Weigel           | October 1  | Marguerite Eimer | October 16 |
| Jo Ross               | October 2  | Linda Greateorex | October 18 |
| Kate Fry              | October 3  | Michael Gardiner | October 20 |
| Barbara Griner        | October 3  | Phyllis Gardiner | October 20 |
| Dora Herrera-Martinez | October 4  | Rose Napuwa      | October 21 |
| Konni Brantner        | October 6  | Donald Stough    | October 21 |
| Janet Snavely         | October 6  | Matt Watson      | October 23 |
| Skylar Mercado        | October 8  | Edith Williams   | October 23 |
| Coralyn Zossoungbo    | October 9  | Kathy Martin     | October 27 |
| Litze Strickland      | October 10 | Emelia Annum     | October 29 |
| Bob Drake             | October 15 | Kai Woodruff     | October 29 |
| Linda May             | October 15 | Anne Matthews    | October 31 |







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 October 8<sup>th</sup>  
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 ROCKVILLE-MARYLAND



