

THURMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MAY NEWSLETTER 2024

Praise be to Jesus!

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Sunday Worship Times: Traditional - 9am Contemporary - 10:30am

Adult Sunday School - 9-10am & 10:30-11:30am K-5 Sunday School - 9-10am Fellowship Time - 10-10:30am

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Our Mission Statement

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				WBS 9:30-11am, SH		Craft Class 10am-Noon, SH
				Karate, Class, SH Kids, 5-6pm Adults, 7-8:30pm		Parents Night Out 4:30-8:30pm
				industry of gopin		Sarah practice 5-7pm
5 Food Drop	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am Traditional Svr 9-10am Adult, SS		VDC Mr		WBS 9:30-11am, SH Karate, Class, SH	Elementary Youth Grp, 6-7pm, SH	Mother/Daughter Breakfast 9am SH
Children SS 10:15am New Adult SS, LL 10-10:30am Fellowship, Fream 10:30am Contemporary Svr (live stream)	CC 6-7:30pm	VBS Mtg, 7pm LL		Kids, 5-6pm Adults, 7-8:30pm		Sarah practice 5-7pm
12 Mother's Day	13	14		16	17	18
9am Traditional Svr 9-10am Adult, SS Children SS	Senior Lunch, Noon, Mountain Gate	Pastor Ken out 14th-19th		WBS 9:30-11am, SH		
10:15am New Adult SS 10-10:30am Fellowship, CC 10:30am Contemporary Svr (live stream)	Missions Mtg to follow lunch Council Mtg, 7pm, SH					Sarah practice 5-7pm
19 Pentecost Sunday	20	21	22	23	24	25
9am Traditional Svr Rita Gresham		CC 10-11:30am		WBS 9:30-11am, SH		
9-10am Adult, SS Children SS 10-10:30am Fellowship, CJ 10:30am Contemporary Svr Doug Mongold (live stream)				Karate Class, SH Kids, 5-6pm Adults, 7-8:30pm		Sarah practice 5-7pm
26 Bring a Friend	27	28	29	30 WBS 9:30-11am, SH	31	JUNE 7th Elementary
9am Traditional Svr 9-10am Adult, SS				Karate Class, SH Kids, 5-6pm		Youth Grp 9th Sunday School
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10:30am Contemporary Svr (live stream)			Pastor Ken Annual Conf 29th—31st			15th Blood Drive

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

Dear Thurmont Church Family,

Pentecost means "Fiftieth" referring to the fiftieth day after the feast of weeks. The feast of weeks was so named because it was the ceremony of the barley sheaf during Passover observances. The Jewish people also came to relate this to the fiftieth day after Moses received The Law Tablets on Mt. Sinai. The arrival of the Holy Spirit occurred on the day of the Pentecost in the 2nd Chapter of Acts. Early Christians recognized this arrival as the beginning of the church.

We at Thurmont UMC have a heritage of which we can be proud. We celebrate our church's 175th birthday in 2024, as well as the birthday of the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit is the presence of Jesus for us today. Through the Holy Spirit, God is still among us. The Holy Spirit helps us experience God's love and grace in our lives, and serves as God's comforting presence, guiding and giving us power as we do God's work.

Without the Holy Spirit in our lives we cannot stand up to the spiritual forces of evil that attempt to separate us from God and one another.

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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

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When a person confesses "Christ as Lord and Savior" they receive the promise of eternal life. One of the proofs of Christian living is a desire to be with God's people. "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren." (John 3:14) When people have the Holy Spirit living within them they want to enjoy Christian fellowship and to share with one another. The fellowship life of the church nourishes the faith of all believers. Also, the Holy Spirit produces fruits in our lives:

Love Joy Peace

Patience Kindness Generosity
Faithfulness Gentleness Self Control

Remember the words that Jesus spoke to the disciples: "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

In Christ's Service Pastor Ken

P.S. Remember to wear "Red" for Pentecost! Sunday, May 19, 2024

Nancy and I will be celebrating in Boston with my Mom at Sarah's graduation.



A Word From Your Lay Leader May 2024

David said to the Philistine "You come against me with Sword and Spear and Javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty the God of the Armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands." 1 Samuel 17:45-46

David was able to defeat Goliath that day because he knew he was not doing it by his own strength but by the strength and power of the Lord God Almighty, the God of Israel. David also spoke in the Psalms in Chapter 18:17 where he said. "God reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of the deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes who were too strong for me."

Also in Psalms 20:7 "Some trust in chariots and some in horses but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."

We all have giants in our lives we have to face, especially with what is going on in our country today and the world around us. I want to encourage you today that even though you and I aren't big enough to conquer all of our problems on our own, that we serve and know a God that is bigger than any giant we will ever face in this life. We have the Spirit of that God living within us because of what Jesus has done for us. That Spirit is the same power that raised Christ from the Dead.

Someone once said, "If God brings you to it; He will bring you through it."

God Bless Tim Olsen Lay Leader

175th Anniversary Celebration Festival Saturday, September 28, 2024 Page 1 of 2				
	Chairperson	Committee Members		
175 th Anniversary Celebration	Brittany Clark 301-514-6162	 Tim Olsen 3. 4. 		
Antique Car Show/Bike Show	Pastor Ken 301-991-7839 (c) 301-271-4511 (0)	 Gene Myers Jeff Kessler Tommy Zebroski 		
Bike Blessing	Jeff Kessler 240-707-7621	1. 2. 3. 4.		
Bouncy House	Danielle Gregory 240-367-0278	1. 2. 3. 4.		
Children's Face Painting	Brittany Clark 301-514-6162	1. 2. 3.		

1. Linda Murrell

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Children's Games

0.	Children's Games	240-440-9841	2. 3. 4.
7.	Christ Cream Truck	Chris Barnhart 301-667-2235	1. 2. 3. 4.
8.	Church Display Table	Pastor Ken 301-991-7839 (c) 301-271-4511 (o)	1. Tim Olsen 2. 3. 4.
9.	Fire Truck/Police Vehicles	Vicky Martin 301-514-8958	1.Wendy Cordell 2. 3. 4.
10.	Food Trucks	Jess Bentley 301-712-3373	1. 2. 3. 4.
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Julie Zebroski 240-440-9841

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		Chairperson	Committee Members
11.	Frederick County Early Start Bookmobile	Brittany Clark 301-514-61612	1. 2. 3. 4.
12.	Multiple Bands	Tommy Zebroski 240-440-9841	 Doug Robinson 3. 4.
13.	Police Dogs	Vicky Martin 301-5148-958	1. Wendy Cordell 2. 3. 4.
14.	Radio Station Broadcasting	Jeff Kessler 240-707-7621	1. 2. 3. 4.
15.	Vendors/Vendors	Brittany Clark 301-514-6162	1. 2. 3. 4.
16.	Yard Sale (church/community)	Carolyn Brown 301-514-1522	 Nancy Fizer Debbie Kennedy Darlene Clem



175th ANNIVERSARY YARD SALE Saturday, September 28th

We will accept small, clean household appliances in good working order, (crock pot, toaster oven, toy box, stands or small tables, and small bookcase) PLEASE— no clothes or TV's. Thank you.

Please contact Carolyn Brown, 301-514-1522.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!





175th
Anniversary
Celebration!
Please
celebrate
with us.



175th Anniversary Celebration



NOTE CARD FUNDRAISER









A special thank you to Marcia Johnson for donating her beautiful watercolor and oil prints!

- · Mix and Match as many cards as you want
- · 20 different cards to choose from
- \$2.00 per card
- · All proceeds benefit the 175th Anniversary Celebration
- · Cash or Check payable to TUMC, memo- 175th Anniversary

Check out all 20 notecard designs the Social Hall All orders due by May 17th

Contact Brittany Clark for more information

GET INVOLVED SUPPORT TUMC 2024

WE NEED YOUR HELP! OPEN POSITIONS TO SUPPORT TUMC

Evangelism Chairperson Altar Guild Volunteers



Support TUMC

We have many items for sale to help support TUMC!

- —TUMC Cookbook, \$12
- -Cat's Meows, \$20
- —TUMC tote bags,\$7
- —TUMC tumblers, \$12

Ask about our bundle deals!









Announcement—Senior Lunch

Senior Luncheon, Monday, May 13, 2024, Noon at Mountain Gate Restaurant.

Please contact Joey Miller by Thursday, May 9th

@301 271-2095 or 240-675-5850 for reservations.

Thank You!

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE - MAY

FELLOWSHIP: Please join us every Sunday following Sunday School from 10:00am 10:30am prior to the second service in the Social Hall.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	Contact	Phone Number
5/5	Fream Grp	Connie Fream	301-440-0607
5/12	Clothes Closet	Denise Bentley	301-748-2092
5/19	CJ's Adult SS	CJ Cordell	301-606-1446
5/26	WBS	Annette Barber	301-271-6931

SMALL GROUPS

TUMC have many groups to choose from if you are looking at deepening your relationships with your church family and with God, but do you see a need for a group that isn't already covered? Do you have an idea for starting a group geared toward a specific age group or life situation (parenting, aging, health, stay-at-home moms, etc.?) If so, talk to Pastor Ken.

These groups fellowship together and pray with each other every week.

<u>Adult Sunday School</u> meets on Sunday mornings 9-10am, Social Hall. Call C. J. Cordell, 301-606-1446.

<u>Adult Sunday School</u> meets on Sunday mornings 10:30am, downstairs. Call Tim Olsen, 301-730-045.

<u>Children's Sunday School</u> meets on Sunday mornings 9-10am, downstairs. Call Julie Zebroski, 240-440-9841.

<u>Women's Bible Study</u> meets on Thursdays, 9:30-11am in the Social Hall. Currently studying "Women of Faith Study, Experiencing Contagious Joy." All are welcome. Call Annette, 301-271-6931.

<u>Elementary Youth Group</u> meets 2nd Friday of each month, 6-7:00pm in Social Hall. Call Jessica Bentley, 301-712-3373.

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CLOTHES CLOSET MAY 2024

April's Roy Rogers event was a success! We raised \$314.14 for the Clothes Closet. A sincere thank you to everyone who came out and supported the Clothes Closet.

The Clothes Closet had a great reopening after the remodel. We were blessed to have a full staff of volunteers. We had 38 customers that shopped at the first opening. We want to thank our volunteers for all their hard work and time they put into the Clothes Closet, especially as we made these changes.

The Clothes Closet would like to welcome Deb Kennedy as a new member of our board. She is joining us as our organization coordinator. We have loved having her as a volunteer and are excited she is joining our committee.

The Clothes Closet is no longer collecting prescription bottles. It was a great mission to support and we appreciate all the donations made when we were collecting.

CLOTHES CLOSET

CHURCH FAMILY: EVERY SUNDAY, 9:30am - Noon

1st & 4th MONDAY - 6:00pm - 7:30pm 3rd TUESDAY - 10:00am—11:30am

Emergency needs, please call the church office Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm, 301-271-4511

Elementary Youth Group

Elementary Youth Group will be meeting this month May 10th from 6-7pm. Our June meeting will be held on a different date. Mark your calendars for June 7th from 6-7pm. We will be kicking off the kids' summer and celebrating the end of the school year. We will have pizza and ice cream. Stay tuned for more information from Jessica. RSVPS will be sent so we can get a headcount.

After our June meeting we will be taking a break so everyone can enjoy their summer.

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KIDS CORNER MAY NEWS



We are doing well in Sunday School, and will be working on a song for Mother's day. End of year Sunday School Picnic is June 9th at 12:00 Noon in the church pavilion.

Vacation Bible School Camp Firelight July 8-12, 2024 Dinner 5:30pm, Program 6:00pm-8:15pm

VBS is coming quickly, and we will need lots of help for a great success. A planning meeting has been scheduled for May 7th, 7:00pm, downstairs, if you want to help and can't make the meeting please let me know. We are very excited.

Sight & Sound

Wednesday, June 12th,we will be attending the performance of "Daniel" at "Sight & Sound." Thanks to Brittany & Doug for your support of our youth.

Father's Day event is being planned more information to come.

CRAFT CLASS

SATURDAY, May 4, 2024

10am-Noon, Social Hall

Sign-up sheet in Social Hall



GAMES - FOOD - FUN

RSVP to Brittany Clark
(301) 514-6162 or brittanypclark3@gmail.com
Space is limited

POTTY TRAINED PRE-K AND OLDER

\$40 FOR 1ST CHILD

FOR EACH

\$5 ADDITIONAL

CHILD

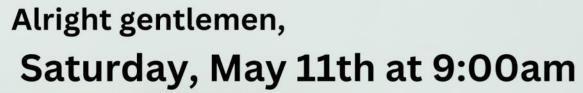
Proceeds
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175th
Anniversary
celebration!

1ST SATURDAY
OF EVERY
MONTH

4:30PM-8:30PM

HOSTED BY: THURMONT UMC

13880 LONG ROAD THURMONT, MD 21788





Let's treat our wives and mothers to a great breakfast!



Come join Pastor Ken Fizer, 5th Degree Black Belt!

WHERE:

Thurmont United Methodist Church 13880 Long Road Thurmont, MD 21788

WHEN:

Every Thursday
Over 40 Adults Family Class
7:00pm - 8:30pm

FEE: Monthly Donation



MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Pastor Ken Fizer: (301) 991-7839 Instructor: Master Pete Golden

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What is Stephen Ministry? Stephen Ministry is a complete system for training and organizing laypeople to provide one-on-one care to hurting people in the congregation and community. Stephen Leaders are lay leaders and pastors trained to direct their congregation's Stephen Ministry, and Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to provide care to hurting individuals. The name Stephen Ministry comes from Stephen, one of the first laypeople commissioned by the Apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (Acts 6:1-7). If you would like further information please contact Pastor Ken, Stephen Leader Jeff Kessler, or Lay Leader/Stephen Minister Tim Olson.



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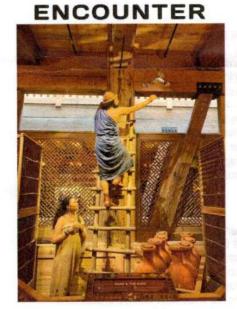
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Saturday, June 15, 2024 9am – 2pm

Help save a life! Sign-up today.

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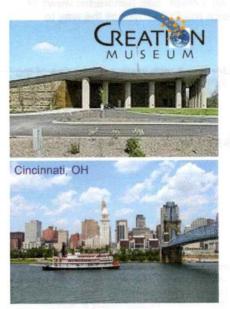
4 DAYS - 3 NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 10 - 13, 2024

\$ 739 Per Person Double Occupancy

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- * 3 Nights Lodging
- * 3 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners including a Riverboat Dinner Cruise & **Dinner with Entertainment**
- Admission to the Creation Museum
- * Admission to the Ark Encounter
- **Guided Tour of Cincinnati**
- * Souvenir Gift
- Luggage Handling
- Taxes & Meal Gratuities
- Motorcoach Transportation



Cancellation insurance is available & highly recommended; see reverse side for details.

FOR INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

THURMONT UMC **Bob Novak** 13723 Catoctin Hollow Rd. Thurmont, MD 21785 (301) 271-2885



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ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM

4 Days - 3 Nights

The sample itinerary described below is approximately like the itinerary your group will be following during your stay with WHITE STAR TOURS. However, the exact times, days, and destinations may vary for your group.

Day 1 -A morning departure from your hometown has you heading to the **Northern, KY** and **Cincinnati, OH** area where small-town warmth & hospitality go hand-in-hand with big-city amenities, attractions, and a bit of German fusion. Upon arrival check into your hotel. You will have time to freshen up before departing for dinner at a popular restaurant in the area.

Day 2 - After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Williamstown, KY to the **Ark Encounter**, a Christian evangelistic outreach intended to bring the Ark of Noah's day to life, complete with a 510-foot-long full-size ark. The Ark will equip visitors to understand the reality of the events that are recorded in the book of Genesis. Prepare to be blown away as you explore this life-sized reconstruction of Noah's Ark. Built according to the dimensions given in the Bible, the Ark Encounter contains three decks of stunning exhibits. Outside the Ark, you'll find Ararat Ridge Zoo. Visit animals from around the world like Tibetan yaks, kangaroos, and ostriches. Then imagine you live in biblical times and take a ride on a camel. After ample time for your visit, return to Cincinnati for an afternoon **guided tour of Cincinnati**. The tour is the perfect introduction to your Cincinnati experience, offering you an afternoon in the city once known as the Beer Capital of the World! Your local guide will take you under their knowledgeable wing as you explore the highlights of downtown Cincinnati, Fountain Square, Washington Park and trendy Over-the-Rhine area. Tonight, depart for Newport, KY for a delicious **dinner and entertainment** at a popular restaurant.

Day 3 - Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then travel to Petersburg, KY to spend the day at **The Creation Museum**. The state-of-the-art 70,000 square-foot museum brings the pages of the Bible to life, casting its characters and animals in dynamic form and placing them in familiar settings. Adam and Eve live in the Garden of Eden; children play and dinosaurs roam near Eden's Rivers, and the serpent coils cunningly in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Majestic murals, great masterpieces brimming with pulsating colors and details, provide a backdrop for many of the settings. Your day will end with a scenic **riverboat dinner cruise** ... a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience that all of your group will cherish forever. See panoramic views of downtown Cincinnati that you can't get anywhere else before heading down the Ohio River all the way to northern Kentucky.

Day 4 -Enjoy breakfast this morning, then you will check out and depart for home with lasting memories of the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING WHITE STAR TOURS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TRAVEL PLANS!

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION

Cancellation protection is encouraged for medical emergencies that may occur. The **Enhanced option must be paid within 14 days** from the day the first deposit for the trip is paid to the organization and/or group leader. There is an additional Enhanced upgrade - **Cancel for Any Reason**. Cancellation must be made no later than 48 hours prior to your scheduled departure, conditions, limitations, and exclusions do apply. These plans are only valid for trips booked through White Star Tours. To purchase the protection, please contact NTA/AON Insurance via their website at https://nta.aontravelprotect.com and provide the **Tour Operator Location #386097**.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

COLLEGE STUDENTS - Whether they are away from home or commuting, please keep our college students in your prayers. Knowing they have someone praying for them can make all the difference.

<u>Name</u>	<u>University</u>	<u>Address</u> <u>Gr</u>	aduation Date
Chayney Barnhart	Messiah University	1 University Ave Mechanicsburg, PA 17055	2025
Elizabeth Burch	Woodsburg College	7500 North Glen Oaks Blvd.	5/2024
		Burbank, CA 91504	
Diana Burch	AZ State (online classes)	14460 Galleon Lane PO Box 455 Helendale, CA 92342	12/2024
Sarah Fizer	Boston University Boston Theological Seminary	360 Market St, Apt 11 Brighton, MA 02135	5/2024
Samantha Gibersto	on Grand Canyon Universit	y 3300 W Camelback Rd, Apt 5 Phoenix, AZ 85071	16 5/2025
Jacob Hartness	Penn State commuting to Mont Atlto Campus	402 N. Church Street Thurmont, MD 21788	5/2025
Morgan Koch	Graduate School (graduated West Chester (continuing classes for gr		
Connor Koch	Towson University	7726 Greenview Terrace, Apt. 2 Towson, MD 21204	20A
Caleb McCleaf	Mt. Saint Mary College	PO Box 430 Blue Ridge Summit ,PA 17214	5/2024
Griffin Puvel	Rider University	2803 Lawrenceville Rd Lawrenceville, NJ 08648	5/2024
Isabel Rozo	Community College of Ba	altimore County	
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Joshua McCleaf Julia Ellenberg 12/2023

Congratulations to our Graduates 2023

Messiah University

Clemson University

12/2023

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY, AND FIRST RESPONDERS

MILITARY - Please keep all our Military in your prayers. Whether they are home or away, active or retired, they still need our prayers. They have served our country well and we will remember them in prayer.

Recruit Noel Romero, son of Daniel and Melissa Romero, address: 37 Carteret Court Havelock, NC 28532

PRAYER FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

Lord, thank you for the brave men and women who have stepped up to serve and protect our communities and our country. They serve as our Police Officers; Emergency Medical Technicians; Fire Fighters; and members of the Military. They are fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, friends, and neighbors. We pray for their protection. They have chosen a profession that requires them to walk into harms way to protect us and allow us to lead a safe life. Their days are filled with uncertainties as they make quick and often life changing or life-threatening decisions. Help them to be wise and invoke all their training and experience. Keep them from harm and surround them with Your loving protection. Give them inner strength and do not let them become discouraged. Help them feel Your presence and guide them as they carry out their work. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENCES

Please keep our members living away from home and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Catherine Atkins Autumn Lake Nursing Home 56 W. Frederick Street, Rm 109B Walkersville, MD 21793 Carolyn English Spring Harbor Nursing Home 6601 English Muffin Way Frederick, MD 21703



Debi	Kaas	5/1
Denise	Burch	5/2
Jantia	Barnhart	5/3
James	Brown	5/6
Calee	Burke	5/6
Camden	Bentley	5/7
Sarah	Fizer	5/13
Dennis	Smith	5/13
Elizabeth	Burch	5/13
Patsy	Wetzel	5/13
Scott	Little	5/15
Dennis	Smith	5/18
Reifsnider	Ed	5/19
Stephen	Bentley	5/20
Angie	Long	5/21
Derrick	Thompson	5/22
Issac	Distad	5/28

If we missed your birthday or got it wrong, please call the church office, 301-271-4511.

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