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Love Is ...

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is groups of people volunteering their time to provide meals for those who are less fortunate. They let these people know that someone loves and cares about them.

Love is volunteers taking time out of their busy lives to go into a school to help students learn the skills that will make their lives successful such as reading and Character Counts.

Love is a husband cutting roses from their rose bush, putting the roses in a vase, taking the vase into the nursing home, and bringing that vase into his wife's room so that she can see them. He takes hold of his wife's hand and gives her a kiss letting her know that he is there and he loves her. A smile and a tear trickles down her face. Even though she has Alzheimer's, she recognizes him. He has kept his vows to love her in sickness and in health. He knows that one day she will not even recognize him, but he will keep coming nonetheless.

Love is members of a church coming together, giving their time and energy, and doing whatever they can to make a fund raiser like soup days successful. They know that their efforts will not be in vain, because the money that is raised will go to provide the church with funds to make disciples for Jesus.

Love is volunteers wanting to use their God given abilities of singing and/or playing musical instruments, such as piano, organ, bells, guitars, flutes, or trombones, so that those gathered in worship will feel more connected to God.

Love is members of a church volunteering to serve on the leadership team and working with each other to make the ministry of Jesus successful.

Love is people working in nursing homes despite the residents being unruly and sometimes nasty. Still, they show their love to them, because they know that they are somebody's husband, wife, mom, or dad. They also know that these residents are children of God.

Love is emergency personnel putting their lives on the line every day so that others will feel safe, to provide medical help for those in need, and to save home, business, and property from fire and natural disasters.

Love is the people of God praying every day for ones that do not know God to come to know Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and Friend.

Love is a young woman saying yes to be the mother of God's Son, even though her life is going to be filled with obstacles and dangers. She said to God, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." Luke 1:38.

Love is a man even though he is unsure of God's plan for him and his betrothed wife, who after a dream does what God says. He does not divorce or quietly dismiss his wife, but instead takes his wife and becomes the earthly father of God's Son Jesus.

Love is God hanging on a cross not because God has done anything wrong, but because God loves us. God says to those who represent you and me, "Forgive them for they know not what they do." God is love. We who have been changed by this love, even though we do not understand it, are called by God to show love to others.

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

Where do you see Love in the world?

God bless you,
Pastor Dave

Zion UMC's Soup Days

Wed., February 26

Wed., March 25

11:30am to 12:45pm

Serving

Chicken Noodle, Dry Lima Bean or Vegetable Beef

Eat-In: \$4.00 per meal incl. biscuits, drink. and dessert

Carry outs and delivery available

Quarts: \$8.00 includes biscuits only

(Drinks not included in carry-outs or deliveries)

Please call 410-228-4910 between 9:00 am and

11:00 am for free delivery and pick-up



If you can help with Soup Day by making deliveries, cleanup, and other tasks, contact Elaine Horseman.



We mourn with her family and friends while celebrating the life of faithful servant Betty Deissler, who went to be with the LORD on January 15, 2020.

Join the Good Timers for Lunch

Join the Good Timers for fellowship, conversation, fun, frivolity, and great food. The Good Timers meet the third Thursday of every month. On February 20, they will meet at Theo's Steak House at 1:00 p.m. Come and join us! Call Joan Reinisch (410-228-9232) to make a reservation.

Alyssa Nantt Has Changed Churches

Alyssa Nantt is recovering well from her major foot surgery. She is now serving Mt. Vernon: Asbury and Marion: Quindocqua charge in Wicomico County. She is currently still at the same parsonage: 4438 Beachwood Pl., Crisfield, MD 21817.



What do we do in the meantime?

- Dispel any rumors that we have already "split" as a denomination.
- Continue to follow the news articles about the developments with the Protocols (umc.org).
- Attend the General Conference delegate listening sessions that will be happening this spring.
- Continue with the ministry and mission of the church. Make disciples! Be the presence of Christ's love in this world.
- Most importantly PRAY. Pray for the United Methodist Church and its witness to the world. It is my hope that moving forward what we decide at General Conference will ultimately multiply our witness and we will be poised to reach more and more people for Jesus Christ.

I do offer a personal lament at this time. Being who I am, with the image of the "Body of Christ" as a central part of my theology and heart, it is important for me to offer my thought that with a divided body we will be less whole. A denomination or any church that separates over their understanding of God's truth has left itself without the possibility of more understanding and growth. We can only mature spiritually and personally by the refining fire of discourse and collective prayer with those with whom we disagree. When we go to our respective "corners" I believe we will soon discover that we are "less than" we could be without the other.

However, having struggled together for 47 years, it is likely a season for this Protocol to be enacted for many practical and important reasons. Our witness has taken a serious hit as people from the outside see us as a warring body and much ministry time has been spent engaging in disagreeable conversations. May there come a day when we get back together, we people called Methodists. Just as the Apostle Paul apparently reconciled with John Mark (II Timothy 4:11) after separating from Barnabas over a dispute that had something to do with Mark's desertion (Acts 15:37), I am hopeful that we too can find our way back together in the future.

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
Philadelphia Area

Eastern Shore Vision Day-"Fresh Expressions" Sat., February 1, 2020-9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Jubilee Christian Fellowship
415 Academy Street
Cambridge

A Vision Day is a one-day training event that provides an opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways, hear from Fresh Expressions practitioners, learn how to renew existing congregations through fresh expressions of church, and discern what this could mean for your region, community or neighborhood. There is active discussion as well as opportunity to build networks and relationships among those in your area.

Register Today:

FreshExpressions.us.org/event/VisionDayEasternShore

\$25/person General Admission-Lunch is included

The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation Agreement "It's Not a Done Deal"

by Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conferences

January 4, 2020

The people called United Methodists have been on a long journey of conversation and debate regarding human sexuality: specifically the marriage and ordination of homosexual people and what "the practice of homosexuality being contrary to Christian teaching" means. The Protocol Statement that was released on January 3, 2020 seems to be a significant break-through in this 47 year impasse. It was crafted by a diverse group of 16 key United Methodist leaders along with a professional mediator. My deepest appreciation goes to them for this faithful and courageous work.

This was initiated by Bishop John Yambasu, from the Sierra Leone Annual Conference in July 2019. He yearned for the United Methodist Church to remain a denomination in the midst of much talk of schism and the many unhappy conversations after the 2019 General Conference that included blame and shame.

This group of 16 continued to meet throughout the fall and the Protocol statement that was just issued will go to General Conference. It must also be considered by the Judicial Council (constitutional legality), the General Commission on Finance and Administration (financial impacts), and the Commission on General Conference (logistics and scheduling).

It is important to note that this must be approved by the delegates of General Conference (May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, MN) for this to become a reality. This Protocol still needs to be written into legislation form and presented to the delegates. So it is not a done deal! My email inbox was flooded yesterday by numerous concerned pastors and laity and I was interviewed by three newspapers. The major concern was the same: The UMC has split!! Not so! Please tell people this is not a done deal!

This Protocol is significant, ground breaking, and has the potential to accomplish much good. Among the components of this protocol are:

- The moratorium on all complaints and trials with regard to homosexuality between now and the General Conference.
- It keeps the Global UMC intact. The plan is to have the UMC be organized in regions that will determine their way of living with regard to paragraphs regarding homosexuality.
- It allows the Traditional churches to leave with their assets and be able to create their own denomination. A sum of \$25 million dollars will be paid over the next 4 years toward this end. As a result, there will be no court battles over property matters.
- It sets aside \$39 million dollars from both the UMC and the Traditionalist denomination for reparations in acknowledgement of the harm done to people of color during past changes in structure and system. These funds are to support programs, training and agency work to ensure the health and vitality of our ethnic constituencies going forward.
- It also sets aside \$2 million dollars for any future denomination that might want to also be developed.
- It ensures that clergy will still keep their pensions as everyone will continue to have Wespath Pension services.
- It allows for Disaffiliation for churches that wish to go on their own. However they must follow the Disciplinary paragraphs regarding this process.

All of this takes a very long time and with the Protocols are time-lines and benchmarks that will spin out for at least the next four years. So it is not a done deal even at the close of General Conference. (There will likely be amendments and changes to the plan if it does pass so it will not look exactly like the statement we have before us.)

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2020 - Zion's 240th Anniversary Year

A February Wedding! February 10, 1950

By Polly Lowry

Dicky and I had been planning our wedding to take place in Zion Church. On New Year's Eve 1949 we were riding down Locust Street and Dicky said, "That looks like smoke coming out of the church." We hadn't gone far when the fire whistle sounded, so we went back to the Church. Dicky helped Rev. Miller get some things out of the church offices.

The destruction from the fire meant there was no way we could be married at Zion. Since we didn't want to be married in another church, Rev. Miller offered to remove the furniture from the first floor of the Parsonage (the old one, the present one had not been built yet) so we could have our wedding there. The day of our wedding, it rained very hard. Mrs. Miller called and offered the upstairs of the Parsonage for me to get dressed. We basically took over the whole Parsonage when we got married on February 10, 1950. This month marks our 70th anniversary! We were very grateful to the Millers for their sacrifice.

What Was Happening The Year Zion Was Formed? 240 Years Ago - February 1780

The American Revolutionary War continued in 1780, and the outcome was still uncertain. In February, some 8,000 British forces under General Henry Clinton arrived in Charleston, South Carolina, from New York. New York ceded to Congress its western claims, including territory west of Lake Ontario. In 1792 New York will sell the Erie Triangle to Pennsylvania.

On February 3, 1780, a skirmish known as the Battle of Young's House was fought outside New York City between British and American forces during the American Revolutionary War. A British force attacked and destroyed a Continental Army outpost in Westchester County, New York.

Zion Builds a New Church Building

By 1845 the congregation had outgrown its building on the west corner of Mill and Church Streets. The trustees decided to relocate the church to the southeast side of Race street about midway between Muir Street and Cemetery Avenue. The cornerstone of the new church was laid in 1845 and the building was dedicated on August 19, 1846 by Bishop Edmund Storer Janes. The building was remodeled in 1881 and again in 1908.

On Saturday, July 31, 1910, a fire was discovered in the hay loft of LeCompt & Harper's stables at 2:20 am and subsequently swept through the Cambridge business district destroying homes, businesses, warehouses, and Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. The value of the building was estimated at \$25,000, but the church only had \$9,500 in insurance. Regardless, the trustees stated that "no time will be lost in rebuilding." This would not be the only time that the Zion congregation's building would be totally destroyed by fire.





FEBRUARY FELLOWSHIP EVENT

VALENTINE'S DAY COOKIE & CANDY EXCHANGE

SUN., FEBRUARY 9, 2020

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE
IN GARRETTSON HALL

BRING YOUR FAVORITE VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT
(AND COPIES OF THE RECIPE) TO SHARE.

SWEET & SAVORY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUN FOR ALL AGES!

FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY. GAMES & CRAFTS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE IS SUN., FEBRUARY 16

SPONSORED BY THE HATTIE B. SKINNER CIRCLE

Nursery Cleaning Day

Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 am

All hands are welcome to help clean-out, re-organize, and disinfect the nursery.

Contact Nancy Potter (443-521-2353) with questions.



The Nursery is NOT accepting toy/game/activity donations until further notice.

As part of the re-organizing of the nursery, the Trustees will need to purchase a new crib and changing table to comply with federal requirements that began in 2011.

If you would like to make a donation toward these purchases, please make checks payable to ZUMC and note "Nursery" in the memo line. Donations can be put in the offering plate or given to the Church Office.

Thank you for your generosity!

February 2020

Zion UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 am 11:00 am 11:00 am Praise & Prayer Worship	12:00 pm 1:30 pm 7:00 pm AA Meeting Hattie Brooks Skinner Circle Trustee Meeting	9:00 am 7:00 pm Good Sam. / Food Pantry Bible Study	9:45 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm Clergy Bible Study Bible Study Choir Practice Gamblers Anon.	6	7	8
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