

# Sandy Mount



# January Vine



# A Message from the Pastor

I was thinking lately of all the angst surrounding the end of the millennium. There was so much concern about our computer systems and everything surrounding the 2-digit versus 4-digit date and all the problems that would cause. Then I was reminded of the serious worry around December of 2012 when the Mayan calendar ended, and many believed it would be the end of life as we know it.

Here we are, 20 years into the millennium, and much has happened in our world. We have seen struggles, tragedies, great victories and personal accomplishments. I am now able to celebrate almost 12 years in ministry. Mark and I have seen our children grow into mature adults, we have said goodbye to family members and friends, and we have come to appreciate each day God gives us as a privilege and call to service.

As we begin 2020, my question for us as Sandy Mount United Methodist Church is this: Where do we go from here? As you know, our denomination will once again face major decisions on whether we remain united or divide due to unresolved denominational differences. What does that mean for us as this body of Christ?

Later this month I will be meeting with church leaders to develop a year-long focus for us. Perhaps we will call it a '2020 vision'

(pun intended.) Your voice matters – I encourage you to share your thoughts with me. Is there a passion for a particular missional area? Do we need to focus on our physical, mental, or spiritual health or a balance of all three? Are we concerned with unity in the midst of diversity?

One thing I know to be true – in this time of uncertainty God is the ultimate constant in our lives. Let us draw closer to the source of peace in the midst of life's storms. May God continue to bless and strengthen us so that together we can continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,  
Pastor Kathy

## ALTAR FLOWER LIST

The Altar Flower signup list for **January** is as follows:

1/05/20 **Connie Clarke**

1/12/20 closed

1/16/20 closed

1/26/19 **Ginny Brown**

**Remember to submit your dedication to the church office by the Monday of the week flowers will be on the altar. Without a dedication only the donors name will appear.**

You may want to bring a plastic bag with you on the Sunday you have flowers. There are usually paper towels available in the kitchen but not plastic bags.

**Please use the gloves provided when removing flowers from the brass altar vases and returning the vase liners.**

Flower chart is on the wall outside the church office.  
**The cost is \$40.00.** Just place your "marked" payment for the Flower Fund in the offering plate.

*Thank you for your support and help!*

## GO AND TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS **Community Prayer Box**

**Newly Painted!**

SANDY MOUNT UMC  
2101 Old Westminster Pike  
Westminster, MD 21048

This box is along Old Westminster Pike and may be used by anyone who passes by and would like for our church to pray for them. It will be checked weekly and prayers will be added to our prayer chain and shared at Joys and Concerns during our morning worship services.

Or you can send your request to:

**[Sandymountprayers@hotmail.com](mailto:Sandymountprayers@hotmail.com)**



Jan. 2 Jared Dash  
Jan. 3 Stephanie Schaefer  
Jan. 5 Allison Tesch  
Jan. 11 Malcolm Gerrard  
Jan. 13 Katie McDonough  
Jan. 14 Dana Mangano  
Jan. 18 Dan Davis  
Jamie Dougherty  
Jan. 21 Scott Gill  
Alex Von Gunten  
Mabel Watcher  
Jan. 22 Jill Centofani  
Jan. 23 Tom Poe  
Adam White  
Jan. 26 Katie Meekins  
Lottie Tiaht  
Jan. 28 Ginny Brown  
Isabella Centofani  
Jan. 29 Amber Scobie  
Jan. 31 Riley Morsberger

## Inclement Weather Policy

*Sandy Mount follows the Carroll County  
Snow Emergency Plan*

If the snow emergency plan is in effect 90 minutes prior to any worship service or **event** at Sandy Mount the services are canceled.

### **For Sunday Worship:**

If the snow emergency plan is in effect at 7:30 am, then 9 & 11 am worship services and Sunday school are **canceled**.

# A NOTE OF THANKS...

Pastor Kathy also shared her appreciation for the members of the congregation who came together to provide love and support to the Haines family. She also expressed her appreciation to all who took part in the celebrations at Country Acres, Safe Haven and all the other outreach programs which the church supports.

Dear Ladies of Sandy Mount Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer shawl. It will be a comfort to me as I learn to adjust to life without my husband, Allen.

It was very thoughtful of you and I appreciate your kindness and concern.

Sincerely,

Pam Haines

Mark and I would like to thank you all for the wonderful gifts and cards you presented to us at Christmas. We are truly grateful and touched by your kindness, caring, and amazing thoughtfulness. Your outpouring of love is truly overwhelming – **thank you so very much!**

Pastor Kathy and Mark

Jeff McDonough thanks everyone for the love and support shown to the Haines family after the loss of his father-in-law, Carl Haines. Continue to keep the extended family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.



*Thanks to everyone at Sandy Mount UMC for making my itineration visit so special -especially the cake!*

*Grace and Peace ,*

*Dr. Belinda Forbes*



December 10, 2019

Sandy Mount United Methodist Church  
2101 OLD WESTMINSTER PIKE  
FINKSBURG, MD 21048

***"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)***

Dear Friends,

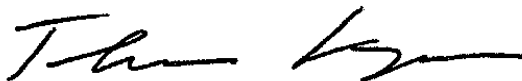
**Thank you!**

The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!*

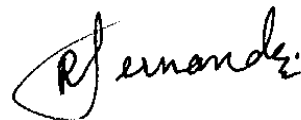
And through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,



Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary



Roland Fernandes, COO and General Treasurer

**Supporting**

Belinda Forbes

Fresh Water for Central Congo

**Gift Amount**

\$2,500.00

\$2,848.88

**Total Gift Amount** \$5,348.88



# Come and Join US...

## The Grown-up Sunday School Class

There's a nasty rumor going around that the Grown-up Sunday School Class will not meet during December and January because we're too old to deal with snow and ice. Absolutely Not True! We are intrepid. "Neither rain, nor snow, nor driving rain. . . "You get the gist." So, let's talk about December.

We're preparing a four-week study about Christmas, with Max Lucado as our DVD host: *Because of Bethlehem, Love is Born, Hope is Here*. We know, of course, that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season," but sometimes, in the rush and hurry, we lose track of it. We'll take time to reminisce about our memories of Christmas when we were children. As always, we meet every Sunday, under the old sanctuary, at 9:30 a.m.

Bill Boyer

## WHO ARE WE?

A JOURNEY FROM HEAD TO HEART

JOIN US FOR PART ONE OF THIS STUDY  
WHERE THE FOUNDATIONAL QUESTION  
– WHO ARE WE AS THE PEOPLE OF  
GOD? – WILL BE EXPLORED IN 6 WEEKS  
FROM A VARIETY OF ANGLES.

DOWNLOAD STUDY MATERIALS AT [BWCUMC.ORG/WHOAREWE](http://BWCUMC.ORG/WHOAREWE)

### 6-Week Bible Study Begins January (Two opportunities)

**Starting January 6th every Monday @ 7 PM**  
dinner at Bistro 91, 3000 Gamber Rd.  
Finksburg, MD

**Every Tuesday starting January 7th @ 12noon**  
brown bag lunch and learn  
Sandy Mount UMC - Old Fellowship Hall

Did you know we're  
**Live Streaming our 9 a.m. service?**

Follow us on Facebook:

**Sandy Mount UMC**

Give us feedback and sign up  
for notifications.



Bible study for a small group of seniors meets every **Wednesday morning at 10:30 am.** We are continuing our study on the book of Luke through January. Come and fellowship as we study the word of God together.  
**Don't forget to bring a friend.**

Rev. Kathy Altman

# SMUMC Youth Corner



Sandy Mount UMC Youth Groups

**Loving. Learning. Serving.**

**God's Little Feet (K-2nd grade)**

**Live Wires (3rd-5th grade) and**

**God's Squad (6th grade and above)**

**Mark these Important 2019 Dates on your Calendar!**

**Youth Group Meetings ~ Sunday Evenings 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

## **\*\*\*Youth Events\*\*\***

**Sunday, Jan. 12th 6p.m.**

*Youth Game night (fellowship hall)*

**Mon, Jan. 27th. 6 p.m.**

*Country Acres Bingo*

Events are open to **ALL** youth... **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

Featuring...**RECREATION~ BIBLE TIME/LESSONS~SPECIAL ACTIVITIES~ FELLOWSHIP~  
SNACKS~SERVICE PROJECTS~FUN**

**For More Information: Live Wires - Joyce Yanke (jyanke@hotmail.com)**

**"God's Little Feet and God Squad" MYF- Tracy Tiahrt (tracy.tiahrt@burryfoods.com)**

## **100 Years**

### **Scout Sunday 2020**

BSA Scout Sunday is **February 9th**. On Feb. 12, 1920, the Methodist Church and Boy Scouts of America started a formal partnership. We are grateful to be in ministry together for **100** years. Many things have changed in those **100 years**, but the values of Scouting remain. The commitment of the church to grow youth with values remains as well.

**Let's celebrate together!**

For more information:  
mstowe@GCUM.org 615-340-7145

The youth would like to wish everyone a wonderful **2020** and thank you for all the support in 2019!

# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **ROCK Retreat**

**February 7-9th, Ocean City MD.**

Grades 6th - 12th

~BWC Mission Center~

For more information contact:

Tracy Tiahrt (tracy.tiahrt@burryfoods.com)

Or visit [www.bwcumc.org/ROCK](http://www.bwcumc.org/ROCK)

We are very excited to have several of our youth going to Rock 2020 this year. They will be going with Reisterstown United Methodist Church.

# Did you Know?

## 2020 Flower Chart FACTS and New Procedures

The chart is up in the hallway outside of the church office. 47 weeks available, 11 weeks went uncovered in 2019 costing the church \$440 to pay for the empty weeks. **Yikes!**

**As of January 5, 2020** the First Sunday will always have one large arrangement to accommodate Communion needs. If you prefer one arrangement sign up quickly there are only 12 of these spots.

**Please note:** The weeks that have a special display and do not need flowers supplied, none will be not be ordered.

**Cost:** \$40 Whether it is one large arrangement or 2 vases.

**Upgrades:** Call The Cutting Garden 410-751 -9015 and they will tailor your flower order and give you the added cost. Not a flower person? We will see that your flowers get to someone in need of cheering up when at all possible.

### ~2020 Flower Chart New Procedures~

THE FLOWERS GARDEN WILL BE EMAILED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH AS TO WHETHER FLOWERS ARE TO BE PROVIDED FOR EACH WEEK OF THE MONTH.

The **weeks** that do not have a name on them will be marked **closed** for that month. This will save our church a great deal of money on flowers that were not dedicated.

Please consider this opportunity to adorn the altar for worship and visit the chart.  
If everyone signs up one time we will have more than the 47 weeks covered.

**Connie**



## Harvey Tesch Memorial Fund helps build Fresh Water Wells in the Congo

The Outreach Committee has sent a check to UMCOR in the amount of \$2,848.88 to be used to build fresh water wells in the Congo. This is a project that was close to the heart of Harvey Tesch and the money comes from his memorial fund. Monies in the memorial fund are from donations and from the breakfast sandwich fundraiser held by the Outreach Committee.

The water available to the villages in the Congo for drinking and cooking is either polluted or stagnant. Disease is rampant and many die. There are often outbreaks that decimate entire villages. Not only is physical health a problem but intellectual health is as well. The children are often too sick to attend school. Clean water is critical to meet the health and basic human needs of these people.

Reaching out to help God's people locally, nationally and internationally is the role of Sandy Mount's Outreach Committee. **Thank you for your support.**



# ~Help Wanted~

We have a few specific needs at SMUMC that perhaps could use your unique qualities! If you are willing to serve in any of the areas listed below, kindly contact the church office ASAP at 410-861-5788, or [sandymtunc@comcast.net](mailto:sandymtunc@comcast.net).

**Trustees:** We have one opening on the Trustees committee. Meetings are held quarterly. Trustees are responsible for the physical property of the church and parsonage. We handle decision making for routine maintenance schedules, emergent needs, and plan capital expenditures for future projects. Interest/expertise with home maintenance, construction, etc. appreciated but not required.

**Administrative Council Secretary:** Attend Administrative Council meetings quarterly, take minutes for all meetings and distribute to members in a timely fashion. Work closely with Council Chair to accurately document meeting discussions, updates, and action plans.

**Children's Sermons:** Conduct children's sermons 1 time/month during the 9 a.m. worship service. Prepare a short message for the children (and the adults who are listening in) - interactive format is preferred. Expenses incurred will be reimbursed.

## **Additional Help Wanted:**

**Greeters:** Do you have a gift of welcoming others? Consider being a greeter - needed for both services each week. Pass out bulletins, provide guidance to visitors, answer questions about ministries and happenings at SMUMC.

**In-Between Cafe:** Perhaps you have enjoyed sharing a snack and a coffee with your church family. Consider sponsoring an In-Between Cafe. Provide light refreshments for a specific Sunday, or become a regular! Assistance is available to get out paper and plasticware - coffee is made by our resident experts!

**Librarian:** We need someone to promote and organize Sandy Mount library. If you like to explore and have an interest in learning new things and inspiring others, this is the job for you! Rekindle your love for books - share the light.

We are all blessed to be a blessing. I hope you will prayerfully consider giving of your time and talent.

Blessings, Pastor Kathy

# 2020

**Wishing you:**

**- love  
- health  
- happiness  
- inner peace  
all through &  
beyond this  
holiday season!**

## This Year:

Recognize your  
uniqueness

Offer your support  
to someone who needs it

Keep going

Focus on love,  
forgiveness, and peace

Keep growing

Steer clear of people  
and things  
that wound you

See the love around you

Strive to be happy

Speak and be heard

Support what is right  
in the face of what is wrong

Look forward  
and live today

*Inspirations*

"THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
IS A PERFECT TIME  
TO REFLECT ON OUR BLESSINGS  
AND SEEK OUT WAYS TO  
MAKE LIFE BETTER  
FOR THOSE AROUND US."

## Christmas Gift Suggestions

To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

Wishing you  
peace and joy  
this holiday  
season and  
throughout the  
coming year.

*Blessed*  
IS THE SEASON WHICH  
ENGAGES THE  
WHOLE WORLD IN A  
CONSPIRACY OF LOVE!



# HAPPY NEW YEAR



# January

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**1** Office closed



**2** Safe Haven  
6pm

Chancel Choir  
7 pm

**3**

**4**

**5** Morning  
Worship  
9 & 11 am

**6** Country  
Acres crafting  
1pm

**7**

**8** Nova  
Springs Bible  
Study 10:30 am  
  
Praise Team  
Rehearsal 7 pm

**9** Safe Haven  
6pm  
  
Chancel Choir  
7 pm

**10**

**11**

**12** Morning  
Worship  
9 & 11 am

Youth Game  
Night 6 pm

**13**

**14**

**15** Nova  
Springs Bible  
Study 10:30 am  
  
Praise Team  
Rehearsal 7 pm

**16** Country  
Acres worship  
6 p.m.  
  
Safe Haven  
6pm  
  
Chancel Choir  
7 pm

**17**

**18**

**19** Morning  
Worship  
9 & 11 am

**20**

**21**

**22** Nova  
Springs Bible  
Study 10:30 am  
  
Praise Team  
Rehearsal 7 pm

**23** Safe  
Haven 6pm  
  
Chancel Choir  
7 pm

**24**

**25**

**26** Morning  
Worship  
9 & 11 am

**27** Country  
Acres Bingo  
6pm

**28**

**29** Nova  
Springs Bible  
Study 10:30 am  
  
Praise Team  
Rehearsal 7 pm

**30** Safe  
Haven 6pm  
  
Chancel Choir  
7 pm

**31**



**January 2020  
Worship Schedule**

Praise Svc. & Sunday School 9:00 A.M.  
Traditional Svc. 11 A.M.



**Worship Service Servants -** Ushers: \* selected from counting team

1/05 Kara Urban, Sally Wilson

1/12 Katie McDonough, Belinda vonGunten, Beth Mangano

1/19 Tina vonGunten, David Caple, Marie Wilson

1/26 Jeff Tesch, Steve Boyle, Russ Clark

**Church Openers/Closers:** 1/05 Zach Pittinger 1/12 George Pittinger  
1/19 Sheryl Findley 1/26 Zach Pittinger

Rev. Kathy L. Altman, Pastor

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Email: [Sandymtunc@comcast.net](mailto:Sandymtunc@comcast.net)

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January 2020

Church Staff  
Pastor: Rev. Kathy L. Altman  
Church Secretary: Deatra Smith  
Dir. Christian Ed. Director: Terri Pittinger  
Praise Team Leader: Charlie Im  
Choir Director/Organist: Connie Clarke  
Custodian: Vicky Blanks

**Mission Statement**  
The mission of Sandy Mount  
UMC is to make disciples of Jesus  
Christ for the transformation of  
the World.  
(Matthew 22:37-39; 28:19-20)

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