



## THE SANDY MOUNT VINE JANUARY 2015

### *From the Pastor*

Here it is. I can't believe it's 2015! It seems like only last week we were all concerned with Y2K and the potential meltdown of the entire global communication and economic system. Oh, how times have changed, or have they? As I look back over the years, I am reminded of God's faithfulness and how He never changes (Hebrews 13:8). It does not matter how much humanity messes things up, God's faithfulness continues (1 Corinthians 1:9). We have just been talking about God's faithfulness this past month in my Sunday School class as we wound down our Advent Study. It truly is remarkable how God has kept his covenant throughout the years. As I think about His faithfulness, I am reminded to ask myself some questions: "How faithful have I been to Him? Am I more faithful to Him now than I was last year? In what ways have I shown my faithfulness to God?"

I would like to challenge all of us to take some time to evaluate where we are spiritually as we embark on a new year. Think about the past year. Am I closer in my relationship with God? Am I more faithful in church than I was last year? Did I serve more? Did I give more? Did I pray more? Has my spiritual life, along with my family's, been enhanced due to my own spiritual growth? If so, Praise the Lord!

Let's take some time to evaluate our own lives and commit to the Lord that 2015 is going to be greater than ever because we will be more faithful to Him.

Hebrews 10:23

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

*Pastor Bob*



**January 17, 2015**  
**7:30 AM to 9:00 AM**

Sandy Mount United Methodist Church wants to invite the men of the church and their friends to join in fellowship and conversation. We will meet in the old fellowship hall January 17, 2015 from 7:30am to 9:00am for breakfast and prayerful conversation. We will have our breakfast every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

We will have a guest speaker each month to share in our fellowship

There is a need for Christ to be in each of our lives. You are invited to see Christ move and work with men willing to come together in support of each other and with the desire to help others who may be struggling or may need prayer, mentoring and a friend that has Jesus in their hearts. We want and need our men to come together, share in fellowship and improve our communities. Come, and bring a friend!! The breakfast will be held at the Sandy Mount United Methodist Church in the (OLD) Fellowship Hall.

Cost for the breakfast is \$5.00

George Pittinger/Bill Yankee/Pastor Bob Wellman

**A Note of Thanks.....**

**Thank you to all members of Sandy Mount and all who gave to the beautiful Christmas basket I received. I enjoyed it so much! Hope to be able to see you soon,  
Mary Etta Strain**

**Thank You!**

**Thank you for your generosity  
By supplying all of the items for the MNM basket's. They really appreciate them.**

**Thank You,  
Peachy Caple**

**BOOK CLUB**

**No Meeting in January!**

**Please note that all Book club meetings will be held at Noon from now on.**



**You're invited to join us!**

**Jan. 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.  
in the church parlor  
and on Jan. 26, 2015  
at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor**

**We will be making crocheted and knitted prayer shawls. Experienced and new stitcher's are welcome. We always appreciate donations of yarn. If you have questions contact: Sherri Wahlgren 410-861-8443**

Thank you Sandy Mount,

When the Lord laid the burden on my heart to supply Sheppard's Staff with stockings, you ALL came through AGAIN in a BIG way.

We collected \$600 Sunday morning and with a matching donation we were able to provide a need for the children in our community.

I contacted the Director at Sheppard's Staff and she stated they had no stockings for teenagers.

With the help of my wife, Tina & Alex VonGunten, Belinda VonGunten, Kara Urban, and Pam Lindsey, we, as a church, supplied

100 stockings, 50 for teen girls and 50 for teen boys. Here's what we gave each teenager as a blessing to each of them this Christmas Season.

Girls	Boys
socks	socks
hair bands	flashlight
ear buds	ear buds
calculator	calculator
Christian pin	Christian medallion

Thank you, and have a wonderful New Year

Ted Wilson

### ALTAR FLOWERS JAN. 2015

The Altar Flower signup list for January is as follows:

**January 4, 2015** - Shirley Amass

**January 11, 2015** - Ginny Brown

**January 18, 2015** - Pat Burkholder

**January 25, 2015** - Tina VonGunten

**February 1, 2015** - Belinda VonGunten

**February 8, 2015** - Steve Boyle

**February 15, 2015** - Mary & Bill Boyer

**February 22, 2015** - Kathy Klinger

Remember to submit your dedication to Helen by the Tuesday of the week they will be on the altar.

There are still empty dates in February, please consider signing up.

LISA FINCHAM - JAN. 2015 VINE

Did you know that many people "shop" for churches online before ever stepping foot through the church doors?

Our website needs your help!

We've made many improvements to our site over the past year, but there is still much that can be done! Much of the site content is from many years back, and could use a good refresh! Let's go into 2015 with a refreshed and current website that will give us that great first impression!

If there is something new you'd like added to our website, or if you would like to update something that is currently there, please reach out to Lisa Fincham ([lfincham918@gmail.com](mailto:lfincham918@gmail.com)).

### **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 service is canceled in the interest of safety.

#### **For Sunday worship:**

**Contemporary Service:** If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect at 7:30AM, then worship and Sunday School are canceled;

**Traditional Service:** If the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect at 9:45AM, then worship is canceled.

You may find out if the Carroll County Snow Emergency Plan is in effect by Going to the Maryland Department of Transportation website:

[http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow\\_emergency\\_plans.asp](http://www.chart.state.md.us/StormInfo/snow_emergency_plans.asp)

Are you feeling blah????  
Is the cold weather keeping you inside?????  
Have you turned into a couch potato???

**We have just the answer!!!**

*Winter Walking*

Shake off the winter doldrums walking  
YES walking!

The church will be open every other Friday from  
7 - 9 pm.

All doors will be open and you can create your own walking path.

Dress appropriately - there will be no heat.

Beginning Jan 9<sup>th</sup> and ending March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Come out and join us!

Your Fellowship Team

## Celebrating Birthdays in January

January 1 Don Matheny  
January 2 Jared Dash  
January 3 Stephanie Schaefer  
January 11 Malcolm Gerrard  
January 13 Katie McDonough  
January 14 Dana Mangano  
January 18 Jamie Dougherty  
January 23 Tom Poe

January 23 Adam White  
January 26 Katie Meekins  
January 29 Amber Scobie



### **God's Servant's Choir Rehearses after Praise service offering.**

There is plenty of room for everyone in grades 1 thru 5 elementary and middle school! We will rehearse following Sunday school the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. We will sing the first Sunday of the EVEN months during the offertory of the Praise service.

Contact:

Robyn Gilden [binkibbb@hotmail.com](mailto:binkibbb@hotmail.com)

### **SOCK DRIVE FOR COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

The item most frequently requested by the visitors at the cold weather shelter is socks. By this time the supply at the shelter is most likely low. If each of you could bring in a package of new socks, it would be a great gift for those who are homeless and in need of our help. The best sock to bring is a white tube sock as these will fit any foot. However, we will be happy to accept what you bring. Socks will be collected on the following Sundays: Jan 4, 11, and 18. They will be delivered to the shelter the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please speak with Audrey Boyle who is heading up this Outreach program.

## OUTREACH NEWS

January 2015

In November our Holiday Bazaar was a huge success. The final word is not in but it appears we made about \$11,000.

Also in November we provided Thanksgiving meals for 3 families at Sandymount Elementary School.

In December filled stockings and gifts for Angels were delivered to the Salvation Army. Even our youngest members (the Live Wires) helped by stuffing the stockings. Brad Scobie organized this activity and did a great job.

Three families at Sandymount School received Christmas gifts from our church. This event was organized by the awesome Paula Dinatale.

The Safe Haven Christmas Party sponsored by our church was held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. There was delicious food; we played games and all residents received gifts. The youth of the church again this year contributed gifts for the residents. Thanks to Tina Von Gunten for another great party at Safe Haven.

For the first time this year our Youth did not adopted a human family for Christmas. Instead they adopted all of the animals at the Carroll County Humane Society. They visited the shelter on December 20<sup>th</sup> to deliver the gently used towels and other gifts for the animals and had a tour of the shelter. Becky Tesch and Audrey Boyle worked with the youth on this project.

The newest outreach activity was started in December and is headed by Audrey Boyle. Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month a group will visit Golden Acres assisted living home. There will be a brief message, singing and snacks. On December 18<sup>th</sup> a group visited the home and sang Christmas carols and had holiday snacks.

This is the close of our Outreach Programs for 2014. Our team is so grateful for the giving attitude of this church. We make every effort to design our Outreach programs to fit what our members can support. Our job is made a lot easier with the generosity of this congregation.

Our first Outreach Program in 2015 will be a sock drive for the Cold Weather Shelter. You may want to start watching for sales on white tube or athletic socks.



## **Flash – Finance Committee Starts Capital Campaign**

The Finance Committee will start a 'Capital Campaign' starting in January to fund two urgent projects. We need to raise approximately \$35,000 to fund these projects recommended by our trustees.

The trustees presented both capital improvement projects to the Administrative Council at the December meeting. Each project is urgent in nature and both were approved by the council. The first project is the replacement of the audio system used in the sanctuary, at a cost of \$17,458. The second project involves replacement of all the overhead fluorescent light fixtures throughout the entire church complex, at a cost to the church of \$28,945. The lighting project will actually cost only \$19,290 because of a rebate program offered by BGE. The finance committee has identified the funds necessary to make the initial deposit for each project from within our current budget.

*A/V Solutions* of Pennsylvania has been awarded the contract for the replacement of the audio system and we estimate completion in mid-February. The new system is necessary because:

1. The current system is ten years old and is rapidly failing. It has already been repaired several times.
2. The audio system is used at both services and is an integral part of our worship experience.
3. The new system will be digital and wireless and eliminate the need for all the wires on the floor presently found around the altar. These wires present a tripping hazard to the members of the Praise Team, the choir or other members performing in the front of the church, the congregation during communion, and our youth when at the altar during the Children's Message.

The lighting contract has been awarded to George Klinger Electrical and will start sometime in January. The rebate offered by BGE required that we be under contract by December 31st to qualify for the program.

1. The lights in the older part of the church complex will be replaced because the ballast used in those fixtures contain PCB's and are a health hazard to everyone using the building.
2. The fixtures in the newer Educational wing will be retro fitted to match the new fixtures used in the older portion of the complex at a cost savings to us.
3. The new fixtures will mean a 10 to 12 percent savings in the lighting portion of our monthly electric bill.

Everyone is urged to be as generous as possible as soon as possible. All donations are tax deductible and, if made by December 31st, qualify for the 2014 tax year. We are also able to accept stock which the finance committee can then convert to cash. More info to follow.



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# JANUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Services:</p> <p>Praise 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM</p> <p>Traditional 11 AM</p>				<p>1 NEW YEAR 2015</p> <p>Church office closed</p> <p>Safe Haven 5:30-7 pm</p>	2	3
4	<p>5</p> <p>GS Trp 1584 6:30-7:45 pm Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>BS Trp. 395 7-8 pm</p>	8	<p>9</p> <p>Live Wires 5-8 pm (FH) and RR)</p> <p>NEW! WINTER WALKING 7-9 pm (FH)</p>	10
11	<p>12</p> <p>Prayer Shawls 10 AM (CP)</p> <p>SPRC Mtg. 7 pm (CP)</p> <p>Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>13 SERRV</p> <p>Lv. 8 am Return 3 pm Administrative Council 7-9 pm (RR)</p> <p>GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>BS Trp. 395 7-8 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Country Acres Visit 6:00 pm</p> <p>Safe Haven 5:30 - 7 PM</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:30-9:00 AM (OFH)</p>
18	<p>19</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day Church office closed</p> <p>GS Trp 1584 6:30-7:45 pm Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Vine Items due!</p> <p>GS Troop 586 6 - 7:30 p.m. Cubs Trp. 395 7 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 - 8:30 pm</p> <p>BS Trp. 395 7-8 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Safe Haven 5:30 - 7 PM</p> <p>Congregational Care Mtg. 7:00 pm (RR)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>STATICAL REPTS. DUE ONLINE AT NOON</p> <p>WINTER WALKING 7-9 pm (FH)</p>	24
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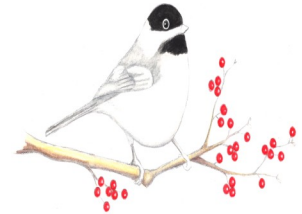
**Worship Schedule January 2015**

*See: Calendar page*

**Praise Service. 9:00 AM**

**Sunday School 9:30 AM**

**Traditional Service. 11:00 AM**



***Behold Jesus makes all things new!***

**Traditional Service**

**\* Ushers: \* selected from counting team**

***1/04 Jeff Tesch, Steve Boyle and Russ Clarke***

***1/11 Tom Poe, Cindy Blob and Anita Myers***

***1/18 Kara Urban, Sally Wilson and Doris Edwards***

***1/25 Katie McDonough, Belinda VonGunten and Beth Mangano***

**Church Opener/Closers: 1/4 Buddy Wheat 1/11 Bev Markline 1/18 Buddy Wheat 1/25 Rob Barone**

**Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Martin Luther King Day 1/19 - Church Office closed**

**Pastor: Rev. Robert T. Wellman**

**Church Phone: 410-861-5788**

**Office Manager: Helen Kemp**

**Email: Sandymtmc@comcast.net**

**Website: sandymountumc.com**

**January 2015**



**Church Staff**

**Pastor: Rev. Robert T. Wellman**

**Praise Team Leader: Mrs. Lynne Hasenei**

**Choir Director/Organist: Mrs. Connie Clarke**

**Asst. Organist: Carolyn Dinst**

**Office Manager: Mrs. Helen Kemp**

**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)

**Sandy Mount United Methodist Church  
2101 Old Westminster Pike  
Finksburg, MD 21048**