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Oakland Trumpet

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

I am Caroline Herritt, and this year I was lay member to Annual Conference for Oakland. This past month was the 232st Annual Conference of the Baltimore- Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church. Meeting under the theme “You Have the Power,” 1,701 lay and clergy members from 631 churches in the Baltimore-Washington Conference gathered at the 232nd annual session. The June 1-4 event at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C., was a time of worship, fellowship and holy conferencing.

On the evening of June 3, and throughout the session, conference members bid farewell to Bishop Marcus Matthews, their Episcopal leader, who is retiring after 42 years of ministry, all but eight of which were lived out in the Baltimore-Washington Conference. In an historic moment, the live streaming feeds from the Baltimore-Washington and Upper New York annual conferences were linked so that Bishop Mark Webb and others could deliver well wishes to Matthews. Matthews was the bishop who united four annual conferences and gaveled the new Upper New York Conference into existence in 2010.

In Baltimore-Washington, as an expression of their gratitude, members collected \$300,001 in an offering to break ground on a fitness center at Africa University in Zimbabwe in Matthews’ name. The bishop, who championed the creation of the pan-African, Methodist-affiliated university, currently serves as the interim chair of its Board of Directors.

In what was in my opinion a miscalculated action, the BWC clergy, meeting in executive session, voted not to approve Tara “T.C.” Morrow for commissioning as a Deacon in The United Methodist Church. [Pastor’s note: I concur with Caroline’s opinion. I do not believe the executive session handled this matter appropriately nor fairly. T.C. Morrow responded with grace and dignity; a fact which is now acknowledged by both those who supported her ordination and those who opposed it.] Morrow is married to a woman. The conference’s Board of Ordained Ministry recommended Morrow’s candidacy, which is one of four boards throughout the denomination that recently chose to not make the sexual practices of the candidates a determining factor in their decisions about ordination. Morrow



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Apple Dumping Order Forms
- Cookie Order Forms

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**HALL CALENDAR
REMINDER**

Please let me know the date(s) that you are responsible for and will need to reserve the hall/kitchen for 2016. Plans have a way of changing for various reasons and it is important that the hall calendar reflect these changes. The sooner the better to assure you the date(s) your activity needs. Don't take it for granted that I know.

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ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUE

narrowly missed the two-thirds margin for commissioning. The result of this vote echoed throughout the conference sessions. During the Ordination Service on June 4, some of the members of Morrow's commissioning class left an empty space for her at the kneeler and a rainbow stole hung on the altar railing where she would have knelt.

During the plenary session June 2, members endorsed the Rev. Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, superintendent of the Baltimore-Metropolitan District, to be a candidate for the episcopacy. The election of two bishops will be held at the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference the week of July 10-15 in Lancaster, Pa. A 24-member delegation, elected by last year's Annual Conference, will represent the BWC there, reported the delegation chair Delores Martin. The Rev. TR Chattin and Tom Price serve on the NEJ Episcopacy Committee, which will determine, and announce on July 15, who will serve as the next bishop of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

At the BWC Annual Conference Session, members also adopted a \$14.2 million budget for 2017. The budget represents a decrease of 0.8 percent from 2016 and is the fifth consecutive year for this same level of spending. In the stewardship report, the Rev. Ann Laprade, chair of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, celebrated the outstanding giving by conference churches, which resulted in a 91.7 percent collection rate on apportionments in 2015. This has been the highest level of giving in 15 years, she said.

Saturday was primarily set aside for the ordination of new clergy. However, there was some concluding business in the morning and a service for those taking new appointments in July. Annual conference was an enlightening experience! The pastor's regular column will be back for the next newsletter.

BAZAAR UPDATE

Workshop is open to anyone who wants to work on projects for the Bazaar. Remember this is not **my** Bazaar, **your** Bazaar but **OUR BAZAAR**. Weather permitting we have workshop every Tuesday from 9am – 2 pm, bring your lunch and we will have coffee or tea plus a delicious dessert provided by the hostess for that day. We are not having workshop for the summer but will resume late August or early September.

For additional information, contact:

Grace Schissler 410-795-3708 or Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029.

I am only one, but still I am one, I cannot do everything but I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our yearly Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 30th at 2:30 pm at Calvary UMC in Finksburg. The meeting will be led by our district guide, Rev. Edgardo Rivera. All Church Council members and Lay Speakers are required to be there. The meeting is open to the entire congregation as well and it is hoped that many of you will stay for the meeting. All attending have voice, however, only Church Council members have the vote. Please come out for this annual meeting and hear the status of the church as leaders from various committee and ministry areas give their yearly updates and reports.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please do not forget to let the church secretary (**Jaelyn Wilson, 410-236-2442, oumcscetry@hotmail.com** or place your information in her “**secretary folder**” in the church office) or the membership secretary (**Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029 mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com**) know of **any and all changes** in membership information. Remember we are not mind readers. Our records are only as good as you help us keep them. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter and you would like for it to be, please let us know. Thanks!

Sympathies to the following families:

Debbie Plummer in the passing of her father Richard Appel

Linda and George Brown in the passing of her brother William Quigley and his sister Katherine Wotring.

Sympathy to the families and Praying that God will comfort your hearts, uplift your spirits and carry you all through this time of sadness to a place of peace.

The following need special prayers:

Audrey Gosnell, Senior Constant Care, 1200 Old West Liberty Road, Sykesville 21784

Scott Burgoon, 1749 Keel Drive, Sykesville 21784

Peg Ludwig, 7110 Ridge Road, Marriottsville 21104

Brenda Gretzinger, 6627 Marvin Avenue, Sykesville 21784

Priscilla Reed, 2360 Jim Kohler Road, Sykesville 21784

The Lord did not promise that life would be easy but HE did promise to go with us every step of the way.

OAKLAND BAKERS

The Oakland Bakers are making their delicious **Peach Dumplings**. Deadline will be August 7th with a pickup date of August 14th. The cost will be **\$3.50**.

Apple Dumplings – deadline September 11th with a pickup date of September 18th, cost will be **\$3.25**. You can get them **BAKED, UNBAKED or FROZEN**.

See the advance order forms provided in this newsletter or call **Gail Martin 410-795-8252/410-795-3833**. Thanking you in advance for your order.

COUNTRY STORE - COOKIE BAKING

If you like to bake, we invite you to help us make the various Cookies offered at the Country Store/Bake Table. We meet at the Hall & the baking schedule is as follows:

10/22 – 1 P.M.
10/24 – 8 A.M.
10/26 – 8 A.M.
10/28 – 8 A.M.

Advance Cookie Order Form will be in the Church Bulletins September 25th and October 9th. Deadline is October 9th and pickup is October 30th.

If you are personally baking for the Country Store/Bake Table and it needs to be cut and/or weighed, please have it to Gail by Nov 2nd or contact Gail Martin 410-795-8252 or 410-795-3833.

USHER SCHEDULES

AUGUST

- 7 - George Brown
Linda Brown
- 14- Stan Martin
Brian Polk
- 21 - Glenn Jaeger
Zac Wilson
- 28 - Rose Edmondson
Karen Ruch

SEPTEMBER

- 4- Nick Edmondson
CJ Mielke
- 11- Lee Stuples
Don Schissler
- 18 - Connie Burgoon
- 25- Rick Agoris
Breeze Reed

OCTOBER

- 2 - George Brown
Linda Brown
- 9 - Stan Martin
Brian Polk
- 16 - Glenn Jaeger
Zac Wilson
- 23- Nick Edmondson
CJ Mielke
- 30 - Lee Stuples
Don Schissler

LAY READER

SCHEDULES

AUGUST

- 7 - Brenda Gretzinger
- 14- Fran Mickel
- 21 - Zac Wilson
- 28 - Jaclyn Wilson

SEPTEMBER

- 4- Paul Renn
- 11- Connie Burgoon
- 18 - Brenda Gretzinger
- 25- TBD

OCTOBER

- 2 - Zac Wilson
- 9 - Paul Renn
- 16 - Jaclyn Wilson
- 23- Stan Martin
- 30 - Connie Burgoon

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all kids ages 3-12 (preschool to grade 7) for a fun time every Sunday morning at 9 am starting Sept 11th. Please bring your friends and come join us for a fun time learning about God.

To all 8th graders thru 12th graders you will be with Ms. Sue. Don't forget we are back Sunday, September 11th at 9 am. See you there and bring a friend.

But wait there's more! Adults don't go thinking you're left out. We have a class for you too. Come in and discuss God's word. Please join us every Sunday morning from 9 am- 10 am starting September 11th. We hope to see you there!!!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Our next Pot Luck Dinner will be on Friday, August 19th from 6:30 -8 pm at the Fellowship Hall. On September 16th we will be showing "Epic" at the Church at 7 pm as our next Movie Night. We hope to see you there!

Instead of a pot luck dinner on October 21st, we will be joining the Sunday School in their **Pizza, Pack, and Pray**. So please join us as we eat pizza, pack Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and bless those gifts before the travel around the world.

PRAYER LIST

Friends and Members of Oakland

Tom Brown, Mary Frank, Mary Allen, James and Nicholas McCarty, Sue Hush, Mary Jo Bramble, Mary Leatherwood, Daphne Dressler, Mary Beadenkopf, Debbie Plummer, Robert Plummer, Sam Kendrick, Brenda Gretzinger, Shari Kick, Della Polk, Scott Burgoon, Marian Wolf, Pauline Tracey, Peg Ludwig, Jen Polk, Priss Reed, Doris Filbey, Lee Krantz, Audrey Gosnell, Browns/Wotring Family

We ask Prayers for:

All US service personnel & families;
Orlando and Dallas;
Jake Griffin;
John Murray;
Bobby Stuples (Lee Stuples' brother in law) - Chemotherapy

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our Friends and Member in August, September and October!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 - Brittany Tracey
5 - James McCarty
6 - Jacob Bopst
7 - Earl Eastham
7 - Thorton Hush
9 - Jessica Brown
10 - Lori Schissler
10 - Gloria Serrao
10 - Danielle Triplett
11 - Martin Harris
12 - Sandy Tucker
13 - Linda Stevens
14 - Brady Finecy
14 - Ryan Frye
14 - Walter Weise
15 - Lee Stuples
16 - Nickolas McCarty
17 - Kay Bruner
17 - Valerie Miller
17 - Priss Reed
18 - Megan Cusack
19 - Linda Frye
19 - Jack Harpine
19 - Anthony Harris
19 - Geoffrey Serrao
20 - Cassidy Brown
20 - Logan Harpine
20 - Matthew Royer
24 - Ryan Hoff
25 - Tayla Lindenberg
26 - Jacob Kick
28 - Barbara Watt
29 - Kayla Martin
29 - Tressa Mielke

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Laney Edmondson
1 - Nick Edmondson
2 - Doris Filbey
4 - Diana Agoris
5 - Gene Stuples
6 - Jean Bell
6 - Andy Schissler
7 - Stefanie Hush
8 - Richard Plummer
8 - Donald Yates
10 - Bryce Washington
11 - Randy Broos
11 - Stacey Harpine
11 - Jason Wisner
12 - Pauline Tracey
13 - Brenda Gretzinger
13 - Pip Quinn
13 - Dean Watt
14 - Meagan Luecking
14 - Jason Watt
17 - Teresa Brown
17 - Debbie Finecey
17 - Bud Merkle
19 - Tyler Conaway
19 - Courtnee Harpine
19 - Ethan Kiple
20 - Kimberly Thompson
22 - Samantha Bouma
22 - Rachel Dickerson
26 - Myrna Tracey
29 - Erin Helmick
29 - Timmy Triplett
30 - Sadie Bopst
30 - Denise Merkle

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - Nancy Kelly
2 - Lisa Merkle
3 - Dillan Stolzenback
3 - Wayne Tracey
6 - Ricky Bell
6 - Devony Gartland
9 - Sophie Claytor
10 - Garrett Naill
11 - Sara Stansfield
12 - Alyson Merkle
13 - Scott Burgoon
13 - Betty Markowski
15 - Jerry Broos, Jr.
15 - Lindsay Merkle
15 - Chad Patterson
16 - Karli McAllister
16 - Jenifer Rouse
18 - Eva Helmick
18 - Mary Leatherwood
19 - Megan Bell
19 - Allison Hush
19 - Don Schissler
23 - Donald Jenkins
25 - Jeffrey Streif
26 - Joyce Johnston
27 - Sue Hush
27 - Lynn Luecking
28 - Michael Beyer
28 - Donald Hamilton
28 - Alex Harpine
28 - Timothy Stuples
29 - Carol Bell
30 - Lee Edmondson
30 - Debbie Schissler
31 - John Pfaff

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

7 - Rob and Cherie Stevens
8 - Elton and Joan Helmick
15 - John and Wanda Crestain
26 - Nelson Claytor and Denise Merkle
31- Robert and Jin-Hee Dickerson Jr.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1- Paul and Grace Schissler
2- Nikolay and Amy Gavrishv
2- Michael and Barbara Wallace
8- Mike and Della Polk
10- Jeanette and Tom Brown Jr.
20- David and Sharon Burrows
21- Scott and Sheri Kick
23- Ricky and Jean Bell
23- Glenn and Sue Jaeger
28- Don and Lori Schissler

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 - Chuck and Kendra Lindenberg
4 - Kim and Dale Frye
4 - Chip and Joyce Johnston
7 - Melvin and Rose Hush
8 - Adam and Julie Helmick
16 - Susan and Anthony Harris
17 - John and Loretta Greer
17 - Walter and Grace Weise
18 - Keri and Matthew Richard
20 - Wendy and Jeff Streif
20 - Jerry and Barbara Watt
24 - Wayne and Sharon Tracey

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UPCOMING EVENTS (ALL MEETINGS ARE AT THE HALL UNLESS NOTED)

August

19th *Pot Luck Dinner 6:30-8pm at the Fellowship
Hall. All are welcome to attend!

23rd * Nomination Meeting 7:30pm

28th *Blessing of the Backpacks

29th * PPR Meeting 7pm at the Church

September

11th *First day of Sunday School

* Apple Dumpling orders due

12th *Finance Meeting 7 pm

16th *Movie Night—“Epic” 7pm at the Church

18th *Apple Dumpling order pick up

19th *Church Council Meeting

October

3rd * Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm

9th * Newsletter articles due

* Worship Meeting

* Cookie Orders due

21st * Pizza, Pack, and Pray

30th * Cookie Order pick up

*Charge Conference at Calvary UMC 2:30
pm

Save the Date

November 4th & 5th

Christmas in the Country Bazaar