



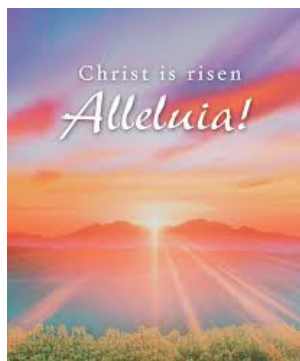
Lighthouse Fellowship Newsletter

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Christ is Risen! Truly He is risen and the same power that raised him from the grave is at work in you and me! (Ephesians 1:18-23) The promise of Easter is forgiveness AND restoration AND eternal life in Jesus. We pray with Paul from verse 18 “that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people,” If you are reading this before Sunday, we invite you to our **special Easter Service**. We are adapting an Easter Celebration of Lesson & Carols first published in 1956. The Scriptures have been kept the same but some of the songs have been changed. Please join us at St. Leonard Firehouse, 200 Calvert Beach Road at 10:00 am as we celebrate God’s wondrous miracle in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

And as we enter Eastertide may you continue to walk boldly in the power with which our Almighty Father has bestowed on us.

Hosting a Meeting with God

That is what our Sunday worship is, or at least what we long for, right? Meeting with God includes celebrating His love for us, studying His word, communing with him and growing in our love for Him and for one another. In a recent publication by Seedbed, [How to Host a Meeting with God](#), there are thought provoking presentations on preparing to do this. This article is one of many resources from a new [Awakening Library](#) that is freely available online to everyone. We all do lots of preparation for each Sunday service but there is a difference between preparation and readiness. This article posits that the most important “preparation” is making ourselves ready – both those leading and those assembling; making ourselves ready to meet with God. We need to meet with Him in our private places and seek discernment to see what God sees and hear what God hears before we assemble. This article and all of the resources in the Awakening Library are excellent resources for all who are hungry to have more of Jesus.

Celebrations and Upcoming Events with Lighthouse Fellowship

We have concluded our weekly potlucks during Lent at the Southern Community Center. Friends and family from Lighthouse Fellowship and other churches joined in Lenten reflections and praise and worship of our Lord. We also had wonderful times of fellowship and good cooking! If you missed these gatherings, keep your ears open for continuing fellowship times ahead.

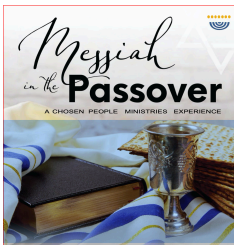
Check our [Facebook page](#).



The Lighthouse Fellowship drama team joined with the worship team at Cedar Grove Global Methodist Church for a deeply moving **Maundy Thursday service**. Monologues by actors and actresses representing Jesus' Disciples offered reflections throughout the activities of Holy Week. Each monologue was interspersed with hymns and Scripture readings. Communion was celebrated and the final monologue represented a look ahead to Good Friday. If you missed this service, you can view it here on Cedar Grove's [Facebook](#).



S.M.I.L.E. Ecumenical Ministries held its annual Good Friday service beginning with prayers at St. Peter's Chapel on Solomon's Island. Participants then followed pastors from a number of local churches as they took turns carrying a large cross along Route 2. Arriving at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Church, "The Way of the Cross" service began. We encourage you to put this on your calendar for next year as part of your Holy Week observances.

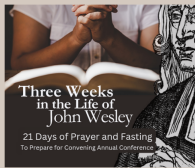


Messiah in the Passover will be presented at Community with a Cause Global Methodist Church April 6th at 4 pm. This Powerful visual demonstration tells not only the drama of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt but also the beautiful story of redemption from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. Community with a Cause meets at 22685 Three Notch Rd., Suite D, California, MD 20619

Three Weeks in the Life of JOHN WESLEY

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting
Monday, March 18 to Sunday, April 7

In preparation of inviting the Holy Spirit into the Northeast GMC Convening Annual Conference.



For more information, visit:

<https://northeastgmc.org/cc-prayer/>

We can still join this prayer and fasting vigil got the **Northeastern Provisional Annual Conference** on April 11,12 and 13. Please join in praying for the Holy Spirit to lead every aspect of this event. And it is not too late to register to be an observer of this exciting beginning of the official life of the Global Methodist Church in the Northeast. Check it out: <https://www.northeastgmc.org/convening-conference-2024/>.

CareNet's annual benefit dinner will be held on April 19th at the Hollywood Firehouse. The keynote speaker is former Navy Seal Chad Williams. General admission is \$35 per ticket with first come, first serve seating. Order your tickets [here](#). This is always a tremendous event as we learn how we can help others to Embrace life. Lighthouse Fellowship has sponsored 3 tables so stop by and say hello. Hope to see you there

VALIANT
33rd Annual Benefit Dinner
"Through God we will do valiantly"
Psalm 124:2a
Friends of CareNetSoMD.org
CARENET

SAVE 04.19.24
Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department
the DATE
with keynote Speaker:
former Navy SEAL, Chad Williams



After our group trip to see [Prince Caspian](#) at the Bible Museum in DC, we highly recommend this performance to one and all. It is produced by the Academy of the Arts whose goal is to create disciples for Christ while providing top quality training in order to reclaim performing arts to present Biblical truth. Prince Caspian is full of powerful truths on faith and perseverance and will remain in the area through April 27 before continuing on its national tour. The live performance will capture the imagination of children through senior citizens. [Ticket information](#)



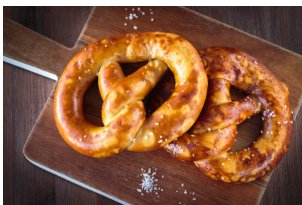
The [New Room Conference](#) is the “un-conference: no glitz, all God!” When we assemble each September, it has never been for a conference in the way many of us have come to expect—presentations stacked one on top of the other with lots of informercials and hype sandwiched between. From the beginning, New Room has sought to be a meeting with God. This is what we need: not more new ideas and clever programs, not more slick production and marquee speakers. We need more of God. A meeting with God. “My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with

God?” (Ps. 42:2). [Save the Date](#) for this year’s [New Room Conference](#) Sept 18-29 2024. This Conference is full of worship with thousands of Christian family members from around the country and abroad. The worship time is filled with incredible music and prayer. Plenary talks and breakout sessions offer training in many areas of serving God. Don’t forget a notebook! The sessions can be [live-streamed](#).

For the children and those young at heart



The world’s largest Easter egg weighs in at 5,000 lbs. Standing 31ft tall and 18ft wide it is the world’s largest Easter egg. Found in Vegreville, Alberta, Canada, the egg weighs a hefty 5000 lbs and took 12,000 hours to complete. Named the Vegreville Pysanka, the world’s largest Easter egg is actually more of a jigsaw than a sculpture, as it is made from 3500 pieces of aluminum.



Pretzels are associated with Easter because the twists resemble arms crossing in prayer. From the 1950s, it was tradition for Germans to eat a pretzel and a hard-boiled egg for dinner on Good Friday

The egg itself is a symbol of Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolized new life emerging from the eggshell. In the Orthodox tradition, eggs are painted red to symbolize the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. In medieval times eating [eggs were forbidden during Lent](#) making them a real treat on Easter morning!

Q. Which Bible character had no parents (not Adam & Eve)?

A. See the end of the newsletter for the answer.

Community Resources

The State Food bank supplies produce monthly to those in need. Click [help](#) to register for food deliveries. To support this program click [here](#).

Care Net Pregnancy Care Center provides **diapers, clothing, food and formula** for infants and children. Free Parenting classes are also available. Connect with Friends of [Caretnet](#) for help or to donate.

Connectional Churches and Needs

Texas Panhandle fires that began on February 26 have been fully contained and the residents are beginning to rebuild. Four Global Methodist Churches in area have established funds to help in relief. This chart will allow you to connect to these efforts

Global Methodist Churches in Affected Areas			
Stinnett Methodist Pastor: Terry Hovey	Canadian Methodist Pastor: David Gerhardt	Miami Methodist Pastor: Josh Reeves	Borger, St. Andrews Led by Laity
Mailing Address: PO Box 1192 Stinnett TX 79083	Mailing Address: PO Box 1343 Canadian, TX 79014	Mailing Address: PO Box 248 Miami, TX 79059	Mailing Address: 100 Amarylilis Street Borger, TX 79007
Designated Fund for cash donations Accepting Gift-cards	Designated Fund for cash donations Accepting Gift-cards	Designated Fund for cash donations Accepting Gift-cards	Helping aid volunteers through housing and meals

Pastor Geller at [Community with a Cause Global Methodist Church](#) is being ordained at the upcoming annual conference! This church gathers on Saturdays at 4 pm at 22685 Three Notch Road, Suite D, California, MD.

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Answer to Bible riddle: Joshua, son of Nun (Joshua 1:1)