

The Messenger

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NEW PASTOR GAINS 5-10 LBS



Matt Poole

This summer has been full of food and getting to know everyone at the staff meet and greets. I think I have gained several pounds from all the wonderful food we have encountered at the many gatherings all over Howard County. It has been a great experience getting to know different people and seeing the abundance of gifts God has blessed each person with.

I have been asking three basic questions at each of our gatherings, and we have had great responses to each of them. The three questions that we asked in some form or fashion were:

1. **What was it about Glen Mar that made you want to be a part of it?**
2. **With all the changes, what do you hope stays the same?**
3. **What do you think are the next steps for Glen Mar in the future?**

Many of you told me wonderful stories about the warm reception you found when you walked in the door of the church, and this seemed to be what motivated people to keep coming back. I am sure you can identify a person who reached out to you and welcomed you. Building relationships with new people is a key ingredient to a healthy and vital church. A warm welcome lets others know there is room for them here at Glen Mar. This is a great attribute that I hope we can continue in the future. There are so many things people hope never change that I can't even list them all here. The ministries that we heard repeated most often were: mission trips, Bible studies and small groups, youth ministry, outreach, and opportunities to lead.

The future of Glen Mar has many people thinking, including our strategic planning team. Individuals from the team have been attending some of these gatherings with me to listen to the many great ideas and thoughts people are sharing with us. Many people have felt that it is great to be in this new building, and now it is

time to focus on discipleship. The new building is full of possibilities for helping the church make new disciples as well as growing the ones that are already here. Others have shared the hope of looking to the next phase of our building project. And still others are hoping we can extend our outreach and mission activities to make a difference in the local community and beyond.

Overall, I sense that God is up to something. God is beginning to stir us to find a way to be a blessing to the world around us. As our former pastor Andy used to say, "We are blessed to be a blessing." Those of us at Glen Mar are truly blessed in many ways. The more we are blessed, the more of a blessing we can be. I hope you will continue to pray and ask our great and awesome God to help us to be the best blessing we can be to the people God calls us to be in relationship with both—here and beyond.

BACK TO SCHOOL; BACK TO CHURCH!!

ALL CHURCH MINISTRY FAIR BEGINS AUGUST 29 AND CONTINUES THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT DETAILED INSIDE.

BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO CHURCH SERMON SERIES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER



Beginning September 12 - “The Glen Mar Life”

A series that will focus on the Glen Mar mission and how to connect to that mission. The first week will focus on *Praising God* and what a life of worship looks like. On *September 19*, we will focus on *the life of Discipleship* will be the focus and what it means to grow as a follower of Jesus. This series will conclude on *September 26, focusing on serving the world*. Living a life with a missional heart takes intentionality and a listening spirit. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few is an oft quoted scripture.

October 10 - “The Heart of Money” (in 3D-Devotion, Debt & Discipline)

This series will focus on attitudes towards money and wealth. In addition, it will offer practical ways to address personal finance. This series will help develop an understanding of finances and ways to get at the heart of money matters. Topics will explore what one is devoted to when money is used, the ways debt robs one of money, and some disciplines that can help one use money more wisely.

“BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO CHURCH” CHURCH-WIDE MINISTRY FAIR CONTINUES THROUGH SEPTEMBER!

The Church-wide Ministry Fair held on August 29th and September 5th continues through the month of September in support of the sermon series on Glen Mar’s mission. These smaller fairs will spotlight the ministries that support Glen Mar’s mission statement and opportunities for service.

Praising God (Sept 12), and the ministries of worship and Sunday support ministries, including handbells, choirs, parking lot, child care, ushers and greeters, among others.

Growing Disciples (Sept 19), including hospitality and new member ministries, age-level ministries of discipleship for children and youth; adult small groups, Bible studies, and more!

Serving the World (Sept 26) and opportunities to learn more about local and worldwide missions through Glen Mar church, including our local Grassroots Shelter, Habitat for Humanity and PATH; alongside our far-reaching missions to Hurley, Va., Slidell, La., and the Bahamas.

Representatives from the ministries of Glen Mar will be present from 8:30 a.m. to noon on these days to share, answer questions, and welcome your participation and service in these vital areas of church life at Glen Mar. Ministry leader who wish to reserve a space for any of the dates mentioned should do so through the church calendar on the website, or by contacting Pastor Mary Ka at maryka.kanahan@glenmarumc.org or 410-465-4995, x206

Glen Mar UM Church in Transition as Pastor Matt Poole Takes the Helm



By Connie Ballenger

When Rev. Dr. Anders (“Andy”) Lunt became lead pastor at Glen Mar in 1979, only God could have foreseen that worship would swell from 35 to more than 600 people on Sundays, weekly services expand from one to five, and the congregation would construct a new sanctuary and later acquire land and build a new church.

Though Andy can easily be considered a hard act to follow, Rev. Dr. Donald Matthew (“Matt”) Poole welcomed the responsibility of becoming lead pastor at Glen Mar on July 1. “It’s a great opportunity to learn and grow as a leader,” said Matt. “I’ll be challenged as I have never been challenged before.”

Matt knows he must draw heavily on the congregation’s resources and talents to continue to fulfill Glen Mar’s mission and, with God’s help, broaden its reach. “There’s a lot going on,” said Matt. “I need to develop leaders.”

Matt’s task of growing leadership is consistent with the laity-based ministry that Andy established. The church’s mission statement, developed during Andy’s tenure, remains, “Praising God, growing disciples, serving the world.” A Strategy Team, composed of lay people and Matt, are working to shape Glen Mar’s long-term vision.

Matt feels that Glen Mar excels at mission, but is getting feedback from members that the church needs to

renew its discipleship efforts after spending time acquiring the 22-acre site and building the church the congregation moved into in 2008.

Immediately prior to coming to Glen Mar, Matt had served three years as Regional Guide for the Baltimore-Washington Conference where his duties included evaluating pastors’ skills and coaching them. Prior to that, he served at three United Methodist Churches – FaithPoint in Urbana, MD (2001 to 2007), Thurmont in Thurmont, MD (1996 to 2000), and Calvary in Annapolis, MD (1993 to 1996).

Each church experience was different. Matt was an associate pastor of a large membership church at Calvary, transitioned Thurmont out of crisis after the previous pastor had an affair, and developed a new church from scratch at FaithPoint.

Matt got a B.S. in psychology from the University of Maryland in College Park in 1989, a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., in 1993, and a Doctor of Ministry in Church Leadership and Preaching from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ken., in 2004.

Clearly Matt has developed his spiritual and mental muscles over the years, but he also works on building his physical muscles so that he can play basketball and compete in triathlons. When he takes it easy, Matt enjoys history and watching sports.

Glen Mar’s new lead pastor, who grew up in Wheaton and Damascus,

had an on and off relationship with God during his high school years. He said in his second sermon at Glen Mar that he was no stranger to bars in college before turning his life over to God. He committed to the Lord completely and felt his call to full-time ministry during an altar call at a Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., held just before he started his senior year in college.

“I love to hear stories about people running away from God,” said Matt, recalling his own stumbling path to Christianity. He recognizes that many people will not go to church because they are afraid others will judge them, but does not want anyone to stay away because they’ve sinned. “We are all people still under construction,” he said.

Matt married Heather 20 years ago. They have two daughters, 14-year-old Rachel and 12-year-old Lauren. They currently live in an apartment in Elliott City while their home is under construction. The family attends Glen Mar.

A longer version of this story is available on Glen Mar’s website, glenmarumc.org. Click on “Read the HoCoMoJo article on Glen Mar in transition” under Events and Updates.

COMMUNITY LIFE/SMALL GROUPS

Pastor for Community Life Mary Ka Kanahan, maryka.kanahan@glenmarumc.org



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: Glen Mar 101, an orientation to discipleship and membership in the church will be held on **Sunday, September 19 and Sunday, November 7** from 12-2 p.m. Lunch is provided and childcare is available upon request. Come meet pastors, staff and representatives of Glen Mar Church to discover if joining the church as a member is your next step! An opportunity to join the church will be offered at the end of the class for those who wish to do so, and the membership process can be completed on the next Sundays following Glen Mar 101: September 26 and November 14th.

Register for these classes through the calendar or on the website, www.glenmarchurch.org, or by contacting Pastor Mary Ka or Laura Dreibelbis in the church office.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE: Pastor Matt will be offering this 5 week course on **Monday evenings beginning October 18.** “Get to Know Your Bible” is a very special way either to “dust off” your theological roots and reconnect with Scripture, or to be a first-time visitor to the wonders of the Word. Register online at www.glenmarumc.org or call the church office at 410-465-4995. You can also email Pastor Mary Ka or Gail Carter at gamarcar@verizon.net.

(Re) DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS: Two-part courses offered **Wednesdays September 22(Part 1) and 29 (Part 2) at 7 p.m. or Sundays September 26 (Part 1) and October 3 (Part 2) at 6:30 p.m.** Study the biblical foundations of gifts-based ministry, complete an inventory to discover or rediscover spiritual gifts, and reflect on the discovery in the context of your own life and the life of Glen Mar Church. Participants will also have the opportunity for individual coaching as a follow up to the course with Pastor Mary Ka Kanahan. Pastor Mary Ka has over 12 years of experience in this ministry in local churches and teaching this course at Wesley Seminary. She brings stories, humor and insight to the unique creation, giftedness and call of each person and local church. Sign up through the calendar on the website, or by contacting Pastor Mary Ka by phone or email. A \$3 donation for materials is requested.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY We are very excited to be re-introducing the Disciple Bible Study series. For those of you who have not experienced the joy of this 34-week study, Disciple 1 is an overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and we guarantee you a life-changing experience. Disciple 1 will be offered from **September 7** through the end of May (no specific end date due to snow day & holiday flexibilities). Two classes are being offered: one on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 and the other on Wednesday evenings @ 7:15. Disciple 1 offers a non-threatening learning environment where everyone comes in on the same level to study the Bible and is able to freely express common human experiences and questions as they relate to individual journeys of faith. The relationships developed in the Disciple Bible Study Series often last a lifetime.

If you feel called to teach, we are actively seeking facilitators for the evening Disciple class. Contact Pastor Mary Ka or Gail Carter at the email addresses and phones listed above if you are interested.

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BLESSING WAY MINISTRY: Begins **Thursday, September 9 from 6-6:30 p.m.** A weekly prayer time focused on the church in general and Glen Mar in particular, plus its preachers, teachers, disciples, guides, and seekers. Come to the Chapel as you can. With chosen subjects as guides, all are invited to pray through our weekly bulletin, following the Holy Spirit's leading. The purpose is to bless and give thanks for servants, activities, ministries, and participants and their importance to fruitfulness in a vital church. Group prayer will conclude this time. Contact Barbara Julian, Minister for Operations, with questions.

BOOK STUDY: Adam Hamilton's Enough, a study that opens new possibilities by helping readers take an honest look at management of personal finances and our susceptibility to the marketing media. Stop by the table on September 19 to browse through the book, and sign up for more information during the ministry fair's spotlight on Growing Disciples. He, like David might say, "I have a secret to share with you. Listen." Then, "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want (Ps 23:1 NKJV)". What about you? Do you think you could learn to say like David, "What I have in God is greater than what I don't have in life?" If you have any questions, contact Pastor Mary Ka or Minister for Operations, Barb Julian.

DANCING NEEDLES: Do you enjoy knitting or quilting? We need you in our prayer shawl group. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month to knit or crochet and share together. Prayer shawls are given to those in the hospital and those in need of special care as a reminder that others care and are praying for them. This is a wonderful experience for those creating and those receiving the shawls. Our first meeting will be **September 9th, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 144.** Come and join us. We have patterns available for you to knit or crochet. If you are a beginner we can help you get started and guide you along. For more information contact Lois Hildebrand, 410-465-0756.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL: Imagine a college student, going to the mailbox, surprised and pleased to find a package of snacks or other "goodies" to munch on while studying. **You've Got Mail** meets a few times a year to prepare these packages (over 100 students are served), share fellowship and swap stories during this time of transition. To sign up, contact Kelly Rogers, megsmom44@yahoo.com, 410-992-0420, or Laura Dreibelbis, laura.dreibelbis@glenmarumc.org, and we will be in touch about the first planning meeting to set our schedule for the school year. If you would like to donate goodies, leave them at the church with Laura. Finally, email either of the above coordinators if you would like your student (local or out of town) to be on our list.

PHOTOGRAPHERS TAKE NOTE: When you come to any church events, please bring your cameras! So much is going on that if we hope to record the events and celebrations, it will take a few willing servants. Barb Julian, Minister of Operations, will appreciate receiving your pictures, with the event, date, and participants identified. This way, Glen Mar will have an archive of what the church believed was important enough to memorialize. This can be informal or if there is an interest, perhaps a team can form. If God's call to you is for a ministry in photography, please let Barb know.

Stallings' Love of Ministry Evolved into Realization of her Calling



By Connie Ballenger

Glen Mar's new Pastor for Worship Jennifer Stallings loved leading worship and prayers, as well as preaching when she was a teenager growing up in Eldersburg, Md.

Though she had an enormous love of ministry, picking a career path did not come easily. "I can't be called to ministry if it's something I love to do," she thought. "Every call story I ever heard was people being drug kicking and screaming by God to do something they didn't want to do."

After hearing the renowned professor, preacher, lecturer and author Dr. Fred Craddock speak at a conference while she was attending Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., Jen realized God didn't always make people fall off a horse or

strike them blind to thrust them into professional ministry. When Craddock told conference attendees they were called to serve the church if they could weep for it in its brokenness and celebrate when it served as the body of Christ, Jen felt she had "permission" to make ministry her career.

Jen immediately gave up her thoughts of studying math, engineering or physics, and set her sights on ministry. In 2005, she graduated summa cum laude from Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., with a Bachelor of Arts in Bible.

She attended Duke University Divinity School in Durham, N.C., from 2005 to 2008, graduating summa cum laude with a Master of Divinity. Her field experiences included a pastoral internship at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church in Greenville, N.C., and at St. Joseph Parish in Katikamu, Uganda. Her three months in East Africa exposed her to an area of the world that was so poor some churches did not have finished roofs and many people did not know where their next meal was

coming from. "In East Africa, life without God would be incomprehensible," she said. "Dependence upon God is for many people a matter of survival. Faith carries them through suffering."

She has a wide variety of experiences in worship planning, and considers that one of her pastoral strengths. As Pastor for Worship she plans to work with the people who already contribute to Glen Mar's worship ministry to call people to a deeper commitment to Christ and a broader understanding of God and God's mission in the world. Jen other pastoral strengths are preaching and teaching.

Jen plays the piano by ear and sings soprano.

Jen, who now lives in Ellicott City, has seen a lot of the world. In addition to time in East Africa, she has lived in Spain and visited England, Scotland, France, Italy, Ecuador, and Mexico. She enjoys hiking, watching college basketball games, gardening, reading, and spending time with friends and family.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

As of August 9 we have received 259 Operating Fund pledges, totaling \$873,014 toward our 2010-2011 budget. Our goal is \$1million. This number represents 83% of 2009-2010 (312) and 94% of the total amount pledged for that year's Operating Fund (\$927,792).

Remember that pledges help the church plan and budget for the various ministries and missions for the coming year. And please also remember that pledges can be made at any time and in various ways—by submitting a pledge card, setting up an EFT with your bank, or online through Glen Mar's website. Please take the time to submit your pledges now using the pledge cards available at the Welcome Center or online through Glen Mar's website.



Glen Mar's Mission



By Paul Behrens, Lay Leader

Praising God, Growing Disciples, Serving the World. We're all familiar with this phrase. Some call it Glen Mar's mission statement. I prefer to call it our Mission. A subtle distinction, but I think a very important one. Often a Mission Statement is only words on paper. In contrast, a Mission implies active, on-going work to achieve a goal. It takes many people to accomplish a mission, and Glen Mar's mission is no exception.

If you've wondered how you can get involved in our Mission, Glen Mar is hosting a Ministry Fair. The fair will start on Sunday, August 29th and will run through Sunday, September 5th. At the fair you'll have an opportunity to see and learn about the many ministries that Glen Mar has to offer.

If you want to get involved in or feel that you are being called to Praise God, come and learn about serving in a vocal or instrumental group, serving as a lay reader, liturgist or worship leader, helping with the audio-visual functions, ushering, greeting, or helping with the parking lot ministry or the Welcome Center, serving communion or joining the Prayer Chain.

If you are feeling the tug to Grow Disciples come and learn about Bible study groups where you can grow as a disciple or come and see how you can help others grow as disciples by serving as a Sunday School teacher, Scout leader, Vacation Bible School volunteer, Walk To Bethlehem volunteer, or working with the middle school or high school youth groups.

If Serving The World is where you feel you belong then come and learn about mission opportunities. You can serve the world for a few hours

(Springfield Hospital,

Carpenter's Kitchen, Grass-roots Day Resource Center and Crisis Intervention Center, Thrift Shop, Wish Upon a Star, Bridge to Housing Stability, Cold Weather Shelter, Habitat for Humanity) or for a week (mission trips to Appalachia, the inner city and gulf coast hurricane recovery.

I am asking everyone at Glen Mar to participate in at least one ministry this year, in addition to weekly worship. It can be a one time event for a few hours or a ministry that meets every week. It doesn't matter what the ministry is; the important thing is that you commit to a ministry that helps us accomplish our mission. With 1500 people in ministry this year it will be amazing how Glen Mar will Praise God, Grow Disciples, and Serve the World.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION

Early voting dates and time for the 2010 Primary and General Elections are as follows:

- **Primary**, September 3&4 10:00a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Closed September 5. September 6 - 9 10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
- **General**. October 22&23 10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. Closed October 24. October 25—28 10:00a.m.— 8:00 p.m.

Early Voting Sites for the early Primary and General Elections are as follows:

Ridgely's Run Community Center
8400 Mission Run Rd.
Jessup, MD 20794

Ellicott City Senior Center
9401 Frederick Rd.
Ellicott City, MD 21042

The Bain Center
5470 Ruth Keeton Way
Columbia, MD 21044

If your group would like to schedule a representative from the Board of Elections to come talk to your membership regarding Early Voting, please call 410-313-5820 and ask for Guy Mickley, Deputy Director.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

How can you help a child? Be a volunteer!



Glen Mar's children and family ministry events are loaded with adult and youth volunteers who help mold these programs into fun, faith-filled happenings for the kids. Volunteer positions include teaching, playing, organizing or planning. You can volunteer every week, every month or occasionally. Let's work together and discover that perfect volunteer fit for your schedule and abilities. Contact Margaret 410-465-4995 Ext. 204 margaret.Prechtl@glenmarumc.org

Children & Family Ministry Council

Monthly meetings that shape all children and family events.

Children's Worship

4th and 5th grade students gather once a month and create their very own worship service.

Club 54

4th & 5th grade students get together once a month and play games.

Easter X-travaganza

Games, Easter Egg hunt and lots of fun

Family Sports Time

Once a month families gather to run, jump, throw and smile.

Family Christmas Eve service

Family-friendly service that is meaningful for young and old.

Halloween Alternative

Glen Mar's answer to Trick-or-treat

Summer Camps

Open our doors to our community with summer camps.

Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00

Weekly Bible lessons for children 3 years old-5th grade. Taught in a fun, age-appropriate classroom setting.

3-2-1 Blast Off

1st-3rd grade students get together once a month and play games.

Vacation Bible School

Teaching the Bible to children loaded with laughs and good times.

Walk to Bethlehem

Dramatic presentation of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

CHILD CARE MINISTRIES

Thank you for the privilege of entrusting your children to our care. To better enable you to worship, grow and serve with us, we provide adult-supervised child care for infants through the elementary ages.

The child care suite is open during the Saturday Evening Service and Sunday mornings during all the services for infants through 3 years old. The Glen Mar Childcare Staff will provide child care for all programs at the church. Did you know that upon request, we will open on weekdays and evenings while you attend a meeting, rehearsal or activity? Also, we welcome outside groups to use our facilities and will provide child care during that time. Please contact us one week prior to the event in which you will need child care.

We are pleased to announce that we now have a *Quiet Room* where mothers can care for their infants in comfort and privacy. It is located in the nursery suite, upper level of the new wing.

You'll find that we go beyond babysitting to offer ways for children to grow in their faith along with you. To register for child care, or learn more about this ministry, contact Jodi Wiseman by email at Jodi.Wiseman@GlenMarUMC.org or by calling 410-465-4995 extension 213.

Glen Mar's Chair Ministry

Each Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. the Chair Ministry arrives at Glen Mar to put up the chairs for Sunday worship. We could use your help. If you or your family would like to join us even one Saturday a month that would be appreciated. Please contact Rev. Jen Stallings at jen.stallings@glenmarumc.org for further information.

MUSIC MINISTRIES



Special Events:

Choir Welcome Night, 9/2, 2010 – Talk to a friend; talk up the fellowship and songs

December 4&5: Walk to Bethlehem weekend – Invite your friends and neighbors; join the fun and fellowship

December 19, 2010: (Advent IV morning worship and Gifts We Bring, 7:00 p.m.)

This is an excellent time to enjoy the season to its fullest by singing for Worship or Gifts We Bring.

There's always a place in the Choir; Adult Ringers and Singers needed

Covenant Ringers: Resumes August 30, 7:10 p.m.

substitutes

Sanctuary Choir: Resumes September 2

Sisters in Song: Resumes in September

Men's Choir: Resumes in September

Voices of Praise: Resumes in September

Cherub Choir: Resumes in September

Rippin' Ringers/Holy Singers: Resumes in September

Band o' Bells: Resumes on Sept. 19.

Soloists (vocal and instrumental):

Singers at Eight: Resumes in September

Agape Sound: Resumes in September

Openings for 3 advanced ringers/

Choir Welcome Night – Openings for all voice parts

Openings for soprano and altos

Openings tenors and basses

Contact Denise Wagner to join

Contact Doug and Karen Greenhorn to join

Contact Kathleen and Anna Rimlinger to join

Contact Dan Eschliman to join

Contact Carrie Grams or Dan Eschliman

Contact Dan Eschliman to join

For more information on any of the many music programs at Glen Mar, there are up to date brochures on the Information Kiosk in The Gathering Place or Contact Carrie Grams at 410-465-4995, carrie.grams@glenmarumc.org.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

Dear D.C.:

Please share our sincere thanks with the members of your committee and the congregation for their most generous contribution of \$450.00. It was great to have the opportunity to meet you and thank you in person for Glen Mar's strong support and partnership with Grass Roots.

Here at Grassroots we continue to see the effects of a slow economic recovery. Some individuals and families are continuing to face job loss, reduced income, and deep insecurity. As you can imagine, this level of stress takes its toll. We are grateful to have resources to help those who are in great need. Your support means a great deal to us and those we serve.

Andrea S. Ingram, Executive Director

TRANSITIONED FROM NEW TO WELCOMED

For all of you who planned, hosted, attended, and shared your homes, hearts, and hope for Glen Mar, thank you. The words are not sufficient to express the warmth, hospitality, and welcome we experienced, yet the sense of belonging created will be the basis for new beginnings. Again, thank you. (And to Pastor Mary Ka and Gail Carter who took on this transition support for SPRC, your efforts won't be forgotten!)

Sincerely,

Pastor Mango Gelati Matt, Pastor Junk Food Jen, and Baklava Barb (You had to be there!)

Dear friends:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$800.00 for the Route One Day Resource Center. We are now into our third year of service for the men and women living outside along the Route One corridor. This remarkable program has served over 500 people thanks to the generosity of the faith community and inspired individuals and the extraordinary commitment of the volunteers.

Our mission is to provide basic needs services and offer the opportunity for people to change the course of their lives. At any given time, up to half of the men in Grassroots' Men's shelter came from Route One. Each is potentially a life saved.

We dearly appreciate your partnership and commitment which are vital to the success of the Center.

Andrea S. Ingram, Executive Director

THANKS TO ALL & GOD BLESS

Pete and I would like to thank you for all your phone calls, cards, flowers, and prayers during Peter's recent stay in the hospital. We would also like to extend our deepest appreciation to the pastors & Glen Mar Family that visited the hospital. It was an extremely long stay and all the visits brightened our days.

We are so blessed as a family and than you with all our heart. God Bless,

Pete and Kathy Lorusso

MISSION MINISTRIES



The opportunities for mission are rich and varied at Glen Mar. From mission trips, to financial support, Glen Mar supports a variety of humanitarian initiatives, both locally and beyond. Some opportunities require a commitment of time, while others only require that you shop as usual or cut out a label. Thank you for your support of any or all of these ministry opportunities listed below.

GIFT CARDS - Over \$60,000 has been generated through rebates to support many ministries within the congregation, the Baltimore Washington Conference, and UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). It costs nothing to participate—purchase cards at face value in the Gathering Place, and rebates are generated for ministries.

RECYCLE - Is your recycling day Wednesday? Monday? Why not make it Sunday? Recycling of mail, magazines and newspapers has helped build new playgrounds at the church. The more weight contributed, the more we earn per ton. Look for the **yellow collection bin** at the back of the parking lot. No cardboard or phone books, please.

LOTTE PLAZA - Drop off grocery receipts in drawers near check-out lanes in bins labeled Glen Mar Church, and we received a voucher to be used at the Plaza. They accept receipts from any store.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION - Register your Safeway Club Card by September 28 at www.elabelsforeducation.com and Hurley High School's account will receive credit. Call 877-723-3929 if you don't know your Safeway number.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION - Remove your box tops and labels from food products and deposit them in the collection bin next to the Gift Card table in the Gathering Place. Visit the labels for education and www.boxtops4education.com for more information.



For more information about these programs, stop by the table in The Gathering Place or contact Van Beall, coordinator 443-286-7421 or sharethedream@prodigy.net

The gift card program is seeking a new coordinator or group of volunteers help with these ministries. Contact Van Beall if you can help.

YOAM - (Youth on a Mission) needs 2-4 people to help assemble a cookbook to raise funds for trips to Slidell, LA. Artwork, collecting and typing recipes, and help collecting pre-orders is needed. Contact Valerie Wetstone, 410-531-1281 vswetstone@gmail.com, Mary Stapleton jstapleton17@verizon.net, 410-799-7641, or Julia Dougherty 410-740-8242 jmd.design@verizon.net. Recipes will be collected from October 3-17.

Glen Mar Early Learning Center

"Learning to Love, Loving to Learn"

Our Early Learning Center opened on August 2, 2010 and will be in full swing beginning September 7, with 108 children and 20 staff attending either full or half-day programs.

Church members who are interested in helping to build the ELC budget may contribute to the ELC through the Gift Card Ministry. There is a section on the Gift Card order form to designate your donation to the ELC. Please share the word with neighbors, friends, and co-workers that the Glen Mar ELC offers curriculum-based, half and full day programs. Flyers and brochures are available upon request.



Thank you for your prayers and support as we work together to provide an outstanding Early Childhood program for our community. For more information about the Glen Mar Early Learning Center, call Sue Ritz, Director 410-461-2859.

CUB SCOUT PACK 874 For almost 100 years, Scouting programs have instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

Cub Scout Pack 874 has enjoyed sponsorship from Glen Mar for many years and typically has 45-50 Cubs from grades 1-5. Activities include camping, community service, and learning new skills to prepare the boys to take personal responsibility and develop leadership.

Our **Open House** is on **September 1, 6:45 p.m.** for interested parents and boys. Please feel free to contact our Cubmaster, Clay House, at cubmaster@CubPack874.net and visit our website, www.cubpack874.net.

2011 CONFIRMATION - There are many milestones as we journey through life. A very important faith milestone is **CONFIRMATION**. Confirmation at Glen Mar is for youth in the 8th grade or older, and classes begin in September and end with Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in June. There are visits to other churches, a class service project and three retreats. Classes are held every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m. Cost is approx. \$135.00 and includes all materials and the final retreat. Parents of youth interested in confirmation for this year should contact Dan Eschliman dan.eschliman@glenmarumc.org or D.C. Veale dc.veale@glenmarumc.org.

INSPIRE, EQUIP, ENCOURAGE From October 6-9 2010, a small group of clergy, lay staff, and lay members of Glen Mar Church will attend the Leadership Institute '10 with the theme of "Preparing for a Future with Hope." The purpose is to inspire, equip, and encourage leaders to reach for new levels of excellence in all areas of their ministries. Pastor Matt Poole trusts that this is a worthwhile investment toward building a foundation for the current and new staff. Pray for this team as they appropriate wisdom from the large-church perspective an Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, which is our denomination's largest church with approximately 20,000 members.

2010 CHARGE CONFERENCE Mark your calendars now for the 2010 Glen Mar Charge Conference on **October 17, 2010 at 4 p. m.** There will be worship before and after this session, because Glen Mar is honored to host sessions for about a dozen other Washington Region churches having charge conferences that day. In the United Methodist Church, the charge conference is the body that votes on the Pastors' compensation package, accepts the "state of Glen Mar UMC" report from the lead pastor, receives statistical reports about the Acts 2 mission of the congregation and reports of committees required by *the Discipline*, and endorses new clergy candidates and lay speakers. All are welcome, but voting is by members only. Attendance is a priority for leaders and an opportunity for anyone to understand more about the workings of the United Methodist accountability practices for churches.

Since Glen Mar is hosting this event, those interested in a radically hospitable role, such as greeting, serving refreshments, preparing refreshments, and giving directions, among others — for some part of the 2-7 p.m. event should contact Laura Dreibelbis, Pastors' Assistant.

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A NOTE ABOUT THE MESSENGER - You may see some changes to this and future issues of "The Messenger." We have received quite a bit of feedback that it has been more historical in nature and not as up-to-date as readers would like. With that in mind, we are attempting to make the publication more forward-looking and anticipatory in content. We plan to provide a preview of things to come, along with some follow-up about topics of interest. It is hoped that readers will find it easy to find the information necessary to become involved in the wealth of opportunities to serve at Glen Mar. We want to continue to encourage ministry volunteers to submit articles of interest to "The Messenger" but may need to edit some of those submissions for content and space. In the anticipatory vein, we will begin publishing "The Messenger" on a bi-monthly basis, with the next issue scheduled for late October, in time for Advent and Christmas seasons.



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 28 @ 7:30 P.M. ALL COUNCIL
MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.**

Messenger Submissions

Submissions for the November/December issue are due by October 11. E-mail submissions to Laura Dreibelbis, laura.dreibelbis@glenmarumc.org

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