

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Everyone goes through difficult times. Having someone to care, listen, and share God's love with you can help you get through confusion, stress, or loneliness. The **Stephen Ministry** is a confidential, lay-caring ministry. Those who are hurting receive love and support through one-on-one caring relationships.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Members of the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** knit and crochet shawls and lap robes for those experiencing cancer, on dialysis, having difficulty recovering from surgery, and church members permanently in nursing homes. When a shawl is completed, it is blessed with prayers, providing not only physical warmth, but great spiritual comfort and encouragement.

COUNSELING

AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Pastoral Counseling Services of Maryland (PCSM), located in the church, is a community-based organization dedicated to strengthening emotional and spiritual health. PCSM provides counseling and psychotherapy services to individuals, couples, families, children, and adolescents. **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. **Al-Anon** meets every Tuesday at noon. **CHADD** meets the second Tuesday of the month (September - June) at 5:30 p.m. for children and 7:00 p.m. for adults. **Employment Network Group** meets every Monday morning at 8:30 a.m.

MISSIONS MINISTRIES

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs, feed my sheep". SPUMC members participate in many different mission programs to help provide disaster relief and to help those less fortunate within the community and internationally. Some are listed here:

Severna Park Assistance Network (SPAN) assists the needs of those in our own community.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) is a week-long mission project of our high school, college students and adults to help the poor of Central Appalachia.

Volunteers In Mission (VIM) is a missionary program whereby Christians, both lay and clergy, may offer their skills and talents for Christian service at home and around the world on short-term assignments.

Heavens Kitchen is a meal ministry providing a hot meal to guests at Brooklyn Community UMC.

Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA) members sponsor children and aging in developing countries to put food on the table and provide schooling for children.

SPUMC assists **Habitat for Humanity** in their efforts to help those in need, regardless of their faith or nationality, to provide decent and affordable housing for low income families.

FIND OUT MORE

ON OUR WEBSITE

www.severnaparkumc.org

Our website is the place where you can find out everything about our church, our ministries and our people. There you will find up-to-date information on current events along with dates, times and who to contact. It's all right there! You can also watch videos about the church and its ministries, and listen to the sermons of our ministers.

IN OUR OCTAGON NEWSLETTER

Our Octagon newsletter contains inspiring articles written by our pastors, music director, and ministry leaders! You'll learn about upcoming missions, service opportunities and activities sponsored by our youth, young adults and adult fellowship groups. The Octagon newsletter can be found in the racks located by the church doors and on our website.

IN OUR eNEWSLETTER

Stay connected with our electronic newsletter which comes to you each week by e-mail. The eNewsletter gives you the highlights of events for the coming week and links you to website articles where you can learn more.

To subscribe to our eNewsletter, send your name, phone number and email address to:
enewsletter@severnaparkumc.org.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Please call our church office:
(410) 987-4700

WELCOME



SEVERNA PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



731 Benfield Road
Severna Park, MD 21146
(410) 987-4700

www.severnaparkumc.org

WE'RE GLAD YOU FOUND US

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Severna Park United Methodist Church. Our church family offers many opportunities to "Come to Faith, Grow in Faith and Go out in Faith."

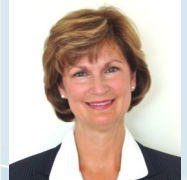
This pamphlet describes only a small part of what we are all about. We hope you'll find our church a place where you and your family can grow in your spiritual journey, meet new friends and find new opportunities. We look forward to meeting you and your family!



Rev.
James Farmer
Lead Pastor



Rev.
Nicole Christopher
Associate Pastor



Rev.
Martha Meredith
Associate Pastor



Rev.
Lee Ferrell
Minister of Christian
Education and
Youth

WELCOME CENTER

Got a question? Our Welcome Center staff will gladly help you and can show you around our church.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

We invite you to join us Sunday mornings at any of our three Worship Services:

8:00 - Informal
9:30 - Contemporary
11:00 - Traditional

Communion is offered the first Sunday of every month. All (of any age) are invited to the Lord's table.

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available every Sunday in room 106. No reservations required.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is available for ages 2 years through high school and for adults. See our website for times and further information.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us between services in our Fellowship Hall for coffee, tea and donuts. There you can meet our pastors and our members as we greet one another.

NURSERY SCHOOL

The Nursery School for 3 and 4 year olds offers diverse and varied experiences in art, music, literature, the natural and physical sciences, and community life. It provides children with the chance to work and play with others, while refining and learning other child development skills.

CHOIRS

Our Music Ministry provides an excellent opportunity to sing in one of our many different choirs for ages 3 and up. You may also enjoy playing in our Praise Band or Handbell Choir. We are blessed with a wonderful pipe organ and a grand piano to accompany our choirs and to fill the sanctuary with glorious music to praise the Lord.

BIBLE STUDIES

We believe Christian education is important for everyone; to that end, we offer a great variety of classes and studies. Some run for the entire school year, while others are designed to allow people to come and go. Other classes are short-term, and cover a variety of topics. Classes are usually offered in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Watch the website, Octagon Newsletter, and eNewsletter for current class offerings.

UMYF

We believe in supporting our children and youth. The **United Methodist Youth Fellowship** is an integral part of our church family. Our youth look forward to gathering with one another on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm. In addition, UMYF offers several retreats each year and participates in the Appalachia Service Project to repair homes for the poor of Central Appalachia.

YAG

The **Young Adult Group** meet each week at the church and engages in a variety of activities such as Bible studies, mission and service projects, retreats, and fellowship gatherings.

UMW

United Methodist Women of SPUMC participate in many ministries and community support projects during the year. They offer various small groups from Arts and Crafts to Moms and More. UMW also participates in Christian book studies and holds special events throughout the year.

UMM

United Methodist Men meet on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for breakfast, special presentations, prayer, and faith sharing. In addition to encouraging and supporting spiritual growth and faith development, they are currently developing programs to meet the needs and interests of the church by sponsoring special projects and social events.

FELLOWSHIP CLUBS

Fellowship Clubs are groups of 10 to 12 adults who meet monthly in each others' homes for dinner and fellowship. Everyone brings a dish to share.

XYZ

Xtra Years of Zest is a fellowship club for those in their golden years or soon to be. Each month there is a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall with a guest speaker or special entertainment. Several times a year, XYZ sponsors bus trips to various places.

WNA

At **Wednesday Night Alive**, you can enjoy a meal out once a week and meet with your friends in our Fellowship Hall.