

The Connection

HUNTINGTOWN
United Methodist Church

October 15, 2021

Hollywood Moses vs. the Real Moses

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. – Hebrews 11:24-25



This Sunday Huntingtown United Methodist Church is beginning a church wide study on Moses: Following God into the Unfamiliar. Whenever I read stories about Moses, I can't help but remember Ben Kingsley's Moses, the animated Prince of Egypt, and The Ten Commandments, my favorite.

I grew up being fascinated by Cecil B. DeMille's The Ten Commandments every Easter. I still love it, even though it takes artistic license with the story, including Moses. Comparing and contrasting the Moses of the Bible with the Moses in the movie makes for some excellent table discussions Here are a few examples:

An Egyptian princess named Nefertari appears throughout the first half of the movie. She and Moses have an interesting palace romance, but she does not appear in any Jewish literature. In Exodus, Moses gets married to Zipporah, a Midianite whom he saves by a well.

Charlton Heston was a classically-trained orator, but the Old Testament says that Moses had a speech impediment. This was one of his fears when God sent him back to Egypt. Moses had to relay all of his messages through his brother, Aaron.

In the movie Moses descends from the mountain with hair highlights from the Mount Sinai salon. There is no reference to Moses' hair color, but we do read that his face glowed after being in the presence of God. It was scary enough that people kept their distance from him.

Moses was a son of a Jewish slave growing up alongside Egyptian royalty. Maybe, like DeMille, I'm stretching my imagination to fill in some gaps, but I don't think so. I imagine the younger Moses as a looked down upon outsider who lacked confidence and self-esteem. He likely was educated and had military training and experience. Despite its artistic license, The Ten Commandments does remind us that Moses' upbringing in an Egyptian palace, good and bad experiences, prepared him for the calling he receives from God.

Pastor Corey

Our Mission Shares at Work: Afghanistan's Humanitarian Crisis

About 11 cents of every dollar given to Huntingtown UMC goes towards Mission Shares. Even though United Methodists have more than 12 million members globally, we are all one connected Church. When we pay Mission Shares, we are combining our financial resources to make a difference in the lives of people across the globe.

United Methodists have partnered with Afghans with health care and economic development since the 1960's. After the withdrawal of the U.S. from Afghanistan on August 30, the United Methodist Committee on Relief is working with other agencies to provide humanitarian relief and assist with refugee resettlement.

For more information go to: <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/united-methodists-pitch-in-with-afghan-resettlement>

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Moses: Following God into the Unfamiliar

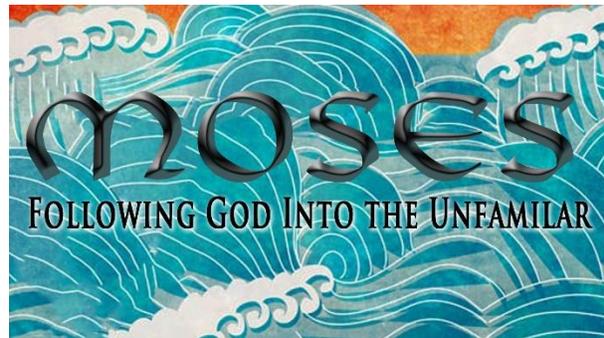
Answering God's call is not always safe and predictable. Once a prince in Egypt and a fugitive from justice, Moses became a prophet, miracle worker and priest. He led God's people out of slavery, through the desert and to the promised land. Like Moses, we won't always feel prepared for the task, but somehow God has equipped us for it.

Message: Prince and Murderer

Pastor Corey

Worship Leader: *Katie Zinkgraf*

Children's Message: *Joe Jaeger*



In-person Worship: Two in-person worship experiences! Masks encouraged. At **9 am**, we'll engage in a traditional worship with hymns, in the Sanctuary. We'll worship in Celebration Hall, with contemporary music, at **10:30 am** on Sunday.

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO
WEAR A MASK



Per new CDC guidance, face masks
are recommended indoors regardless of vaccination status

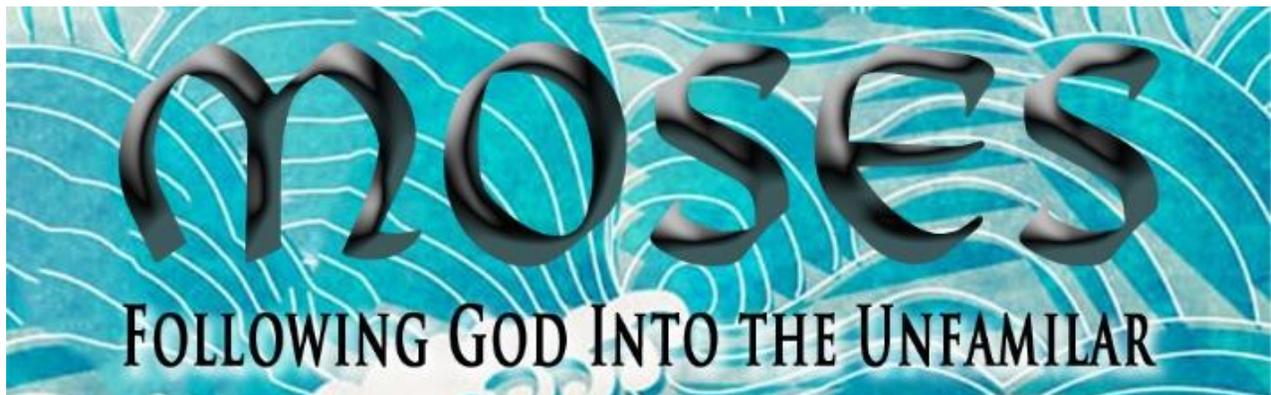
*Recognizing the virulence
of the new COVID strain,
it is Church Council's consensus to
encourage the congregation to wear
a mask when entering the building. We
are not mandating them at this time.*

At-home worship: If you prefer to worship at home, we've got you covered! We will continue to live stream worship every Sunday at 10:30 am.

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/huntingtownunitedmethodistchurch/live_videos/

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ZdxKQPKFEekkBgIuJDXfQ>



Fall church-wide studies have been a tradition at the church for the past nine years. We won't let this pandemic stop us from learning and growing together! Our studies may look different this year, but we will still enjoy coming together for fellowship and spiritual nourishment.

We will embark on a church-wide Fall campaign on October 17, with readings and reflections on the life of Moses, as told in the book of Exodus. The study will run for five weeks and end the week of November 14. Like past studies, the sermon will lift the weekly themes. Unlike past studies, we are not using a book. Instead we will prepare weekly guides that include Scripture readings, discussion questions and a few brief commentaries, written by your fellow worshippers at HUMC.

It's Time to Register for a Small Group!

We are now registering for small groups. Some groups meet in person, others via Zoom only, and yet others are "hybrid" – join in person or by Zoom. If you need help learning to use Zoom, we are here to help. Zoom meetings can be accessed with video, via a computer or smartphone. You can also join a meeting by voice (no video) with a phone.

The following groups are open for registration. Please use the link provided to register. **Register NOW!**

Sunday Noon. Starts October 17th. Facilitated by Corey and Julie Sharpe. We will make childcare available for this group, if necessary. Please let us know if you require childcare. Bring a bag lunch for the first meeting. Other lunch arrangements

me be made by group consensus. **This group meets in person.** Register at:

<https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/0a7d8d13783476740>

Tuesday 10 am. Starts October 19th. Facilitated by Debbie Weir (**Women's Group**)

This group meets via Zoom. Register at:

<https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/0a7d8d137834754>

Tuesday at 6 pm. Starts October 19th. Facilitated by Katie Zinkgraf and Rich Barney.

In person or Zoom. Register at:

<https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/0a7d8d1378347>

Thursday at 7 pm. Starts October 21st. Facilitated by Phil Logan. **In person or Zoom.**

Register at: <https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/0a7d8d137834767>

Thursday at 6 pm. Facilitated by Cynthia Steuart. Meets in person at the home of Cynthia and Cal Stuart on Potts Point. **Meets every other week.** Register at:

<https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/0a7d8d1378347542>

Saturday 8 am. Starts October 23rd. Facilitated by Debbie Weir. **In person or Zoom.**

Register at: <https://huntingtownum.breezechms.com/form/0a7d8d137834767400>

A study guide and a Zoom link for the meeting will be emailed to you approximately a week before the study session.

Please contact Debbie Weir if you have any questions or concerns. We may be adding additional days/times. If you cannot find a day/time that suits you, please let me know asap. We will do all that we can to accommodate you.

dweir440@comcast.net

Craft Fair

Craft Show

Saturday, October 16th, 9:30 am to 2:30 PM

Spread the Word! Bring Your Friends!



Tomorrow's the day! Bring some friends and check out the great vendors at our craft show.

Big Tent Begins New Study



You're Invited
Big Tent Study Group
"FEED THE WOLF"
Befriending Our Fears in the Way of St. Francis
**Starts Sunday, Oct. 24th
at 4 PM**

The Big Tent group begins a new study on Sunday, Oct 24th. The group meets **every other** Sunday at 4 PM. Come in person, or join via Zoom. The study, led by Marcia Monnet and Phil Logan, will address the book, *Feed the Wolf*. If you would like to join, please contact Marcia Monnett at:

mm.limberlost1@gmail.com

Project ECHO Ministry

A graphic for Socktober featuring a collection of colorful socks in various patterns and colors (red, green, blue, white, black) scattered across the top. Below the socks is a large orange banner with the word "SOCKTOBER" in white, bubbly letters. Underneath the banner is a dark brown box with white text.

SOCKTOBER

Sock Drive for Project ECHO
Socks for men, women and children
benefit our homeless neighbors

October 1st - October 31st

Please place sock donations in the bin at the church.

Spiritual Discipline Challenge – Prayer

A-C-T-S Prayer Model

Week 1 – A – Adoration

Week 2 – C – Confession

Week 3 – T – Thanksgiving

Week 4 – S

The idea of spiritual disciplines came from God. God knows that loving and obeying Him is best for us. So, He told us and showed us how to do just that through His Word—His Son—and His Spirit and He helps us actually grow in love for God and godliness through practice. Prayer is nourishment for our soul. Constantly thanking God is one of the ways that God made our spirits to live, like constant breathing keeps our bodies alive.

Whenever you are aware of your own breathing, take it as a reminder to rejoice in the Lord. Even if you cannot think of any other reason, you can rejoice that God has put breath in your lungs. And whenever you feel your heart pumping, let it remind you to pray. Every time you eat or drink, use it as an opportunity to give thanks, even if just for what you are consuming. With practice and the help of the Holy Spirit, you may find that you can indeed rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in everything.

WEEK 3 CHALLENGE:

THANK GOD FOR AT LEAST
THREE NEW THINGS EACH
DAY OF THE WEEK.

Church Conference is Upcoming



2021 Church Conference - Saturday, October 23 @ 4pm.

This meeting is virtual, so please register!

A Charge Conference in the United Methodist Church normally meets once a year and is responsible for approving Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Ministers, church officers and the pastor's compensation package. This year it is called a Church Conference, which means all members are extended the privilege of vote.

Trinity and Mount Olive United Methodist churches will also be having their Church Conferences at that time. They will be joining us for a time of worship, discussion and sharing with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Johnsie Cogman. Then each congregation will gather separately to review the business items listed above.

This year they are asking us to register, so that each congregation can gather in their respective breakout rooms. Registration will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. On Thursday, October 21, 2021. Once you have registered the zoom information will be sent to everyone registered from your church. You can register at <https://bwcumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuc-mpqTljE9SOGkDvmtjIjw8qmNbebNNG>

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

There will be repair work done on both of our back and front parking lots next week. We will not be able to use the back parking lot on Monday and Tuesday (10/18 and 10/19). The front parking lot will be unusable on Wednesday and Thursday (10/20 and 10/21). The work should be done in time for the weekend so this will not affect parking for worship on Sunday.

SAVE THE DATE

Diabetes Expo

You are invited to participate in the annual Diabetes Expo as a vendor!

We are excited to announce this phenomenal event with our community partners will be in—person and hosted in the CalvertHealth Medical Center North Parking Lot. To confirm your participation please email mackenzie.orange@calverthealthmed.org. Please include the services you are providing and topic.

The Diabetes Expo is an annual event to promote health education and resources for all types of diabetics in every age group. We would love for you to showcase your services to individuals living with diabetes in Calvert County. You are welcome to provide free resources, free services, or other free items to attract individuals. Be creative!

No vendor fee is required. Prize donations are accepted.

Wednesday, October 27th

3:30pm — 6:30pm

CalvertHealth Medical Center

Prince Frederick, MD

Please RSVP by October 15th



CalvertHealth