



Transfiguration Sunday—February 11, 2024

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

14 West Pennsylvania Avenue, Walkersville, Maryland 21793

Worship Service LIVE—9:00 a.m.

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

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**Please stand as you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE/CANDLES LIT

CHURCH BELL RUNG

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN..... Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.....ELW 631**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

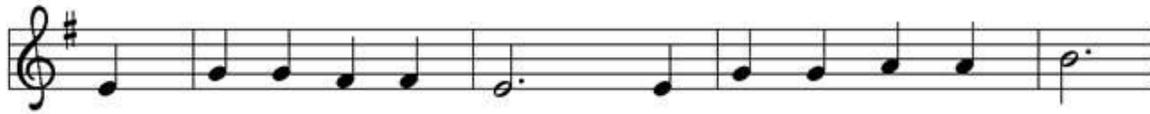
3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

***GREETING (ELW, p. 147)**

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

***KYRIE (ELW, p. 203) (Sung)**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

- P:** Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Anthem.....**Anthem for Transfiguration** (Christopher Wicks).....**Choir**

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FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1-12

- L:** The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: #50

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
 **calling the earth from the rising of the sun to
 its setting.**
²Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
 God shines forth in glory.
³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
 **with a consuming flame before, and round
 about a raging storm.**

⁴God calls the heavens and the earth from above
 to witness the judgment of the people.
⁵“Gather before me my loyal followers,
 **those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice.”**
⁶The heavens declare the rightness of God’s cause,
 for it is God who is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW, p. 205)**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the ninth chapter, 9:2-9
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD**

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMONPastor Phil Beck

Silence for Reflection

- 1 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair
of glory that the church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!
- 2 With Moses and Elijah nigh
the incarnate Lord holds converse high,
and from the cloud, the Holy One
says, "This is my beloved Son."
- 3 With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.
- 4 And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful song we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

***THE NICENE CREED**

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: ... God, in your mercy, **C:** **Hear our prayer.**

***The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING Please place your gift in the offering plate, mail to the church office or consider online giving.

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (ELW Pg. 186)*

Create in Me a Clean Heart
Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PREFACE:**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise you name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Pg. 207)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Amen (ELW Pg. 207)



***THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

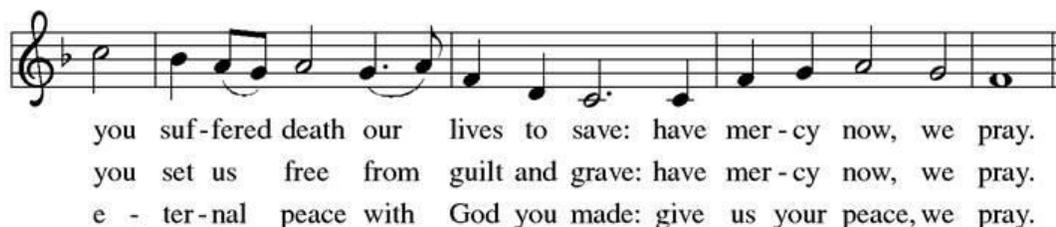
HOLY COMMUNION:

P: All are welcome at Christ's Table, come as you are. The feast is prepared, the table is set, come and eat.

COMMUNION HYMN (ELW P. 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
C: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN..... Alleluia, Song of GladnessELW 318*

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| 1 Alleluia, song of gladness,
voice of joy that cannot die;
alleluia is the anthem
ever dear to choirs on high;
in the house of God abiding
thus they sing eternally. | 3 Alleluia cannot always
be our song while here below;
alleluia our transgressions
make us for a while forgo;
for the solemn time is coming
when our tears for sin shall flow. |
| 2 Alleluia you are sounding,
true Jerusalem and free;
alleluia, joyful mother,
bring us to your jubilee;
here by Babylon's sad waters
mourning exiles still are we. | 4 In our hymns we pray with longing:
Grant us, blessed Trinity,
at the last to keep glad Easter
with the faithful saints on high;
there to you forever singing
alleluia joyfully. |

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

GO IN PEACE, TRUST IN GOD, SERVE THE LORD.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Announcement regarding livestreaming of the worship services:

St. Paul's intends to continue offering online worship services to share the Gospel through Facebook and Youtube. With the inclusion of in-person attendance during the service, we need to inform you that your presence may be captured in the recording and broadcast through St. Paul's social media platforms. Your comfort and privacy are of utmost importance, if you prefer not to have your image broadcast please contact the office by phone or email or inform the usher as you arrive. The office will keep a list of those wishing NOT to appear in the recording and convey that information to the Media and Technology Ministry.



PRAYER LIST

Joe Collins, *Cousin of Joann Valainis*
Mark Holloway, *Husband of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Hank Holiday, *Friend and neighbor of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Marion Lawrence, *Cousin of Kate Stottlemeyer*
The Jones Family, *Close family friends of Joann Valainis*
Gil Eiker, *Husband of Rebecca Eiker*
Doug Ashbrook, *Family Friend of Pastor Phil*
Roger Stottlemeyer, *Uncle of Kate Stottlemeyer*
Family of Sharon Kahler, *mother of Sheila and Rodney Kahler, members*
Jeff Gentry, *Organist*
Lin Snider, *Member*
Sue Snyder, *Member*
Nancy Wynne, *Friend of Lin Snider and Sue Snyder*
Shannon Smith, *Friend of the Mildenstein Family*
Bob Schmidt, *brother of Dottie Titmas*
Marea Palmer, *Niece of Marcia Gupta*
Parker Bazarewski, *extended family of Ed Chaney*
Family of Ellen Hatgi, *Member*
Joseph Matthew Moschella, *dear friends of the Plowman Family*
Michael Wachter, *Son of Gary and Kay Wachter*
Lillian Foucart, *Member*
Jan and Sam Urick, *Cousins of Candy Foucart*
Betsy Galliher, *Member*
Eileen Trihoulis, *Sister of Merle Anderson*

How our Prayer List Works:

You may call into the Parish Office (301-845-4600) or email the Office Administrator (officeadministrator@saintpaulslutheranchurch.org). When a prayer list request is added, the request will stay on the list for three consecutive weeks. First week it will be noted in **Super Bold**, the second week it will be noted in **Bold**, and then the third week it will be noted in regular text. Then the request will be removed from the prayer list unless you specifically ask for your request to remain on the prayer list until otherwise noted by you. The power of prayer is amazing! "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." **Matthew 18:20**

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

- +Admiral Lisa Franchetti, U.S. Navy, niece to Linwood Snider
- +Zachary Williams, U.S. Airforce, grandson of Jim & Dottie Titmas
- +U.S. Navy Corpsman Matthew Kasik, grandson of Sam Purswell
- +Dan Beck, Captain., U.S. Army, son of Pastor Phil & Susan Beck
- +Carlin Rabie, U.S. Navy, Son-in-law of Marcia & Raj Gupta
- +Eric Fong Sam, U.S. Army, friend of Mary Ann Ferguson
- +Leo Tanja, U.S. Airforce, nephew of Mary Ann Ferguson's sister in law

*Do you have need for prayer?
Do you know someone else who has need for prayer?
If so, please know that we have a prayer team at
St. Paul's that is ready to help.
Simply contact the Church Office.
All requests are confidential.*

***Please remember all the names on our prayer
list, and especially those that are **bold**.
They have a specific current need for
Christian love and support.*

Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses

Christ brings before the disciples the one who had died and the one who had not yet died. Both had lost their life, and had found it. Both had courageously withstood a tyrant: one the Egyptian, the other Arab. Both were simple, unlearned men. One was slow of speech and weak of voice, the other a rough countryman. And both were men who had despised the riches of this world. For Moses possessed nothing, and Elijah had nothing but his sheepskin. Christ brought these men before the disciples, for he wished them to imitate their courage of soul and their steadfastness in leading their people, so that they might be as gentle as Moses, possessed of the zeal of Elijah, and as devoted as both were. He brought these men before them in glory, that the disciples might surpass them. That Christ might uplift their courage against all such dangers, he here brings before them these two men who were such shining lights of the Old Testament. —*John Chrysostom*

[John Chrysostom, in Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, II, 54-55]



OFFERINGS

We are so blessed and grateful for your continued offerings during these unprecedented times. It is only with your support we can maintain the everyday activities of the church and our work in the community.

Please consider mailing your offering to the church or if you have access to the website, there is an online giving option as well.

<https://www.saintpaulslutheranchurch.org/give/>

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

Current Fund Weekly Need: \$3,145.00

Property Renovation Loan Fund Need: \$360.00

Electronic/Mail-ins Income February 4, 2024:

Weekly Contributions:	\$
Property Loan Fund:	\$
Total:	\$

In Worship Offerings

Weekly Contributions:	\$
Property Loan Fund:	\$
Total:	\$

ATTENDANCE: **February 4, 2024**

In person: 54
Virtual: 18

This Week at St Paul's

Sunday, February 11th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
Transfiguration Sunday	

Monday, February 12th

FEC	8am-5pm
Cub Scouts	7:15pm

Tuesday, February 13th

FHC	8am-5pm
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Wednesday, February 14th

FEC	8am-5pm
Ash Wednesday	7:00pm
Valentines Day	

Thursday, February 15th

FHS	9am-3pm
Cub Scouts	5:30pm

Sunday, February 18th

Worship (Livestream)	9:00am
First Sunday of Lent	
Worship is at Bethel 11:15am	

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*****IMPORTANT*****

For those without Facebook please tune into our YouTube channel for live streams of last week's service.

<https://youtu.be/ffJ7unxYZRM>

Please look for future notices regarding live streaming and YouTube videos at

St. Paul's Official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSP6I9JEggsBUXlow1I7-Q>



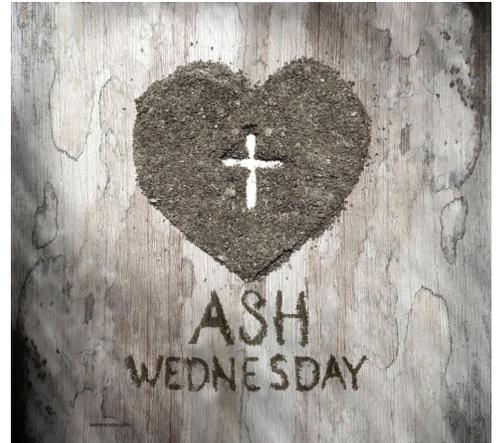
***The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God and
in celebration of the birthdays of
Sarah Carroll Civelekoglu
and Betsy Luykx Galliher
by Mary Ann Ferguson.***

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

"As the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday awakens us to Jesus' entry into the desert preceding his death. Before Easter, however, we must prepare our hearts for his Resurrection.

We begin our season of preparing our hearts for Easter by recognizing our brokenness and need for conversion, a turning of our hearts to God." -Hallow.com

We will mark the beginning of our Lent journey on Ash Wednesday with worship at **7:00 pm**. The service will include the imposition of ashes and communion and will be live streamed. We look forward to you joining us for worship on February 14th. Soup and Sandwich will commence on February 21, 2024.



Would you like to schedule a date to sponsor Altar flowers?

Please contact Patty Rimel through the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a date to offer flowers.

There will no altar flowers during Lent, but please feel free to sign up for Easter and after.

The sign up sheet is also hanging on the bulletin board at the side door.



February 18, 2024 Worship Service will be at Bethel Lutheran Church as Pastor will be out of town. Service begins at 11:15am with fellowship beforehand at 10am.

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Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024) will be at St. Paul's @ 7:00pm, no Soup and Sandwich.

Lenten Wednesday worship will be at St. Paul's with Soup and Sandwich preceding at 6PM.

Sunday February 18, 2024 at 11:15am - Worship will be at Bethel with Pastor being out of town.

Holy Week

Wednesday - St Paul's 7pm (Soup and Sandwich at 6pm) A service of Healing and stripping of the altar.

Maundy Thursday - 7pm at Bethel with a meal beforehand at 6pm.

Good Friday - Noon at Bethel and 7pm at St. Paul's.

Easter Sunday - 9am at St. Paul's (Breakfast in the Social Hall at 8:00am), 11:15am at Bethel.



This beautiful place is in need of some serious repairs in order to uphold their mission statement, "**all are welcome in this place**". Please take the time to read the flyers on the bulletin boards and to watch the video included in the weekly email.

The board of directors has authorized the **With Open Arms** campaign to provide funding necessary for repairs needed at Mar Lu Ridge. Please accept the challenge to give and to spread the word.

Do you have a college student or loved one in the military who would get great joy from getting an Easter Basket?

Please see Lauren McCloskey or the flyer on the bulletin boards for more information!



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 LUTHER SEMINARY



God Pause

Luther Seminary invites you to use the 2024 Lenten devotional, "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song" throughout the Lenten season. Click the link to download the Daily Lenten Devotional.

<https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>

Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project



FEBRUARY

Playing cards for the older kids and theme cards for the younger ones (i.e. Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.)

For years St. Paul's has taken on the stocking stuffer project benefitting The Glade Valley Toy Shoppe at Christmas time. Every year the list grows and the number of stockings needed gets higher.

Kay Wachter has devised a plan to help St. Paul's be ready this Christmas! ***The Year Round Stocking Stuffer Project.*** Each Month the items of need will be announced and published in the Weekly bulletins and emails. There is a box wrapped with Christmas paper in the overflow area where you can drop off your donations each month. You always have the option for a financial donation as well. Please see Kay for more details.

The Red Cross and St. Paul's continue to partner in 2024 to bring a blood drive into our community. Our first drive for the year is ***March 22nd***, please consider making your appointment today, your donation is needed!

See the weekly email for the link to sign up or call the Parish Office for assistance.



Donations for Glad Valley Food Bank are always accepted!

****Items of need are:****

Cereal, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, boxed crackers, baked beans, canned pasta, canned tuna and mac 'n' cheese.

Please bring them to the donation bin on the side of Town Hall or you can put them in the basket by the side door and we will get them to the food bank for you.



**Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church
&
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Walkersville
Are Proudly Sponsoring a "Free Community DINNER!"**

ALL ARE WELCOME, Bring Family and Friends

SATURDAY February 17th

5:00PM to 7:00PM

Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church

101 S Main Street, Woodsboro, MD 21798



Please Contact Roxanne Smith if you would like to volunteer! Baked Goods are Needed and Appreciated!

Email: roxiesmith@verizon.net

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