



# EXHORTATION!

NEWS BULLETIN OF THE STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE

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*The First Home of American Methodism*

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## Annual Meeting 2017:

### Coming Together to Explore Division

With our world, our nation and even our church facing currents that divide us, we often wonder, “What is the world coming to? Have things ever been this bad?” The answer is “Yes.” If that sounds depressing, it should actually provide hope. Things have been bad before. We have faced disagreement and conflict before. But history shows that we can survive and even become stronger.



St. Paul United Methodist Church

At this year’s Annual Meeting of the [Strawbridge Shrine Association](#), our guest Speaker, Dr. Ryan Danker of Wesley Theological seminary, will help us find perspective as he presents ideas from his book, *Wesley and the Anglicans: Evangelical Division in Early Evangelicalism*. The Strawbridge Shrine Association is dedicated to the idea that our heritage is a firm rock to stand on, and is fertile soil for growth. Dr. Danker’s presentation supports this mission by helping remind us of lessons learned and solutions found...if we only take the time to listen.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Strawbridge Shrine Association continues a rotation of churches tracing their roots to Robert Strawbridge, and returns to [St. Paul United Methodist Church](#) in New Windsor on Saturday, October 14th.

In addition to Dr. Danker’s presentation, there will be a brief business meeting that we urge every member and supporter of the Shrine to attend as we authorize the mission of preservation and witness for another year, accept

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## A Message from the Presidents

### Interim Co-Presidents Daniel Hartzler and Rev. Dr. William Louis Piel

The next time you come to the Strawbridge Shrine campus, we would like to invite you to take another look at the two statues of Robert and Elizabeth. Actually, not the statues themselves but rather the inscription on one side of each statue.

Those important words remind us that while we love to have you tour our historic buildings, and we appreciate your financial support of our ministry, the real reason we are here is the same as it was for Robert & Elizabeth - *To witness and share ministry in the name of our Lord Jesus!*

On one side of Robert’s statue are these words: “Robert Strawbridge’s ministry in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia **so ignited the flames** of American Methodism that by 1773 half of the members resided on his circuit.”

On one side of Elizabeth’s statue are these words: “Elizabeth Piper Strawbridge, wife of Robert Strawbridge, mother, farmer, and **witness for Jesus Christ.**”

Our nation and the world community are presently going through some difficult and tough times. We need once again to “*ignite the flames of faith*” and “*continue our witness in Jesus.*” We believe that in him and through the power of the Holy Spirit lives can be changed and that will bring us together once again - or maybe for the first time.

We continue to give thanks to God for witnesses like our former President Jim Talley. Every day that we spend time at the Shrine we realize how much effort and love he put into this place.

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## Presidents' Message

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The more we share in the ministry of the Shrine and the upkeep of our buildings and property the more we give thanks for our many fine volunteers.

One very important item is that we have asked our Property Committee to come up with recommendations on all of our buildings in the way of repairs, maintenance and upkeep. Once we have this list we will prioritize them and then find the funds to carry them out.

A number of our building needs require immediate attention.

Finally, make sure you have on your personal and church schedule our "Annual Meeting" which is coming on Saturday, October 14th. Ryan Danker, a professor at Wesley Theological Seminary and a member of our Board, will be the guest speaker. His topic will be "*Wesley and The Anglicans: The Politics of 18th Century Division.*" We start on-time at 9:30 AM at the host church, St. Paul in New Windsor, with music, worship and a short business meeting. You will need reservations if you are staying for the 12:00 Noon lunch (\$15 per person). Reservation forms are included in this news bulletin or simply make out your check to "The Strawbridge Shrine Association" and mail it to 2200 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218. You are also reminded that at 2:00 PM (immediately following lunch) on our Annual Meeting Saturday we will gather back on the Shrine property in the Log Meeting House to dedicate our new entrance sign, the Robert & Elizabeth Gazebo and the Brick Church Bell.

Grace and peace+

Co-Intern Presidents  
Dan Hartzler and Lou Piel

### Stay Up-to-Date

For the latest on news and events, visit us at:

[www.StrawbridgeShrine.org](http://www.StrawbridgeShrine.org)

[www.Facebook.com/StrawbridgeShrine](http://www.Facebook.com/StrawbridgeShrine)

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[www.YouTube.com/StrawbridgeShrine](http://www.YouTube.com/StrawbridgeShrine)



## Brick Church: That Name Rings a Bell New at the Shrine

Do you remember the Brick Church? Last active under the name Pipe Creek church, the Old Brick church closed in 2007. It was considered to be one of the founding churches of the [Methodist Protestant Church](#) when its congregation broke away from Stone Chapel about 1830.



The Methodist Protestant Churches identified strongly with Robert Strawbridge and his independent spirit. Just as Robert founded his Class Meetings under no authority but his own, and often rebuked the governance of [Francis Asbury](#) and [Thomas Rankin](#), so the Methodist Protestants rebelled against the rule of the Bishops to found a church with greater power invested in the laity. It was while serving the Brick Church that Rev. James Thomas Ward helped found Western Maryland College (since renamed McDaniel).

The legacy of the Old Brick church is now remembered at the Strawbridge Shrine through a gift of a substantial church bell which once stood on the Brick Church grounds, and now graces the Memorial Circle at the Shrine. The bell is a gift of St. Paul UMC (New Windsor) which owned the Brick Church property after it closed.

The bell – which rings as clear today as it did when it was forged – is being dedicated to the Memory of Brick Church, in Memory of the late Rev. James F.W. Talley for his more than fifty years' service to the Shrine Association, and also in Memory of Rev. Walter Zabel; the first Resident Curator of the Shrine (and whose ashes are interred on the grounds).

[B-W Conference Archivist Robert Shindle provided the research for this article]

[Photograph courtesy of George Painter]

## Annual Colonial Day: A Little Wetter... and Better Than Ever

Our luck had to run out sooner or later. After near perfect weather year after year for the Shrine's annual spring event, October 17, 2017 lived up to advance predictions of rain on that Saturday morning. Fortunately, the gray sky and occasional light drizzle did not dampen the spirits of attendees, and the day got off to a rush when a tour bus filled with visitors pulled up right at the ten o'clock start of the day.



And while the rain wasn't steady, the flow of families was, as one after another Colonial Day tourist informed us, "You know, I've driven by here for years, but this is the first time I've actually been here." For these folks, we know it won't be the last time.

This year, the line up of Colonial craftspeople was expanded with the addition of a chair caner, a hammered dulcimer player, a scrimshaw artisan, and popular demonstrations by a blacksmith. Another big hit was the historic firearms exhibition, where visitors got to don the costume of their choice (soldier, gentleman/lady, or mountain man...)

and try their hands at firing a musket. Many took home custom printed photographs to remember their trip back in time.



In addition to seeing and touching history, visitors got to hear and taste it as well. There were two performances by the New Windsor Consort, who entertained with typical period music on appropriate instruments. And Strawbridge UMC once again sold hot grilled lunches of chicken and fish (well, they ate chicken and they ate fish in colonial times – right?)



Plans are already under way for next year's Colonial Day. So mark June 16 on your calendar today, for your chance to make history in 2018.

## Circuit Riders at The Shrine

No, they are not a "thing of the past." Circuit Riders are alive and well and out on the road. Only now, they ride on two wheels instead of four feet.

The United Methodist Motorcycle Association visited the Shrine on a sunny summer day this year as part of their "Million Miles 4 Christ" mission. Founded by Eddie and Patty Gill in Oklahoma, the UMMA includes riders from different races, ages and backgrounds. According to the video put together by United Methodist Communications, they "use horsepower instead of horseback" to spread the Gospel message. "A lot of people we encounter have given up on the church," says Eddie in the video, "we just plant the seed."

In Baltimore-Washington, Certified Lay Minister Rod Fry of Wesley Chapel UMC, in the Central MD District, helps to coordinate this ministry. Minister Fry has become a regular visitor and supporter of the Shrine, recognizing a kindred spirit in Robert Strawbridge. Like Strawbridge, Fry and the UMMA riders reach people who might never walk into a traditional Church. Like John Wesley, the world is their parish.

To learn more about the UMMA, visit their website:

<https://www.unitedmethodistma.com>



## Annual Meeting

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nominations and approve the Board of Officers and Directors. There will be a short celebration of Worship service, and luncheon catered by the good people of St. Paul. This is always a treat and you don't want to miss out.

The guest speaker and meeting/worship are free, and begin at 9:30 AM. Reservations are required for the luncheon, which is scheduled to begin at 12:00 Noon. Plates are \$15.00/person, and reservation must be made by October 7th.

A reservation form is included in this news bulletin.

**Dr. Ryan Danker** was awarded his Doctor of Theology at Boston University, having previously attended the Divinity school at Duke, and Northwest Nazarene University. He is an active church historian with a particular passion for the early Wesleyan/Methodist movement under John and Charles Wesley.



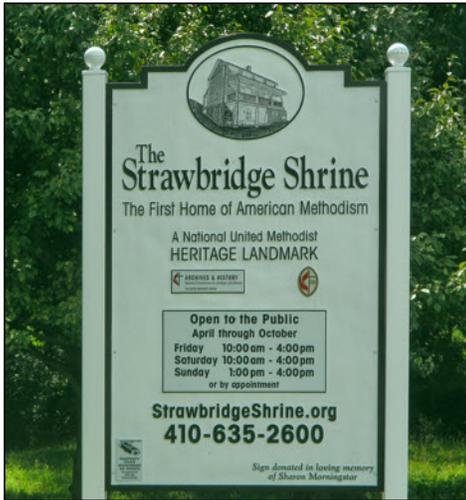
Dr. Ryan Danker

Currently a member of the United Methodist/US Conference of Catholic Bishops Dialogue, he is also active in the American Academy of Religion, the Wesleyan Theological Society, and the Charles Wesley Society.

## Remembering Those We Love

Make plans to join us immediately following the luncheon after Annual Meeting 2017 for a service of Remembrance and Dedication to honor those we continue to love but (as the prayer says), "upon another shore and in a greater light."

The Shrine exists as a place to remember the service and lasting impact of those who have gone before but whose footprints remain with us. It continues to be a place to make a powerful and lasting tribute to the work and memory of the people we love. This year, we are dedicating several memorial gifts made by Shrine supporters.



The wonderful new entry sign which identifies the property and greets visitors with important information is given in memory of Sharon Morningstar, and is given by her husband, Spike.

The cheerful gazebo which houses the new wooden statues of Robert and Elizabeth is given by Jim & Kim Talley, as a memorial to their parents, Reverend James H. Talley & Mabel Marie Cornelius Talley and Mr. Frank H. Hoffman & Doris K. Hoffman.

The Brick Church Bell is given by St. Paul United Methodist Church, and is dedicated by the Shrine Association to Rev. Walter Zabel, to Rev. James F.W. Talley, and in remembrance of the Old Brick Church.

This brief service will be a time of great joy, as we celebrate the promise that true light never fades. It will be held at 2:00 PM on the Shrine campus, 2650 Strawbridge Lane, New Windsor, MD 21776.

If you have a loved one whose memory you would like to see honored, please consider a gift to the Strawbridge Shrine. Gifts may be directed to wish list projects for the improvement of the Shrine and can be named in honor of your special person. Be sure to check out the spring 2018 edition of "Exhortation!" for news about a new installation in memory of Ken Steward given by his family.

[Photographs courtesy of George Painter]



## It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Advent

The Shrine's annual Candlelight Advent service is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:30 PM. Each year, this meaningful service is near standing room only, so plan to arrive early to get your best seat. Celebrate the coming of Good News in a non-electronic way with Bible readings, seasonal music and, of course, cookies and hot cider. Start your Christmas off in the authentic replica of Methodism's first house of worship in America. Arrive by daylight, depart by starlight. Dress warmly, sing heartily.



# Annual Meeting

OF THE STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE ASSOCIATION

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 9:30<sup>AM</sup>

At St. Paul United Methodist Church, 200 Main St., New Windsor, MD 21776

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Ryan Danker – 11:00<sup>AM</sup>**

Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity & Methodist Studies, Wesley Seminary  
“Wesley and the Anglicans – the Politics of 18<sup>th</sup> Century Division”

*A great lunch, catered by ST. PAUL UMC – 12:00<sup>NOON</sup>*

*Reservations required for the catered luncheon.*

## Reservation Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) (\$15 each) for the luncheon following the Annual Meeting.  
DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017.

In addition, [I am/We are] sending a donation to help the Financial Campaign meet its goal:

\$25   \$50   \$100 (Sustaining)   \$250 (Sponsor)  
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Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Make check out to “Strawbridge Shrine Association”.

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**2200 St. Paul Street**  
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**Directions to St. Paul UM Church**, 200 Main St., New Windsor, MD, 21776

**From Washington, D. C.:** Take I-270 N. toward Frederick. At Germantown, turn right on MD-27/Ridge Rd. At Damascus, turn left to stay on MD-27/Ridge Rd. Go another 16 miles, and turn left onto Marston Rd./MD-407. Turn right onto MD-31 E. Turn right onto MD-831. Church is on the left.

**From Frederick:** Take MD-26/Liberty Rd., to just past Libertytown. Turn left onto MD-31 E./New Windsor Rd. Go another 9.8 miles, and turn right onto MD-831. Church is on the left.

**From Baltimore:** Take I-795 to MD-140 W. Follow MD-140 for 12.6 miles, then turn left onto MD-31 W./New Windsor Rd. Follow 6.6 miles, and bear left onto Main Street. Church is on the right.



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## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Strawbridge Shrine is to preserve the foundational legacy of early Methodism  
and to continue the faith journey so that future generations might know the love of God  
and participate in God's work in the world.

## COMING UP!



Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Annual Meeting of the Strawbridge Shrine Association**

10:00 AM - at St. Paul United Methodist Church, New Windsor

2:00 PM - Service of Remembrance & Dedication at The Strawbridge Shrine campus

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

Last day of seasonal open hours; open by appointment Nov. - March

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Candlelight Advent Service in the Old Log Meeting House**

4:30 PM