



# EXHORTATION!

NEWS BULLETIN OF THE STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE

The Strawbridge Shrine  New Windsor, MD  
*The First Home of American Methodism*

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## GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON

Annual Meeting of the Strawbridge Shrine Association asks “Why should you care?”

Robert Strawbridge never wrote down one of his sermons. He didn’t leave us any papers to pour over and debate. He didn’t leave behind his words for us to ponder, question or even find inspiration in. Why is it that someone who is famous for his preaching left no sermons to be passed down through time?

Because Strawbridge was not concerned with history. He was a frontier preacher on the cutting edge of a new movement. He never looked back. Whether it was in making the bold choice to leave home and come to the new world, or simply in always speaking the message that spoke to the moment. Yesterday’s sermons didn’t matter. He wanted his congregations to focus on today. And on tomorrow.

So it would be ironic if the Strawbridge Shrine were only a museum. We might guess that Robert would hate to be looked upon as a statue; unmoving... unchanging... historic. It is important to the [Strawbridge Shrine Association](#) that our mission is not merely a ministry of remembrance... but of witness.

We preserve the Shrine buildings and artifacts not to lock them away, but to share them. To tell a story. To inform and inspire! In truth, what we preserve at the Strawbridge Shrine is more than just worldly things – it is Robert’s very ministry of evangelism, and his message of redemption. Robert can no longer speak. We speak for him.

This is what has inspired the theme of this year’s Annual Meeting of the Strawbridge Shrine Association; “The Ministry of Robert Strawbridge: What it means for Today and the Way Forward.” To help us understand how Robert’s work is not only relevant but vital in today’s world, we needed not one, but three, speakers who will give us their ten-minute takes on Robert’s message for today.

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## COLONIAL DAY 2018

Good Weather, Good Food, Good Times!



TOP LEFT: Getting fitted for colonial dress. ABOVE: Blacksmith Ken Strosnider and his wife, Lora. TOP RIGHT: Cristin Cooper portrays Elizabeth Strawbridge. BOTTOM LEFT: Donna Nomick performs on hammered dulcimer. BOTTOM RIGHT: A young markswoman takes a shot.

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The mission of the Strawbridge Shrine Association 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.



## ANNUAL MEETING

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**Dolores Martin** is the Conference Lay Leader for the [Baltimore-Washington Conference](#). Like Strawbridge, she has spent years lifting and supporting other lay people in finding their own voice and in becoming a part of God's work in their local area. Dolores' work has taken her to every corner of the Conference and put her in the spotlight at Annual Conferences. We look forward to hearing her message in one of the places where the denomination was born.

**John Strawbridge** is the Communications Coordinator for the Shrine Association, the Vice President of the Baltimore-Washington Conference United Methodist Historical Society, and on the Conference Board of Trustees. As a descendent of Robert's he not only carries some of his DNA, but even serves the same congregation as Lay Leader at [Lovely Lane UMC](#), where Robert and Asbury were appointed as the first pastors.

**Rev. Dr. Douglas Tzan** is the senior pastor at the Sykesville Parish (St. Paul's and Gaither United Methodist Churches) and Director of the Doctor of Ministry & Course of Study Programs and Assistant Professor of Church History & Mission at [Wesley Theological Seminary](#). As both professor and pastor, Doug has one foot in the world of history and one foot in active ministry. He brings both knowledge and experience to our discussion.

As we continue to alternate among the churches with historic connection to Robert, our venue returns to the Bethel Church ([New Hope UMC](#), 3001 Hooper Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776). This congregation is a successor to the society that met in the Log Meeting House – America's first Methodist House of Worship. We will gather at **9:45 AM** and have a time of Worship. The meeting itself includes election of the incoming class of the Board of Directors and other important business as required by our By-Laws.

Following the presentation by our speakers, we will move to the church social hall to enjoy a freshly prepared lunch and fellowship. Reservations are required for the lunch so that we may allow Bethel to prepare, and the contribution of \$15.00 covers the cost of the food.

Mark your calendar now and plan to be with us on **October 27** as we discover the lessons that Robert still is teaching us today. A reservation form with information and directions is included with this news bulletin.

"Give me one good reason why I should care." At this year's annual meeting, we'll give you three.

## Stay Up-to-Date

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

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

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## A WORK OF ART

Artist Deborah Lovelace Richardson began work on an original oil painting during our Colonial Day event in June 2018. The finished work (*BELOW*) is a wonderful and vibrant rendering of the spring house and other buildings at the Shrine. She is offering the work for sale at \$375.00 (plus tax) and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Shrine. If you are interested in purchasing this lovely original canvas, send an us an email to [info@strawbrdgeshrine.org](mailto:info@strawbrdgeshrine.org) and we will put you in touch with Deborah.



## ADVENT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

**Sunday, December 9th at 4:30 PM  
in the Log Meeting House**

No matter how busy or stressful your holiday season becomes, this Lesson and Carols service will calm your soul and put you in the Christmas Spirit.

Held in the authentic replica of America's first Methodist House of Worship, this has become one of the Shrine's most popular events. Traditional, simple and spiritual.

And, as always, join us in the Visitors Center for hot cider and cookies afterward!



# Annual Meeting of the STRAWBRIDGE SHRINE ASSOCIATION

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Gather at 9:45 AM ☛ Brief Worship at 10:00 AM  
At New Hope, Bethel Campus, 3001 Hooper Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776.

## Topic: The Relevance of Strawbridge’s Ministry in Today’s World

Guest speakers: Dolores Martin, Lay Leader of the Baltimore-Washington Conference  
John Strawbridge, Lay Leader of Lovely Lane UMC and Shrine Communication Coordinator  
Rev. Dr. Douglas D. Tzan, Assistant Professor of Church History and Mission at Wesley Seminary

*A great lunch, provided by NEW HOPE; BETHEL UMC – 12:00 NOON*

*Reservations required for the catered luncheon.*

**Directions to New Hope; Bethel UM Church, 3001 Hooper Rd., New Windsor, MD, 21776**

**From Washington, D. C.:** Take exit 16A toward Maryland 27 E/Damascus, and Merge onto Ridge Rd. Follow 7.3 miles, and bear right to stay on Ridge Rd., then take the 1st left to stay on Ridge Rd. Follow another 14.1 miles. Turn left onto MD-26 and go 1 mile. Take the 2nd right onto Hooper Rd. Church is at the intersection of Hooper Rd and Sam's Creek Rd.

**From Baltimore:** Take I-795 N/Northwest Expy toward Reisterstown/Owings Mills. Take exit 4 for Owings Mills Blvd. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Owings Mills Blvd South. Turn right onto Lyons Mill Rd. and go 2.6 mi. Continue onto MD-26 W/Liberty Rd., and follow for 15.1 miles. Turn right onto Hooper Rd. Church is at the intersection of Hooper Rd and Sam's Creek Rd.



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## Lunch Reservation Form

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) (\$15 each) for the luncheon following the Annual Meeting.  
DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018.

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

- \$25     \$50     \$100 (Sustaining)     \$250 (Sponsor)  
 \$500 (Patron)     \$1,000 (Benefactor)     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Make check out to “Strawbridge Shrine Association”.

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*and*

**A Perfect** addition to any confirmation class,

*and*

**A Must-See** for any history buff!

Tours can be arranged for Individuals, Classes  
or Groups.



Contact us:

**410-635-2600**

[Tours@StrawbridgeShrine.org](mailto:Tours@StrawbridgeShrine.org)

Visit all the Strawbridge Historic Landmarks:  
New Hope-Bethel UMC, Stone Chapel UMC, &  
the Original Log Meeting House Site.

The Strawbridge Shrine is open April - October:

Fridays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Saturdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sundays 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

November - March and most other days:  
By appointment

## COMING UP!

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Annual Meeting of the  
Strawbridge Shrine Association  
10:00 AM at Bethel/New Hope UMC

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

Candlelight Advent Service  
in the Old Log Meeting House  
4:30 PM

