



### Our Vision

- To be a dynamic, spirit-filled, multicultural, multigenerational, church numbering in the thousands, impacting our neighborhood, nation and world through radically inclusive community building.

### Our Mission

- Reaching new, un-churched, diverse, and young people for Christ.

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# Millian Newsletter

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## A NEW BEGINNING !

Every new morning is  
a new beginning  
of our life.  
Every day is  
a completed whole.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Dear brothers and sisters of the family of faith in Christ that gather at Millian Memorial UMC, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are ready to begin 2017. And God is with us, but we must reflect on all that has been achieved and the challenges ahead, sure that the Holy Spirit is guiding us.

In 2016 we achieved:

1. Carried out an evaluation of the church (which had not been done for many years) that helped us decide to conduct a survey to know everyone's opinion about the church and the ministry being carried out here  
2. As a result of this survey we discovered that we were only ready to make a strategic plan for one year and not three as we originally planned.

3. Represented together at the same table are the three worship services we have (9:30, 10:00 am in English and 2:00 pm in Spanish) so that together we can prepare a strategic plan for 2017 including a mission and vision that includes the opin-

ion of all who are part of this great family and not just a group. This is how this "advisory group" is formed.

We must also recognize that in this 2016 we made a significant adjustment in our staff when the associate pastor was ordained and assigned to another pastoral office, thus reducing our pastoral team.

In the same way we are in the process of adjusting staff according to the reality that we are facing, where we have to recognize that we are an essentially elderly church and we need to prepare to bring more young people.

But this new beginning is every day, recognizing that God is in control of everything, including what we call life.

I have to admit that we have experienced too many funerals in a short period of time; but even death is only the transition to eternal life; so that we the children of God, with death we experience a new beginning, the real life with our Lord! We cannot deny that each day brings its own eagerness, therefore WALKING TOGETHER FROM THE HAND OF GOD we continue with the plans that He

has for us. My beloved family of faith at Millian Memorial UMC, I invite you to walk together from victory to victory, confident that our God is ahead of us directing us.

I invite you to:

- Pray daily for new people to be converted and to add to this great family of faith. Knowing that prayer is the way we know God is with us.

- Be part of a Bible study or Sunday school class to be able to know the will of God through the study of the word.

- That we are intentional in discipline others, that is, that we take under our leadership someone different from our normal circle in which we develop, young, to educate and share our experience of faith.

- Have your devotional moment every day for at least 20 minutes where you read the word of God and reflect on it in prayer.

- And finally, that we be responsible with our offerings and tithes. My tithe from the first day I arrived here is deducted from my salary and is assigned to general funds. To the extent that we are responsible for at least tithing, nothing is lacking in the house of the Lord.

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My dear family, we have the privilege of WORKING TOGETHER in the establishment of the Kingdom of God here and now under the direction of our God and empowered by The

Holy Spirit. Let us not faint on this day to which God has called us, and therefore He will provide for us, just be faithful and stand firm. Peace with justice, Love and mercy for us all in the

name of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Your pastor who loves you dearly,

Rev. Miguel Balderas



## PRESCHOOL - January 2017

The holidays are over and the new year has begun!

We are looking forward to chilly, snowy days ahead.

The month of January is packed with fun! We learn about snow, hibernation and what animals do during the winter. The children are also excited to have shape day, where every class makes art projects with dif-

ferent shapes and eats different shaped snacks.

We have vision screenings for all 3 and 4 year olds. This important service is provided at a discount by the Prevention of Blindness Society. We will open registration for the 2017-2018 school year on January 13th, Please tell your friends and neighbors

as we have openings in all classes for 2s, 3s, and 4 year olds. Thank you for all of your donations and support in 2016 and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2017!

Emma Hintz,  
Preschool Director

## Millian Memorial United Methodist Church

*Reaching new, unchurched, diverse and young people for Christ!*

### OUR STAFF

#### Bishop:

Rev. Dr. LaTrelle Easterling

#### District Superintendent:

Rev. Gerard A. Green, Jr.

#### Lead Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Miguel A. Balderas

#### Director of Music:

Mark W. Frazier

Alexis Batista

#### Lay Leader:

John Kelley

#### Preschool Director:

Emma J. Hintz

#### Church Administrator:

Linda Canelas

#### Minister:

All baptized members



### Sunday Worship Services

9:30 a.m. in English

11:00 a.m. in English/Spanish

2:00 p.m. en Español

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m. in English - Adults

11:00 a.m. in English

### Wednesday Bible Studies

10:30 a.m. in English

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## A YEAR OF TIME

Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove discomfoting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year. Give it some thought and let's see how you will choose to use the gift of 2017.

As we look into 2017, we look at a block of time, one year. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds in a year. It is all a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it, but none the less, we have this amazing gift. Just like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life.

The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person, not more for me and less for someone else. Rich and poor, educated and uneducated, strong and weak, young and old—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. The same twenty-

four hours to make their own choices about how to use this gift.

Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. You can't speed it up, either. One second at a time, no matter how you choose to use it. Time marches on. It does not stop for anyone. Time waits for no one.

You cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Yesterday is lost forever, never to be repeated. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. We can spend it on frivolous, non-productive things. Or, as

good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. We can make the best use of our time by being disciples of Jesus Christ.

The new year is full of time and, I pray, that you will get to use all 31,536,000 seconds of it. Use it wisely, you will never get to repeat any of those precious seconds. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count? The choice is yours. Let us pray that we all have a year that truly glorifies our Lord and Savior.

May the grace and the peace of the Lord be with you in every second of 2017.

Dawn Kelley,  
Awareness and Ownership



## THE THINGS THAT COUNT

Anita Nichols of Louisville, Kentucky, shares this verse from an old magazine clipping about things that truly matter.

*Not what we have, but what we use,  
Not what we see, but what we choose;  
These are the things that mar or bless,  
The sums of human happiness.  
The things nearby, not things afar,  
Not what we seem, but what we are.  
These are the things  
that make or break,  
That give the heart its joy or ache.  
Not what we take, but what we give;  
Nor as we pray, but as we live.  
These are the things  
that make for peace,  
Both now and after time shall cease.*



## OUTREACH NEWS

On behalf of the Outreach Team, I would like to again thank you for another incredible year! You didn't lose the spirit of Thanksgiving. You continued to share your blessings with the community in outstanding ways in December. Our records revealed that we gave 61 Thanksgiving bags of groceries—25 each to Parkland and Wheaton Woods and 11 to the community. You provided a wide array of items for St. Nicholas Secret Shop. A record number of children visited on the Second Saturday and Sunday School.

We are on a countdown for the Angel Tree. The list includes a total of 52 children from Wheaton Woods, Parkland Middle Schools and our immediate community. The Angel Tree Gifts may be the only gifts that many of these children will receive this Christmas.

We want each of you to know that your dedication and support to the Outreach Team for the Aspen Hill community is greatly appreciated during the holiday season and throughout the year. We

pray that 2017 will be filled with Peace and Happiness!

The Outreach Team,  
Regina Crutchfield  
Patricia Daugherty  
Nancy Gray  
Dawn Kelley  
Dwayne Weigel  
Edith Williams, Chair

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but live by them."*  
John F. Kennedy

Edith Williams – Chair



## SENIORS NEWS

Seniors Millionaires will be holding regular meetings in January in the Chapel Room

on January 5, and January 19, at 11 o'clock with dessert and coffee.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

## Where the Pills Go

A poem shared by one of our members.

A row of bottles on my shelf  
Caused me to analyze myself.  
One yellow pill I have to pop  
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.  
A little white one that I take  
Goes to my hands so they don't shake.  
The blue one that I use a lot  
Tells me I'm happy when I'm not.  
The purple pill goes to my brain  
And tells me that I have no Pain.  
The capsule tells me not o wheeze  
Or cough or sneeze.  
The red one, smallest of them all,  
Goes to my head so I won't fall.  
Such an array of brilliant pills,  
Helping cure all kinds of pills.  
But what I'd really like to know  
Is what tells each pill where to go!

## ¡UN NUEVO COMIENZO!

Every new morning is a new beginning of our life.

A very day is a completed whole.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Queridos hermanos y hermanas de la familia de la fe en Cristo que nos congregamos en Millian Memorial UMC, les saludo en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Estamos listos para comenzar el 2017. ¡Dios es con nosotros! es obligado que reflexionemos en todo lo logrado y los retos que tenemos por delante, seguros de que El Espíritu Santo nos esta guiando.

En el 2016 logramos:

1. Realizar una evaluación de la iglesia (que no se había hecho por muchos años) que nos ayuda a decidir a realizar una encuesta para saber la opinión de todos sobre la iglesia y el ministerio que aquí se realiza.

2. Como resultado de esta encuesta, descubrimos que solo estábamos listos para realizar un plan estratégico por un año y no tres como originalmente planeábamos.

3. Estar juntos en la misma mesa representados los tres servicios de adoración con los que contamos (9:30, 10:00 am en ingles y 2:00 pm en español) para que juntos preparemos un plan estratégico para el 2017 incluyendo una misión y visión que incluye la opinión de todos los que formamos parte de esta gran familia y no solamente de un grupo. Así es como este "advisory group" es formado.

Tenemos que reconocer que este 2016 se hizo un ajuste significativo en nuestro staff al

ser ordenado el pastor asociado y asignado a otro cargo pastoral, reduciéndose así nuestro equipo pastoral.

De la misma forma estamos en el proceso de ajuste de staff de acuerdo a la realidad que estamos afrontando, donde reconocemos que somos una iglesia esencialmente de ancianos y necesitamos prepararnos para traer más gente joven.

Pero este nuevo comienzo, es cada día; reconociendo que Dios es el que tiene control de todo, incluyendo lo que llamamos vida.

Hemos experimentado demasiados funerales en un periodo corto de tiempo; pero aun la muerte es solamente la transición hacia la vida eterna; de tal forma, que nosotros los hijos de Dios, con la muerte experimentamos un nuevo comienzo, ¡la vida real con nuestro Señor!

Querida congregación cada día trae su propio afán, por lo tanto CAMINANDO JUNTOS DE LA MANO DE DIOS seguimos adelante con los planes que El tiene para nosotros. Mi amada familia de la fe en Millian Memorial UMC, les invito para que juntos caminemos de victoria en victoria, seguros de que nuestro Dios va delante de nosotros dirigiéndonos.

Les invito a:

- Orar todos los días por la gente nueva que se ha de convertir y añadir a esta gran familia de la fe. Sabiendo que la oración es la manera en que conocemos que Dios esta con nosotros.

- Que se incorporen a un

estudio Bíblico oh Escuela dominical para poder conocer la voluntad de Dios a través del estudio de la palabra.

- Que seamos intencionales **discipulando** a otros, es decir que tomemos bajo nuestra dirección a alguien diferente de nuestro circulo normal en el que nos desenvolvemos, joven, para educarlo y compartir nuestra experiencia de fe.

- Que tengan su momento devocional todos los días de por lo menos 20 minutos donde leen la palabra de Dios y reflexionan en ella en oración.

- Y por ultimo, que seamos responsables con nuestras ofrendas y diezmos. Mi diezmo desde el primer día que llegue aquí es descontado de mi salario y es asignado a fondo general. En la medida que nosotros seamos responsables por lo menos con el diezmo, nada faltara en la casa del Señor.

Tenemos el privilegio de TRABAJAR JUNTOS en el establecimiento del Reino de Dios aquí y ahora bajo la dirección de nuestro Dios y apoderados por El Espíritu Santo. No desmayemos en esta jornada a la cual Dios nos ha llamado, y por lo tanto El mismo proveerá para nosotros, solo seamos fieles y mantengámonos firmes.

Paz con justicia, Amor y misericordia para todos nosotros en el nombre de nuestro señor Jesucristo.

Su pastor que les ama entrañablemente

*Rev. Miguel Balderas*

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### We Witness

**BY OUR PRAYERS:** The people listed in our Prayer Ministry appreciate your prayers. If you have additional prayer requests, please call the church office. We ask that the person to be listed has given permission for his/her name to be printed, and that the office staff is updated so that the prayer list can remain current. The person's name will remain on the list for 30 days. If additional time is needed, please call the church office. Names with an \* note a chronic illness. Names in italics are new additions.

### DECEASED:

*Jose Luis Wong Soto*

*Passed away in Mexico City; Ruth Wong de Balderas' father*

### HOSPITAL:

Katia Castillo

*Recovering from surgery*

Christiana Osho

*Health concerns*

Sarah King

Serious health concerns, Carolyn Goldman's niece

Betty Pearson

Serious health concerns

Norm Sheetz

Health concerns

### HOME:

José Abad

In Mexico, diagnosed with cancer; Pastor Miguel's personal friend

Kimberly Angell

Serious health concerns, daughter of Jean Hudgins

Kathy Blakeley

Mother of two children, life threatening illness

Deborah Bussard

Serious health problems; daughter of Earl and Beverly Pallas

Kelley Campbell

Chronic illness, granddaughter of Anne and Bill Matthews

Phyllis Clark

Health concerns; receiving chemo treatment

Penny Chapell

Health concerns; Gene Pearson's niece

\*Jane Cumings

Health concerns due to MS

\*William Daniel; Cody &

\*Cameron Daniel

Atrophy of the spinal cerebellum; great grandsons of Jean and Garry Brown

Angie Frazier

Intense back pain

Sue Ferret

Recovering from a broken leg; Michael Stough's mother in law

Oscar Guzmán

Health concerns in Mexico; Ruth Wong's Uncle

Mary Lou Harding

Health concerns, Jeanne Roesch's sister

Cecilia Hernandez

Health concerns; Jo Ross' friend

Sharon Kassel

With MS and Dementia. Donald and Lillian Stough's friend

Pamela Kelley

Congestive heart failure; John Kelley's sister

Larry Kerr

Recovering from leg amputation; Donald Stough's friend

\*Bill Matthews

Health concerns

Michael Maphis

Recovering at home, Jo Hagner's grandson

\*Jackie Maphis

Health concerns, daughter of Jo Hagner

Cate Neely

Health concerns; Mark Frazier's sister

\*Martha Nelson

Health concerns

Beverly Ochoa

Receiving cancer treatment. Granddaughter of Dora Martinez

\*Ernestine Okrah

Cerebral malaria, sister of Lily Boateng

Annabell Ostrander

Health concerns

\*Earl Pallas

Health concerns

Harry Pearson

Battling Cancer, Gene Pearson's brother

Art Smith

With B Cell Lymphoma; Elsie Sullivan's friend

\*Bob Sawyer

Health concerns

Beverly Simmons

Health concerns, Brenda Watson's sister

Elizabeth Siskey

Health problems; Lillian Stough's daughter

Samuel Smith

Recovering from surgery for a broken back. Dawn Kelley's friend

Bill Sonnenberg

Health concerns

Pat Smyrk	Health concerns
*Alma Spaid	Health concerns
Anthony & Sybil Stathoplos	Health concerns
Leslie Turner	Health Concerns
Hazel Young	Recovering after fall
*Gudelia Zuleta de Wong	Health concerns, mother of Ruth Wong de Balderas

**HOSPICE CARE:**

Juliet Cole                      Family member of the Annums - Emelia and Godfrey

**NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING/REHABILITATION CENTERS:**

Norm Brautigam	Fairhaven - 7200 Third Ave. Apt M- 115 Sykesville, MD 21784
Barbara Brown	Wilson Building Rm.337; Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, MD
Vesta Galate	Brighton Gardens 7110 Mistrel Way #234 Columbia, Md. 21045-(301)4661282
Roger Harris	William Hill Assisted Living, Easton MD, brother of Paul Harris
Nancy Hinkle	Brooke Grove Rehab 18131 Slade School Rd, Sandy Spring, MD 20860
Mary Matlock	Shady Grove Rehab Center, daughter of Emma Beaver
Mescal Wimberly	Alfred House 18114 Cashell Road, Room 6, Rockville, MD 20853

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY OVERSEAS:****UMM ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Saturday, January 21, 2017  
5:00 – 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

**ALL FOR ONLY**

\$10 for adults (and youth 13 and above)  
\$5 for children (3-12)  
\$25 (maximum) for Mom, Pop and Kids

**MENU**

Special recipe meat and meatless sauce, Italian bread,  
salad, dessert and beverage

Tickets will be available in the Narthex before and after the  
11:00 worship service on January 8th and January 15th  
Or from a member of the United Methodist Men

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# JANUARY 2017

Every Sunday	Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday	Every Saturday
8:00am Adult Sunday School (C) 9:30am Worship in English (S) 9:30am Adult Sunday School 11:00am Sunday School all ages 11:00am Worship in English & español (S) 1:00pm Methodist Church[Ghanaian] (S & Rm5/7) 1:00pm Estudio Bíblico - español 2:00pm Culto	7:00pm NA [Narcotics Anonymous] (FH)	7:30pm Rockville Men's Choir (CR) Dance Group (FH)	10:00am Holy Communion (S) 10:30am Advent Bible Study (C) 6:45pm Wesley Ringers (Rm 6) 7:00pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Prayer Service (YR) 7:30pm AA [Alcoholics Anonymous] (Rm. 5/7) 8:00pm Chancel Choir (CR)	1:00pm Smart Sack Delivery (C)	7:00pm Millian Youth Group (SH)	8:30am Wheaton Spanish SDA Worship (S) 5:15pm Wheaton Spanish SDA Youth Ministry (S)



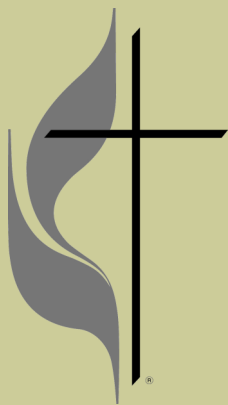
## January - Birthdays

1-Jan	Mitsu	Bonita	18-Jan	Martha	Fry
4-Jan	Yvan	Moundou	18-Jan	Mary	Risley
5-Jan	Barbara	Brown	18-Jan	Susan	Sumner
5-Jan	Philip	Lunking	19-Jan	Nita	Sulmonetti
6-Jan	Victor	Garcia-Escalante	20-Jan	Judy	Lillibridge
7-Jan	Jeff	Banks	23-Jan	Dave	Morgan
9-Jan	Nancy	Gray	24-Jan	Gene	Pearson
10-Jan	Murree, Sr.	Gardiner	26-Jan	Juan A.	Benitez
10-Jan	Samara	Moraga	26-Jan	Mary Jo	Drake
14-Jan	Dale	Leathery	26-Jan	Bob	Sawyer
15-Jan	Jim	Doman	30-Jan	Connie	Paulson
15-Jan	Joan	Prothero	31-Jan	Eric	Merchant



## JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10:00am ONE WORSHIP  11:30am Stephen Ministry (YR)	7:45pm Co. Annymys (Rm 8)	6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8)	6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8)	11:00am Seniors (C) 6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8) 7:00pm SDA Adventurers (FH)	6:00pm Girl Scouts BF(5/7-YR) 6:00pm Girl Scouts VC(FH)	6:00pm Wheaton SDA Prayer Vigil (S) 4:00pm SDA Adventurers (5/7) 4:00pm Ghana Church (FH)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10:30am Rachel-Ruth Circle (C) 1:00pm Deborah Circle (CR) 6:00pm Comm. Minis- tries(N,3,YR,8) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00pm Girl Scouts Leaders (5/7) 7:00pm Trustees Meet- ing(C)	10:00am Community Partners (C) 6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8) 7:30pm Finance Meeting (C)	6:00pm Comm Minis- tries(N,3,YR,8)	6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8)	5:30pm Girls Scouts CT(5/7-YR)	9:00am UMM Breakfast (FH) 10:00am Food Pantry (Ed.B.) 12:30pm Wheaton SAD Fellowship
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2:00pm MUM Food Truck (Park. Lot)	12:00pm Martin Luther King Day of Service- Community Partners (FH-K) 6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00pm Comm Minis- tries(N,3,YR,8) 7:45pm Co. Annymys (Rm 8)	6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8) 7:00pm Admin. Meeting (C)	10:00am Daytones Choir (CR) 6:00pm Comm Minis- tries(N,3,YR,8)	11:00am Seniors (C) 6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8) 7:00pm SDA Adventurers (FH) 7:00pm Kaleidoscope Or- chestra (C)	6:00pm Girl Scouts BF(5/7-YR) 6:00pm Girl Scouts VC(FH)	10:00am Fresh Bread & Spiritual Nourish- ment (C)  5:00pm UMM Spa- ghetti Dinner (FH)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00pm Comm Minis- tries(N,3,YR,8)	11:00am Worship Team (C) 6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8)	6:00pm Comm Minis- tries(N,3,YR,8)	6:00pm Comm Ministries (N,3,YR,8) 6:30pm Stephen Ministry Training Classes (C)	5:30pm Girls Scouts CT(5/7-YR)	3:00pm SDA Womn's Min. (5/7)
29	30	31				
	6:00pm Cub Scouts (SH) 6:00pm Community Ministry Classes (N- 3,YR,8)	9:00 am Newsletter colla- tion(C) 6:00pm Community Min- istry Classes (N-3,YR,8)			Key: C = Chapel Room CR = Choir Room CL = Committee Lounge	N= Nursery FH = Fellowship Hall S = Sanctuary SH = Social Hall YR = Youth Room PR= Puppet Room



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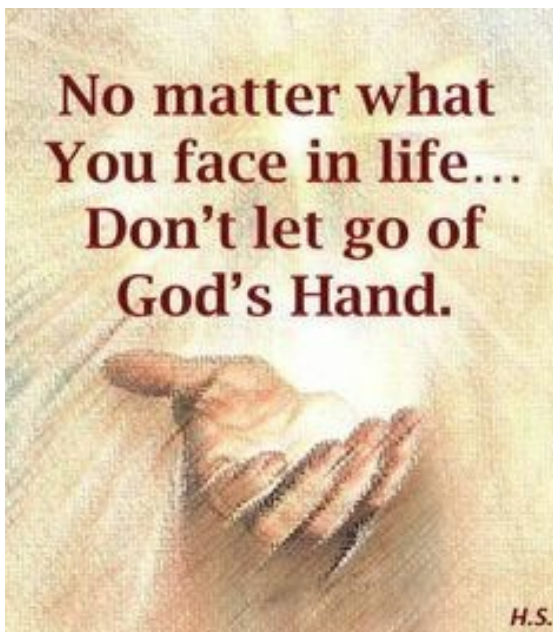
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You face in life...  
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God's Hand.**



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