



Poplar Springs & Jennings Chapel Churches

Charge Clarion

June/July 2025

Pastor Dave's Corner:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. —1 Corinthians 12:12, NRSVUE

Just two weeks ago, Ann Sansing, Dave Walter, and I attended the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference in Baltimore. The Annual Conference is both a regional group of churches and a yearly meeting where clergy and lay representatives from the local church and region come together to worship, make decisions, and celebrate our shared ministry.

The Annual Conference helps set the direction of the Annual Conference's mission, approves the annual budget for the coming year, and ordains new clergy. There are also opportunities for Bible study, fellowship, and networking. This is the place where local churches connect to the wider church and join in God's work on a larger scale.

In the August/September 2024 Pastor's Corner I mentioned the General Conference, of which we are connected through our Annual Conference, passed an amendment to the United Methodist Church constitution to restructure the UMC into regional conferences of which the United States would be its own regional conference. To be effective, it must be approved by 2/3 of all the voting members of all the annual conferences worldwide. If approved, this amendment will enable regional conferences to set ministry policies for more effective and vital mission within their regional contexts.

This amendment, along with 3 other amendments to our UMC constitution, were voted on at this Annual Conference. The other amendments were to affirm that gender and ability do not bar individuals from becoming members of a United Methodist congregation; revisions to strengthen denominational support of racial justice; and to clarify the educational requirements of clergy who may vote for clergy delegates to General Conference. The voting results will not be known until sometime later this fall after all the annual conferences worldwide have an opportunity to vote.

We also celebrated the new annual conference model adopted at last year's Annual Conference. This new model introduces six districts (replacing the previous eight) and organizes churches into "hubs," each anchored by one or more connecting churches. We are a part of the new "Lakes" district and Rev. Jim Miller will continue as



our District Superintendent. The hope is the new model will generate more vitality through increased congregational relationships, collaboration in shared ministry, innovation, discipleship, and connection amongst the churches within the hub.

I am excited that Poplar Springs UMC will be the connecting church for our hub. The other churches in our hub are Daisy, Howard Chapel-Ridgeville, Jennings Chapel, Lisbon, Morgan Chapel, Simpson, and St. Marks in Boyds. It is also bittersweet that Pastor T.J. Mount will be leaving Lisbon to assume the role of one of the "Vitality Specialists" in the Annual Conference. Many of you have gotten to know him and I have enjoyed working with him.

Please continue to hold Jennings Chapel, Poplar Springs, and all the congregations in our hub in prayer as we continue working with some and get to know some new additions to our collaborative ministry. Also, please hold Pastor T.J. in prayer as he grows into his new role and for Lisbon as they welcome a new pastor.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Easter Sunrise Service



Photo taken by Rev. James McSavaney, Howard Chapel

Easter Baskets



For St. Michaels and Morgan Chapel Food Pantries

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at St. Michael's with area clergy.



Lisbon UMC YardSale

June 7, 2025

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rain date is June 21, 2025

2025 Graduates - From Left to Right



Matt Watkins graduated from Damascus High School on May 30, 2025. He plans to attend Frederick

Community College to become certified to work in the area of Heating and Air Conditioning.

Dean Browning graduated from Oakdale High School on May 30, 2025. He plans to attend Penn State - Mont Alto to study business in the fall.

Congratulations to both of you!

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

<u>June Birthdays</u>	<u>July Birthdays</u>
2-Jane Fleming	1-Janet Taylor
3-Bonnie Reed	2-Darrell Johnson
4-Scott Williams	4-Jill Kimos
6-Alice Musgrove	6-Janette Knill
Bo Mundy	7-Clark Beall
Rebecca Lorah	8-Chuck Browning
10-Jim Widmaier	9-Olivia Thomas
12-June Gordon	13-Charles Browning
Kriss Macuch	Joann Delph
20-Patty Bush	15-Trent Hood
25-Jane Wick	Logan Hood
29-Karinna Browning	16-Gail Mundy
30-Jacob Lambert II	18-Dale Bennett
	Edie Nye
	Karmon Reed
	20-Alma Fogle
	24-Phyllis Duvall
	27-Pam Greisler
	30-Evan Bennett
	Carol Shaffer

MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

6750 Woodbine Rd – Woodbine, Md. 21797
Doors open at 5:30 pm, Music Starts at 7:00 pm

June 20: Carroll County Ramblers
 (Bluegrass/Gospel)

July: Date and Bands to be announced at a
 later time.



Poplar Springs History

Poplar Springs church was given a deed in August 1870, for a lot consisting of one acre of land to build a Methodist Protestant Church. Capt. Hiram Woodward, a master mechanic, who lived in the neighborhood, was the builder and took an unusual interest in the work. Ironically, he was the first one to be buried in the cemetery at the church. The church became a part of the nine church Howard Circuit. Then in 1885 the Howard Circuit was divided beginning the Lisbon Circuit (Poplar Springs, Jennings Chapel, Lisbon, Union Chapel, and Howard Chapel).

In 1939, the Methodist Protestant Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Episcopal Church joined to become The Methodist Church.

In 1953, being crowded for room, an addition was built onto the original building. At this time, the old pot-bellied stoves were removed, and a new oil-fired heating system was installed in both the old and new buildings.

In 1956 women were accepted for full ordination in the Methodist Church. In 1960, the double doors were cut into the church sanctuary from the Narthex. In 1962, being still crowded for more room, a little house and lot adjoining the church were purchased for approximately \$9,000.00. In 1962, the Lisbon Church left the circuit which reduced the circuit to only Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel Churches.

Watch for more of Poplar Springs' history in the next Clarion. I am still looking for pictures of weddings taken in the church over the years. Please contact Virginia Frank if you would like to let me borrow the picture. I will make a copy and give it back to you.

JUNE YEAR C

June 1, 2025

RCL: Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26.
Narrative: Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

June 8, 2025

RCL: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 (25-27).
Narrative: Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26].

June 15, 2025

RCL: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8;
Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.
Narrative: Jeremiah 1:1-10; 7:1-11.

June 22, 2025

RCL: 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42;
Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.
Narrative: Jeremiah 18:1-11.

June 29, 2025

RCL: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20;
Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62.
Narrative: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31.

Morgan Chapel Food & Pet Pantry

Poplar Springs supports the Morgan Chapel Food & Pet Pantry. Please bring your canned goods or check to church on the 1st Sunday of the month or take them directly to the back of the Morgan Chapel church, open the door, and leave them in the foyer. **Thanks for Giving!**

JULY YEAR C

July 6, 2025

RCL: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;
Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.
Narrative: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14.

July 13, 2025

RCL: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82;
Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.
Narrative: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15.

July 20, 2025

RCL: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52 or Psalm 82;
Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42.
Narrative: Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34

July 27, 2025

RCL: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85;
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19); Luke 11:1-13.
Narrative: Revelation 1:4-8.



St. Michael's Food Cellar

Jennings Chapel supports the St. Michaels food cellar. Please bring your canned goods to church on the 1st Sunday of the month or take them directly to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Happy
Father's
Day

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**
PROVERBS 20:7

June 15th



June 20, 1st day of Summer
Let the fun begin!



On Sunday, May 25, we prayed over Rhonda Newcomer as she moved to a new home in Pennsylvania. It's not goodbye but we won't be seeing her as often. May God bless Rhonda as she embarks on this new adventure. Photo courtesy of Rosie Beall



Vacation Bible School

Poplar Springs UMC,
June 30 – July 3.
9:00 am – 12:00 pm.
**Join us for a fun
filled week as we**

explore the story of Joseph!

To volunteer please contact Valerie Spampinato at poplarvbs@gmail.com or 410-905-7936. Children sign up will be out soon!

(in collaboration with Jennings Chapel UMC, Lisbon UMC, Morgan Chapel UMC, Daisy UMC, Howard-Ridgeville UMC).



Y'All Come!!!

COMMUNITY PICNIC Poplar Springs UMC



Saturday,
July 5, 2025

Meal – 5:00 pm

Music – 6:30 pm

Join us for a good time
of fellowship and great music.



JUNE

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry	2	3 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	4	5 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm	6	7
8	9	10 J.C Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm.	11	12 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm Juneteenth	20 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at M.C. Carroll County Ramblers (Bluegrass/ Gospel)	21
22	23	24	25	26 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm	27	28
29	30 Poplar Springs Vacation Bible School Starts. June 30-July 3 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.					

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6 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection Camp Hope	7 Camp Hope	8 J.C. Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm Camp Hope	9 Camp Hope	10 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm Camp Hope	11 Camp Hope	12 Camp Hope
13	14	15	16	17 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm	18 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC. To Be Announced	19
20	21	22	23	24 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 3:00-4:30 pm	25	26
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