

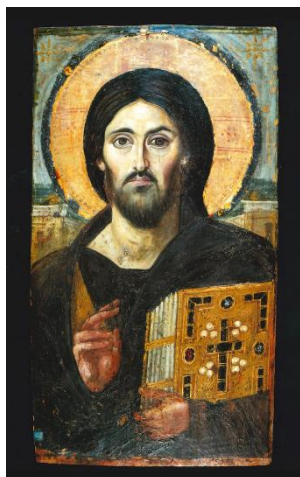


Charge Clarion

April/May 2025

Pastor Dave's Corner:

Is the image to the right familiar? If you are participating in our Lenten Study, *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World*, it probably does. The upper half adorns the cover of our study book. The image is known as *Christ Pantocrator*, which means “ruler of all.” It is a 6th century icon in St.



Catherine’s Monastery on Mt. Sinai in Egypt. It is one of the earliest depictions of Christ as ruler of all.

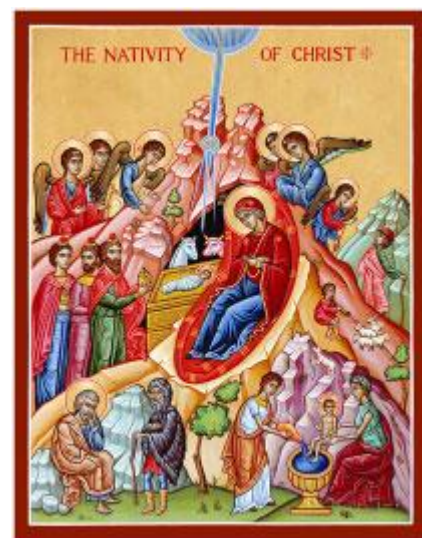
Iconography is the original form of sacred Christian art and has been integral to worship and the mystical life of Christians from the time of the apostles. Today, icons are more common in Eastern and Russian Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches. In the Eastern Christian tradition, they are considered “windows into heaven.” Tradition has it that the first iconographer was the gospel author, St. Luke.

In the 7th and 8th centuries iconography was controversial. One group, the iconoclasts, believed images of human beings or Christ were a form of idolatry. The iconodules, who defended the place of icons in the life of the church, won out; although during the Protestant Reformation, some Protestant denominations took a similar “puritan” view.

In the Orthodox Christian tradition, icons have a purpose; to raise the soul and mind of the believer to the spiritual realm through material means. Creating an icon is a sacred endeavor undertaken by the iconographer. It is said they paint as they pray so that through prayer, they are inspired by the Holy Spirit to illuminate a glimpse of the divine. Unlike Western sacred art where the artist depicts the subject in a

natural and realistic style, the iconographer depicts the subject as they are thought to be in eternity. Hence, the distorted images of icons. This is accomplished through standardized forms and colors that have been handed down over centuries. It is meant to express abstract spiritualized forms.

Common features of icons are stylized, non-natural, geometric forms to clothing meant to represent heavenly order; stylized facial features meant to represent the divine appearance; halos to signify sanctity and draw attention to the face, and unusually thin hands in a



gesture of blessing. Buildings, mountains, trees, and animals are simplified. Even the sequence of events is compressed, altering time and space. In *The Nativity of Christ*, the birth of Jesus, his bathing by the midwives, the angel’s announcement to the shepherds, and the visitation by the Magi all appear in the same icon. Even perspective is different. Unlike Western sacred art, which attempts to create 3-dimensionality, icons often portray less important objects in the foreground smaller than more important subjects behind them.

The next time you see an icon, I hope you will take a moment to ponder it and be blessed by this sacred art form from our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Dave.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



The co-operative Pancake Supper sponsored by Howard Chapel/Ridgeville, Jennings Chapel, Lisbon, Morgan Chapel and Poplar Springs raised \$1,673 to support Hilda's Place and the Morgan Chapel Food Pantry! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a success and wonderful time of fellowship.

Easter Word Search

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APOSTLES
CROWN
LAMB
PRAYER
RESURRECTION
SON

CHURCH
FAITH
MARY
REDEMPTION
RISEN
SUNDAY

CROSS
JESUS
MIRACLE
REJOICE
SAVIOR
TOMB



Thank you to everyone who came out to support the youth missions at the spaghetti dinner on March 15th. We had a great turn out and successful evening raising over \$800 for the youth fund.



<u>April Birthdays</u>	<u>May Birthdays</u>
2-Marissa Hensel	2-Joanne Hamilton
6-Sean Floyd	3-Doris Johnson
7-Dean Browning	4-Craig Watkins
Donna Owens	6-Patti Owens
8-Isabel Kimos	11-Beverly Green
Bucky Knill	14-Carli Ellenwood
9-Dave Brunson	Anthony Bokma
15-Dave Walter	15-Gabriella Bokma
16-Laura Nichols	16-Traci Duvall
21-Merhlyn Barnes	18- Linda Reed
22-Jacob Lambert	23-Emma Reifsnider
26-Ron Thomas	Laura Reifsnider
28-Carl Boring Jr.	24-Connie Anderson
29-TJ Spampinato	25-Charles Johnson, Sr.
30-Colin Spitz	Mary Johnson
	Jared Wamsley
	27-Aaron Browning
	Colleen Ellenwood
	28-Denise Freitag
	29-Judy Gaardsmoe

MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

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

Apr. 25: Bill Harrison & Haywire Band
(Bluegrass)

May 16: Shannon Leigh & the Good
Bygones (Bluegrass/Classic Country)



May 11, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

September 21, Poplar Springs UMC,
11:00 am

Poplar Springs Church will be celebrating 155 years of service this year. Plans are being made for a luncheon following the service.

We are looking for pictures of the church before the social hall was added. Also, we will have a bulletin board with pictures of our members who have passed away in the last 30 years. If you have any of these pictures, please contact Virginia Frank at jsrstar@verizon.net or 443-286-6331.

Refreshing Jello dessert

Ingredients

- 1 6-ounce package strawberry or cherry jello (not sugar free)
- 2 cups hot water
- 1 ¾ cups cold water
- 1 8-ounce package cool whip, thawed
- 1 lb frozen or fresh strawberries, sliced (if fresh make sure they are cold)

Directions

In a large casserole dish, mix the jello with hot water and cold water until completely dissolved.

Refrigerate for about 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until the jello start to thicken. It will still be runny.

Use a whisk or electric mixer to mix jello until foamy and thick.

Stir in cool whip, then gently add strawberries, and refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm and ready to serve.

Cut a few fresh strawberries to decorate the top. Enjoy!

APRIL YEAR C

April 6, 2025

RCL: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.
Narrative: Luke 18:31-19:10; Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12.

April 13, 2025

RCL: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49.
Narrative: Luke 19:29-44; Psalm 118:19-23.

April 20, 2025

RCL: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12.
Narrative: Luke 24:1-12; Psalm 118:17,21-24.

April 27, 2025

RCL: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150;
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.
Narrative: Luke 24:13-35; Psalm 30.



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!**

MAY YEAR C

May 4, 2025

RCL: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.
Narrative: Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60; Luke 23:33-34a, 46.

May 11, 2025

RCL: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.
Narrative: Acts 8:26-39; Luke 24:44-47.

May 18, 2025

RCL: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.
Narrative: Acts 15:1-18; Luke 2:29-32

May 25, 2025

RCL: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29.
Narrative: Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21; Luke 18:9-14.



May 1, 2025

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.

April 13 – Palm Sunday Services

Jennings Chapel, 9:00 am

Poplar Springs, 11:00 am

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

Poplar Springs, 7:00 pm

April 18 – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

St. Michaels, 3:00 pm

April 18 – Good Friday

Howard Chapel-Ridgeville, 7:00 pm

April 20 – Easter Sunrise Service

Air View Farm, 6:15 am

April 20 – Easter Services

Jennings Chapel, 9:00 am

Poplar Springs, 11:00 am

MORE TO COME...

Poplar Springs UMC will be hosting VBS tentatively from June 30 until July 3. This will be followed by the Church's annual picnic on July 5th. A planning session will be scheduled, sometime in March, for people who would like to help lead VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact Valerie Spampinato at poplarvbs@gmail.com. This will be a cooperative program and we would like representatives from all churches involved.



May 26, 2025

Easter Baskets



Edie and Angela and their volunteers will be assembling Easter Baskets at Jennings Chapel, April 9th, at 5:00 pm. The baskets are for St. Michael's food pantry for families this Easter. Thanks for all you do!

Senior Event

Law Day – Protect your future with Advance Directives & Power of Attorney at the Glenwood 50+ center on May 1, 9:00 am. Reservations required and slots fill quickly. Call or email Cathy Burkett at 410-313-4832 or cburkett@howardcountymd.gov.

Attorneys will be available to provide guidance and assistance in appointing a trusted financial agent and insuring medical wishes are legally documented in your private appointment. Take this important step to protect yourself and your future.

Saturday, May 3rd - Concert at 7:00PM
Food for sale 5:00-6:30PM
Taylorsville United Methodist Church
4356 Ridge Rd, Mt. Airy, MD 21771
FOLLOW ERNIE COUCH & REVIVAL ON YOUR FAVORITE DIGITAL OR SOCIAL MEDIA SITE!

APRIL

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	2 Lenten Study, 6:30 pm, via ZOOM	3 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	4	5 Cemetery Meeting, P.S., 1:00 pm
6 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Cemetery Meeting, J.C., 1:00 pm	7	8 J.C Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm.	9 Lenten Study, 6:30 pm, via ZOOM Easter Basket assembly, J.C., 5:00 pm	10 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	11	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16 Lenten Study, 6:30 pm, via ZOOM	17 Maundy Thursday, Poplar Springs, 7:00 pm	18 Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, St. Michaels, 3:00 pm Good Friday, Howard Chapel- Ridgeville, 7:00 pm	19
20 Easter Sunrise Service, Air View Farm, 6:15 am Easter Services, J.C., 9:00 am, P.S., 11:00 am	21	22	23	24 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	25 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at M.C. Billy Harrison & the Haywire Band	26
27	28	29	30			

MAY

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm Senior Event, Glenwood 50+ Center, 9:00 am	2	3 Earnie Couch & Revival, Taylorsville UMC. Food 5:00-6:30 pm Concert-7:00 pm
4 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection	5	6 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	7	8 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 J.C. Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm	14	15 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	16 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC. Shannon Leigh and the Good Bygones	17
18	19	20	21	22 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	23	24
25 Poplar Springs graduation celebration and luncheon after church service	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	30	31

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