



Charge Clarion

Aug-Sept 2024

Pastor Dave's Corner:

“God is our refuge and strength. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:1-2,10, NRSVUE)

In this edition, I have traditionally recapped VBS and Camp Hope. And I'll say something briefly about those. I also wanted to update you on changes that recently came out of the UMC General Conference and our Annual Conference.

Our congregations were busy in July, with VBS, the Community Picnic, and then Camp Hope. None of these would have been possible without the time, talents, and financial resources shared by you and I thank you. For VBS, we also had help from Lisbon and Morgan Chapel.

Our VBS theme was *Scuba* and was led by Valerie Spampinato. The kids took a deeper dive in the Gospel of John during the week. The following week, 6 youths from Poplar Springs and Mt. Tabor went to Camp Hope, a Christian Appalachian work project that helps low-income homeowners repair their homes. We worked on Ms. Debbie Spiker's home in Keyser, WV. We replaced rotten T-111 siding on the back of her house and then repainted the back and side. We replaced and painted her screen door, replaced the hinges on the crawl space access door, and caulked between the fascia and her gutter to keep the rain from going between them. We also painted her kitchen, hallway and replaced a section of rotten flooring. On our final day, we presented her with a prayer shawl from Jennings' Prayer Shawl Ministry and Ms. Spiker gave each one of us a gift. I invite you to enjoy the pictures included in this edition.

At General Conference, the UMC's top legislative body, amendments were passed to the UMC's constitution to restructure the UMC into regions. To become effective, these amendments must be ratified by 2/3 of the 133 annual conferences around the globe. It would create regional conferences here in the U.S. and abroad with equal authority to set ministry policies for their missional contexts, including the ability to set their own standards for ordination and church marriage.

Over 700 delegates from four continents approved new Social Principles. This was a 12-year process to make the UMC's teachings on social issues more globally relevant, theologically grounded, and succinct.

The delegates, by a sizable majority, voted to remove the ban on the ordination of “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy and the officiation of same-sex weddings. At the same time, the General Conference passed legislation to protect clergy from being compelled to officiate at same-sex weddings and upheld that boards of trustees of individual congregations could set policies that ban same-sex weddings within their walls.

Rev. John Stephens, a delegate from the Texas Conference, a “self-defined conservative,” and senior pastor of the theologically diverse megachurch Chapelwood UMC in Houston said, “You can be United Methodist and be traditional, believing marriage was instituted by God between a man and a woman. You can be a United Methodist and be progressive, believing marriage may include those of the same sex. Unity of the Body of Christ does not require uniformity, but it does require love.”ⁱ

Locally, the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference is going through a process of restructuring with the hope of generating more vitality through increased congregational relationships, collaboration, innovation, discipleship,

and connection. Details are still being worked out but broadly speaking, the plan is to have 7 to 12 churches grouped in Collaborative Hubs in a shared, geographically-based mission field. Each hub will have a Connecting Church to facilitate collaborative work and vitality.

Hubs, in turn, will be grouped in one of six non-geographic districts based on whether the mission field is rural, suburban, or urban. The hope is it will create opportunities to network across geographic boundaries and learn from one another in geographically diverse but otherwise similar contexts. The hubs and districts will be organized into two administrative regions.

I know change can be disconcerting. At the same time, I'm excited to see how the Holy Spirit will inspire us as we experiment with a different way of structuring the church. My hope is that it will enable us to be more nimble, adaptable, and free to experiment within our local contexts to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave

¹ https://www.umnews.org/en/news/historic-assembly-sets-united-methodists-on-new-path?mkt_tok=MDc4LUYUS02NDMAAGUWuiPA2D-Q04-BcPZDhxJt9PtQ_4V3fP25uoTtCOAafMrZWt308NSUeupPbxEDEDr2lzQdtxzz7ZqV oXaCYgCfJq2k5YU4Uq180WC29wPdaOHWo



Happy 50th Birthday!

Aaron Browning and Laura Reifsnider

Pastor Dave will be away from August 18 – September 8. Pastoral coverage will be provided in his absence.

Aug. 18 – Aug. 25

Primary: Pastor TJ Mount

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Aug. 26 – Sept. 8

Primary: Pastor James McSavaney

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Back-up: Pastor TJ Mount & Jim Skillington



***Congratulations
Kye Reifsnider!
High school
graduate, class
of 2024.***

***Combined Worship Services begin in
August. All service times will be
10:00 am.***

Aug. 4: Lisbon UMC

Aug. 11: Jennings Chapel UMC

Aug. 18: Poplar Springs UMC

Paper Shredding & Battery Recycling Event

Howard Chapel UMC, 1970 Long Corner Rd,
Mt. Airy, Md., September 21, 9:00 – 11:00 am, Limit
of 5 banker boxes (12x12x12) of documents per car.

<u>Aug Birthdays</u>	<u>Sept Birthdays</u>
5-Logan Bokma	1-Vaughn Turner
Joseph Bokma	2-Parker Dowdy
10-Matt Watkins	6-William Spampinato
Lance Williams	7-Luann Hash
11-Mary Streaker	8-Kip Cordisco
12-Ronnie Mertz	Madison Wick
14-John Frank	9-Larry Phebus
Jeri Koteles	Kody Silverman
18-Fannie Anderson	Vincent Spampinato
19-Sheryl Bennett	11-Darlene McCarron
21-Claire Greisler	12-Steve Kimos
Jeremy Johnson	16-Richard Hodiak
22-Jan Gordon Holt	Michael Johnson
26-Jeff Hash	17-Pastor Dave Norton
27-Faye Hodiak	18-Belinda Norton
Josie Lambert	19-Greg Hood
29-Karen Wick	Mary Pat Johnson
	20-Marshall Fleming
	David Owens
	Mark Shaffer
	21-Joanne Widmaier
	22-Jase Roeder
	Carl Bokma
	23-Dawn Watkins
	24-Shelby Bennett
	28-Johanna Williams
	Zachary Thomas
	29-Courtney Ueltschy
	30-Christy Wamsley

MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

6750 Woodbine Rd – Woodbine, Md. 21797

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Music Starts at 7:00 pm

Aug. 16: Billy Harrison & Haywire Band
(Bluegrass)

Sept. 20: Seneca Creek Bluegrass Band
(Bluegrass/Gospel)

Church Conference

You can attend in person at J.C. or via zoom

Meeting: <https://bwcumc.zoom.us/j/86107415116>

• Meeting ID: 861 0741 5116

• One tap mobile: +13017158592,,86107415116#
US (Washington DC)

Vacation Bible School 2024



AUGUST YEAR B

August 4, 2024

RCL: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35.
Summer Series: John 21:15-17

August 11, 2024

RCL: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51.
Summer Series: Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11;
Ephesians 4:21-24; Mark 1:35-39

August 18, 2024

RCL: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58.
Summer Series: Psalm 115:3-8; Matthew 10:5a, 7-8;
28:16-20

August 25, 2024

RCL: 1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69.



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!**

SEPTEMBER YEAR B

September 1, 2024

RCL: Song 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23;

September 8, 2024

RCL: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
James 2:1-10 [11-13], 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.
Narrative: Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

September 15, 2024

RCL: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19;
James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.
Narrative: Genesis 15:1-6

September 22, 2024

RCL: Proverb 31:10-31; Psalm 1;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37
Narrative: Genesis 37:3-8; 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

September 29, 2024

RCL: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50
Narrative: Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

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. Michaels Catholic Church.

4th of July Community Picnic



Camp Hope



You can also watch the 2024 Camp Hope video from the JC YouTube channel. Just use the link below

<https://youtu.be/Dc9qfwtDevq>

Everyone worked hard and did a great job!
Go Camp Hope Youth!

AUGUST

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 St. Michaels Food Pantry Collection Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection Combined Service, Lisbon UMC, 10:00 am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Combined Service, Jennings Chapel UMC, 10:00 am	12	13 J.C Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm.	14	15	16 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at M.C. Billy Harrison & Haywire Band	17
18 Combined Service, Poplar Springs UMC, 10:00 am	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SEPTEMBER

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3 J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	4	5 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	6	7
8 Grandparents Day. St. Michaels Food Pantry Collection Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection	9 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. All Church Conf. forms to be entered directly into the arena or manually filled out and returned to the church office.	10 J.C. Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm	11	12 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	20 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC. Seneca Creek Bluegrass Band	21 Paper shredding & battery recycling, Howard Chapel UMC, 9:00 – 11:00 am.
22 Autumn begins	23	24	25	26 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	27	28 Church Conf. via zoom & at J.C., 12:30 – 2:00 pm
29	30					

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