

Charge Clarion

Oct/Nov 2024

Pastor Dave's Corner:

“Listen carefully: unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal”
(John 12:24-25, *The Message*).

The leaves on the red maples and dogwoods around me have turned red and on my redbud, they’re already yellow. The corn in the fields around Woodbine and Mt. Airy have turned brown, every day the soy plants turn more yellow, and I see the orange pumpkins in Lariland’s field. On God’s canvas, green is yielding to the vibrant colors of fall. By All Saints Day, which we’ll celebrate on Sunday, November 3, God’s canvas will reflect more of the gray and brown of leafless trees and barren fields.

Autumn is a reminder of a time of plentitude when nature yields its abundance but also reminds us that grass withers and flowers fade.

Since All Saints Day 2023, we’ve said goodbye to 12 brothers and sisters in Christ: Bob Styer, Mary Mason, Raymond Glenn, Howie Streaker, Shirley Richardson, David Duvall, Velma Hill, Jeff Newcomer, Howard Fleming, Bharat Agrawal, Miriam Reed, and Charles Phebus Jr. Some were blessed with many years, some left us in the prime of their life, while others were just ready to start enjoying retirement. Some passed unexpectedly while others experienced the slow deterioration of mind and body, the pain of cancer, the loss of motor control, or forgetting recent events and names of visitors and loved ones.

I’ve been blessed to be present with many of our brothers and sisters as they walked their final journey on this side of heaven and to provide pastoral care to their families as they journey through grief. I have to confess though, at times, I feel like I’m looking at a winter painting with all its gray barked, leafless trees and brown fields.

At the same time, All Saints Day brings me joy. It’s a time to remember and celebrate the lives of our departed brothers and sisters. If I take a moment with joy to reflect on the colors on God’s winter canvas, I see a lot of white, a reflection of God’s light off the snow—like the dazzling white of angelic robes seen by the women at the empty tomb on that first Easter Sunday. A sign not of death and lifelessness but of resurrection and new life yet to be revealed.

The late theologian, Henri Nouwen wrote:

Death is part of a much greater and much deeper event, the fullness of which we cannot comprehend, but of which we know that it is a life-bringing event. What seemed to be the end proved to be the beginning; what seemed to be a cause for fear proved to be a cause for courage; what seemed to be defeat proved to be victory; and what seemed to be the basis for despair proved to be the basis for hope. Suddenly a wall becomes a gate, and although we are not able to say with much clarity or precision what lies beyond the gate, the tone of all that we do and say on our way to the gate changes drastically.

Nouwen's words remind me that death is not the end. It doesn't have the last word. For our departed loved ones, it's merely a gateway to a glorious and eternal life with Christ.

For those of us who remain, it's a gate we too must pass through as we move from one season of life to the next. As the leaves reveal their fire and then fall, let this autumn remind us that just beneath those fallen leaves is the power of new life, that in spring will reveal something wonderful that in this moment only God can see.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Jennings Chapel Fall Festival

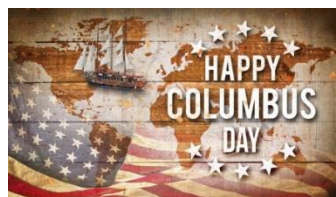
**October 12, 2024
9 AM - 2 PM**

Rain or Shine

Free Admission

Includes – Bakery/candies, books, jewelry, holiday items, silent auction, plants/vegetables, apple butter, apple dumplings, white elephant, and much more.

Lunch will be available for purchase.



October 14, 2024



October 26

Howard Chapel-Ridgeville
UMC parking lot, 3:30 –
5:00 pm.



Combined
Worship at
Jennings
Chapel,
August 8,
2024



Combined Worship at Poplar Springs, August 15,
2024

It was a joy to worship with our cooperative sister congregations, Daisy UMC and Lisbon UMC, this summer. Not only did we gather at Jennings Chapel and Poplar Springs, but we also worshipped together at Lisbon UMC on August 1 and at Daisy on September 22 to celebrate their Founding Day. Thank you for supporting our cooperative partnership.



November 3rd,

Don't forget to set you clocks back one hour.

<u>Oct Birthdays</u>	<u>Nov Birthdays</u>
1-Roy Greisler, III	1-Henry Knuppel
2-Anita Bokma	2-Charles Johnson Jr.
Elizabeth Lorah	3-Judy Deel
7-Jerry Unglesbee	6-Valerie Spampinato
8-Holly Johnson	17-Sharon Leavitt
10-Dawn Huber	18-Carl Watkins
11-Lambert Cissel	19-Emily Greisler
Paul Shoffiett	21-Ronnie German
12-Heather Johnson	Claylene Warfield
13-David Huber	23-Mark Ueltschy
14-Pat Browning	25-Jenny Glenn
19-Jordon Lambert	Matthew Greisler
20-Ryan Bennett	Mason Wick
21-Susan Reynolds	27-Dale Cordisco
Patty Walter	29-Danny Knill
23-Ariel Hood	
24-Carol Agrawal	
John Wamsley	
26-Kathy Johnson	
27-Bobby Johnson	
29-Tom Hood	
Jerry Wick	

MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

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

Oct. 18: Blue Spruce (Bluegrass)

Nov. 15: Salem Bottom Boys
 (Bluegrass/Gospel)

*Thank
you*

*Belinda and I want to thank you for the birthday cards, vegetables, jelly, and well wishes on our birthdays. It made the day extra special.
 Blessings, Pastor Dave*



November 16

Howard Chapel UMC Community Dinner.
 The Beef and Shrimp dinner will be held in the fellowship hall, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.



November 16

Lisbon UMC
 Annual Holiday Bazaar, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Handmade candies, homemade bake table, Christmas table, gift table, silent auction, artisan soaps and more! Serving sausages with onions and peppers on a roll, chicken noodle soup, & our Famous chicken salad sandwiches. All items payable by cash or check.

AUTUMN
 IS God's Way
 OF
 SHOWING US
 HOW
 Beautiful
CHANGE CAN BE

OCTOBER YEAR B

October 6, 2024

RCL: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26;
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16.
Narrative: Exodus 32:1-14

October 13, 2024

RCL: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31.
Narrative: 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10

October 20, 2024

RCL: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;
Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.
Narrative: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

October 27, 2024

RCL: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52.
Narrative: 1 King 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43



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!**

NOVEMBER YEAR B

November 3, 2024

RCL: Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.
Narrative: 1 Kings 17:1-16 (17-24)

November 10, 2024

RCL: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127;
Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.
Narrative: Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 (4:1-11)

November 17, 2024

RCL: 1 Samuel 1:4-20; Psalm 16;
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8.
Narrative: Isaiah 6:1-8

November 24, 2024

RCL: 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18);
Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37.
Narrative: Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; 31:31-34



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.



November 5th, Election Day

Every vote matters. Let your voice be heard!



November 11th, Veterans Day

“Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they’ve suffered the scars of war.” *Ronald Reagan 1983*



Advent Study

Nov. 20, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 – via ZOOM, 6:30 pm. *On the Way to Bethlehem.* This

Advent, Rob Fuquay, Senior Pastor of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, will lead us from Rome, to Jerusalem, then to Nazareth, and finally, Bethlehem. We’ll travel from the place of power that determined the daily realities of all places in the empire, to join Zechariah in the Temple, a place of waiting, to the site of Mary’s annunciation, a place of simplicity, and finally to the stable where Jesus was born, a place of humility.

Every journey involves planning and an awareness of place. This holds true for our own journeys, whether they be vacations, moves, job changes, or changes in our families. It holds true for our Advent journey too.

Please let the office know if you will be joining me on this year’s Advent journey by Thursday, October 31 so we can be sure to have enough books. A \$12 donation to offset the cost of the study book is welcome. I hope you will join me for this exciting study.

Pastor Dave



Community Choir Christmas Cantata

Dec. 15 – Liberty Baptist, 1200 Madison Street, Lisbon Md. 7:00 pm. *“The Gift” a cantata by Lloyd Larson.*

Do You Love to Sing? Contact Patty Bush (410) 245-6081 or bushpatr@hotmail.com.
no audition *shower singers welcome*.

Rehearsal info...

Where – Liberty Baptist church

When – Mondays 7:00 – 8:30 pm

8 rehearsals, Oct. 21 – Dec. 9.

Cost - \$20 for book, listening mp3,

Copyright *fee waived for HS & College students
*other support available as needed.

Community Choir Churches Represented:

Bethel BC, Daisy UMC, Damascus Road CC, FBC Damascus, Gary Memorial UMC, Glade UCC, Howard Chapel-Ridgeville UMC, Jennings Chapel UMC, Liberty BC, Lisbon UMC, Poplar Springs UMC, St. John’s Episcopal, Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran, Winfield Bible Chapel, and The Church of Covenant Park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 P.S. Ad Bd Meeting, 7:00 pm. Cancer Support Group, J.C., 7:00 pm	2	3 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	4	5
6 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection Luminary service, Howard Chapel, 6:00 pm.	7	8 J.C. Ad Bd Meeting, 7:00 pm.	9	10 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	11	12 J.C Fall Festival, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
13	14 Columbus Day		16	17 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	18 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgans Chpl. Blue Spruce (Bluegrass)	19
20	21 Cantata Rehearsal, 7:00 pm at Liberty Baptist	22	23	24 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	25	26 Trunk or Treat, Howard Chapel, 3:30-5:00 pm
27	28 Cantata Rehearsal, 7:00 pm at Liberty Baptist	29	30			

NOVEMBER

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 St. Michaels Food Pantry Collection Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection Daylight Savings Time Ends. Set your clocks back 1 hour.	4 Cantata Rehearsal, 7:00 pm at Liberty Baptist	5 J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. Election Day. Get out there and vote!	6	7 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day Cantata Rehearsal, 7:00 pm at Liberty Baptist	12 J.C. Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm	13	14 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	15 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC. Salem Bottom Boys (Bluegrass)	16 Lisbon UMC Holiday Bazaar, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Howard Chapel Community Church Dinner, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
17	18 Cantata Rehearsal, 7:00 pm at Liberty Baptist	19	20 Advent Study, 6:30 pm via zoom	21 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	22	23
24	25 Cantata Rehearsal, 7:00 pm at Liberty Baptist	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

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