



Charge Clarion

September/October 2025

Pastor Dave's Corner:

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”. —(Matthew 25:21, NIV)

Looking back over the past 5 years here at Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel, I would have to say, one of the times of the year that I look most forward to is late June/early July. Why? Vacation Bible School and Camp Hope.

There are a couple of reasons. First, I get to spend a lot of time with our youth. At VBS, it’s a joy to see the enthusiasm of our youngest in our community. They bring such energy to their outdoor games. Their excitement in the chapel is infectious as they raise their hands or shout out their answer to Ms. Valerie’s questions about the Biblical scripture of the day. The sound of their voices in song, watching them make their scripture-of-the-day craft with such attentiveness and creativity, and their engagement with the Biblical story, this year the story of Joseph from the Book of Genesis, is a joy to see.

At Camp Hope I got to spend a week with some amazing youth, and I thank you for sharing them with me and giving me the opportunity to go to Frostburg with them. This year Elizabeth and Mickey Lorah, Kye and Bella Reifsnider, Olivia Nafpaktitis (Mt. Tabor UMC), and Mickell Christian (Daisy UMC) were servants to two different homeowners: Lloyd and Maureen Hott of Cumberland and Debbie Morgan of Bowling Green. Rebecca Lorah and I were the adult team members and John Frank helped lead a team from Epworth UMC.

At the Hott’s home, we painted the front steps, the back porch, and installed landscaping ties. We said goodbye to the Hotts 2-1/2 days later and moved to Ms. Morgan’s home. There we installed lattice work along the front porch and steps. It was a challenge as the steps and front porch were concrete and the face of the porch wasn’t flat. In some places it bulged more than 18 inches! But through communal brain power, some trial and error, and God given patience, we came up with a plan. Ms. Morgan was so happy.

Not only did our youth bless our homeowners with their home maintenance skills, they blessed them with their presence and as they listened and learned about our homeowners’ personal, life challenges.

The other reason I look forward to VBS and Camp Hope is that I don’t plan it! We have faithful servants who lead those missions and ministries: Valerie Spampinato with VBS and Rebecca Lorah with Camp Hope, and they don’t do it alone. They are supported by a Spirit-led group of lay servants from our HUB churches—Daisy, Morgan Chapel, Howard Chapel-Ridgeville, and Lisbon along with you, the members of Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel. Well done, good and faithful servants!

It’s always a joy to spend time with our children and youth. Without your servant hearts to share of your time, talents, love and support, these educational and missional activities to learn about God’s love for us and how we can be conduits of God’s love to others, would not be possible. Praise be to God for you!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave



Our Vacation Bible School Decorations.



Our Camp Hope Team leaving for Frostburg from Jennings Chapel UMC.



Recreation time at Vacation Bible School.



Poplar Springs UMC 4th of July Community Picnic

Rev. David Norton and The Congregation of
Poplar Springs United Methodist Church

Invites you to join us on

Sunday, September 21, 2025

For our 155th Anniversary & Homecoming
Celebration

We will begin our day with a church service

At 11:00 a.m. with guest speaker

Rev. Bill Brown

Followed by a luncheon

At 12:30 p.m.

Please stay afterwards to join us in

Reminiscing and music at

2:00 p.m.

RSVP by September 2, 2025

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<u>September Birthdays</u>	<u>October</u>
1-Vaughn Turner	1-Roy Greisler,III
2-Parker Dowdy	2-Anita Bokma
6-William Spampinato	Elizabeth Lorah
7-Luann Hash	7-Jerry Unglesbee
8-Kip Cordisco Madison Wick	8-Holly Johnson
9-Larry Phebus Kody Silverman Vincent Spamipinato	10-Dawn Richardson Huber
11-Darlene McCarron	11-Lambert Cissel
12-Steve Kimos	Paul Shoffeitt
16-Richard Hodiak Michael Johnson	13-David Huber
17-Pastor David Norton	14-Pat Browning
18-Belinda Norton	19-Jordon Lambert
19-Greg Hood Mary Pat Johnson	20-Ryan Bennett
20-David Owens Mark Shaffer	21-Susan Reynolds
21-Joanne Widmainer	Patty Walter
22-Jase Roeder Carl Bokma	23-Ariel Hood
23-Dawn Watkins	24-Carol Agrawal
24-Shelby Bennett	John Wamsley
28-Johanna Williams Zachary Thomas	26-Kathy Johnson
29-Courtney Floyd Ueltschy	27-Bobby Johnson
30-Christy Wamsley	29-Tom Hood



MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

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

September 19: Billy Harrison & Haywire
 Band (Bluegrass)

October: Rock Creek Revival (Traditional
 Bluegrass)

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.

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!**

Lectionary

September & October 2025

September 7, 2025

-Jeremiah 18:1-11 & Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
-Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Psalm 1
-Philemon 1:1-21
-Luke 14:25-33
Narrative: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

October 5, 2025

-Lamentations 1:1-6 and Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137
-Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 and Psalm 37:1-9
-2 Timothy 1:1-14
-Luke 17:5-10
Narrative: Exodus 16:1-18

September 14, 2025

-Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 and Psalm 14
-Exodus 32:7-14 and Psalm 51:1-10
-1 Timothy 1:12-17
-Luke 15:1-10
Narrative: Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

October 12, 2025

-Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12
-2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c and Psalm 111
-2 Timothy 2:8-15
-Luke 17:11-19
Narrative: 1 Samuel 3:1-21

September 21, 2025

-Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 and Psalm 79:1-9
-Amos 8:4-7 and Psalm 113
-1 Timothy 2:1-7
-Luke 16:1-13
Narrative: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

October 19, 2025

-Jeremiah 31:27-34 and Psalm 119:97-104
-Genesis 32:22-31 and Psalm 121
-2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
-Luke 18:1-8
Narrative: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14

September 28, 2025

-Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 and Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
-Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Psalm 146
-1 Timothy 6:6-19
-Luke 16:19-31
Narrative: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17

October 26, 2025

-Joel 2:23-32 and Psalm 65
-Sirach 35:12-17 or Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 and Psalm 84:1-7
-2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
-Luke 18:9-14
Narrative: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13



Vacation bible school getting ready to start the day.



Parker Dowdy showing his pig at the fair.



The Poplar 4-H club getting ready for the Howard county fair parade.



Bella Reifsnider receiving an award for senior 4-H record keeping.



Kye Reifsnider in the 4-H graduation ceremony.



September						2025
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Simpson Homecoming celebration. 11am at Simpson UMC.			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Poplar's 155 th . Worship at 11am, luncheon following, 2pm reminiscing.			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		Battery recycling & paper shredding at Howard Chapel, 9:00-11:00 am.
28	29	30				

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Daisy Gospel Concert 4pm at Lisbon UMC.			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lisbon cereal collection for Lisbon elementary Howard Chapel 140 th , worship at 10am followed by pot luck from 11:30am-1:30pm			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		Trunk or Treat, Howard Chapel, 3:00-5:00 pm
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			St. Marks Hour of prayer 7pm via zoom	Poplar choir practice at Mary's, 3 pm Simpson prayer and bible study 7pm via zoom		

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