



Charge Clarion

Feb/March 2021

Pastor Dave's Corner:

My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.—

Matthew 26:39

I can't believe that in our last *Clarion* we were looking to Advent, Christmas, and the New Year and now, in this issue, we are already looking to Lent and Easter. Just last Sunday, we heard Jesus speak in the synagogue in Nazareth—what some call Jesus' inaugural address as it traditionally marks the start of his ministry.

The idea of an inaugural address reminds me that on January 20, Joe Biden, our 46th president, was inaugurated. As I think about President Biden's life, I think of someone who has experienced much sorrow. He lost his wife, Neilia, and daughter, Naomi, in a tragic car accident in 1972. And then he lost his son, Beau, to brain cancer in 2015. For many of us, to lose a child is one of the greatest sorrows of life.

Many in our nation, our community, and in our congregations have experienced sorrow over this past year. Some have lost loved ones to the COVID -19 virus, unable to be by their side as they passed, or due to other causes. Others have experienced the sorrow of separation from friends and family due to social distancing. While some have experienced sorrow due to economic hardship or the loss of their pre-pandemic way of life.

In the midst of sorrow, it can cause us to stop and ask, "Why me, Lord? I didn't ask for this? I don't want this?" It's a cry of despair. A cry I'm reminded that even our Lord spoke just before his arrest. "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me."

In his book, *Can You Drink This Cup?* the late Roman Catholic priest Henri Nouwen wrote that Jesus looked into his cup and saw a cup filled with too much pain, too much loss, too much suffering, too much despair. Christ didn't feel he could drink that cup.

But Nouwen also writes that our cup of sorrow is also our cup of joy. Together they are the cup of life. It is when we look into our cup of life and see only sorrows that we must look carefully to see the hidden joy.

"When we are crushed like grapes, we cannot think of the wine we will become. The sorrow overwhelms us, makes us throw ourselves on the ground, facedown, and sweat drops of blood. Then we need to be reminded that our cup of sorrow is also our cup of joy and that one day we will be able to taste the joy as fully as we now taste the sorrow." (Can You Drink This Cup, 54)

As I think ahead to Lent, it reminds me of the passion of Christ, the sorrows he experienced that led, ultimately, to his death on the cross. Like Christ, though, we drink the cup that is given us, to taste the sorrows in order to experience the joys of a resurrected life. By claiming our own cup and drinking from it fully, standing with our head held high, rooted in the knowledge of whose we are, facing the reality that faces us, experiencing its sorrows and joys, we become a beacon of hope for many.

As we enter into the New Year, facing the unknown of what it will bring in the midst of a pandemic, a new Whitehouse administration, and other life changes, let us remember to look for the hidden joy in our cup of life so that we may be strengthened and become beacons of hope to others.

Happy Birthday!

<u>Feb. Birthdays</u>	<u>March Birthdays</u>
2-Kendall Dowdy	2-Raymond R. Glenn Jr.
4-Maria Browning Amanda Roeder	4-Shirley Musgrove
5-Callie Anderson	5-Shirley Smith Jeff Duvall
6-Carolyn Clay	7-Bryant Wick
Calvin Pickett	8-Calvin Musgrove
Julie Staton	10-Clint Reifsnider
7-Jennifer Fischer	14-Barbara Floyd
8-Madison Ueltschy	17-Jake Hood
10-Tiffany Harrison	Ann Phebus
13-Barbara Mayo-Wells	21-Chris Hood
14-Richard Sansing	22-Martin Hamilton
15-Wendye Delph	Patrick Reed
Kris Reed	24-David Duvall
16-Amy Hood	25-Kayla Jane Reifsnider
18-Wayne Nichols	Bree Stuart
Hunter Reed	26-Billy Joe Delph
19-Autumn Anderson	27-Heather Styers
Roxanne Brunson	28-Sandra Hood
20-Kara Kimos	30-Patrick Williams
21-Jeanine Johnson	31-Bryce Heath
22-Stephanie Fleming	
Cameron Hensel	
Pauline Hood	
Howard Streaker	
23-Bill Bush	
Joan Pickett	
24-Virginia Frank	



What's your prediction? Will he see his shadow or not?

Jennings Chapel Church Council Changes

After many years of wonderful service, Larry and Ann Phebus are stepping down from their positions as Financial Secretary and Counter, respectively. We thank them for the gift of their time and all their years in this important work.

We want to welcome Rhonda Newcomer as our new Financial Secretary, and, Edy Nye and Judy Gaardsmoe as our new counters.

Starting February 1, 2021, please mail your tithes, and offerings to the church office. Larry and Ann will appreciate it. The church address is:

Jennings Chapel UMC
2601 Jennings Chapel Road,
Woodbine, Md. 21797.

Mt. Airy Net

St Michaels Food Cellar will not be taking food donations this year. Please bring your canned goods to church on the 1st Sunday of the month or take them directly to Calvary United Methodist Church, 403 S Main Street, Mt. Airy Md. 21771. I am sure the need will be plentiful. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you Jennings Chapel and Poplar Springs for my Christmas Gifts. Your thoughtfulness makes me feel so special. Thank you for remembering me and making me smile. Sherrie Pollatos

I believe churches are meant for Praising God. But so are Zam car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends, strangers, etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church, we need to be the church.

Happy Valentine's Day

February 14th

We Love because
He first loved us.
1 John 4:19



February 15th

Pray for America.
“If my people, who
are called by my
name humble
themselves, pray,

seek my face, and turn from their wicked
way, then I will hear from heaven, and will
forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14

Valentine's Day
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Learn
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Live
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Hope
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PINK
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Other Dates to Remember:

- Feb 2:** Poplar Springs Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Feb 9:** Jennings Chapel Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- March 2:** Poplar Springs Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.
- March 9:** Jennings Chapel Board Meeting, 7:00 pm



“I enjoy the convenience of online shopping, but miss the exercise we got trying to find our car in the mall parking lot.”

Just the Facts

When one door closes, another one opens, but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922)

FEB YEAR B

Feb 7, 2021

Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalms 147: 1-11, 20c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

Feb 14, 2021

2 Kings 5:1-14, Psalms 30;
1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Mark 1:40-45

Feb 21, 2021

Genesis 9:8-17, Psalms 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Feb 28, 2021

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalms 22:23-31;
Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8: 31-38

MARCH YEAR B

March 7, 2021

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

March 14, 2021

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

March 21, 2021

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalms 51:1-12;
Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

March 28, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalms 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47



Roses are red violets are blue
I don't believe how much I
love you, you are my world
and so much more you are
the person I truly adore

Jennings Chapel Re-entry Decisions

The decision to return to in-person will be made each month at the Jennings Chapel Ad Board Meeting. The Re-Entry team will make a recommendation based on several factors to include active cases in the congregation, government guidance, and trends in the number of cases in the state and local area and hospital capacity. You are invited to virtual worship via ZOOM and YouTube as you are able.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86825044251?pwd=T3FNMT1NMGw3ZzZCOGdLek8xNmZOQT09>

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

Meeting ID: 868 2504 4251

Passcode: 359500

Chocolate Applesauce Cake

Ingredients

1 ½ c. sugar
2 c. flour
2 tsp. baking soda
½ c. cocoa
1 tsp. salt
2 c. applesauce
1 c. canola oil
2 tsp. vanilla

Directions

Sift together sugar, flour, baking soda, cocoa and salt. Add applesauce, canola oil and vanilla. Mix all together and pour into a 13x9 – inch greased Pyrex pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 – 40 minutes. No eggs. No icing needed, but if you choose, you can place squares of chocolate bars on hot cake and allow to melt....then spread. Enjoy!

Beth Van Norman

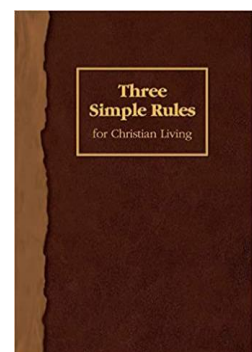
Lenten Study

Please join me for a Lenten Study, *Three Simple Rules for Christian Living*, by Jeanne Torrence Finley, a clergy member of the Virginia Conference and co-chair of the Virginia Conference Board of Church and Society. This study is an extended reflection on the three principles of Christian living explained by John Wesley in the General Rules and explored further by Bishop Reuben Job in his book *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*.

The study will begin Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm for six consecutive weeks. Each rule has a session to help understand the rule and a session to help explore ways to practice it. If you're interested, please let the office know before Saturday, February 6 so we can order materials. Sessions will be done through ZOOM.

This study will help you reconnect with Wesley's understanding of the spiritual discipline of these three simple rules: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God, and their power to transform us and the world. Discover how these rules can lead to a more faithful way of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

I hope you will join me for this exciting Study. PD





March 14th
Remember to set your
clocks forward 1 hour.



St. Patrick's Day

*Just like the leaves
on a shamrock I see,
there are three parts
to the Holy Trinity.*

*First is God the Father,
Then Jesus, His only son,
And the Holy Spirit
Together as one.*



You Can Still Order Bricks for the Outdoor Worship Center

We want to offer everyone an opportunity to "forever be a part of the worship center" by purchasing an engraved brick. Don't miss your opportunity to have a brick engraved with your name, dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one.

All of the proceeds from the sale of the bricks will go directly back to support the events of the worship center.

Each brick costs \$45 and measures 4" x 8". Each brick can contain up to 3 lines of inscription, each line with up to 14 letters, spaces, or punctuation per line. Please double check spelling & make sure how you submit the form is how you want your brick engraved.

Any questions? You can contact Judy Gaardsmoe at 301-518-3978.



Many thanks to all who worked on the Worship Center and donated some material for Bobby's memorial.

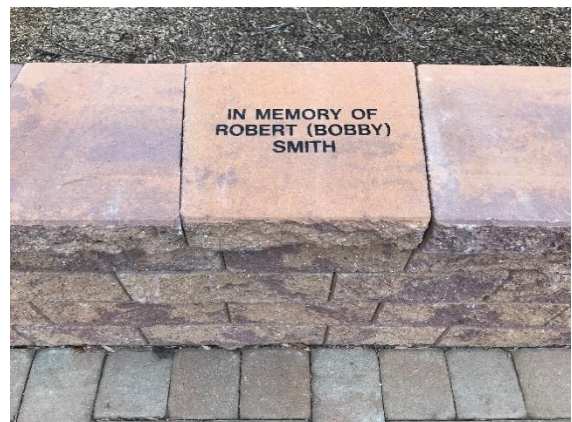
Especially Jim Widmaier, who took the responsibility of getting it completed. He had a plan, ordered the materials, and sometimes picked them up, and dedicated so many hours of hard work. He was kind enough to keep me informed of how everything was going.

Junior Johnson and Larry Phebus who worked many hours from start to finish.

Charlie Johnson Sr. and Kip Cordisco also helped. And Junior Johnson's friend Jeff worked on the concrete ramp.

We appreciate everything and it turned out beautiful.

Shirley Smith and family





I would like to thank Jennings Chapel for the fruit basket and the cards I received on the passing of my husband, Paul Clay. Blessings, Carolyn Clay



March 28th



April 4

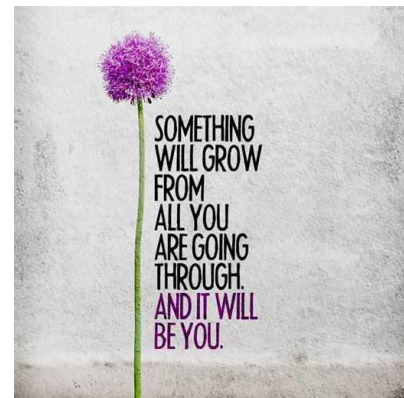
Prayer Request

Raymond Glenn wanted everyone to know that he is going into Hospice Care. He has asked that folks please keep him and his family in their prayers.

I want to thank everyone from both Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel for all the Christmas Cards, kind thoughts, and support. I also want to thank you for all the gifts, the socks, tie, candle, Christmas stocking, ornaments, soup, and the generous monetary gifts. I have felt so welcomed and supported by your love and care since I joined you. I give thanks to God for you every day.

I hope that all of you joyously celebrated Christmas with your friends and family in whatever way you felt appropriate this year in light of the pandemic. As we look forward hopefully to being vaccinated this year and taming this pandemic, I pray that God blesses you with spiritual, emotional and physical well-being.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave



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