

Charge Clarion

Aug-Sept 2021

Pastor Dave's Corner:

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”

Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

As I'm writing this, I realized it was a year ago that I was writing my first Pastor's Corner. It's hard to believe I've already been with you a year. I want to thank everyone for their love, support, and patience.

I first learned of my appointment here in early February. At that time, my plan and hope were, over the course of my first year, to get to know everyone, visit those who were home bound, and introduce myself to many of the business folks in the community. But then the pandemic hit. As a result, I feel like I've only half experienced what a first year must be like in a new appointment.

Recently, a prayer request was lifted up for those going off to college for the first time. I added to that request prayers for those returning for their sophomore year. My thought was, many of those sophomore's probably only half experienced their freshmen year. I imagine for some, there were no in-person classes, on campus housing, or in-person dining.

This led me to think about patience. It's one of the fruits of the Spirit that St. Paul lists in his letter to the Galatians. The fruits of the Spirit are qualities that the Spirit nurtures in us.

I know for me, patience can be a challenge. Especially in this technological age where the potential for 24-7 communication has led many to an expectation of instant gratification. Who wants to wait? For many, it's diminished our capacity to persevere and endure in the midst of long-suffering.

The pandemic, especially, has taught us something about patience or the lack thereof.

Patience is waiting through faith with hope and confidence. It's that moment when we finally realize, there's nothing we can do—it's out of our control. No amount of worry or anxiety will change things. All we can do is patiently wait on God to reveal to us in time God's plan.

The Holy Spirit nurtures in believers a sense of patience by helping us understand how God is patient with us. Scripture tells us that God is slow to anger and abounds in steadfast love. Over and over, God's people turned away from God but God's love never failed. God never gave up on them and God doesn't give up on us. God is patient!

We've heard stories throughout the pandemic about impatience. Impatience between mask and non-mask wearers, advocates for in-person and virtual schooling, and now, between the COVID vaccinated and non-vaccinated. In times like these, patience is more important than ever to ensure we turn the other cheek rather than resort to “tit for tat”. Patience is an ability to not overreact, to be restrained in the face of provocation, to take a pause in a heated moment, to take a long view.

The pandemic has tried my patience as I'm sure it has for some of you. But what has helped me is to remember how Jesus showed patience—through forgiveness, compassion, inclusion, acceptance, and love. Patience with his disciples, patience with sinners, and ultimately, patience with those that crucified him.

May the Holy Spirit continue to bless us with patience, as we continue to move forward through this uncertain pandemic-time into the post-pandemic future.

Peace and patience, Pastor Dave

Mt. Airy Net

St Michaels Food Cellar is taking food donations. Please bring your canned goods to church on the 1st Sunday of the month or take them directly to St. Michaels Roman Catholic Church. The need is great. Thank you for your generosity.

Other Dates to Remember:

Aug 1: Jennings Chapel Cemetery Meeting, 1:00 pm, at the church.

Aug 2: Poplar Springs Board Meeting— not meeting.

Aug 10: Jennings Chapel Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church.

Sept 13: Poplar Springs Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, at the church.

Sept 14: Jennings Chapel Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church.



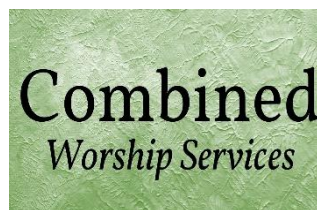
*As fall approaches, we
Need to prepare for
Church Conference
season.*

- A reminder the reports for Church Conference are due by Labor Day to the church office.
- Items will be voted on at the September Church Council meetings.
- Items due to BWC by September 11th.
- Church Conference is Tuesday, September 21 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.



Happy Birthday!

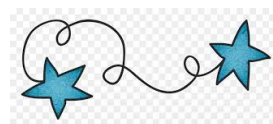
<u>Aug Birthdays</u>	<u>Sept Birthdays</u>
5-Logan Bokma	1-Vaughn Turner
Joseph Bokma	2-Parker Dowdy
10-Matt Watkins	7-Luann Hash
Lance Williams	8-Kip Cordisco
11-Mary Streaker	Madison Wick
12-Ronnie Mertz	9-Larry Phebus
14-John Frank	11-Darlene McCarron
Jeri Koteles	12-Steve Kimos
16-Mary Mason	16-Richard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



**Combined Worship
Service for Jennings
Chapel, Poplar
Springs, and Lisbon
are as follows:**

August 8 – Jennings Chapel Outdoor Worship Center, 10:00 AM. Bring your chairs and bug spray.

August 15 – Lisbon UMC, 9:55 AM



AUGUST YEAR B

August 1, 2021

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a, Psalm 51:1-12;
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

August 8, 2021

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33, Psalm 130;
Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

August 15, 2021

1 King 2:10-12, 3:3-14, Psalm 111;
Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

August 22, 2021

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

August 29, 2021

Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9;
James 1:17-27, Mark 7:24-37

Pastor Dave will be out of the office from Sept 1-Sept 7. Rev. Mary Jane Coleman will be the Pastor on Call. For any Pastoral needs you can reach her at 301-404-3874 or revmjsc@mchsi.com. Rev. Ken Dunnington will preach on September 5 while Pastor Dave is away.

SEPTEMBER YEAR B

September 5, 2021

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125;
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mark 7:24-37

September 12, 2021

Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19;
James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

September 19, 2021

Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1;
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

September 26, 2021

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124
James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50





On July 18, 2021, we welcomed a new brother in Christ, Anthony Cooper Bokma! He was baptized at Jennings Chapel UMC. Welcome Anthony!



Monday, Sept. 6th

“Every day I remind myself that **my** inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.” Albert Einstein

ZUCCHINI BREAD

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1 c. oil
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 c. zucchini
- 1 c. crushed pineapple, well drained
- 3 c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. nutmeg
- 1 cup walnuts chopped
- 1 c. raisins

Directions:

Mix together flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg, set aside. Beat eggs until creamy, add oil, sugar, and vanilla until thick and foamy. Stir in zucchini and pineapple. Add dry ingredients, nuts and raisins. Stir until mixed well. Pour into greased floured bread pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hours or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out onto cooling rack or towel. Elthea Spahr



Outdoor Worship Service

On July 25th, Jennings Chapel moved the Morning Worship Service outdoors to our beautiful, updated

Outdoor Worship Center. Please bring your chair and bug-spray and worship with us.

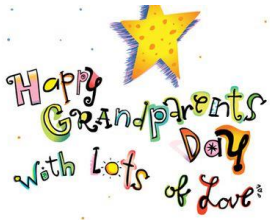


August 12, 2021

7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Spirit Center, Glen

Mar Church, 4701 New Cut Rd. Ellicott City, Md. 21043. Come enjoy some progressive folk music performed by the trio, **Ayreheart**. Admission is free. Masks are required. For more information, visit the website at www.glenmarumc.org/summerconcerts.





Sept. 12th

Is Grandparents Day! We wish you a day as special as you are.



The Poplar Springs 4th of July Picnic was fun for all. Hope you can join us next year!



The Trustee committee met on Thursday, July 22 to discuss the Thrift Shop. After determining that the Business Plan established in March of 2020 was still

valid the Trustees have established the following timeline for implementing the plan.

- *Team Leaders & Assistant Team Leaders selection (by August 1, 2021).*
- *Team outreach and development (by September 1, 2021).*
- *Teams' orientation, facility preparation and Grand Opening advertising (October 1, 2021).*
- *Thrift Shop Opening (sometime in October 2021).*



Anyone interested in being a Team Leader or Assistant Team Leader, or participating as a member of the Thrift Shop should contact John Frank, Trustee Chair, at 410-241-0695 or jsrstar@verizon.net.



Sept. 22nd

1st day of Fall!



POPLAR SPRINGS U.M. CHARGE

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