

Poplar Springs & Jennings Chapel Churches

# Charge Clarion

Feb/March 2023

## Pastor Dave's Corner:

I can't believe after three years, I'm still surprised how quickly Lent and Easter follow Advent and Christmas. We're hardly past Christmas and the New Year and Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is less than a month away.

Normally, I would have something to say about preparing for Lent, but instead, I'd like to take this time to update you on what our Catalyst Teams at Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel have been doing. Some of the opportunities you'll see in this issue are a result of their hard work and they'll need everyone's help to make them fruitful.

After 8 months of online learning, looking at demographic data, reviewing our skills and resources, talking with folks in our communities, meetings with Kay Kotan, our Synergist, and much prayer, the Catalyst teams have discerned how we might be called to reach out to our neighbors in the Woodbine, Mt. Airy, and Lisbon communities. We think our passions to socialize, to fellowship, and help others, along with our gifts for event and volunteer management, uniquely position us to do amazing things for God in our communities.

Both Catalyst Teams sense that God is calling us to improve the quality of life and well-being of those in our surrounding community. Our calling, we might say our mission focus, is broad and allows a lot of room for innovative ideas that the Holy Spirit might put on our hearts. Drawing on our one-on-one conversations with folks in the community and through other data, the teams were challenged to discern how God might be calling us to address a specific need in the community.

The Poplar Springs team believes we are called at this time to improve the quality of life and well-being for those over 65 years-of-age through healthy physical, mental, and relational opportunities. Jennings Chapel team believes we are called to improve the quality of life by increasing a sense of belonging amongst those over 65 years-of-age.

Do you remember when you last attended a Shrove Tuesday dinner or Ash Wednesday service? Have you ever attended a gathering to learn about our community's history through the stories and experiences of some of the folks who grew up here?

These are two different ways the teams hope we can connect with our community through fun and fellowship and at the same time, get a better sense of whether this is how God is calling us to be in ministry. There's lots of excitement around these ideas, both from members of the team and others. When you're asked to help in some way, please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents. It's a beautiful way to show your love and support for all the time and hard work the teams have devoted and to bless our communities.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave



# Happy Birthday!



## February 2

Early spring or longer winter? Which would you prefer???



You are invited to the “Homes for Our Troops” Key Ceremony on Saturday, February 18 at 9:30 am. Parking is available at Poplar Springs

UMC and shuttle buses will transport you to the homesite.

Homes for Our Troops’ mission is to build and donate specially adapted custom homes for severely injured post-9/11 veterans to enable them to rebuild their lives.

Rosie Beall is taking up a collection of gift cards for Sergeant Brandon Huff who will be moving into the home. Please drop your gift cards into the offering basket any Sunday up to Sunday, February 12. The church will collect them and hold them. Rosie will present the gift cards on behalf of Jennings Chapel on Saturday, February 18 at the Key Ceremony.

| <u>Feb. Birthdays</u> | <u>March Birthdays</u>   |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2-Kendall Dowdy       | 2-Raymond R. Glenn Jr.   |
| 4-Maria Browning      | 4-Shirley Musgrove       |
| Amanda Roeder         | 5-Shirley Smith          |
| 5-Callie Anderson     | 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 Ueltsch     | 17-Jake Hood             |
| 10-Tiffany Harrison   | Ann Phebus               |
| 13-Barbara Mayo-Wells | 21-Chris Hood            |
| 14-Richard Sansing    | 22-Patrick Reed          |
| 15-Wendye Delph       | 24-David Duvall          |
| Kris Reed             | 25-Kayla Jane Reifsnider |
| 16-Amy Hood           | Bree Stuart              |
| 18-Wayne Nichols      | 26-Billy Joe Delph       |
| Hunter Reed           | 27-Heather Styers        |
| 19-Autumn Anderson    | 28-Sandra Hood           |
| Roxanne Brunson       | 30-Patrick Williams      |
| 20-Kara Kimos         | 31-Bryce Heath           |
| 21-Jeanine Johnson    |                          |
| 22-Stephanie Fleming  |                          |
| Cameron Hensel        |                          |
| Pauline Hood          |                          |
| Howard Streaker       |                          |
| 24-Virginia Frank     |                          |



Poplar Spring’s Christmas Luncheon was a great time of fellowship. And, Santa showed up!

The Christmas Cantata

# FEBRUARY YEAR A

February 5, 2023

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalms 112:1-10;  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16), Matthew 5:13-20.

February 12, 2023

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalms 119:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37.

February 19, 2023

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalms 99;  
2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

February 26, 2023

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Psalms 32;  
Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

# MARCH YEAR A

March 5, 2023

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalms 121;  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17.

March 12, 2023

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalms 95;  
Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42.

March 19, 2023

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalms 23;  
Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41.

March 26, 2023

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalms 130;  
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45.



## St. Michael's Food Cellar

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

## MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

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

Feb 17: Salem Bottom Boys  
March 17: St. Patrick's Day Sing-a-long  
Featuring Rick Hill



**February 14**

*Love is patient,  
Love is kind.*

*It bears all things,  
believes all things, hopes all things, endures  
all things. Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)*

**JENNINGS CHAPEL CEMETERY**

The cemetery grounds were sonared December 7, 2021. We were told that there is a section of the cemetery in which cemetery lots can be made. The section involved is in the upper left-hand corner of the cemetery. The committee has decided on the following:

Through May 21, 2023, we are extending the first right to purchase a lot(s) to our members and to the congregation of the church. Beginning June 1, 2023, lot sales will be opened to the public.

Each lot can consist of a single grave or can be double decked. The lot will allow 4 cremations only. The price per lot is \$500.

If you would like to purchase a lot(s), please contact Edie Nye at 410-489-4829 or email me at cnyel@verizon.net with the word cemetery on the subject line.

*Happy New Year!*

*I would like to thank both Jennings Chapel & Poplar Springs for the monetary Christmas gifts I received. And, for the ones who left Christmas cards, candies and other treats for me on my desk. It was a nice way to start my day. I truly appreciate you all and loved everything!  
Blessings, Sherrie*



**Youth News...**

Sunday, December 4, our co-op youth group made cookies for the homebound. We made 13+ packages plus cute Christmas cards to go with them. A big thank



you to all who helped donate cookies, fix dinner food, and put supplies together. We had a good time and hope the cookies spread a little Christmas cheer.

*Shrove  
Tuesday*



**February 21**

*Lisbon UMC, 4:00–7:00 pm.*

*Sponsored by: Lisbon & Poplar Springs. Join us for dinner and an evening of fun and fellowship! Serving: pancakes, sausages, baked apples, juice, milk, coffee, gluten/sugar free options available. Featuring: a pancake decoration station with a variety of toppings for all that are young at heart. A free will offering will be graciously accepted for the benefit of local charities.*



**February 22**

*Poplar Springs, 7:00 pm.*

*Come join Lisbon, Morgan Chapel, Jennings Chapel, and Poplar Springs for Ash Wednesday service.*

I hope your Christmas gatherings were filled with love, joy, and peace with friends and families.

Thank you all so much for your generosity this Christmas. Belinda and I really appreciated the fruit, jam, candied pecans, and the multi-colored poinsettia. Thank you also for your generous monetary gift and gift card. I especially appreciate the cards and treasure the notes inside them. I am truly blessed to serve such loving congregations and I give thanks to God for you.

I pray that God blesses you with God's shalom, In body, mind, and spirit, in 2023.

Happy New Year,  
Pastor Dave

### A History Celebration

March 4 – 7:00 pm, at Jennings Chapel.

Jennings Chapel UMC is planning a special evening where we can gather to celebrate the history of our wonderful community.

It will be a time of interesting reminiscing and storytelling, (with perhaps even a few tall tales thrown in). As always, there will be some delicious refreshments afterward.

We are in the process of finding some folks whose families have lived here a long while, and who would take pleasure in sharing some of their unique experiences and memories.

We are also looking for some items related to everyday living during those earlier times (examples might be, special work tools, kitchen utensils, or farm implements) that would tell a story about what life was like then. If you have something you'd like to share, we would like to take a few pictures so we can share them on screen with all who come.

Please tell your friends and neighbors. Put the date on your calendar, and plan to have some fun!

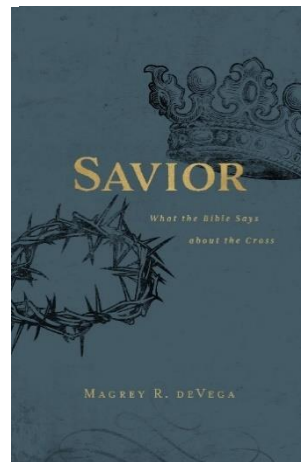
If you think you might have some interesting items, please contact Lambert by phone or text at 410-916-5037.



**Daylight Savings Time**  
March 12 – Don't forget to set you clocks forward 1 hour!



**March 17**  
*Wear your green!*



### **Lenten Study**

Please join us for a Lenten Study, *Savior: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, by Magrey R. DeVega, lead pastor of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida. This study will explore the many images the Bible uses to understand the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection. By exploring the mystery of salvation through the cross, we can deepen our love for God and others, strengthen our commitment to follow Jesus, and develop a richer understanding of the Christian faith.

The study will begin Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 pm for six consecutive weeks. If you're interested, please let the office know before Saturday, February 14 so we can order materials. Sessions will be done through ZOOM.

I hope you will join us for this exciting study.  
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# February

2023

| Sunday   | Monday                               | Tuesday                               | Wednesday                       | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |                                      |                                       | 1                               | 2<br>Groundhog Day<br><br>P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm                | 3  | 4   |
| 5<br>Youth Co-op, Lisbon UMC, 6:30 pm  | 6<br>J.C. Cancer support group, 7 pm | 7<br>P.S. Ad board meeting, 7 pm      | 8                               | 9<br>P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm                                     | 10   | 11  |
| 12   | 13                                   | 14<br>Valentine's Day                 | 15                              | 16<br>P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm<br><br>J.C. Ad board meeting, 7 pm | 17<br>Morgan's Coffee house. 7 pm. featuring "Salem Bottom Boys" | 18<br>Homes for the Troops, 9:30 am.<br><br>Catalyst team cohort meeting, 10 am via zoom. |
| 19<br>P.S. Sunday luncheon after worship. Bring a side dish to share<br><br>Youth Co-op, Lisbon UMC, 6:30 pm | 20<br>President's Day                | 21<br>Shrove Tuesday, Lisbon, 4-7 pm. | 22<br>Ash Wednesday, P.S., 7 pm | 23<br>P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm                                    | 24   | 25  |
| 26   | 27                                   | 28<br>P.S., SPRC meeting, 7 pm        |                                 |   |  |   |

# March

2023

| Sunday   | Monday                                     | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                 | Friday  | Saturday                                  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
|  |  |                                      | 1<br>Lenten Study,<br>6:30 pm via<br>ZOOM  | 2<br>P.S. Choir<br>practice, 6:30<br>pm  | 3   | 4<br>J.C. History<br>Celebration, 7<br>pm |
| 5<br>Youth Co-op,<br>Morgan's<br>Chapel, 6:30<br>pm  | 6<br>J.C. Cancer<br>support group,<br>7 pm | 7<br>P.S. Ad board<br>meeting, 7 pm  | 8<br>Lenten Study,<br>6:30 pm via<br>ZOOM  | 9<br>P.S. Choir<br>practice, 6:30<br>pm  | 10  | 11  |
| 12<br>Daylight<br>Saving Time<br>Begins              | 13   | 14<br>J.C. Ad board<br>meeting, 7 pm | 15<br>Lenten Study,<br>6:30 pm via<br>ZOOM | 16<br>P.S. Choir<br>practice, 6:30<br>pm | 17<br>Morgan's<br>Coffee House,<br>7:00 pm,<br>featuring<br>"Rick Hill" | 18  |
| 19<br>Youth Co-op,<br>Morgan's<br>Chapel, 6:30<br>pm | 20<br>Spring Begins                        | 21                                   | 22<br>Lenten Study,<br>6:30 pm via<br>ZOOM | 23<br>P.S. Choir<br>practice, 6:30<br>pm | 24  | 25  |
| 26   | 27   | 28                                   | 29<br>Lenten Study,<br>6:30 pm via<br>ZOOM | 30<br>P.S. Choir<br>practice, 6:30<br>pm | 31  |   |



## March 20

Spring, Spring is coming soon,  
Grass will be green and flowers will bloom.  
Birds returning from the south,  
Bee's will be buzzing all about.  
Leaves will bud everywhere,  
Spring, Spring will finally be here.

**POPLAR SPRINGS U.M. CHARGE**

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