



Charge Clarion

June-July 2021

Pastor Dave's Corner:

***"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate^{at} will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."*—John 16:4-7**

I just heard a reminder on the news that the federal tax deadline is May 17. I had forgotten. After 30 years in public accounting doing taxes, I know April 15 as Tax Day. But like so many other things, the 2021 federal tax deadline was changed due to COVID.

It seems we may be nearing the end of the tunnel. The number of folks vaccinated is increasing, the positivity rate is declining, the number of hospitalized COVID patients is decreasing, and mask requirements are easing.

But, just as many people were preparing to leave town for Memorial Day, something many people were unable to do in 2020 due to quarantine, the Colonial Pipeline was shut down. Panic buying of gasoline led to gas shortages and shuttered gas stations. It was like a bad movie—"The Run-on-Toilet Paper Revisited."

Just as it seems things may be starting to return to normal, something unexpected happens and thrusts change on us whether we want it or not. Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher from the 6th century B.C. is credited with saying, "the only thing constant is change."

It reminded me of the scripture quoted above from the Gospel according to John. The disciples who were saddened to hear that Jesus was about to leave them. Jesus would soon be arrested and crucified. He tried to reassure them. As much as they were saddened, disappointed, and didn't want Jesus to go, Jesus reassures them that it is to their advantage that he go so he can send the Advocate, that is the Holy Spirit.

Out of the awful events of Good Friday, God raised Jesus from the dead and glorified Christ. Death did not have the final word. While the disciples watched as Jesus ascended into heaven, Christ did not leave them alone but sent them the Holy Spirit, an advocate and comforter.

It reminds me that while change is inevitable, the other constant is God. God is with us. The Holy Spirit is there to comfort us and to help us discern God's work to redeem our sadness and despair. To help us see the advantages and opportunities in the midst of disappointment and sorrow.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and the season that follows, may our faith invite us to see every unexpected turn of events as an opportunity to appreciate the blessings of the moment, the fruits of goodness and redemption when we open our hearts to see where God is.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave

Other Dates to Remember:

June 7: Poplar Springs Ad Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.

June 8: Jennings Chapel Ad Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

July 5: Poplar Springs Ad Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.

July 13: Jennings Chapel Ad Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, via Zoom.

Pastor Dave's contact information

I will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 2:30. My Sabbath day (my day of rest) has changed from Friday to Monday. I can be reached on my cell phone at 410-336-4042.

My email address is PastorDavePSJC@gmail.com.

In case of emergencies, please try my cell phone first. If you cannot reach me, for Poplar Springs members, please contact Ann Sansing at 410-370-1039 or Virginia Frank at 443-286-6331. For Jennings Chapel members, please contact Shirley Richardson at 410-489-7035.

Using Your Time and Talents - Jennings Chapel has needs requiring a short amount of time and yet will benefit the church. Examples of tasks looking for helping hands include –

- setting up for outdoor worship on Sunday mornings
- serving as the backup sound board operator (training provided)
- washing windows
- occasionally running the vacuum or dusting while we search for a custodian
- sharing musical talents either playing the piano or another instrument, or providing special music.

If you are willing to serve in these or other activities, contact the church office, Pastor Dave or Karen Wick.

Happy Birthday!

<u>June Birthdays</u>	<u>July Birthdays</u>
2-Jane Fleming	1-Janet Taylor
3-Bonnie Reed	2-Darrell Johnson
4-Scott Williams	4-Jill Kimos
6-Alice Musgrove	6-Janette Knill
10-Jim Widmaier	7-Clark Beall
11-Jeff Newcomer	8-Chuck Browning
12-June Gordon	9-Olivia Thomas
Kriss Macuch	13-Dale Anderson
20-Patty Bush	Charles Browning
29-Karina Browning	Joann Delph
Beth Van Norman	15-Trent Hood
30-Jacob Lambert II	Logan Hood
	18-Dale Bennett
	Edie Nye
	Karmon Reed
	20-Alma Fogle
	24-Phyllis Duvall
	27-Pam Greisler
	30-Evan Bennett
	Carol Shaffer



Flag Day, June 14th

Did you know? Bernard Cigrand, a small-town Wisconsin teacher, originated the idea for an annual flag day, to be celebrated across the country every June 14.

In 1885, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocate respect for the flag throughout his life.



Dear Poplar Family,

Thank you to everyone for allowing us to have our special day here and for all you did to make it wonderful for us. We love you and miss you and can't wait to see everyone very soon.

Love,

*The Zimmerman's, The Murphy's,
And the Thews*



Annual Poplar Springs Church July

Picnic

Saturday, July 3rd

Free-light picnic will be served outside from 5:30 pm on. Ice cream will also be available.

The Browningsville Band will start playing at 6:30 pm and play till dusk.

Bring a chair and come fellowship with friends and enjoy the music under the stars.

Mt. Airy Net

St Michaels Food Cellar is now 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.



**June 20th
Father's Day**

The greatest gift in the world a father ever had, is to

hear his child say proudly, "I want to be like Dad."

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, Stepdads, Grandpas, Brothers, Uncles, and all who have loved and cared for us unconditionally.

**June 20th
1st day of
Summer**



Strawberry Triumph Pie

Ingredients:

*1 qt. strawberries, hulled
3 T. cornstarch
2 T. lemon juice
1 cup granulated sugar
1 baked 9" pie shell or crumb crust
whipped topping*

Directions

With fork or pastry blender, crush half of strawberries. Stir in cornstarch, sugar & lemon juice. Cook over moderate heat, stirring until clear and thick. Cool. Cut remainder of berries in halves; fold into cooled mixture. Turn into crust. Refrigerate till well blended. Garnish with whipped topping just before serving.

Karen Wick

JUNE YEAR B

June 6, 2021

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15), Psalms 138;
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-35

June 13, 2021

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalms 20 or 72;
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

June 20, 2021

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49, Psalms 9: 9-20;
2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

June 27, 2021

1 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalms 130;
2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

JULY YEAR B

July 4, 2021

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10, Psalms 48;
2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 11, 2021

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19, Psalms 24;
Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 18, 2021

2 Samuel 7:1-14a, Psalms 89:20-37;
Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25, 2021

2 Samuel 11:1-15, Psalms 14;
Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

Farewell for the Central Maryland District Superintendent

– Rev. JW Park has been appointed to St. Matthews UMC in Bowie beginning July 1. The District Committee on Superintendency is planning a Sending Forth event via Zoom on Saturday, June 5 at 10 am. Registration is required.

Click here to RSVP

<https://bwcumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAoduusrj8vGNfcsDgUXgOZCGK5hHW9Rcu6>.

Please hold District Superintendent JW Park in prayer as he transitions back into parish ministry.

On July 1 we will welcome Rev. Dawn Hand as our new Central Maryland District Superintendent. Please hold her in prayer as she begins a new season as our DS.

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind words are the roots,
Kind thoughts are the flowers,
Kind deeds are the fruits.

Take care of your garden
And keep out the weeds;
Fill it with sunshine,
Kind words and kind deeds.



-W. Longfellow

Just for Laughs



“We’re blessed with the opportunity to stand for something - for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to.”

Ronald Reagan-40th president of the United States of America

4th of July Word Scramble!

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During an ecumenical assembly, a secretary rushed in shouting, “The building is on fire!”

The Methodists prayed in a corner.

The Baptists wondered where they could find water.

The Quakers quietly praised God for the blessings that fire brings.

The Lutherans posted a notice on the door announcing the fire was evil.

The Roman Catholics passed the plate to cover the cost of the damage.

The Jews posted symbols on the door in hopes the fire would pass.

The Congregationalists shouted, “Every man for himself!”

The Fundamentalists proclaimed, “It’s the vengeance of God!”

The Episcopalians formed a precession and protested.

The Christian Scientists denied that there was a fire.

The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson to form a committee to look into the matter and submit a written report.

The secretary grabbed the fire extinguisher and put the fire out.

Churches serving as vaccination clinics

Epworth UMC (Spanish and English translation available)

9008 Rosemont Drive, Gaithersburg

June 12, 11 am- 3 pm (Moderna only)

For more information, contact: Julie Paul,

juls5paul@gmail.com

Colesville UMC (East Montgomery Cluster – Oak Chapel, Liberty Grove, Good Hope Union, and Emmanuel - Scaggsville)

52 Randolph Rd, Silver Spring

June 19, 10-1 pm (Moderna only)

For more information, contact: Langston D. Smith, 240-305-02225

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