



Poplar Springs & Jennings Chapel Churches

# Charge Clarion

Apr/May 2023

## Pastor Dave's Corner:

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* — (Acts 2:42, NRSV)

Pentecost is on May 28 this year. It's the church's birthday. On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, they began to speak in tongues, and the passersby that heard them thought they were drunk. After Peter's sermon, about three thousand repented, were baptized, and became members of the church—devoted to the apostle's teaching, fellowship, breaking bread together, and prayers. The church has been doing likewise ever since—at times in its history, more effectively than at others. Societies and cultures change with time and the church must pivot in order to reach out and connect with the communities around them to make and grow disciples for Christ.

Both Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel, as part of the Catalyst Initiative, had the opportunity to reach out to the communities around them in a new way. Both congregations are focused on reaching out to members in our community over 65 years-of-age to increase their sense of belonging and well-being through healthy physical, mental, and relational opportunities.

Working co-operatively with Jennings Chapel and Lisbon UMC's, Poplar Springs co-hosted a community Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. There were about 300 people who attended throughout the evening and over \$1,900 was raised for local charities. It was fun to break bread together, meet new people, catch-up with friends, and to see young children coloring and playing in the kid's corner. The fellowship was wonderful.

The Shrove Tuesday dinner was followed by a combined Ash Wednesday service at Poplar Springs with members of Jennings Chapel, Lisbon, Morgan Chapel, and Mount Olive. It was a blessing to worship together, to pray together, and to hear a word from Pastor T.J. Mount.

A Trip Down Memory Lane at Jennings Chapel reached the community in a different way. I met folks who were from Florida and other places who had heard about the event on Facebook, were in the area, and came by to learn about what life was like in the community in years past. We learned about 4-H, what kids did for fun, dairy farming, school life, music and other interesting facts. The museum was eye opening. Personally, I was fascinated with the 1907 vacuum cleaner and the pictures of the move and renovation of the Walter's home. Over 100 people learned about their communities and had time after for great food and fellowship.

These outreach opportunities were a great start and we learned much. We made some good contacts and have some ideas about how we can tweak our next events to extend our reach.

I am so grateful and proud to walk alongside Jennings Chapel and Poplar Springs as we minister to our communities. I give thanks to God for everyone who helped to reach out to our communities and also to all those who attended. While we may not have been speaking in tongues, experimenting with new and different ways to reach out to our communities, I hope, will help folks wonder what's happening and through fellowship, breaking bread together, teaching, and prayer, will come to know the love of Christ and share it with others.

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Dave

# Happy Birthday!

<u>April Birthdays</u>	<u>May Birthdays</u>
2-Marissa Hensel	2-Joanne Hamilton
6-Sean Floyd	3-Doris Johnson
7-Dean Browning	4-Craig Watkins
Donna Owens	6-Patti Owens
8-Isabel Kimos	11-Beverly Green
Bucky Knill	14-Carli Ellenwood
9-Dave Brunson	Anthony Bokma
15-Dave Walter	15-Gabriella Bokma
16-Laura Nichols	16-Traci Duvall
21-Merhlyn Barnes	18-Linda Reed
22-Jacob Lambert	20-Dot Brabham
24-Raymond J Glenn Sr.	23-Emma Reifsnider
26-Ron Thomas	Laura Reifsnider
28-Carl Boring Jr.	24-Connie Anderson
30-Colin Spitz	25-Charles Johnson, Sr.
	Mary Johnson
	Jared Wamsley
	27-Aaron Browning
	Colleen Ellenwood
	28-Denise Freitag
	Shirley Richardson
	29-Judy Gaardsmoe
	30-Velma Hill

## Annual Cemetery Lot Holder Meetings

April 1 – Poplar Springs meeting at the Church, 1:00 pm. All lot holders and interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Laura Reifsnider at 443-277-8318.

April 2 – Jennings Chapel meeting at the church, 1:00 pm. All lot holders and interested parties are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Edie Nye at 410-489-4829.

*Come celebrate Holy week with us*

### *Palm Sunday*

April 2 – Jennings Chapel, 9:00 am.  
Poplar Springs, 11:00 am.

### *Maundy Thursday*

April 6 – Lisbon UMC, 7:00 pm.

### *Good Friday Ecumenical Service*

April 7 – St. Michaels Catholic Church,  
3:00 pm.

### *Good Friday Service*

April 7 – Morgans Chapel UMC, 7:00 pm.

### *Prayer Vigil*

April 7 – Starts at 9 pm Friday, April 7 –  
9 am Saturday, April 8. Use the  
link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44aba-e2aa1ff2-2023#/>

### *Easter Sunrise Service*

April 9 – Air View (Barnes) Farm, 6:30 am.  
1878 Woodbine Rd, Woodbine,  
Md. 21797



# APRIL YEAR A

April 2, 2023

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;  
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66.

April 9, 2023

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10.

April 16, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16;  
1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

April 23, 2023

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;  
1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.

April 30, 2023

Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23;  
1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

## 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.

# MAY YEAR A

May 7, 2023

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16;  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

May 14, 2023

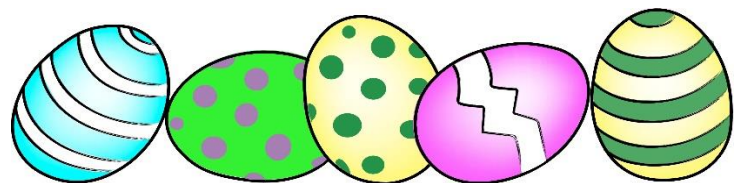
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20;  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

May 21, 2023

Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23.



## MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

6750 Woodbine Rd – Woodbine, Md. 21797  
Doors open at 5:30 pm, Music Starts at 7:00 pm  
April 21: Billy Harrison & Haywire Band  
(Bluegrass)  
May 19: Aaron C. Jones Gospel Singer



**May 4**  
Our nation was founded on prayer, it was preserved by prayer, and we need prayer again.



**May 29**  
To those who courageously gave their lives lives... **THANK YOU.**



**May 14**  
*Here's wishing you a Mother's Day that's filled with every pleasure.*



*The Trip Down Memory Lane was enlightening. Great stories and great fellowship.*



*Good food and fellowship at the co-operative Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Poplar Spring Annual Lot Holders Meeting, at P.S., 1 pm
2 Palm Sunday  Jennings Chapel Annual Lot Holders Meeting, at J.C., 1 pm  Youth Co-op, Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes, 4:00 pm	3 J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7 pm	4	5 Lenten Study, 6:30 pm, via Zoom	6 Combined Maundy Thursday Service, Lisbon UMC, 7 pm	7 Ecumenical Service, St. Michaels Catholic Church, 3 pm  Combined Good Friday Service, Morgan Chapel, 7 pm  Prayer Vigil, Friday 9 pm – Saturday 9 am	8
9 Easter Sunrise Service, Air View Farm, 6:30 am	10	11	12	13 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm	14	15
16 Youth Co-op, Poplar Springs, 6:30 pm	17	18	19	20 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm	21 Morgan's Coffee house. 7 pm. Billy Harrison & Haywire Band	22
23	24	25	26	27 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm	28	29
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*Sunday Worship every Sunday – Jennings Chapel 9:00 am and Poplar Springs 11:00 am*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 P.S. Ad Board meeting, 7 pm	2 Catalyst Cohort meeting, 6:30 pm, via Zoom	3	4 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm J.C. Ad Board meeting, 7 pm	5	6
7 Youth Co-op, Morgan Chapel UMC, 6:30 pm	8 J.C. Cancer support group, 7 pm	9	10	11 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm	19 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm, Aaron C. Jones Gospel Singer	20 Catalyst Retreat, Maritime Conference Center, 9 am-4 pm
21 Youth Co-op, Morgan Chapel UMC, 6:30 pm	22	23	24	25 P.S. Choir practice, 6:30 pm	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Annual Conference, Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, 1:30 pm – 9 pm	June 1 Annual Conference, Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, 7 am – 9 pm	June 2 Annual Conference, Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, 7 am – 9 pm	June 3 Annual Conference, Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor, 7 am – noon <b>Ordination Service, 2 pm</b>

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**Annual Conference May 31-June 3**

Theme: "All About Love"

Baltimore Hilton Inner Harbor

401 West Pratt Street, Baltimore Md.

**Ordination – Saturday, June 3 at 2:00 pm**



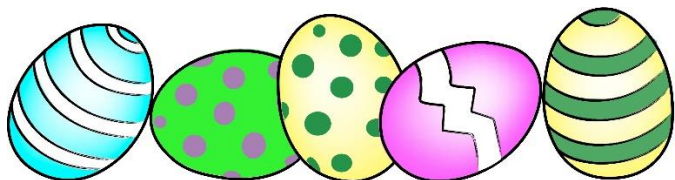
*Jennings Chapel, Morgan Chapel, Mt. Olive, Poplar Springs, and Lisbon worshipped together on March 19 followed by chili, cornbread, cake, and fellowship.*



*Jennings Chapel and Poplar Springs welcomed our new neighbor, Sgt. Brandon Huff. Poplar Springs provided parking for the Key Ceremony on February 18 and Jennings Chapel presented Sgt. Brandon with a welcome basket.*



*To all that came out to the Spaghetti dinner on March 19 to support our youth in mission to Camp Hope – **Thank You!***



**POPLAR SPRINGS U.M. CHARGE**

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