



Charge Clarion

Oct/Nov 2021

Pastor Dave's Corner:

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mt 17:1-4)

I am writing this on my first day back to work after my daughter Alicia's wedding last Sunday. My son left today to fly back to Seattle. I must confess, I'm feeling melancholy.

I can't express how much fun I had this weekend. We were one of the first to arrive on Thursday. As the days passed, more friends and family came. It was so nice to visit with family, long separated due to COVID. It was fun to get reacquainted with my daughter's friends, their husbands or fiancés, and to catch-up on what was happening in their lives. It was exciting and good to meet members of our son-in-law Jason's extended family.

All of this culminated in the wedding and reception. The venue was wonderful, the staff was gracious and their hospitality was par excellence. The flowers, the food, and the entertainment were exceptional. I had so much fun and it was a real joy to see everyone else enjoying themselves and celebrating Alicia and Jason's special day. I was also so thankful for their presence.

I find it hard to put into words how I felt. It was truly a magical moment. And then like Cinderella, at midnight, the fairy tale was over. We said our good byes. Many folks we would not see again. Some we saw for a moment the

next morning. Then we said our good-byes to my daughter and son-in-law on Tuesday. And the last good bye was today as my son left.

For me, this weekend, especially Sunday, was a mountain top moment. I know when I've had one because I either don't want the moment to end or I realize how much I want to return to the moment after it's over. I wish it wouldn't end.

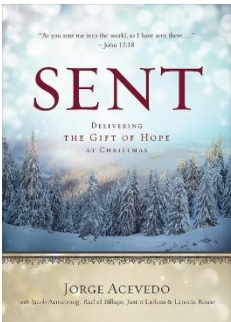
Maybe you've had similar moments, your own wedding, the wedding of your children, the birth of your children, or a special trip, to mention a few possibilities. Maybe like me, you wished the moment would never end or that you could return to that moment. Unfortunately, these mountain top moments are like waves upon the sand. They're here one moment and gone the next.

It reminds me of the Transfiguration—a truly mountain top moment. A moment when Peter, James and John saw Jesus transfigured into all his glory. It just lasted a moment but made such an impression that Peter wanted to build three tents, one for Jesus, one for Elijah, and one for Moses and just stay there. But Jesus was on a mission and he wasn't about to settle down. What Peter, James and John were blessed to experience was a foretaste of Jesus' glory.

It's through those mountain top moments that we get a glimpse of God's glory. A foretaste of what God's kingdom is like. The beauty, joy, fellowship, abundance, peace, patience, hopes and dreams for tomorrow. Like a wave, it's not something we can hold in our hands but it does leave an impression. If we hold onto that memory, it can sustain us as we go on in spite of life's challenges trusting that one day, we will experience the fullness and permanence of that glorious experience as we come face to face with Jesus Christ on that final day.

As we come to the close of another church year, Advent starts November 28, lets us take a moment to reflect on the past year. It's been a rough one for many but for some, it's also held mountaintop moments. The tough times can help us appreciate the good times that much more. Savor those moments and let them encourage you for another New Year with its blessings yet to be revealed. Let us not lose faith in our hope and savior, Christ Jesus, and what he has in store for us.

Advent Study



Please join me for an Advent Study, *Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas* by Jorge Acevedo. Jorge Acevedo is the Lead Pastor at Grace Church, a multi-site United Methodist congregation in Southwest Florida. The study will begin

Wednesday, November 24 at 6:30 pm for five consecutive weeks. If you're interested, please let the office know before Tuesday, November 2 so we can order materials. The study will explore how, where, and why we're sent. I hope you will join me for this exciting study.

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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:

- Oct 4:** Poplar Springs Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, at the church.
- Oct 11:** Church conf, 4:00 pm, via ZOOM
- Oct 12:** Jennings Chapel Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church.
- Nov 2:** Poplar Springs Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, at the church.
- Nov 9:** Jennings Chapel Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at the church.

Winter Grace Senior Ministries, Inc.

Fall 2021 Virtual 50+ Resource Fair

October 1st – 15th, 2021

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Special Guests include: Dr. Diane Martin, PhD and Dr. Michael Parker, PhD. Please join them for:

- Expert Presentations
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- Wellness Experts
- Panel Discussions
- Fitness Classes
- Pastoral Messages
- Winter Grace Workshops & More

And for the Pastor or Leaders of Your Older Adult Ministries!

You are Invited!

Special Guest (Virtually): Dr. Michael Parker, LTCR, PhD./DSW,BCD. Founder of the James Houston Center for Faith & Successful Aging. Birmingham, Alabama.

Please Join us for Lunch!

(in-person (we hope) or virtually)

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 12:00 PM

Mt. Zion UMC

12430 Scaggsville Rd.

Highland, MD 20777

RSVP: Debbie@wintergrace.org (for link or to choose your lunch by Oct, 27th)

For our virtual guests, please register early enough to receive materials through the mail.



Annual Church Conference

October 11 at 4:00 pm
via ZOOM.

The link is <https://bwcumc.zoom.us/j/91394538061>

OCTOBER YEAR B

October 3, 2021

Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Psalm 26 or Psalm 25;
Hebrew 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

October 10, 2021

Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15;
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

October 17, 2021

Job 38:1-7 (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c;
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

October 24, 2021

Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22);
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

October 31, 2021

Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146;
Hebrew 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34

Pastor Dave will be out of the office from October 24th, after the morning service, through October 31st. He will return on November 1st. Rev. Jim Skillington will be the Pastor-On-Call. You can reach him at 443-676-6938 or revjim@morganchapel.org.

NOVEMBER YEAR B

November 7, 2021

Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 24;
Revelation 21:1-6a, John 11:32-44

November 14, 2021

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or Psalm 113;
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25, Mark 13:1-8

November 21, 2021

2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12;
John 18:33-37, Revelation 1:4b-8,

November 28, 2021

Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36



Happy Birthday!

<u>Oct Birthdays</u>	<u>Nov Birthdays</u>
1-Roy Greisler, III	1-Henry Knuppel
2-Anita Bokma	2-Charles Johnson Jr.
Wayne Duvall	3-Judy Deel
Elizabeth Lorah	17-Sharon Leavitt
7-Jerry Unglesbee	18-Carl Watkins
8-Holly Johnson	19-Emily Greisler
10-Dawn Huber	21-Ronnie German
11-Lambert Cissel	Claylene Warfield
Paul Shoffiett	23-Mark Ueltschy
12-Heather Johnson	25-Jenny Glenn
13-David Huber	Matthew Greisler
14-Pat Browning	Mason Wick
16-Dorothy Greisler	27-Dale Cordisco
19-Jordon Lambert	29-Danny Knill
20-Ryan Bennett	
21-Susan Reynolds	
Patty Walter	
23-Ariel Hood	
24-Carol Agrawal	
John Wamsley	
26-Kathy Johnson	
27-Bobby Johnson	
29-Tom Hood	

PUMPKIN BREAD

Ingredients:

3 c. sugar
 4 eggs
 1 c. oil
 3 c. flour
 2 tsp. baking soda
 ½ tsp. baking powder
 2 tsp. cinnamon
 1 tsp. nutmeg
 1 tsp. ground cloves
 1 tsp. ground allspice
 1 tsp. salt
 1 ½ c. pumpkin
 2/3 c. water
 1 c. raisins
 ½ c. chopped nuts

Directions:

Grease 2 regular loaf pans. Set aside. Beat sugar, eggs and oil. Add the flour and all of the spices, then add the pumpkin, water, raisins and nuts. Mix well. Pour into greased pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Joanne Widmaier

Goodbye Summer
 Hello Fall

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November 11th
 Veterans Day!

To All our men and
 women in uniform,
 past, present, and
 future.



God Bless you and *Thank You.*



Your Vote,
 Your Voice.



November 7th
 Remember to turn your
 clocks back an hour
 tonight.

Learn
 ...from yesterday
 Live
 ...for today
 Hope
 ...for tomorrow



Jennings Chapel
Annual Christmas
Bazaar

November 6th from
10:00 AM–2:00 PM

at Jennings Chapel UMC. There will be vendors on site. Come join us for a great day of fun!

Collection for Toys for Tots, which is sponsored by the United States Marine Corp., will start on Nov. 1. Collection Boxes will be at Jennings Chapel Church from Nov.1 – Dec 12. For further questions or information, please call Clark Beall at 301-253-6096



Jennings Chapel

Boxes for Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child, are free and available at Jennings Chapel. Please take your

boxes directly to our relay center at Lisbon Baptist Church, November 15-22. Remember to enclose \$9.00, cash or a check, for transportation. Every box carries literature in the language of the receiver telling of God's love and his plan of salvation. It is so much more than a box!

Poplar Springs

During the month of October, Poplar Springs members are encouraged to fill shoeboxes for OCC. These boxes are to include toys, personal hygiene items, school supplies, etc. We have shoeboxes from Samaritan's Purse and fliers to explain how to fill the box. Some small toys and other items are at the church for all to add to their boxes. Anyone interested in helping us fund the shipping of the boxes can write a check to Poplar Springs UMC, for \$9.00 a box. Please put Operation Christmas Child in the memo area of the check. See Dawn Watkins for details. Sunday, November 7, we will collect the OCC shoeboxes at Poplar church. The regional collection of boxes takes place the week of November 14.



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A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for the many ways you bless our lives. We know that every good gift comes from your hands...and even though life is not always good, you are good all the time. We are grateful for your love and faithfulness and for meeting our every need. May we live with an attitude of gratitude each day of the year and never take anything for granted. We thank you for Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen



November 25th

Thanksgiving comes once in a year, but may the feeling of gratitude live in our hearts all year round. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!



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