



# Charge Clarion

Dec-Jan, 2021-2022

## Pastor Dave's Corner:

*Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.* (Hebrews 13:7)

By the time you read this we'll be in Advent. It means we've just celebrated Thanksgiving with friends and family and we're looking forward to Christmas. If you're like my family when we gather, we tell stories. Those stories often involve loved ones that are no longer with us but, we remember them in the telling of those stories.

The first Sunday in November we celebrated All Saints Day. Many of you filled out cards to remember saints who have been part of your life. Your testimonies follow. I hope you enjoy reading them and remembering.

I didn't get a chance to fill out a card but I remember both my grandmothers. My paternal grandmother taught me how to study the Bible and ask questions of the text. My maternal grandmother taught me the importance of prayer and creating time and space for it. Even with some shortcomings and imperfections, they invited me to see the world with God's eyes.

The saints we celebrated on that All Saints Sunday no longer sit around the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner tables

with us but, their presence lives on in us through their words and examples impressed on our hearts. Our lives have been enriched because they gave us their time, attention, and love.

The holidays can be a difficult time, especially for those who still grieve for the loss of those they love. I pray that God's peace rest upon you and that you feel that Great Cloud of Witnesses, those who've gone on to the church triumphant, around you and with you always.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pastor Dave



**Teach us to live like the saints you call us to be, that we may truly be your people.**

**Jennings Chapel:**

*I cannot name just one person – Helen Carr Penney, of Guilford UMC, Mary Nicodemus Warfield, Hiram Hawkins, Elsie Davis, Jimmy Lewis, Billy & Ruth Graham. - Miriam Reed*

*My Saint – Betty Ann & Ken Daly*

*My Mom & Dad who both instilled the love of God in our family every day. My Mom was an avid reader of the Bible and follows the “doer” living God’s word. My Dad was given by God the most wonderful gift of a voice that always sounded like the angels when he sang. We were blessed to have parents like my Mom & Dad. – Barbara Daly Floyd*

*Miriam Reed is my “Saint on Earth”. She never fails to reach out with words of love and kindness. She is filled with faith and God and spreads the “word” at every opportunity. I am blessed to know her. I am lighting a candle in. I love her dearly. - Kris Macuch*

*Mom-Joan Pickett, Elizabeth Pickett, Dottie Lydard, all of my Sunday school teachers, Emily Brown*

*I met Carl & Lillian when I was 14. I was so impressed by their kindness and love. I wanted to try to be like them.....still trying!*

*I miss my Mom & Dad and the many who have left this earth but helped me become the person I am.*

*Russell Gordon, Elsie Davis, Mildred Burdette*

*My Mom, Harriett Layton, who always encouraged me to go to church & to be kind and help one another. My husband Carl, who always believed in me, that I could do anything. He was my rock, and now since he is gone my daughter, Angela, is my rock. – Edie Nye*

*My grandmother Harriett Layton and my Mom, plus all the people in Jennings Chapel UMC that I call my friends and family. – Angela*

*Margaret Bennett, Ritchie Hardy, & William “Bob” Warfield.*

*My husband Bob—He loved the Lord and served him with a loving heart. I know he’s with the Lord. I was so blessed to be his wife. My Mother & Father for their prayers. – Claylene*

*Saints from J. C. – Margaret Bennett, Willis and Eleann Cissel, Elizabeth Duvall, Elsie Davis, Mildred Burdette.*

*Connie Somerville, Anne Van Pelt & God for listening & answering my prayers.*

*Emily Ruth Poynter, Rev. Harold Hunter*

*Rev Griffith back at church when I was a grade school child in 1940.*

*Claylene Warfield has been such an inspiration to me with her wonderful spirit. She has faced many challenges and she will tell everyone that God and prayers are the reason she is living today. She has given me the courage to witness more as I have been watching her example as she witnesses for the Lord. – Judy*

**Poplar Springs:**

*George Fleming – His moral teaching and strength of character did much to influence the positive side of my life and living.*

*Granddaddy, Matthew Pickett, for his example of helping others & faithfully praying for us. Merhle & Evelyn Pickett-examples of devotion to family & God, as well as how music can lift our spirits and praises to God. Bill Barnes – Always ready to help family & neighbors. Martin Hamilton-giving to the youth and his thoughtfulness.*

*Bill Barnes, Merhle and Evelyn Pickett, Emily & Dewey Brown, Matthew Pickett, Clarence, Kitty & Ed Pickett.*

*Bishop Joseph Yeakel who served BW Conference for 12 years.*

*John Myers, Georgia Watkins, Ella Cline*

*My grandma, Clara Fleming, was a faithful lady. She was very active in her church in numerous ways. She took me to church and let me work with her to serve church dinners. She shared her talents with others.*

# DECEMBER YEAR C

December 5, 2021  
Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79;  
Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

December 12, 2021  
Zephaniah 3:14-20, Isaiah 12:2-6;  
Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

December 19, 2021  
Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:47-55;  
Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

December 26, 2021  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26, Psalms 148  
Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52



# JANUARY YEAR C

January 2, 2022  
Jeremiah 31:7-14, Psalms 147:12-20;  
Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1: (1-9), 10-18

January 9, 2022  
Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalms 29;  
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16, 2022  
Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalms 36:5-10;  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 23, 2022  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalms 19;  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

January 30, 2022  
Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalms 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

## Mt. Airy Net

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 Roman Catholic Church. The need is great. Thank you for your generosity.

# Happy Birthday!

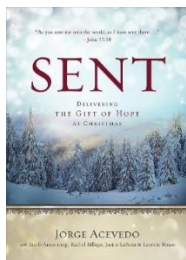
<u>Dec. Birthdays</u>	<u>Jan. Birthdays</u>
1-Doug Macuch	2-Clay Nichols
6-Betty Roach	3-Inge Seiling
7-Rosemary Beall	7-Marge Cissel
Amanda German	8-Rhonda Newcomer
9-Pattie Lamberti	10-Ann Sansing
10-Norman Hill	18-Mike Musgrove
15-Bella Reifsnider	19-Ollie Bennett
16-Miriam Reed	20-Margaret Johnson
18-Mary Delph	Paris Macuch
19-Angela Delph	22-Justin Johnson
Rebecca Hamilton	30-Keith Bennett
27-Sophia German	Roy Van Norman
29-Averie Ueltschy	Debbie Wilk
Gunner Floyd	
30-Donna Bennett	



**December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*First day of Winter!  
 Winter is the time for  
 comfort, for good  
 food and warmth, for  
 the touch of a  
 friendly hand and for  
 a talk beside the fire:*

*It is a time for home.*

*Edith Sitwell*



Our Advent Study continues every Wednesday from 12/1 – 12/22 via ZOOM at 6:30 pm. The study will explore how, where, and why we're sent. Join us for this exciting study.

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM, the Poplar Youth plan to decorate the church for Christmas. A big Thank you to our Youth!

## Orange-Soaked Pound Cake

### **Ingredients:**

1 package Betty Crocker pound cake mix  
 Water & eggs as called for on cake mix package directions.

### **Directions:**

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake pound cake as directed for 1 loaf pan. Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pan; cool about 30 minutes. Pierce with fork every ½ inch. Make Orange Glaze (below); pour slowly over warm cake, allowing some to drizzle down sides. Sprinkle with powdered sugar if Desired.

## Orange Glaze

### **Ingredients:**

½ cup powdered sugar  
 3 – 4 teaspoons orange juice  
 1/8 teaspoon grated orange peel

### **Directions:**

Stir together powdered sugar, 3 teaspoons of the orange juice and the orange peel. Stir in just enough remaining orange juice to make glaze smooth and consistency of thick syrup. 2006 General Mills

*I usually make 2 batches of the glaze!  
 Judy Gaardsmoe*



*Charlotte Elizabeth Ryon was baptized on October 3, 2021 at Jennings Chapel UMC. Welcome Charlotte!*

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



*The Christmas Eve Service will be held at Jennings Chapel on December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.*

**Other Dates to Remember:**

- Dec 6:** Poplar Springs Board Meeting  
For December has been cancelled
- Dec 14:** Jennings Chapel Board Meeting,  
7:00 pm at the church.
- Jan 4:** Poplar Springs Board Meeting,  
7:00 pm, at the church.
- Jan 11:** Jennings Chapel Board Meeting,  
7:00 pm at the church.

I want to thank everyone from Poplar Springs and Jennings Chapel for their cards and kind thoughts shared with me during Pastor's Appreciation Month in October. I also want to thank you for the jelly and the generous monetary gifts. Your expressions of appreciation and love really touched me. I give thanks to God for you every day.

I hope that all of you had a Happy Thanksgiving with friends and family and I pray that you have a joyous Christmas. I pray that God blesses you with spiritual, emotional and physical well-being through this holiday season.

Merry Christmas,  
Pastor Dave



Thanks to everyone for your hard work during the Christmas Bazaar at Jennings Chapel.

We appreciate you!



Poplar Springs filled 18 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. A special thank you to Merhlyn Barnes for delivering the boxes to Liberty Baptist Church. Thanks to all who participated by filling boxes and shipping.



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