



Charge Clarion

April-May 2024

Pastor Dave's Corner:

When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.—(Acts 2:1-4, CEB)

According to Acts 1:3, the resurrected Jesus appeared to many over a period of 40 days until his ascension to heaven. Ten days later, the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. We call that day Pentecost Sunday. This year, Pentecost Sunday is May 19th, the Sunday after Mother's Day.

I imagine most of us are familiar with Mother's Day but I not as many of us with the importance of Pentecost Sunday in the church year. It is considered one of the primary holy days along with Easter and Christmas.



Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning fiftieth. The Jewish festival of Pentecost, called Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks, falls on the fiftieth day after Passover. It was a celebration of the spring harvest of wheat and came to also commemorate the day God gave the Torah to Moses on Mount Sanai. This was the Pentecost Day that the apostles were in Jerusalem celebrating, in what

tradition says was the Upper Room (see picture), when the Holy Spirit came upon them. On that day, scripture tells us, 3,000 were baptized (Acts 2:41). Today, Pentecost is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter and is considered the birthday of the church.

Traditionally, Pentecost is a time for baptizing new members, commissioning members into ministry through confirmation, and ordination. In the United Methodist Church, and in most mainline churches, the color associated with Pentecost is red. It is a reminder of the flames of fire that empowered the apostles and others to proclaim the good news in many languages to the crowds of pilgrims that were in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival. What is less commonly known is that in England, the traditional color is white because of the white robes worn by those being baptized. In England, Pentecost became known as "White Sunday" or "Whitsunday."

The longest season of the church year, the season after Pentecost, is the time the whole congregation is supported in living out the gifts of the Holy Spirit we have been given. Pentecost represents a passing of the mantle from the incarnate Christ to the ever-present Holy Spirit, the presence of God within us, the sustainer, the teacher, the one who strengthens us. Pentecost is a day to celebrate and remember all that God has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives and the life of Christ's church.

On this Pentecost Sunday, your invited to wear red as we celebrate the church's birthday and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Dave



Cooperative
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper at
Howard Chapel
with Lisbon,
Mount Olive,
Morgan Chapel
UMC's

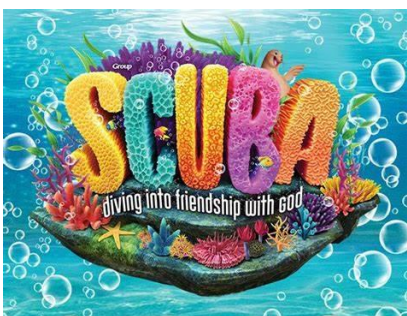
Happy Birthday!

<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	20-Dot Brabham
22-Jacob Lambert	23-Emma Reifsnider
26-Ron Thomas	Laura Reifsnider
28-Carl Boring Jr.	24-Connie Anderson
29-TJ Spampinato	25-Charles Johnson, Sr.
30-Colin Spitz	Mary Johnson
	Jared Wamsley
	27-Aaron Browning
	Colleen Ellenwood
	28-Denise Freitag
	Shirley Richardson
	29-Judy Gaardsmoe
	30-Velma Hill

Christmas Offerings

*The combined Poplar/Jennings Christmas
Eve service raised \$350 for the Heifer
Project.*

*The Christmas Card Postage raised \$197.91
for the Board of Child Care.*



Mark Your Calendars

Cooperative Vacation Bible School

Date: July 1-5 (off on the 4th)

Location: Poplar Springs UMC

APRIL YEAR B

April 7, 2024

RCL: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133;
1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.
Narrative: Acts 1:1-14

April 14, 2024

RCL: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4;
1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.
Narrative: Acts 3:1-10

April 21, 2024

RCL: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.
Narrative: Acts 17:1-9, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

April 28, 2024

RCL: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31;
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.
Narrative: Acts 18:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

St. Michael's Food Cellar

Jennings Chapel supports the St. Michaels food cellar. Please bring your canned goods to church on the 1st Sunday of the month or take them directly to St. Michaels Catholic Church. Items needed most are: tuna fish, soup, spaghetti sauce, ravioli, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly. No glass jars please.

MAY YEAR B

May 5, 2024

RCL: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.
Narrative: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

May 12, 2024

RCL: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1;
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.
Narrative: 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57

May 19, 2024

RCL: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.
Narrative: Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

May 26, 2024

RCL: Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29;
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
Narrative: Luke 11:2-4

Morgan Chapel Food & Pet Pantry

Poplar Springs supports the Morgan Chapel Food & Pet Pantry. Please bring your canned goods to church on the 1st Sunday of the month or take them directly to the back of the Morgan Chapel church, open the door, and leave them in the foyer.

Thanks for Giving!

MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

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

April 19: The Shade Tree Collective
(Bluegrass)

May 17: Shannon Leigh and the Good
Bygones (Bluegrass)



Ash Wednesday at Morgan Chapel

(Pastor David Norton, Mele Aho -Mount Olive, Jim Skillington-Morgan Chapel, T.J. Mount-Lisbon, James McSavaney- Howard Chapel)



Spaghetti Dinner

Our youth did a great job serving our spaghetti dinner. We served about 77 meals. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and for all the donations. We raised over \$900 towards our Camp Hope youth mission trip.



Good Friday Service at Jennings Chapel

(James McSavaney, Mele Aho, T.J. Mount, Jim Skillington, David Norton)





Easter Sunrise Service at Airview Farm



*The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!
Happy Easter!*



Pentecost Sunday
May 19th.
Wear red to church!

A MOTHER'S
Love

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.

APRIL

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	3	4 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	5	6 Trustees Spring Clean-Up. 9:00 am. P.S. cemetery meeting, 1:00 pm Free Health & Wellness Fair. Calvary UMC, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.
7 St. Michaels Food Pantry Collection J.C. Cemetery meeting, 1:00 pm	8	9 J.C Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm.	10	11 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	12	13
14 Calvary Lutheran, Preparing for Aging event, 1:00-2 :00 pm	15	16	17	18 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	19 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at M.C. The Shade Tree Collective	20
21	22	23	24	25 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30				

MAY

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 National Day of Prayer Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	3	4
5 St. Michaels Food Pantry Coll. Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Coll.	6 J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	7 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm.	8	9 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14 J.C. Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm	15	16 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	17 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC. Shannon Leigh and the Good Bygones	18
19 Pentecost Sunday	20	21	22	23 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29 BWC Annual Conference	30 BWC Annual Conference Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	31 BWC Annual Conference	

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