

Charge Clarion

Aug/Sept 2023

Pastor Dave's Corner:

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.—(1 Peter 5:7, NLT)

This quotation from First Peter may be one you've heard or read recently and you'd be right. It was the recurring scripture reading throughout our 3-day Vacation Bible School.

Peter's first letter sketches a vision of the Christian life rooted in God's care and saving activity in the world through Jesus' death, resurrection and glorification. It's meant to assure the community of their salvation and encourage them in their hope. This hope is to be lived out through their integrity and their witness to the world through their good works.

At VBS the kids explored how Jesus cares for us. Jesus calls us to be salt and light. Just like salt can make things taste better, he wants us to reflect the light of God's love for us by helping to make life better for others. We talked about how we like to be around others who are kind and friendly to us and how the Golden Rule, to treat others the way we'd like to be treated, calls us to be the kind of person to others we'd like to be around. We learned about how God cares for creation by providing food for the birds and beautifully clothing the wild flowers. God cares as much for us as he does creation and so, to give our cares and worries to God. Lastly, we learned how to pray using the prayer Jesus taught his disciples as a model—the Lord's Prayer. Through our prayers we can praise God, we can ask God to give our lives purpose in accord with God's will for us, we can ask for God's provision, like when we ask for God to give us our daily bread, we can pray for God's pardon for not loving as God loves us, and we can ask for God's protection to help us stay on the path God would have us go.

God loves us so much that he sent his son, Jesus, to show us how much God loves us and wants us

to be in relationship with God, and how to reflect that love to the world. Each day, the children had an opportunity to put that love into action through an "activity with a purpose." They painted rocks with a message and made seed bombs to give to the community.

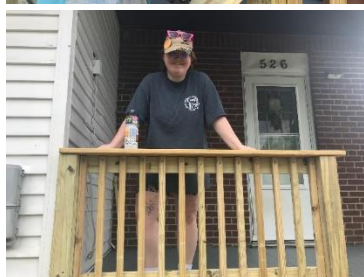
Two weeks later, some of the older youth who helped as VBS team leaders had the opportunity to let God's light shine through their good works. They were answered prayer in western Maryland through Camp Hope. This year, there were 6 youth, Elizabeth Lorah, Matt Watkins, Kayla and Bella Reifsnider, and Lucas and Olivia Nafpaktitis. Rebecca Lorah and I were the adult team members.

Camp Hope is a Christian Appalachian Mountain project which repairs homes for low-income and often elderly homeowners. We worked on Ms. Shirley Struck's home in Cumberland, Maryland. The team power-washed and painted the decks and replaced the stair treads on the front and back porches. We also installed porch rails and handrails on the back porch, weeded her front flower bed, assembled furniture, and did other odd jobs. Not only did our youth bless Ms. Struck through the repairs to her home, they blessed her through their presence and listened to the challenges she's endured over the past few years. She also gave the youth the opportunity to remember her by offering to them dolls from her late mother's doll collection. Some of the girls came back with some beautiful dolls.

It was a joy to spend time with our children and youth this summer through VBS and Camp Hope. Without your time, talents, love and support, these educational and missional activities to learn about how much God cares for us and how we can be conduits of God's care to others, would not be possible. Thank you!

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Dave

Camp Hope



<u>Aug Birthdays</u>	<u>Sept Birthdays</u>
5-Logan Bokma	1-Vaughn Turner
Joseph Bokma	2-Parker Dowdy
10-Matt Watkins	6-William Spampinato
Lance Williams	7-Luann Hash
11-Mary Streaker	8-Kip Cordisco
12-Ronnie Mertz	Madison Wick
14-John Frank	9-Larry Phebus
Jeri Koteles	Kody Silverman
16-Mary Mason	Vincent Spampinato
18-Fannie Anderson	11-Darlene McCarron
19-Sheryl Bennett	12-Steve Kimos
20-Bharat Agrawal	16-Richard Hodiak
21-Claire Greisler	Michael Johnson
Jeremy Johnson	17-Pastor Dave Norton
22-Jan Gordon Holt	18-Belinda Norton
Bob Styer	19-Greg Hood
26-Jeff Hash	Mary Pat Johnson
27-Faye Hodiak	20-Marshall Fleming
Josie Lambert	David Owens
29-Karen Wick	Mark Shaffer
	21-Joanne Widmaier
	22-Jase Roeder
	Carl Bokma
	23-Dawn Watkins
	24-Shelby Bennett
	28-Johanna Williams
	Zachary Thomas
	29-Courtney Ueltschy
	30-Christy Wamsley

July 14, 2023
Dear Camp Hope,

I want to sincerely thank everyone who came to my home this week.

You all have truly inspired me with your selfless generosity and hard work!

I can't express in words how grateful I am for everything you all have done this week for us.

With sincere appreciation,
Shiley & Noah

You can also watch the 2023 Camp Hope video from the JC YouTube channel. Just use the link below

<https://youtu.be/iG15ZD0TG-4>

Everyone worked hard and did a great job!
Go Camp Hope Youth!

AUGUST YEAR A

August 6, 2023
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15;
Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21.

August 13, 2023
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b;
Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33.

August 20, 2023
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28.

August 27, 2023
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

Church Conference

September 28 at Jennings Chapel, 7:00 pm,
in person or via Zoom .

St. Michael's Food Cellar

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 Catholic

SEPTEMBER YEAR A

September 3, 2023
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b;
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

September 10, 2023
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

September 17, 2023
Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114;
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

September 24, 2023
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45;
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

Got Faith Questions?

Have you ever wondered why bad things happen to good people? What is evil? If Jesus triumphed over sin and death, then why is there still sin and death? On August 27 and September 3, I'd like to try and answer some of your questions about God, Jesus, the church or whatever is on your heart but you've never asked.

Please let me know your questions by Thursday, August 17. You can email them to me at PastorDavePSJC@gmail.com or to the church office. If you'd rather be anonymous, please fill out the form in the bulletin announcements and return in the offering plate or to the office. I'll select two, one for each week. I look forward to hearing what's on your hearts and minds.

MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE

6750 Woodbine Rd – Woodbine, Md. 21797

Doors open at 5:30 pm, Music Starts at 7:00 pm

Aug 18: Fruit Jar Howlers

Sept 15: Salem Bottom Boys

Congratulations to Mary Delph on her graduation from Frostburg State!



Congratulations to Vincent Spampinato on his graduation from Liberty H. S.!



4th of July Picnic



I want to thank the congregations of Jennings Chapel and Poplar Springs for your support throughout the candidacy process that culminated in my ordination on June 3. During my 3 years serving you, I feel God's call on me to ordained ministry has been affirmed. I believe God has worked through your prayers, patience, love, and support and you.

I also want to thank you for your cards, the two stoles, the warm welcome, and you praying over me at worship on June 4. Words can't express how much it meant to me and how deeply I was moved. I can't wait to see them!

To be appointed here has been a rich blessing and I look forward to continuing to serve you. May God bless our shared work and ministry here.

Blessings, Pastor Dave

Vacation Bible School



Congratulations to Pastor Dave on his Ordination!



Annual Conference



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August

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Combined Worship Service, J.C, 10:00 am St. Michaels Food Pantry Collection	7 J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	8 J.C. Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.	9	10	11	12
13 Combined Worship Service, Lisbon, 10:00 am	14	15	16	17	18 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

September

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 St. Michaels Food Pantry Collection	4 Labor Day J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	5 All Church Conference forms to be entered directly into the Arena or manually filled out & returned to the church office.	6	7 Choir Practice, at P.S., 6:30 pm	8	9
10	11 P.S. Board Meeting, 7:00 pm	12 J.C. Board Meeting, 7:00 pm.	13	14 Choir Practice, at P.S., 6:30 pm All pictures, announce- ments, for the Oct/Nov Clarion due today.	15 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC	16
17	18	19	20	21 Choir Practice, at P.S., 6:30 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Church Conference, 7:00 pm at J.C. in person or via Zoom.	29	30

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