



Charge Clarion

Feb/Mar 2025

Pastor Dave's Corner:

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. —Psalm 136:1, 26

Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. —1 Thes. 5:18

I find it interesting that as I write this, Christmas was exactly 5 weeks ago and Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, is exactly 5 weeks hence. We're half-way between our celebration of Jesus' birth and the start of our 40-day Lenten journey at the end of which we'll celebrate Jesus' new birth from the grave. Half-way between the celebration of the Word, God's beloved Son, leaving his Father's heavenly home, putting on human flesh, and going to a far-off, earthly country, and the celebration of the prodigal Son's resurrection visit on his journey home to his Father. Not as a rebellious prodigal son but an obedient one, who gave away all he had, associated with those that society said good people shouldn't associate with, Samaritans, foreigners, sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, the diseased, and possessed, and then went home to the loving arms of his Father, so that we, all the beloved prodigal sons and daughters, the lost children of God, could go home too.

For that I give thanks!

As I pondered about the upcoming Lenten season, a season typically thought to be a time for spiritual reflection, confession, repentance, and preparation for the Resurrection, I thought, how could I not be grateful? How could Lent not also be a season of gratitude and thanksgiving for all Jesus did for us? For his life that modeled the way home, a journey of selflessness rather than selfishness, a journey of rejection for loving those that society said were unlovable, a journey on a path of steadfast love

that led to a cross and the doorway home. A way that to the world seems backward and weak.

Instead of looking at Lent as a season of 40 days of sacrifice and deprivation, I wonder how our lives of faith might be enriched if we used the 40 days to develop a deeper sense of gratitude for God's steadfast love and graciousness? This Lenten season, I invite you to expand your awareness of God's blessings in your life and the world around you. Try one or more of these and practice it each day.

- Take some time to note what you're grateful for and collect your notes in a jar.
- Take time to give thanks to God for his goodness.
- Find a friend, co-worker, or family member and share with each other what you're grateful for.
- Send a thank you note to someone and let them know how grateful you are for their presence in your life and the impact they've had on you.
- Keep a gratitude journal.
- In your devotional and study time, reflect on how Jesus' life and God's activity in the world are sources of gratitude for you.

May the Holy Spirit inspire you to recognize and reflect on God's steadfast love and goodness in your life and the world around you and cultivate in you a spirit of gratitude and generosity this Lent and always.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Dave

Poplar Springs Christmas Party

*Dear Members of Jennings and Poplar,
The Youth wish to extend their deepest appreciation to you all for your outpouring of support as they fundraised to support their 2025 missions! The generous donation from Jennings from the Fall Festival as well as the support for our Spaghetti Dinner and Cookie Walk Fundraisers in 2024 along with the many other donations will go a long way in funding not only the trip to Camp Hope but other youth endeavors!*

Thanks Again!

*The Youth of the Poplar Springs U.M.
Charge*

I want to thank everyone for their generosity this Christmas. Belinda and I have been enjoying all the treats, homemade cookies, jelly, candied pecans, honey, fruit, yogurt covered peanuts, and kettle corn. The poinsettias have adorned the office and our home and the ornaments adorned our Christmas tree. Thank you also for your generous monetary gifts and gift cards.

I hope your Christmas gatherings were filled with love, joy, and peace with friends and families. I give thanks to God for you every day and feel blessed to serve you another year. I pray that 2025 is filled with God's blessings for you.

Happy New Year,
Pastor Dave



Feb. 14



<u>Feb. Birthdays</u>	<u>March Birthdays</u>
2-Kendall Dowdy	2-Raymond R. Glenn Jr.
4-Maria Browning Amanda Roeder	4-Shirley Musgrove 5-Shirley Smith
5-Callie Anderson	Jeff Duvall
6-Carolyn Clay Calvin Pickett	7-Bryant Wick 8-Calvin Musgrove
Julie Staton	10-Clint Reifsnider
7-Jennifer Fischer	14-Barbara Floyd
8-Madison Ueltschy	17-Jake Hood
10-Tiffany Harrison	Ann Phebus
13-Barbara Mayo-Wells	21-Chris Hood
14-Richard Sansing	22-Patrick Reed
15-Wendye Delph Kris Reed	25-Kayla Jane Reifsnider Bree Stuart
16-Amy Hood	26-Billy Joe Delph
18-Wayne Nichols Hunter Reed	27-Heather Styers 28-Sandra Hood
19-Autumn Anderson Roxanne Brunson	30-Patrick Williams 31-Bryce Heath
20-Kara Kimos Thomas Plitt Ruby Plitt	
21-Jeanine Johnson	
22-Stephanie Fleming Cameron Hensel Pauline Hood	
24-Virginia Frank	

Thank You!

For the Christmas gifts, cards left on my desk, goodies to eat, and monetary gifts. May this new year bring all of you from Jennings and Poplar churches much happiness, and good health to you and your families. It is a pleasure working for you! Blessings, Sherrie

Poplar Springs/Jennings Chapel UMC
Cookie Walk for Youth Mission Fund



MORGAN'S COFFEE HOUSE
6750 Woodbine Rd – Woodbine, Md. 21797
Doors open at 5:30 pm, Music Starts at 7:00 pm

Feb. 21: The Shade Tree Collective
(Bluegrass)

Mar. 21: Salem Bottom Boys
(Bluegrass)



FEBRUARY YEAR C

February 2, 2025

RCL: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.
Narrative: Luke 6:1-16; Psalm 92

February 9, 2025

RCL: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.
Narrative: Luke 7:1-17; Psalm 119:105-107

February 16, 2025

RCL: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1;
1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26.
Narrative: Luke 7:18-35; Psalm 146:5-10

February 23, 2025

RCL: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38.
Narrative: Luke 7:36-50; Psalm 103:3-6



Feb. 17, 2025

Morgan Chapel Food & Pet Pantry

Poplar Springs supports the Morgan Chapel Food & Pet Pantry. Please bring your canned goods or check 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!**

MARCH YEAR C

March 2, 2025

RCL: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99;
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43).
Narrative: Luke 9:28-45; Psalm 36:5-10

March 9, 2025

RCL: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16;
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.
Narrative: Luke 10:25-42; Psalm 15

March 16, 2025

RCL: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.
Narrative: Luke 13:1-9; 31-35; Psalm 122

March 23, 2025

RCL: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.
Narrative: Luke 15:1-32; Psalm 119:167-176

March 30, 2025

RCL: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.
Narrative: Luke 16:19-31; Psalm 41:1-3

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. Michael's Catholic Church.

2024 Combined Christmas Cantata at Liberty Baptist Church

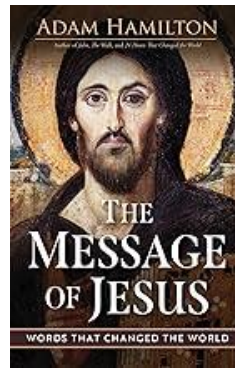


2024 Christmas Putz



March 9
*Don't forget
to set your
clock forward
1 hour.*

Lenten Study



Please join me for a Lenten Study, *The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed the World*, by Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of Resurrection, the largest, fastest growing, and one of the most influential United

Methodist Churches in the United States. This study will explore six of the most important themes in Jesus' teachings, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. Hamilton explores Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God, the Sermon on the Mount, the parables, the "I Am" sayings in John, and more. Jesus' words are life-changing and world-changing.

The study will begin Wednesday, March 12 at 6:30 pm for six consecutive weeks. If you're interested, please let the office know by Tuesday, February 18 so we can order materials. Sessions will be done through ZOOM.

I hope you will join me for this exciting study.

PD

The District Superintendent, Jim Miller, would like to meet with you and other laity in the Central Md. and Greater Washington District for an informal gathering. This is an opportunity to meet your new DS, ask questions and introduce yourself. To join, mark your calendar, Tuesday, March 11 from 7-8 pm and connect to Zoom using the log-in information below.

- Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://bwcumc.zoom.us/j/89965381483>
- Meeting ID: 899 6538 1483
- One tap mobile: +13017158592,,89965381483# US (Washington DC)

FEBRUARY

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection Groundhog Day	3	4 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. J.C. Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm	5	6 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	7	8
9	10	11 J.C Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm.	12	13 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	21 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at M.C. The Shade Tree Collective	22
23	24	25	26	27 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	28	

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2 St. Michaels & Morgan Chapel Food Pantry Collection	3	4 P.S. Ad Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm. Shrove Tue. Pancake Supper, Lisbon UMC, 4:30-7:00 pm	5 Ash Wednesday, Daisy UMC, 7:00 pm	6 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	7	8
9	10	11 J.C. Bd. Meeting, 7:00 pm	12 Lenten Study, ZOOM, 6:30 pm Prayer Service, Lisbon UMC, 7:00 pm	13 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	14	15
16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 Lenten Study, ZOOM, 6:30 pm Prayer Service, Lisbon UMC, 7:00 pm	20 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm Spring begins!	21 Morgan's Coffee House, 7:00 pm at Morgan Chapel UMC. Salem Bottom Boys	22
23	24	25	Lenten Study, ZOOM, 6:30 pm Prayer Service, Lisbon UMC, 7:00 pm	27 Choir Practice, at Mary's, 6:30 pm	28	29
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