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## OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Hebrews 13:7

*“Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”*

Clergy Appreciation Month was established in 1992 with the mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries, and religious workers.

Pastors are some of the most wonderful people on the planet. They give of themselves sacrificially, often asking nothing in return. When God needed someone to take care of His flocks, he created the pastor. Camp Chapel is blessed that God sent Pastor Carol to us.

*Pastor Carol,*

*For the early Sunday mornings,*

*For the middle of the night calls,*

*For the wise counsel and advice,*

*For the patience, love, and sacrifice,*

**THANK YOU !!**

*For always giving your all.*

**YOU ARE SO APPRECIATED!**

Stay tuned for information on how we, individually and as a congregation, can show Pastor Carol how much she means to us.

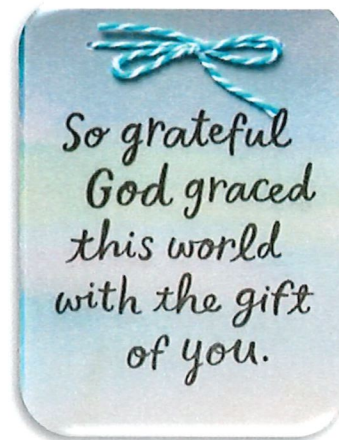


*Departed*

*Edward E. Crawford*  
*July 31, 1929 - September 7, 2023*

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**Thank You**  
**Deb Kalendek &**  
**Pillow Ministry**



A church member was recently admitted to the hospital and was expecting to be there for several days before being transferred to a rehabilitation facility. I called Deb Kalendek explaining the situation asking if a pillow and prayer shawl could be delivered. Within a few hours Deb Kalendek personally delivered a special pillow and prayer shawl in a gift bag with a card.

Your dedication serving God's people through the Pillow Ministry is very much appreciated.

Blessed are those that give without expecting something in return.

Judy Homberg

Blessing of the Animals  
Sunday, October 1  
4:00 pm



Join us as we assemble on the grass  
in back of the church.

5000 E. Joppa Rd.  
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Mary Smith & Cheryl Stephens

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### **J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)**

Wednesday, October 4  
12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Join us and enjoy an afternoon of lunch, games and fellowship with other Camp Chapel members. Bring a sandwich and a drink for lunch (dessert will be provided). Feel free to bring your favorite board game, cards or dominos. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

**All Are Welcome**

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Shredding Fundraiser  
Saturday, October 21  
10 am – 12 pm  
\$10 per box



Have your sensitive documents safely shredded  
without removing staples or paper clips!





Pumpkin Painting  
Sunday, October 22, 2023  
2 to 4 pm in Fellowship Hall

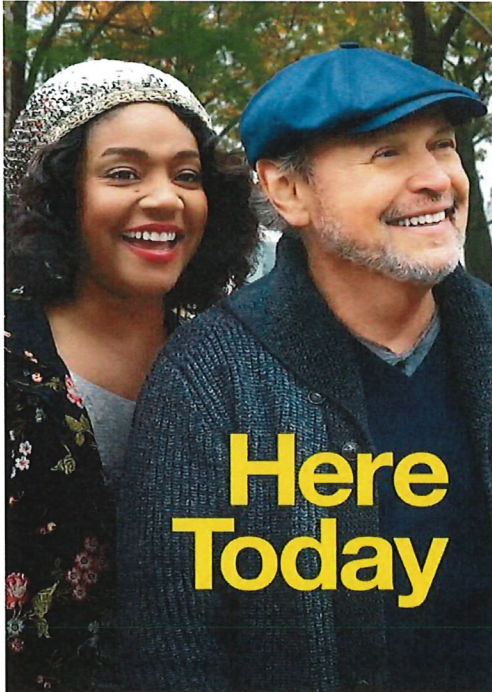
FREE EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!

All supplies provided - Refreshments!  
Space is limited.

Reservations Required

To reserve your spot register online at

<https://campchapel.org/event/pumpkin-painting/>



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Camp Chapel Film Seminar

## Here Today

Charlie just met Emma, but she's not the only  
change in his life.

Saturday, October 14

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Via Zoom

Check the flyer on our web site for details:

<https://campchapel.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/20231021-Here-Today-Flyer.pdf>

Join us for a classic movie and discussion!  
(Zoom information will be sent via email)

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## COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?

What if the opportunity presents itself and you are not prepared? One hour of your time could prepare you to save the life of a fellow human being.

We are pleased to announce that Camp Chapel will conduct free basic CPR training to anyone interested. There is no age minimum or maximum. No previous CPR training or certification is required. Training in utilizing the Automatic External Defibrillator will also be offered. The training will be conducted by Sue Wallace, one of Camp Chapel's retired Registered Nurses.

**DATE:** Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 12:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

If you are interested in participating in this training,  
please contact me at 410-303-0517 by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mike Ryan



Thank you again for supporting Arrow Ministries. They are the group that we supply small suitcases to children in foster care. The children can carry there things in the suitcase instead of a trash bag. I will be taking the ones we have over soon so if you know of any more bring them to the fellowship hall.

Thank you, summer SS teachers, for continuing the children's education while we took a break over the summer.

What a wonderful moving up Sunday we had with the children. It's great to be back! Emma West and Weston Beverage received their bibles from pastor Carol. Their teacher, Sue Wallace, is teaching them how to use them in class.

We still are collecting pennies for the needy and toiletries for the homeless care packages. We are making up thirty bags of toiletries for streets of hope. Whenever a new resident comes in, they will be given a bag of their own. If you would like to donate monitory we can purchase what is needed.

Cheryl Welsh

## Camp Chapel Green Team

### Where are the Lightning Bugs?

As we embrace the transition from the summer season to autumn, many of us may recall fond memories of chasing and catching lightning bugs, also known as fireflies, on warm evenings. However, you might have noticed a disheartening trend over the past few summers - the diminishing presence of these beautiful creatures in our surroundings. Their dwindling numbers serve as a stark reminder of the need for us to be vigilant stewards of God's creation.

The enchanting glow of lightning bugs is not only a source of wonder and joy for children and adults alike but also plays a crucial role in the ecosystem. These bioluminescent insects are an essential part of nature's intricate web, serving as pollinators and natural pest control, helping to keep our ecosystem in balance.

As faithful stewards of God's creation, it is our responsibility to protect and preserve all forms of life on this planet, including the marvelous lightning bugs. So, where are the lightning bugs and other beneficial insects? Here are several factors that contribute to their decline and some practical ways we can help:

- 1. Habitat Loss:** Urbanization, including suburban growth over the past 70 years, and industrialization have led to the destruction and fragmentation of natural habitats, robbing these insects of the places they call home. Over-mowing grass and lack of native plants in the suburbs have created ecological deserts where lightning bugs cannot survive.
- 2. Pesticides and Chemicals:** The excessive use of pesticides and other chemicals in agriculture and home gardening disrupts the lightning bugs' delicate ecosystem, leading to a decline in their populations.
- 3. Artificial Light:** Artificial lighting from cities and towns can interfere with the natural mating and communication behavior of lightning bugs, making it difficult for them to find suitable mates. While new LED lights are energy efficient, research shows that *High Lumen LEDs* are detrimental to not only insects but also birds and nocturnal mammals.
- 4. Climate Change:** The alteration of climate patterns can negatively impact the timing and conditions for fireflies to thrive. The weather extremes add more stress to our already stressed species and ecosystem.

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## How to Help:

- 1. Create Firefly and Insect Friendly Spaces:** Whether you have a garden, a yard, or even a balcony, make it welcoming for fireflies. Using native plant species and organic gardening practices reduces the need for pesticides and chemicals in the garden, leading to a healthier ecosystem.
- 2. Educate Others:** As Christians, we have an obligation to spread awareness about the importance of lightning bugs and their ecological role in Creation. Encourage friends, family, and community members to join in conservation efforts.
- 3. Minimize Artificial Light:** Whenever possible, dim or turn off unnecessary outdoor lighting, especially during peak firefly season. This simple act can make a significant difference for these creatures.
- 4. Reduce Your Carbon Footprint:** Combat climate change by adopting sustainable practices and reducing energy consumption. Reduce, reuse, recycle.

## Preserving the Light of God's Creation

Let us come together to honor God's magnificent creation by safeguarding the delicate balance of nature, including the beloved lightning bugs. These tiny glowing creatures remind us of the awe-inspiring diversity and beauty with which our Creator has blessed us.

By taking small steps in our daily lives, we can make a big difference in preserving the wonder of God's creation. Let us be the light in this world, shining not only for ourselves but also for the lightning bugs and all living beings, as we embrace our role as caretakers of this beautiful planet.

May the light of God guide us on this journey of conservation and sustainability. Amen.

Frank Long

## Tin Cup Bill

There's an old saying: "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." I've never placed much stock in that adage. Good intentions gone bad are the essence of living. We all have had those experiences in which we try to do something good, and it all goes wrong somewhere along the way. For now, bear with me. There's a lot of stuff that has to come together before this will (hopefully) all make sense. First, you need to know that I have two wonderful brothers-in-law, Mick and Jim, who are just plain great people. Kudos to my sisters. They chose very well. Second of all, Kevin Costner. And last, but by no means least, there's Macho-Macho Bill. You may remember Macho-Macho Bill – Lord knows I've told enough stories in the *Acorn* about him and his relationship with me that you know Macho-Macho Bill as my insane alter-ego. I say he's insane because he's the part of me that thinks he's still 26, still 6 foot 2, still weighs 195 pounds, is in perfect shape, has perfect bronzed skin, perfect vision, perfect white teeth, and lots of perfect, long, wavy, dark hair. He has no sense and is constantly placing my life in peril, or, if not my life, then at least my dignity and self-respect.

Macho-Macho Bill is a huge fan of Kevin Costner. According to Bill, Kevin Costner solved the mysteries surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy. He saved Whitney Houston's life. He pitched a perfect game for the Detroit Tigers, established a new minor league home run record for the Durham Bulls, and brought the 1919 Chicago White Sox back from the dead. He re-established civilization following World War III. He put Al Capone in prison. He turned the Cleveland Browns into a championship football organization. And he raised Superman from a child to an adult as if he were his own natural-born son. Those are but a few of his many accomplishments. Obviously, for Bill, the barrier between fiction and real life is less like a wall and more like one of those beaded curtains hippies and fortune tellers put in their doorways.

At this point, enter me and my brothers-in-law. Since the early 1990s we have gotten together twice a year for a weekend of golf. None of us have ever been good at the game. Over the years, we have played nearly 250 rounds of golf together on some of the least challenging courses in the country, and in all that ball-striking – I calculate almost 13,500 tee shots – none of us has ever managed a hole-in-one. That's unusual. You might even



call it unbelievable. You'd think that with that many shots off the tee, at least one of them would have rolled into the hole by accident. But alas, it hasn't happened. And you can count our combined total number of eagles on the fingers of one hand. Don't get me wrong, we're not complete klutzes on the courses, but we're not by any stretch of the imagination good golfers. That aside, I cannot even begin to tell you how much fun we have. Basically, we spend two days and three nights constantly laughing with, and sometimes at, each other. From time to time, we try variations on the standard game to insert a little variety into our play; for example, when we occasionally invite a fourth player we might play "scramble," in which we form teams of two, and after each shot each team decides which guy's ball is in the best position, and both of them play their next shot from that spot.

So here's where these disparate elements collide: a few years ago, we were planning the next golf weekend. Macho-Macho Bill finds golf boring, and I can depend on not hearing much from him on these weekends, but this year was different. To my surprise, Bill piped up, "This time, let's play a Tin Cup round!" Silence. Nobody knew what he was talking about, least of all me. Here's where that came from. Bill had recently watched one of his favorite Kevin Costner "documentaries," *Tin Cup*, the movie in which Costner's character, Roy McAvoy, is a dissolute golfer who ekes out a living as the scruffy owner of a scruffy driving range and yet somehow almost wins the U. S. Open. At one point in the movie, McAvoy argues with his coach/caddie/best friend, Romeo over which club to use for a shot, Romeo insisting on the two iron and Roy on his driver. They lose their cool, Romeo breaks the driver, and in response, Roy breaks the iron. The argument escalates until they have destroyed all Roy's clubs except for his seven iron, and Romeo has quit and stalked off in disgust. Roy finishes the rest of the round using just that seven iron, hitting it off the tee, in the fairway, out of the sand, and even on the putting green, and his luck and raw talent are so much better than his judgement and self-control that he cards a respectable score. Bill loves *Tin Cup*. Bill recapitulated the relevant scene from the movie, concluding with the idea that we should play one of our rounds as Roy did, using only our seven irons. The most amazing thing about all this was that for the first time in... in... in forever, really, it sounded like Bill had come up with a decent idea! So a few weeks later we began our Tin Cup golf adventure. And you know what? It was absolutely horrible! Golf is not meant to be

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## Tin Cup Bill

played with just one club. At least not by duffers like us. We unanimously agreed to abandon the experiment after just four or five holes, and Bill wisely elected to disappear for the rest of the weekend.

Bill had the best of intentions, both for himself and for me and my brothers-in-law, but it all went sideways. Having good intentions go wrong doesn't only happen to people, it can happen to institutions as well. Remember when Coca Cola tried to revitalize the formula for their flagship beverage back in the 1980s? New Coke seemed to be a good idea until it was a disaster! Here's another example: years ago, Camp Chapel kicked off a capital campaign to raise about a million dollars to expand the church building, adding meeting and classroom spaces, expanding our parking, and redesigning the traffic flow. We raised the money. We tore down the old parsonage, changed the driveway, installed a lighted parking lot, and added a new entrance off of Honeygo Blvd. Unfortunately, in the twelve months between the start of the campaign and reaching our financial goal, the cost of the construction more than doubled! We ran out of money before we could do anything to the building itself. Our intentions were good, but we failed.

But there's nothing wrong with good intentions. Good intentions that fail may pave the road to hell, but I believe most good intentions succeed. How could we ever help our brothers and sisters – how could we be a blessing to others – if we didn't begin with a good intention. And even the ones that go awry can work for good sometimes. Our expensive parking lot now enables us to have a children's carnival every summer, a big yard sale twice a year, and it enables us to host AA and NA meetings, among other things. Our parking lot reminds us that success can sometimes be born out of failure. And it began with good intentions. I believe that though good intentions can be said to be cobblestones in the road to hell, they can also be pavers in the road to heaven.

Bill Smith

*Author's note: Besides Tin Cup, Macho-Macho Bill's favorite Kevin Costner movies referenced above are JFK, The Bodyguard, For Love of the Game, Bull Durham, Field of Dreams, The Postman, The Untouchables, Draft Day, and Man*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Camille Adams-Bain	October 2
Chris Yanson	October 4
Florence Littleton	October 5
Bryan Gyr	October 9
Darin Daubert	October 10
Gregory Yanson	October 10
Matthew Ansel	October 12
Kaitlyn Bird	October 12
Elizabeth McDonold	October 13
Angie Howard	October 14
Michael Kaynama	October 17
Ali Rezai	October 18
Leah Klemm	October 20
Robert Lentz	October 20
Martha Spero	October 24
Chris Grande	October 25
Ryan Gyr	October 28
Caroline Klemm	October 28
Nancy Warren	October 28
Pam Schaffer	October 29
Dane Glisan	October 30
Scott Finney	October 31
Jacob Taylor	October 31

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Gregory	November 2
Arleen Parcover	November 9
Corine Lewis	November 12
Gary Lushbaugh	November 14
Beverly Gyr	November 15
Peter Gaskin	November 16
Cheryl Kempler	November 17
Susan Wallace	November 20
Zak Kempler	November 29



### A Blessing for You

May your day be blessed with  
Happiness and Peace of Mind.  
May you be free of all burdens,  
and know that you are  
completely cared for. Let Angels  
light your way with grace, and  
have a beautiful, awesome day!





## October Lectionary Readings

### **October 1 – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799)  
Philippians 1:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

### **October 8 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

### **October 15–20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829)  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

### **October 22 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after**

Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

### **October 29–22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Deut 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 809)  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

## November Lectionary Readings

### **November 1 -All Saints Day**

Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (UMH 769)  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

### **November 5–23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830)  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

### **November 12–44<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7 (UMH 799)  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

### **November 19–25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123 or Psalm 76 (UMH 797)  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:1-14-30

### **November 23 – Thanksgiving Day**

Deuteronomy 8:7-18  
Psalm 65 (UMH 789)  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### **November 26 – Christ the King**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100 (UMH 821)  
Ephesians 1:15-23