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Service to Camp Chapel

Camp Chapel United Methodist Church is the spiritual center around which we all order our lives to a greater or lesser extent. Obviously, this is where we worship, hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, and celebrate the observances of the Christian year. This is also where we turn in times of distress for comfort, support, and healing and in times of celebration for sharing our joys. Many of us get married here, many of us baptize our children here, and many of us will be laid to rest from here.

We have feelings not just for the ancient walls of the Chapel, the warm brick of the Sanctuary, and the shade trees in the cemetery, but also for the truths we have learned, the music we have shared, the friends we have come to know, the spiritual growth we have achieved, the fun we have had, and the work we have done.

We call Camp Chapel a house of worship because it has all the characteristics of a house: walls, a roof, a heating and cooling system, a lawn, a place to park, a kitchen, bathrooms – in fact, pretty much everything but a place to sleep, and we could probably even provide that in an emergency – and because everything that happens in this place and from this place is in some way a form of worship.

God is glorified here.

But none of that would be true without the workers in the vineyard (to borrow a metaphor from the Good Book). The names you can read in the sidebar to the left make up our paid staff, but they would not be able to accomplish a fraction of what goes on here without the dedication of our laity, the people who step up and do the work that needs to be done. Several times during the year we attempt to recognize all of you who give of your time and talents to minister to our congregation, our community, and our world. Now, at the beginning of 2024, we acknowledge a new class of church officers who have assumed their leadership roles. Please take a few moments, then, to turn to the back pages of this issue of the Acorn to see the names of those who have answered the call to serve. And take another moment to give thanks to God for them. And while you are checking those names out, you may notice that one or two positions remain vacant. If you feel called to serve, please contact Pastor Carol. She would be delighted to speak with you.



Bluegrass music originated in Appalachia, but it traces its roots back to traditional English, Irish, and Scottish folk ballads and dance tunes. Come join us for an evening of toe-tappin', knee-slappin' bluegrass classics performed by talented local musicians, emceed by our own

Roger Price

Admission is free.



J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

Wednesday, February 7th, 11 am 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!





"SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" SUNDAY IS COMING!

The Perry Hall Community Food Pantry distributes food on a weekly basis to local families in need. Now that the holidays have passed, the Pantry food inventory and Camp Chapel's food pantry funds are running out.

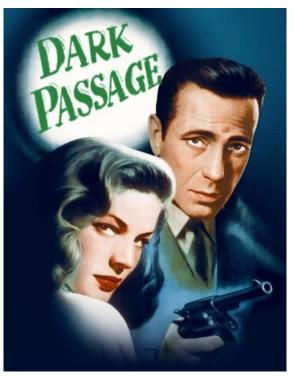
A collection event will be held leading up to Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday to replenish our resources. On Sunday, February 4th and February 11th, please bring in any of the items listed below or a monetary donation in any amount by cash or check. The collection area will be at the front of the sanctuary. Monetary donations and food items (see list below) are welcome and appreciated at any time on an ongoing basis. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

FOOD ITEMS REQUESTED:

Saltine crackers Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghetti, etc.) Peanut butter Diced tomatoes Canned beef chili with beans Canned black beans or kidney beans Canned vegetables (carrots, potatoes, mixed)

Mike and Pat Ryan





Camp Chapel Film Seminar

Dark Passage

Starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall Vincent Parry escapes from prison and tries to prove he's innocent of murder!

Saturday, February 17 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm via Zoom

Check the flyer on our web site for details at

https://campchapel.org/event/filmseminar-movie-tba-5/



Or scan the QR code ►

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





Upcoming Events (continued)

34th Talent Auction

Saturday, March 2, 2024 Fellowship Hall 4:30 - 7:30 PM

Dinner 4:30 – 5:30 PM Barbecue, Cole Slaw, Dessert, Beverage Cost \$5 per Person

Auction Begins at 5:30 PM

Note: This is <u>not</u> an opportunity to clean house and get rid of used items. Only new, unused items will be accepted.

Donation Suggestions include:

Car Detailing Gift Baskets Homemade Crafts Dinner & Movie Rides to/from Airport Homemade Food Items Baked Goods Sporting Event Tickets Computer/Tech Support Housecleaning Lawn Care Hauling

Donations must be submitted by Sunday, February 18. To register donations online scan the QR code ► or go to

www.campchapel.org/events/talent-auction/

Last year's auction was our highest earning yet! The auction is always a fun evening of fellowship. All church members and their guests are invited, and we'd love to see new faces!

Auction bills will be made available Sunday, February 25.

Call 301-704-0893 for additional information.







It's a God Moment!

We thought this past Sunday might be our last service in our historic chapel. I arrived just as Pastor Carol was opening the sanctuary door. She said that the chapel door was frozen, she couldn't get it open. The dead bolt turned with the key, but the door handle was frozen.

I told her to go on into the sanctuary and get settled and I would try the chapel door again. As I walked down the ramp, a cold January gust of wind blew so hard, instantly I was freezing.

I went up the steps to the chapel and placed my palms on the brass plate of the door handle, thinking that I might be able to warm it. Bad mistake, now my hands were really freezing, and the door still didn't open. I pressed my thumbs down on the lever of the handle as hard as I could. The door just wouldn't open. I thought that we would just have our last chapel service in the big church. What a shame.

I grabbed my very cold fingers together to warm them. I bowed my head to pray, "Lord, if you want to have services in this chapel, you have to open the door." One more time, I pressed my thumbs as hard as I could on the lever of the door handle. The door opened.

I have said many prayers in my life. Never, ever, have I had an immediate response. It really shook me up. I had a tough time in keeping my composure when I told the pastor how I got the door to open. And I could not keep my composure when I repeated the story in the chapel that morning. (Sorry about that, guys. You know I am a crier.)

God is ever present in our lives. This past Sunday morning reminded me of that. It was a "God thing".



Susan Wallace

— Thank You for your Kindness

Thank you for the Christmas bonus. It's as uplifting as it is rewarding.

The bonus will be put toward our 14-day Southern Caribbean cruise in April as we celebrate our 53rd wedding anniversary. Your generosity and acknowledgement of my efforts are much appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Judy Homberg



THANK YOU, Camp Chapel,



I have received several compliments about our beautiful sanctuary during Advent and Christmas. From the lovely, decorated trees, wreaths, the Nativity, and the exquisite red poinsettias adorning the altar, the church looked amazing.

I would like to thank the following people for helping to make this happen: Mike Ryan, Roger Price, Ron Wolf, Allen Zink, Mary Smith, Cheryl Stephens, Sue Garrison, Carolyn and Andy Glorioso, and Mary Ann Plummer (who made the red bows last year for the window wreaths). Also, a huge thank you to Allen Zink, Tammy and Don Stipek, and Sue Garrison for purchasing our new 9-foot Christmas trees!

Thank you so much to the volunteers who helped to beautify our church this season.

Sincerely, Cathy Zink Altar Guild, chairperson



THANK YOU SANDALWOOD STALLION SUPPORTER!



Dear Camp Chapel UMC,

Thank you <u>very</u> much for supporting several of our students for Christmas. You are a blessing to our community!

Sharon Ament CSF, Sandalwood E.S.



For All the Things You Do!

PERRY HALL COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU!!!!



For at least the last 20 years, Perry Hall UMC has held a holiday food basket distribution – with help from Camp Chapel UMC the past 4 years. Most years, the distribution provided all the dinner fixings plus even coats and toys to those in need. While COVID may have changed things, it did not change the love you provided for the community! This year

was no exception. Over 100 families signed up for the holiday distributions (between the Thanksgiving and Christmas events), and your kindness and generosity made that possible! Not only were all the families that called promised a beautiful, holiday dinner – but your generosity allowed even more. In fact, your kindness provided so much extra that the pantry was also able to give families that had not signed up for Christmas/Thanksgiving distribution a chance to have that perfect holiday dinner!

God Bless you and Camp Chapel UMC for your kindness and generosity! God Bless you all for your contributions – you are the unsung heroes to so many families, and you gave happiness and joy during this special time of year!



PANTRY NEWS

WOW! Who would have ever thought that our "little" pantry would be the giant it has become in helping the community! Back in January 2023, the pantry served 122 families and we thought that was a lot – well, things have certainly changed. Each month, the pantry has been increasing its help by about 10 families and at the same time retaining the families it had been helping. As of this January 2024, we have almost 200 families scheduled!

So, as you can see, our "little" pantry has been very, very busy. We have about 31 volunteers who work a schedule they choose, one day or several days a week. Some work with the families, some preparing for the families, some on delivery day of the Maryland Food Bank, and some work it all! These volunteers are all heroes!

The bottom line is that, without our volunteers and without your generosity, none of this would have occurred! So Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!! You made possible the year of breaking records in 2023!

Laura and Dave Hanna, Food Pantry Leaders





Lent is the 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter. Lent is often referred to as a time of preparation and an opportunity to go deeper with God. This means that it's a time for personal reflection that prepares people's hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter.

What Are the Key Days During Lent?

Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024) is the first day of Lent. You may have noticed people with a smudged, black cross on their foreheads. Those are ashes from the Ash Wednesday service. Ashes symbolize grief for the things we've done wrong and the resulting division of imperfect people from a perfect God. They are also a symbol of the dust from which we were made and a reminder that our life on Earth is temporary and that our bodies will eventually return to that dust.

Palm Sunday (March 24, 2024) also known as Passion Sunday, is a celebration that commemorates and honors Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. It is an event that is mentioned in all the four Gospels. It was a joyful occasion as Jesus rode into Jerusalem as a conquering King, and the people should His praises and worshiped Him as He deserves it.

Maundy Thursday (March 28, 2024) is the day before Good Friday. It commemorates the night before Jesus died when he shared the Passover meal with his closest friends and followers.

Good Friday (March 29, 2024) is the day Christians remember Jesus' death. The "Good" reflects how Jesus' death was a sacrifice on our behalf so we can receive God's forgiveness for our wrongs or sins

Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024) is the joyful celebration of Jesus rising from the dead to give us the opportunity of eternal life. As Ash Wednesday reminds us that our bodies will someday perish, so Easter Sunday brings us Jesus's promise that our souls will live eternally. He has made the way for us to have a relationship with God in this life and to spend eternity with him in heaven.



What Happens During Lent and Why?

The three main things people focus on during Lent are prayer, <u>fasting</u> (abstaining from something to reduce distractions and focus more on God) and giving or charity.

<u>Prayer</u> during Lent focuses on our need for God's forgiveness. It's also about repenting, or turning away from our sins, and receiving God's mercy and love.

Fasting, or giving something up, is a very common thing people talk about during Lent. The idea is that giving up something that's a regular part of our lives, like eating dessert or scrolling through Facebook, can be a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. That time can also be replaced with more time connecting with God.

Giving money or doing something good for others is a way to respond to God's grace, generosity, and love. For example, people may spend time volunteering or donate money they would normally use to buy something, like their morning coffee, to a good cause.

It's important to note that doing these things can never make us earn or deserve Jesus' sacrifice or a relationship with God. People are flawed and will never be good enough for a perfect God. Only Jesus has the power to rescue us from ourselves.

Jesus sacrificed himself on Good Friday to bear the punishment of all our wrongdoings and offer us forgiveness. He was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday to give us an opportunity to have a relationship with God for eternity.

Spending time during Lent praying, fasting, and giving can make Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter even more meaningful.

Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 14 - 7:30 pm - Sanctuary
Palm/Passion Sunday	Sunday, March 24 - 8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Holy Thursday	Thursday, March 28 - 7:30 pm - Sanctuary
Good Friday	Friday, March 29 - 7:30 pm - Sanctuary
Easter Sunday	Sunday, March 31 – 8:30, 9:30 & 11:00 am



Great Greeters



Doesn't it feel good to be met by a smiling face and friendly word when you enter the church? Such greetings make regulars feel appreciated and visitors feel at home.

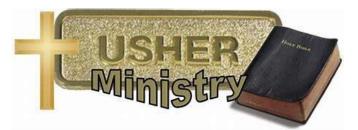
How would you like to return the welcome? Greeters serve on a rotating schedule; however, greeters can trade weeks as necessary – no problem. They arrive about 15 minutes prior to take attendance, hand out visitor packets, and SMILE, SMILE, SMILE! Ushers will hand out bulletins and be the second friendly greeting of the morning for members and guests.

Below are some of the most common questions and concerns about becoming a greeter:

- 1. "How do I take attendance?" A monthly register of members and regular worshipers are on a clipboard in the rack in the Little Narthex (at the top of the exterior ramp). Just check the names for the current week.
- 2. "I don't know everyone in the church." This is NOT a problem. With three services and varied attendance patterns, no one will know every person who comes through the door. Regulars tend to give their names without asking, but you can always say things like, "Have we met before?" or "I'm sorry but I'm drawing a blank right now."
- 3. "What do I do about visitors? Their names aren't on the attendance sheets." First, let the guest know that you are glad they chose to spend their Sunday morning with Camp Chapel. Then hand them a visitor packet and tell them they can fill out the guest card IF THEY WISH (no pressure) and place it in the offering plate. Our visitor packet is a folder containing information about Camp Chapel mission, ministries, and opportunities along with a pen and a visitor card. At the bottom of the attendance sheet, just make a note of how many visitors you welcomed.

If you would like to know more people in the church, remember how good it feels to be welcomed to worship, or feel called to serve the faith community as a greeter, please contact Pastor Carol (carol.pazdersky@gmail.com).





Where Would We Be Without Ushers?

Some of the unsung heroes of worship services are the ushers. They offer a friendly greeting and bulletins, help those with mobility issues to a pew as needed, watch for late arrivals to make sure they have bulletins and a place to sit, collect the gifts offered to God, and ensure that communion moves smoothly (as well as alert the pastor to anyone who needs to be served in the pews). Ushers even help the greeters with attendance if too many folks arrive at once!

Our Usher Team has room for more servants at the 11:00 Sanctuary service. If you feel called to offer your heart and hands in this way, please speak with Allen Zink or Pastor Carol.





Prayer Requests - cards are available to anyone who wishes to request prayers. The cards are available in the Narthex of the Chapel and in the pews in the Sanctuary. You may place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher prior to the service, or give it to the pastor after the service.

Another way to request prayers is through social media. Camp Chapel hosts a Facebook page on which members may post their joys and concerns throughout the week. Other members can respond with an emoji expressing their support or with a comment offering an encouraging word. Each week, the posted prayer requests are collected and lifted up at the worship services.

Yet a third way to request prayers is by using the Prayer Request page on the church web site:

https://campchapel.org/prayer-request/

or scan the QR code \blacktriangleright





Bits and Pieces

Folding Cranes and Forgiveness

Twice a week I watch my grandchildren, Hazel and Archie, for a couple of hours. Monday and Wednesday have become my favorite days of the week, and I really look forward to spending that time with them. I love it best when the three of us snuggle on the sofa and I read to them. But almost as much fun are the craft or art projects I try to come up with for us to do together. Not long ago, I taught myself to make some origami figures and we spent part of one afternoon folding paper birds – cranes – and then we began a book about a princess whose brothers are turned into cranes by a witch.



The red-crowned crane is a holy and mystical creature in Japanese culture and is called "Honorable Lord Crane." Legends say that they live for a thousand years, and they have the power to grant wishes. Cranes are one of the favorite subjects of origami, the traditional Japanese art of folding paper into the shape of objects, people, animals, and other things. The origami crane in Japanese is 折 鶴, or *orizuru*. According to Japanese folklore, if a person were to fold one thousand origami cranes within a year, they could make one wish and it would be granted. The Japanese call this 千 羽 鶴, or *senbazuru*.

Not many people outside Japan knew about the senbazuru tradition until Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, a book by Canadian-American author Eleanor Coerr, was published in 1977 and became an international sensation. It tells a fictionalized version of the story of Sadako Sasaki, a young girl who was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Ground zero was only about a mile from Sadako's home, and she was blown through a window by the shock wave from the blast. Her mother rushed outside, expecting to find the toddler dead, but miraculously she survived with no apparent injuries. She grew up and went to school, but in 1955, at age twelve, she became ill and was hospitalized and diagnosed with leukemia, her disease a direct result of exposure to the uranium fallout from the 1945 bomb. In the Red Cross hospital, one of her classmates told her the legend of the paper cranes, and she resolved to fold a thousand of them so that she might wish for a cure. Folding the cranes was fairly easy once she learned how, but finding paper was a big problem. She scrounged from medical dressing wrappers, wrapping paper from get well presents sent to her and other patients, and any other sources she could find. In Coerr's book, the fictional Sadako died after managing to create just 644 cranes, but her classmates finished the project for her, folding the remaining 356 cranes in her honor, and placing all one thousand of them in her casket to be cremated with her. The real-life Sadako managed to make over 1,300 cranes before she became too weak to fold more, but in the end, despite her cranes and despite her wish, she succumbed to the disease and died in her sleep on October 25, 1955.



Her story has inspired quite a legacy. Today, a statue of Sadako holding a giant golden orizuru stands in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park, and to remember her and others who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, people leave paper cranes at its base, especially during the Obon festival, an annual three-day celebration of family and ancestors. There is another statue of her in the Peace Park in the Seattle University District and also one in Wales that are routinely garlanded with strings of paper cranes in all colors. Unlike in the book, the orizuru the real Sadako folded were not cremated with her, but were saved by her family, who sometimes donate one of them to be displayed by organizations dedicated to bringing peace to a troubled world. Her orizuru have become a global symbol for the cause of universal peace.



The statue of Sadako Sasaki in Seattle festooned with garlands of paper cranes

Folding a thousand paper cranes is work, although admittedly not the same kind of work as, say, pouring the foundation for a house or running a dairy farm. After all, we're only talking about folding paper here, but still, it requires an effort and a level of commitment beyond the ordinary. So, I suppose one of the lessons we can learn from Sadako's sad story is that you must give something of yourself if you want to see your wishes come true, and even then, there are no guarantees.

As Christians, we wish for things like physical well-being, forgiveness for our sins, and protection from evil. We are taught that we only have to believe and ask to get those things. We often forget, however, that there's one more thing we need to do, one little commitment we need to make. If we want forgiveness for the wrongs we have done, then we are obligated to forgive others who may have done us wrong in return.

Forgiving others as we would be forgiven can be a lot like folding a thousand paper cranes. It takes a high level of commitment, and it usually feels like work. There's no escaping it, though, no trying to lawyer our way out of it. It's right there in the middle of the Lord's Prayer: "...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Those two statements

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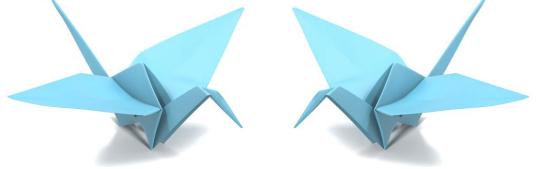
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were tied together by the words of Jesus when the disciples asked him to teach them the best way to pray. His prayer begins and ends with statements glorifying God, but smack in the center are the three wishes we place before God: first, God, please feed us, second, God, please forgive us, and third, God, please keep us safe from evil. God will feed us for free. God will keep us safe for free. But God expects something from us in return for forgiveness.

Many years ago, A classmate did me a wrong – it's not important what it was. I carried that wrong around with me for more than thirty years. Every once in a while, I would take that wrong out of the box in my heart in which I had placed it for safekeeping. It was a beautiful box, well-made, strong, and lovingly adorned. I would take it out and I would relive the incident. I'd remember the hurt and the anger. I'd refresh the horrible feelings I had for the person who had injured me. When I was finished, I'd tenderly and gently place it back in its opulent box and secure it in my heart until next time.

One day I ran into that guy. He was happy to see me and greeted me as if I were an old and dear friend. I was furious and struggled to keep myself under control! He acted as if nothing bad had ever happened between us! Suddenly, I realized that after thirty plus years, he had no memory of the incident. In that moment, I had an epiphany, and to this day, I'm convinced that it was inspired. I heard a voice – it was my own – saying "Bill, you're an idiot! Let it go. Just let it go." And I did a smart thing for once, I followed my own advice. Silently, I forgave him. I discarded my beautiful box and all the hurt and anger that it carried. Believe me, it took an effort! There's a cliché about a weight being lifted. It sounds like a metaphor, but it's not! It's real, and it surprised me how much lighter and better I felt. A couple of years later, while doing research for another article about the Lord's Prayer, I learned about the bond between being forgiven and forgiving, and I finally realized what I had done in that chance meeting. And now, having read the story of Sadako Sasaki with my grands, I can express my experience with forgiveness in terms a different metaphor. That day, I believe I folded my 1,000th crane.

How about you? Do you cherish some resentment as I once did? It's difficult to put them aside – I know! But we must. It's a *quid pro quo*. Forgiveness requires forgiving. If you're having trouble getting yourself in the proper frame of mind, Google how to fold a paper crane. Fold a few. Pray as you fold them. Think of the goal – forgiveness – as you fold them. Then let your bitterness go! Let your forgiveness fly like a crane! You will be free, and you will be forgiven!



Bill Smith



Important Reminders

MESSAGE FROM SPRC ABOUT A 24/7 WORK WEEK

Just as we respect Judy's days off, please respect Pastor Carol's regular days off (Fridays and Saturdays - her "weekend") by not calling or texting her unless it's an absolute emergency. Please pause and think about it: most things can wait until Monday.



EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES!

Only Acorn articles should henceforth be submitted to <u>newsletter@campchapel.org</u>. Bill Smith is the Acorn editor and <u>he reads that mailbox</u>. If you wish to email Pastor Carol, send it to <u>pastor@campchapel.org</u>, and emails to Judy should be sent to <u>office@campchapel.org</u>.



Do You Have a Comcast Email Address?

Because of a technical problem, Comcast email has marked the church's office email address as a suspicious originating point for emails. Any emails sent from the office account are automatically rejected by comcast servers. Camp Chapel is not certain when this problem can be resolved. If your email address ends in comcast.net you can ensure that you will continue to receive emails from the office by adding <u>office@campchapel.org</u> to your safe senders list in the application you use to manage your mail on your phone, tablet, or computer.





Snow and Ice Policy

In the event of inclement winter weather (snow or ice), we may have to close the church. During the week, any time Baltimore County schools close for winter weather, all activities at the church are cancelled. Saturday events are cancelled if a snow emergency is in effect. Sunday worship will be cancelled to protect our members' safety if our parking lot and walks cannot be safely cleared. The decision about cancellation of worship is made the evening before based on the information we have at that time. Safety is always a priority. Announcements of closure will be posted on our website and on the church office answering machine.





Happy Birthday!

February Birthdays

Darlene Greif	2/03
Andrew Brawn	2/12
David Borgerding	2/13
Ron Wolf	2/13
Carolyn Glorioso	2/20
Cathy Zink	2/22
Allison Akehurst	2/24
Inez Wendel	2/27



March Birthdays

Anna Delkhoon	3/3
Weston Beveridge	3/4
Ron Wernsdorfer	3/6
Kelly Finney	3/7
Joshua Klemm	3/7
Faye Warehime	3/7
Mary Lynn Lentz	3/10
Amy Borgerding	3/13
Sue Ellen Hickman	3/13
John Diggs	3/14
Dar Pendergrass	3/14
Marbara Price	3/14
Jason Taylor	3/17
Doris Tarleton	3/18
Linda Herbert	3/19
Mylene Amador	3/20
Bill Smith	3/22
Grant Wickenheiser	3/23
Mark Yanson	3/24
Larry Daubert	3/27
Kathy Whitson	3/30
Nathan Dziuk	3/31



Lectionary Readings

February

February 4 – 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859) 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

February 11 – Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 783) 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

February 14 – Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785) 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18 – 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756) 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

February 25 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 1:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752) Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

March

March 3 – 3rd Sunday in Lent Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 (UMH 750) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

March 10 – UMCOR Sunday

Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830) Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

March 17 – 5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785) Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

March 24 – Passion/Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms Mark 11:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764) Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

March 28 – Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 29 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 (UMH 752) Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839) 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8



Camp Chapel UMC Church Officers 2024-2026

Church Council

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Class of 2026 Cheryl Kempler, Winston Bain, John Gregory Class of 2025 Pat Ryan, David Borgerding, Joyce Kraft Class of 2024 Anita Obinger, Paula Kraft, Karen Yanson Trustee Representative: Allen Zink Consultants: Barry Foster, Ron Wernsdorfer Counting Team: Cheryl Kempler, Joyce Kraft, Anita Obinger



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Nominations

Class of 2024 Arlene Parcover, Mary Smith, (Vacant) Class of 2025 Lisa Dziuk, Karen Warren, Barbara Thompson Class of 2026 Pat Ryan, Kathy Whitson, (Vacant)

Missions

Streets of Hope – Sue Wallace VIM/BCCW – Mike Ryan, Pat Ryan Pillow Project – Debbie Kalendek Crochet Ministry – Michele Taylor CAN (Eastern Regional) – Karen Knauer

History Committee

Church Historian - Doris Tarleton Members: Susan Wallace, Mary Smith, Arleen Parcover, Corine Lewis



Good News!



The Church Council is very pleased to announce that our standard worship times and locations will remain unchanged for the foreseeable future! Discussions about a summer schedule will be held when the weather gets warmer. Look for details in the March edition of the *Acorn*.





