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Spring Is Springing

It is the season of renewal. It's time to crawl out from under winter. Put away the snow shovels and the ice scrapers! Open the windows! Put on lighter clothes! Wear brighter colors! Get outside more! Do some spring cleaning! Start planning what this year's garden will look like! Mow the grass! Wash all that winter crud from your vehicle – and don't forget the underside! It's a little early for swimming, but maybe check whether this year would be the time to get into a new swimsuit! Start planning for vacation! Make sure the grill is ready for those first hot dogs and burgers!

The planet is waking up! Days are longer! Buds and blossoms festoon tree limbs! Flowers are pushing up through the soil! People in your neighborhood are getting used to seeing each other more often! Birds are nesting! Cows and sheep and goats and horses are giving birth! Bunnies and squirrels are chasing each other on the lawns! Bees are out there pollinating! Soon we'll be seeing hummingbirds and butterflies! It's noisier outside! Kids are playing! Frogs are peeping! Birds are chirping!

What are we into? Baseball? Softball? Lacrosse? The NFL draft? Fishing? Hiking? Golf? Planting and weeding? Barbecue? Travel? Just sitting around and enjoying the sun on your body? It's all out there for us if we want it! The gloves are off – literally!

Here at Camp Chapel, things are happening too. In the coming weeks we can look forward to a Shredding Fundraiser, the Spring Yard Sale, the annual Flower Sale, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Creation Celebration Sunday, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and as the weather gets even warmer, Vacation Bible School and other summer events! Check out the calendar on our web site (www.campchapel.org) and keep your eye on upcoming issues of the Acorn for more information!



CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

KATHY MARTIN ACCEPTED INTO UMC GLOBAL MINISTRIES EARTHKEEPER PROGRAM

On January 25, during the 11:00 service Kathy Martin was dedicated as a member of the United Methodist Global Ministries EarthKeeper project.

Global Ministries EarthKeepers is a training program that equips U.S.-based United Methodists to launch and grow environmental projects in their communities. All participants plan a project during the training.

As a Global Ministries EarthKeeper, she will:

- Be equipped with United Methodist resources to lead creation care work within our community and congregation.
- Learn strategies for community organizing, project planning, anti-racism, and climate justice.
- Have the opportunity to apply for small grants to support environmental projects.

- Receive project support and technical guidance through post-training consultation from Global Ministries staff and other EarthKeepers.
- Join the Global Ministries Creation Care Network, an online community of practice to support United Methodists engaged in environmental ministries.



Kathy Martin stands for her dedication as an EarthKeeper.

Kathy began her training in March.

34TH TALENT AUCTION A BIG SUCCESS

On Saturday, March 2, Camp Chapel held its 34th Talent Auction in Fellowship Hall. The evening began with dinner: barbecue, coleslaw, and dessert. At a little after 5:30, as is customary at these events, Roger and Marbara Price got the auction part of the event off to a great start, leading everybody in a rousing version of “Put Your Money Down” (to the tune of “Turn Your Radio On”, a southern gospel song written by Alfred Brumley in the late 1930s). After that, auctioneer Bill Smith leaned into the microphone and offered the first item. The

final auction bill contained 75 lots. The bidding started out brisk and was spirited throughout the evening. From time to time, the action passed and door prizes, packets of chocolates, were awarded to anyone who had at least one tattoo, anybody born outside of Maryland or other such criteria. The most expensive item of the night was a backyard tea hosted by Cathy Zink, which fetched a whopping \$500. There was lots of laughter and good-natured give-and-take between the auctioneer and the bidders. When the final gavel fell, the event had garnered \$8,046.63.

CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

RECENT BAPTISMS

Fox Louis Michael Swecker

Fox was baptized on January 28 by Pastor Carol. He is the son of Kellie Smith and Michael Swecker. His proud sisters are Birdie and Easter Swecker.



Riley and Jack Boenig

Riley is the wife of Andrew Boenig and Jack is their son. They are the daughter and grandson of Sandy Boenig. They were both baptized on February 25 by Pastor Carol.

Isla Josephine Howard

Isla was baptized on March 10 by Pastor Carol. She is the daughter of Alexandra and Zachary Howard, sister of Luke Howard, and granddaughter of George and Lisa Zurek.



We welcome Fox, Riley, Jack and Isla into God's family and the life of Camp Chapel UMC.

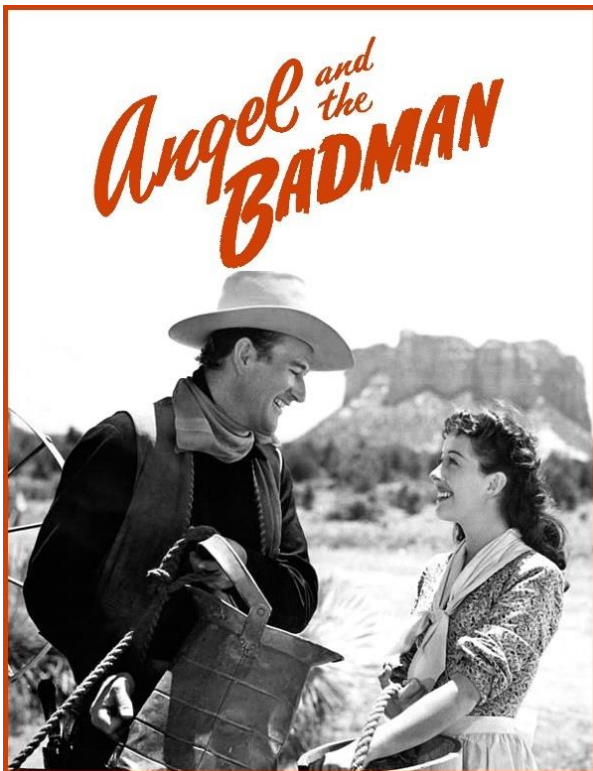
Upcoming Events

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Wednesday, April 3rd, 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!



Camp Chapel Film Seminar

Angel and the Badman

John Wayne, Gail Russell, Harry Carey, Bruce Cabot

Out west, a severely wounded gunslinger is taken in by a peace-loving Quaker family

Saturday, April 20

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm Via Zoom

Check the flyer on our web site for details:

<https://campchapel.org/event/film-seminar-movie-tba-7/>

Or scan the QR code ►



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



ANNUAL CCUMC FLOWER AND PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 11

9 am to 2 pm



It's been a long, dreary winter, and it's time for warmer weather, sunny skies, and flowers in bloom. Are you itching to get outside and start planting? It's a blessing to see some flowers already popping up to give us a taste of Spring.

Plans are underway for our annual Flower and Plant Sale on Mother's Day weekend, so mark your calendar. Lift your spirits with bright, happy flowers to plant around your home or to purchase as a gift. Samples will be on display between services on April 28 and May 5.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: Beautiful tropical plants will be available!

This event will be held in our side parking lot area. So, get your green thumb and your list ready, check out our order form if you want to pre-order, and let's brighten up the season!

Here's the plan:

- You can pre-order by submitting your order form (available soon) with payment by mail or by placing it in the offering plate on Sundays. If you wish to pay by credit card, please contact Pat Ryan at 410-456-8147. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH PAYMENT BY SUNDAY, MAY 6.

or

- You can purchase plants, flowers, and herbs at the sale on May 11. In the event of inclement weather, the sale will take place in the Fellowship Hall. Payment at the sale can be made by cash, credit card or check (please note "Flower Sale" on the memo line).

Proceeds from the sale will be allocated to the repair and care of our church buildings.

Please call or email Holly Wolf (443-286-6184, hpwolf7@comcast.net) or Pat Ryan (410-456-8147, finance@campchapel.org) if you have any questions.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Upcoming Events (continued)

Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Saturday May 18, 10 am to 12 pm.



Don't forget to go through all those old tax returns. Remember there is no need to remove staples or paper clips, just put them in a box and bring them to our event so they can be securely shredded. The cost is \$10 per box.

Please share this event info with your family, friends, and neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Dziuk.



Camp Chapel Community Yard Sale

Saturday June 1, 8 am to 1 pm (Rain Date June 8)

Registrations are available online only. The cost is \$22 per space. For detailed information and registration, click the link below:

<https://campchapel.org/event/june-1st-yard-sale/>



Or scan the QR code ►



Complete the registration form, agree to the Vendor Lease Agreement, and submit your payment. You will receive an email confirmation. Spaces will be assigned, and you will be notified. You may request a specific space, but it is NOT guaranteed. For questions contact Barbara Thompson at barbara7916@msn.com

Doing It the Hard Way

Ages ago when I was in high school and college, doing research for something I needed to write, like a term paper, was not easy, and kids today will surely be astonished to learn that it involved travel! I had to take a bus into the city and then walk a few blocks to the central branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Inside the vast library, I found a place at one of the huge tables, staked out my territory, and prepared to hunker down and work for hours. Although I could have borrowed the books I needed and done my research at home, I preferred the library for several reasons: first, there was a limit on how many books one could take out. Second, reference books were usually pretty heavy, and wrestling them home on the bus wouldn't be easy. Third, if I could get everything done there, I wouldn't need another trip downtown to return the books. So, to begin, I spent a long time pawing through the card catalog, rows of cabinets with stacks and stacks of drawers filled with thousands and thousands of typewritten three by five inch cards, to find the Dewey Decimal System code, or "call number", for volumes that (I hoped) contained the information and answers I needed. As I found ones that looked promising, I meticulously copied the titles and codes onto slips of paper that the library provided. My system was to use one slip per book or periodical, and on it I would record as I went along every bit of information that I would need to attribute properly the facts and quotes I used from that data source.



The Enoch Pratt Free Library central branch takes up an entire city block on Cathedral Street in downtown Baltimore.



This card catalog lists only books that relate to Maryland, just a small fraction of the books in the entire library. Imagine the size of the main catalog!

Funny, "data source" is a term that would never have entered my mind back then – nobody talked like that... but I digress. With a fistful of those papers, using the codes that I had copied, I'd head for the proper floor and section of the building and wander up and down narrow aisles flanked by tall ranks of shelves loaded with more books than I'd ever imagined there were in the world until I found the ones that had numbers on their spines that matched those that I was looking for. Once I had found the volumes I wanted, or at least as many of them as I could carry at one time, I'd head back to the workspace I'd claimed. From time to time, one of the potential sources I needed wouldn't be kept among the materials that were in circulation. I never found

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out what made these so special, but they were kept away from the public until they were requested explicitly, stored somewhere secret and mysterious – cellars or dungeons where a degree in library science was required for admittance and mere mortals were forbidden to enter. To obtain one of these books, I would take my paper slip to the front desk and present it to one of the librarians, who would look me up and down, and having deemed me worthy, would disappear into the hidden places of the library, while I would go back and work for a while with the material I had already gathered, returning to the front desk ten or fifteen minutes later for the treasure. Now began the task of copying the information down by hand on the pages of yellow pads of legal-size paper. Several hours of reading and writing later, it was back to the bus stop for the trip back home and more hours and hours of collating and organizing the information in my notes, working it all into a coherent thesis, writing out in longhand a first (and sometimes a second and third) draft that I would proofread and edit until I was satisfied. Finally, I could produce the completed paper, along with all the supporting citations and references in proper footnote form, double spaced with proper margins, at least a half page longer than the minimum required, with two carbons (you youngsters will just have to Google what carbons are), using the family’s Royal typewriter, a heavy mechanical beast prone to frequent key tangles and ribbon issues (yeah, Google typewriter too). It took days, weeks even!

In 2024, I’d use Microsoft Word and Internet search engines like Google or Bing. These innovations have reduced the amount of time and work involved in producing that kind of research to a small fraction of what it once was, (if you’re a cheater, you can use an artificially intelligent application and have it do the job for you in no time at all!).

If I’m honest with myself, I must admit that I don’t think I’d want to have to produce a term paper or thesis that old-school way, the hard way, again, but doesn’t diminishing the level of complexity and level of difficulty of a task also diminish the level of the achievement, the level of satisfaction, the level of personal reward there is in completing such a task? Isn’t it true that the easier something is, the less significant doing it is?

What if somebody else is involved? If someone who says they love you spends hours shopping for groceries and preparing you a meal from scratch, isn’t that more meaningful than if they did it the easy way, grabbing a package from the freezer, unwrapping the aluminum foil and tossing it into the microwave for five or six minutes before sliding it onto a plate and setting it before you at the table? Which is more significant, the easy way or the hard way? Which reveals more love, the easy way or the hard way?

At the time I’m putting the finishing touches on this essay, it’s almost Passion Sunday. In just a few days I’ll be participating in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday church services that relive Jesus’s final meal with his closest friends, his betrayal, his trial, his humiliation, his brutal torture, his execution, and his resurrection from the dead. We Christians believe that Jesus lived out these sorrowful, agonizing, and horrific events so that our sins would be forgiven, and we all could become part of the Kingdom of God.

But really, God could have forgiven our sins and established God's kingdom with a mere thought or a gesture. Why then should God become human and live among us, growing to adulthood, then suffering the most gruesome and protracted of deaths? Could it be merely to forgive sins and usher in the Kingdom, or were there other reasons?



Could it be that God chose to accomplish the salvation of the world from sin and the foundation of God's kingdom by one of the most difficult means conceivable precisely because that was the hardest way?

If indeed God had chosen to forgive us all with a thought, and to begin the Kingdom with a gesture, would we even be aware that those things had happened? No, Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection were absolutely essential for several reasons. They manifested the fact of our redemption first of all. More than that, the method God chose to redeem us matches the significance of our redemption and its meaningfulness, both for God and for us, his creatures. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the death and resurrection of Jesus reveals the essence of God to us – the depth of God's love for us. We can and should rejoice that God saved us the hard way, but make no mistake, the hard way is really the only way.

Bill Smith



THANK YOU, Camp Chapel

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously contributed their time and talent to Camp Chapel's 34th Annual Talent Auction! This year's event yielded net proceeds of \$8,046.63. Many members of Camp Chapel showed up to "put their money down", and the joyous atmosphere was shared by all. Thank you for making this year's event such a wonderful success, and I am already looking forward to next year.

Thank you,

Liz McDonold

From the Church Historian

As Church Historian I will be writing a series of articles on the History of Camp Chapel.

Part Two: 1807 – The Log Chapel

Following their conversion to Methodism, Harry Dorsey Gough and his wife Prudence, took a lively interest in the Camp Meetings that were being held in what was called “General Ridgely’s wood-cuttings”. These meetings were being held under the leadership of local resident, John Buck. The Goughs became regular attendants of these meetings. At the time, these meetings were being held in a small log cabin in the area. Soon, this log cabin became too small to house those attending. In 1807 a movement was started to build a larger and better place to meet. The congregation at the time was composed of the wood cutters and workers in the Ridgely forges. They gave what they could to construct a new building. After hearing this, General Ridgely donated one acre of ground for a meeting house and cemetery and deeded this to the Methodist Episcopal Church. For some reason this deed was not executed until November 12, 1813. The original Trustees at the time were Daniel Chambers, Jr., Nathan Greenfield, John Carback, Jr., Charles Gorsuch, Benjamin Hatch, Joseph Slee and Henry Smith. Mr. Gough supplied the money for the building of the structure and work began immediately. The structure was located about 140 feet east of the site of the present chapel. By fall of that same year the large, well-furnished log meeting house was completed. Mr. Gough gave it the name “Camp Chapel Meeting”. The building was dedicated by Henry Smith, a prominent preacher at the time.

Rev. Henry Smith served several years in the Virginia Conference before coming to serve on the Great Falls Circuit in Baltimore which consisted of ten churches including Camp Chapel. While preaching at Camp Chapel in 1814 he could hear the attack on Baltimore by the British at the Battle of North Point. He was Pastor in Charge in 1807, 1814 and 1818. He preached for forty-two years and died in 1863 at the age of ninety-four.

In his journal of July 1809, Freeborn Garrettson, a Methodist Circuit Rider, recalls his visit to Camp Chapel. He describes it as “situated in the forest at a distance from houses.” He was impressed by the number attending.

In 1807, Francis Asbury was bishop and attended a meeting. He was a friend of Harry Dorsey Gough and would stay at the Goughs when preaching here.

In 1841 one hundred sixty souls were converted at the Chapel.

An additional ten acres was deeded to the Camp Meeting Committee of the Great Falls Circuit in 1845. In 1848, the Chapel closed due to the surrounding land being sold and wood cutting ceased. The congregation at the time scattered due to lack of work.

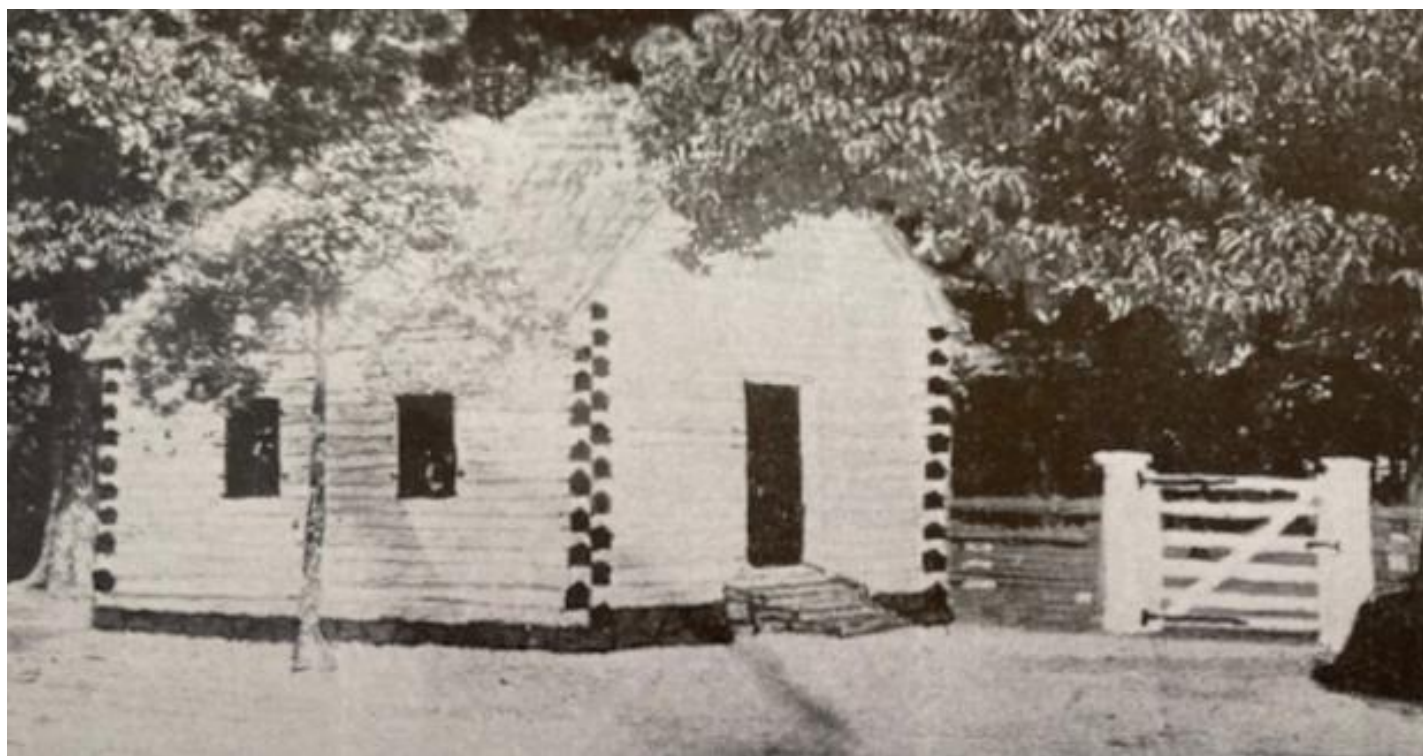


In the 1850's the Chapel reopened with Rev. Robert Cadden officiating. He was the first pastor to reside in the Great Falls Circuit parsonage at Hiss. Regular services were conducted at the time while Camp Meetings were still being held up to as late as 1860. Those attending Camp Chapel were the families of Isiah Baker, Eli Gambrill, Joshua Bevans, Gibbons Moore, Leonard Ferguson, Henry Akehurst, and John Penn.

In 1869 eight of the ten acres that had been given in 1841 were sold to Samuel Pinkerton.

The congregation became divided politically and a split occurred in 1886. What caused this to happen was not recorded. Later the two factions reconciled.

In 1871 the log chapel was abandoned and dismantled to make room for a new structure to be built. The logs were sold to a local farmer for the building of a cow stable. The pulpit and sashes were given to an African American congregation who were building a meeting house in the area. (Today that building is located on Ridge Road off Belair Road). Items saved were the stone steps (still in use today) which were brought over from England and bricks in the chimney that were used in the construction of a new Chapel.



This blurry image is the only known photograph of the log chapel.

Next Month: Part Three: 1872: The Second Chapel

Doris Akehurst Tarleton
Church Historian

Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

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| Nora Delkhoon | 4/2 |
| Michele Taylor | 4/3 |
| Sue Garrison | 4/6 |
| Karen Yanson | 4/6 |
| William Burton | 4/7 |
| Erin Bird | 4/8 |
| Mary Smith | 4/9 |
| Ann Ansel | 4/10 |
| Andrew Glorioso | 4/10 |
| Luke McDonold | 4/13 |
| Joanne Bowers | 4/14 |
| Lisa Zurek | 4/15 |
| Sharon Ward | 4/16 |
| Holly Wolf | 4/17 |
| Robert Hess | 4/19 |
| David Kalendek | 4/25 |

May Birthdays

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| Eva Finney | 5/3 |
| Geraldine Villella | 5/5 |
| Betty Conrad | 5/11 |
| Joshua Amador | 5/19 |
| Mary Foster | 5/25 |
| Michael Ran | 5/28 |
| Marge Brown | 5/31 |
| James Morris | 5/31 |



Having a Birthday?

The Acorn would love to celebrate every single birthday of every member of our congregation, but sometimes we do not have that information in our files! Each month, we list the birthdays for this month and the next. If your birthday does not appear, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send an email to acorn@campchapel.org with your name and the month and day you were born. **WE DO NOT NEED TO KNOW THE YEAR!** We don't care how young or old you are. Your age can be your secret!



Lectionary Readings



April

April 7 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133 (UMH 850)
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21 – Creation Celebration

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23 (UMH 754)
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 28 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH 752)
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May

May 5 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 12 – Ascension Sunday / Mother's Day

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1 (UMH 738)
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

May 19 – Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
Romans 8:22-27
John 16:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 26 – Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29 (UMH 761)
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SPRC Message About the Pastor's 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 emergency. Before you call or text, please pause and think about it: most things can wait until Monday.



Email Address Changes

Acorn articles should be submitted to a new email address:

acorn@campchapel.org

If you wish to email Pastor Carol, send it to:

pastor@campchapel.org

Emails to Judy should be sent to:

office@campchapel.org



Do You Have a Comcast Email Address?

Comcast has marked the church's office email address as suspicious. Emails sent from the office account are 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 office@campchapel.org to your safe senders list in the application you use to manage your mail on your phone, tablet, or computer.



SCAM ALERT: Pig Butchering

Remember the good old days when all you had to watch out for were offers from Nigerian princes who wanted to give you a million dollars (“Just send me your bank account and routing numbers and I’ll transfer the money right away!”) or fake Microsoft technicians with suspiciously Slavic accents and names like Kevin or Frank who tried to get you to turn over control of your computer to them under the pretext of cleaning up an imaginary virus? Online scammers have gotten way more sophisticated in the last few years.

One of the more recent schemes to separate you from your money is called “pig butchering”. Pig butchering originated in Southeast Asia. It is a long-term social media con that can take weeks or months to develop, and you’ll see why it’s called pig butchering presently. The initial contact could be as innocent as a text message from a number not in your contact list, something like, “Are you free for coffee tomorrow?” You figure it may be that the texter mistyped a number and got you instead of an acquaintance. You text back, “Who is this?” The texter responds, “It’s me, Carol.” You type, “I think you have the wrong person.” They type, “I’m so sorry to have bothered you. Thank you for being so kind. You seem like a nice person. Who am I talking to?” The next thing you know, you’re in a conversation with an engaging stranger. They reveal some details of their life. Perhaps they don’t have a lot of friends. Maybe they recently lost a loved one. They get you to like them or feel sorry for them – anything to keep you communicating. Over time you discover that you have a lot in common. Of course, it’s all lies. This is the fattening-up phase of the scam, and you are the little piggy. You begin to trust them. That’s when they spring the trap, and it’s a good trap. They never ask you for money outright; instead, they offer you an opportunity. They may tell you they made a bunch of money investing in cryptocurrency or the stock market, and because you’re friends, they want to help you invest wisely too. Maybe you don’t know much about stocks and bonds, and you don’t know anything about cryptocurrency (nobody does, really), but it sounds intriguing. The scammer never appears to want to have anything to do with your money. They encourage you to set up your own investment accounts – that sounds safe. You place funds into these accounts, and over the next days, weeks, or months you appear to reap realistic profits from your “investments”, but when you attempt to withdraw your earnings, your money has vanished, and so has your friend. That’s when you realize that you, little piggy, have been butchered.

These online scammers are ruthless. They entrap the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the smart and the not-so-smart. Usually, it’s the most vulnerable among us who become their victims. Stay alert! The best defense is not to respond to overtures of friendship from strangers online. If you get a friend request from somebody you don’t know, ignore it. If you get a text message or an email from a stranger who, out of the blue, wants to be your friend, ignore it.





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 Camp Chapel’s 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. 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 ►



Each week, prayer requests from these sources are collected and lifted up at the worship services.

What’s Happening in April?



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| April 1 | April Fool’s Day |
| April 2 | World Autism Awareness Day |
| April 8 | Total solar eclipse |
| April 15 | Tax Day |
| April 15 | RMS Titanic sank in 1912 |
| April 22 | First day of Passover |
| April 22 | Earth Day |
| April 25 | World Malaria Day |
| April 26 | Arbor Day |

