



## A Message from Our Pastor



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I loved the old commercial of a dad dancing a shopping cart down the aisle of a stationery supply store to the tune *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year* while doing back to school shopping. Although the kids in the ad did not look excited, Fall marks an exciting time in the church.

After fun-in-the-sun, special outings, vacations, and 'staycations,' we return to our normal routines refreshed, renewed, and reinvigorated. We come back ready to be about God's work with God's people. As we complete our sermon series "BLESS," we will have the tools necessary to connect with others and make a difference in our neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities. Through our connections with others, Camp Chapel will be known for kindness to all people. Whether we find ourselves in the Sunday School classroom, serving meals at Streets of Hope, providing necessities at Eastern Regional, packing and handing out bags of food at the Community Pantry, building ramps for the physically challenged, or other acts of service, we will glorify God through our kindness and the Kingdom will increase. As we see others as God's children, we will want to pray for, listen to, eat with, serve, and share our stories with them. Because of your commitment to kindness, September is truly the most wonderful time of the year. Life doesn't get any better than when we are worshiping God in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Keep praying! Keep listening to the hearts of others! Keep enjoying coffee or meals with new friends! Keep serving with Jesus' hands and heart! Keep sharing your life as an invitation to hope for others! Disciples of Christ cannot be contained but go forth to bless the world in his name!

Grace and peace,  
Carol

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# CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

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## SHARON WARD TO BE CAMP CHAPEL TREASURER



For personal reasons, Pat Ryan will be stepping down as Church Treasurer in the next month. The Finance Committee would like to thank Pat for her five years of dedicated service to Camp Chapel UMC and has accepted her recommendation of Sharon Ward to be the new Church Treasurer.

Sharon and her husband JW recently became members of Camp Chapel after having found us as their church home two years ago. Sharon says they felt at home right away and knew she wanted to use her talents at Camp Chapel. Sharon previously worked with the Baltimore County Public Schools, first as a speech-language pathologist and later as a school principal and early childhood supervisor. Since her retirement, she continues to serve St. Mary's County school system as a consultant.

*Sharon Ward, Treasurer*

Sharon has been training with Pat through the summer and soon will be functioning autonomously in the role of Treasurer. Pat will continue to serve as a member of the Finance Committee and will be a resource for Sharon as needed. Sharon can be contacted at [finance@campchapel.org](mailto:finance@campchapel.org)

Please welcome Sharon Ward to the leadership team of Camp Chapel UMC.

Winson Bain  
Finance Committee Chair

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## MIKAELA ELEANORE WICKENHEISER BAPTISM

Mikaela was baptized by Pastor Carol Pazdersky during the worship service on August 11. She is the daughter of Eric & Lydia Wickenheiser and the sister of Grant Wickenheiser.



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# CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

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## ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Once again, a faithful team with willing hands and hearts from Camp Chapel stepped up to build a handicap ramp for a family in need in our community. This was one of 22 projects accomplished through the 2024 Baltimore County Christian Work Camp.



*The happy beneficiary of our good work using his new ramp for the first time*

During a hot and humid week in July, you could hear our chop saw buzzing and our impact drivers hammering as the ramp came together. It took three men to handle a two-man auger in drilling the several post holes needed for this 35-foot ramp because the ground was so hard, but our team pushed through it and succeeded in doing God's work. Special thanks go to Mr. Pastor Dan for drawing up the plans and list of materials to ensure the ramp met all the county codes. Also, kudos to Mike Ryan for co-leading the team, acquiring the materials, and supervising.

The team would like to thank Sue Wallace and Kathy Whitson who provided lunches for the team on our three workdays.



*Pictured left to right: Ernie Ortiz, Kaitlyn Bird, Pat Ryan, Dan Pazdersky, Mike Ryan, Cheryl Stephens, Ryan Bird, Mary Smith, Holly Wolf, Rita Talley, Ron Wolf. Not Pictured: Josh and Keith Klemm*

Pat Ryan  
Treasurer Emerita

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# CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

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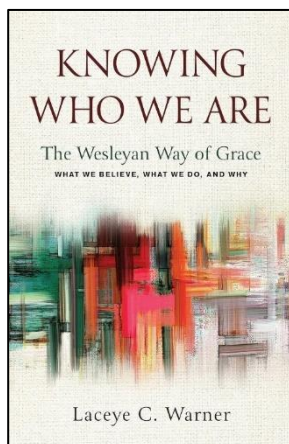
## ADULT BIBLE STUDIES RESUME

Adult Bible study classes will meet for the first time on Sunday, September 15th, and Monday, September 1st. Classes meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and Monday mornings at 11 am. Both classes have the same lessons. Most classes are facilitated by Sue Garrison. Contact her for more information at 410-256-2018 or [Suegarrison1@verizon.net](mailto:Suegarrison1@verizon.net).

Classes for the three Sundays and Mondays in September will be different. The 3 Sunday classes will be taught by Frank Long, whom many of you know is a seminary student. The title of his study is “Understanding the Christian Experience in the First Century Roman Empire through the New Testament”, and it will show the development of the early Christian community through analysis of a sample of New Testament texts. Frank shared these lessons for adults during Vacation Bible School and those attending found them quite meaningful.

The 3 Monday classes will be taught by Pastor Carol using the series “Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living”. John Wesley’s rules may be simple, but they’re not necessarily easy.

The beauty of these 2 studies is they have no text, so no preparation on your part.



In October, both sessions will begin the brand-new study from Abingdon Press titled *Knowing Who We Are: The Wesleyan Way of Grace* by Lacey C. Warner. Classes begin on Sunday, October 6th and Monday, October 7th. Join us to better understand Wesleyan Christianity and who you are as a United Methodist. Sue Garrison will facilitate the classes. The cost of the book is \$14.

People say the best part of these classes is the people. Lively discussion is a major part of each session. And it is **FUN** as well as educational. Getting to know others and respecting their points of view is all part of growing in our faith.

Sue Garrison

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## CHOIRS RESUME REHEARSALS THIS MONTH

The Chancel Choir will resume weekly rehearsals **Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 pm** and will sing at the 11 am service on Sunday, September 22 for the first time this fall. The Bell Choir will hold its first rehearsal on **Monday, September 23 at 7:30 pm** in the Sanctuary. At this rehearsal, we will schedule dates for the Bell Choir to play. Please bring your calendars.

It would be great to add new members to the choirs, especially the Chancel (vocal) Choir. The music ministry is extremely important in the life of our church, and it is always exciting to see people return to the fold each year, and even more exciting to receive new members!

Gary Lushbaugh  
Music Director

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# CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

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## CERTIFIED FOOD SERVICE MANAGERS NEEDED



In order to continue to hold public dinners at Camp Chapel, we need to have a few more people trained as Certified Food Service Managers (Level II).

Certified Food Service Managers are people trained in the safe handling of food. Baltimore County regulations require that a certified food service manager be present at every dinner open to the public. Certified Food Service Managers do not have to do the actual cooking, but they must make sure that the food is cooked, handled, and stored safely.

### CERTIFIED FOOD SERVICE MANAGER LEVEL II

Level II certification is required for any volunteer fire company or bona fide nonprofit fraternal, civic, veteran, **religious** or charitable organization that operates a high or medium priority food service facility three days or less per week.

**TRAINING IS PROVIDED AT NO COST FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO DESIRE TO EARN THIS CERTIFICATION.**

### REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Attendees must pre-register and have computer access to participate in the free, virtual Webex training, which is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. In-person training is also available for those who do not have computer access.

To register, click [HERE](#) or scan the QR code ►



Scroll down to Certified Food Service Manger Level II

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## DATE SET FOR 2024 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Save the date! Camp Chapel UMC will hold its Church Conference virtually via Zoom this year on October 8 at 6:30 pm. The Zoom invitation will be sent automatically to administrative leaders. If you wish to receive an invitation to join us at our Church Conference, please email Pastor Carol ([carol.pazdersky@gmail.com](mailto:carol.pazdersky@gmail.com)).

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# CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

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## REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

Beginning September 15, our regular schedule of worship services will resume as follows:

8:30	Traditional (Chapel)
9:30	Contemporary (Sanctuary)
11:00	Traditional (Sanctuary)

Sunday School will reconvene on the same date, with children from two years old through college meeting at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a music lesson followed by classroom work featuring video lessons and crafts. All children are welcome and may attend classes at any time during the year. Parents may stay for the contemporary worship service, attend the adult Bible study, or just relax in the Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars.

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AGAIN A SUCCESS

On July 9, Camp Chapel welcomed children and adults for three evenings of Vacation Bible School for the kids and a Bible study for their parents. It is because of the work of volunteers that the program was such a success. We thank the following people who volunteered to help with Vacation Bible School this year:

Sue Wallace	Leah Klemm	Lisa Dziuk	Judy Homberg
Cindy Kahl	Robin Craven	Michele Taylor	Jacob Smith
Karen Knauer	Maya Gaskin	Ethan Morrow	Roger Price
MaryAnn Plummer	Angela Gaskin	Briella Almony	Marbara Price
Katie Klemm	Pat Ryan	Karen Warren	Frank Long

Jackie Brawn

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## AUGUST CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING INVITATION

Church Council will meet via Zoom on August 27. The Council's regular business meeting will be held from 6:45 to 7:15 pm. A special agenda will begin at 7:15 to discuss the changes made by General Conference 2024 regarding human sexuality in our church's context.

Before attending the meeting, please review the summary of changes to the *United Methodist Book of Discipline* provided in the special August edition of the *Acorn* newsletter or you can scan the QR code to access these resources in the *Understanding General Conference 2024* article online.



Come to the meeting with your questions which will be discussed and addressed.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81495680252?pwd=AHxhErxqnbtfcxw4W4aaip1MnZwQ28.1>

Meeting ID: 814 9568 0252

Passcode: 553955

# Upcoming Events

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

**Wednesday, September 4, 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!**



## Volunteer Appreciation Sunday

**Sunday, September 8  
11 am in Fellowship Hall**

The hymn “We Are the Church” reminds us that being a church takes a community. The Body of Christ only exists when God’s people work together to share the good news with all people. To accomplish our mission, we come together and share our gifts and graces, time and talent, and material and financial resources. In other words, it takes you to make Camp Chapel UMC a genuine church.

Our staff is awed and humbled by the contributions you make, and we want to thank you. Plan to attend Volunteer Appreciation on Sunday, September 8, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.



***“I am the church!  
You are the church!  
We are the church together!”***

## Upcoming Events (Continued)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WELCOME BACK NIGHT!



Friday September 13, 6:30 pm  
Perry Hall Mini Golf & Snowballs  
4123 E. Joppa Road

Enjoy a free round of mini-golf AND a free small snowball! Bring the whole family!  
You **MUST** email Jackie Brawn at [jackiebrawn@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebrawn@gmail.com) no later than Thursday,  
September 12<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



### Camp Chapel Film Seminar

## ELIZABETHTOWN

A romantic comedy starring  
Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst, Susan Sarandon, and  
Alec Baldwin

Saturday, September 14  
6 to 9 pm Via Zoom

Check the flyer on our web site:

[https://campchapel.org/event/film-seminar-  
elizabethtown/](https://campchapel.org/event/film-seminar-elizabethtown/)

Or scan the QR code ►



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



# Camp Chapel Community Yard Sale

Saturday September 14, 8 am to 1 pm (Rain Date September 21)



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

<https://campchapel.org/event/yard-sale-4-2/>

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](mailto:barbara7916@msn.com)



## Fall Tea

Saturday October 12  
2 pm to 4 pm  
Fellowship Hall  
\$25 per person



Please let us know if you would like to set your own table.

Tables can be set for a minimum of 6 guests up to a maximum of 8 guests.

Additional tables will be pre-set to accommodate individual guests or smaller groups.

For tickets (paid by check or cash), or if you need additional information, please reach out to Jackie Brawn at 410-652-2776 or [jackiebrawn@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebrawn@gmail.com)

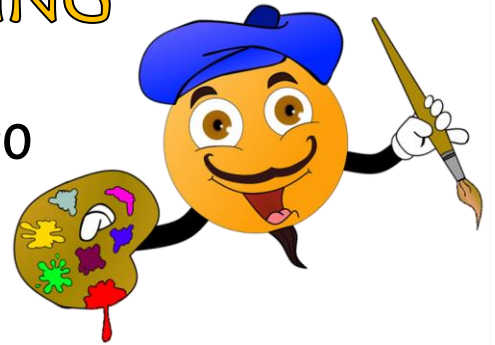
*Come and enjoy a lovely afternoon filled with delicious food and relaxing conversation.*

# Upcoming Events (Continued)

## PUMPKIN PAINTING



SUNDAY OCTOBER 20  
2 pm to 4 pm  
Fellowship Hall



FREE EVENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED  REFRESHMENTS TOO!

DON'T MISS OUT!  
REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE STARTING OCTOBER 1st.  
LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES AVAILABLE SO REGISTER EARLY!



# Save *the* Date



## HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday November 16  
9 am to 2 pm  
Fellowship Hall

White Elephant Table  Bake Table  Your Favorite Vendors

Plus a Delicious Luncheon – BBQ Sandwich and Hot Soups

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



# DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??

## Holiday Bazaar's White Elephant Table



We ask you to consider donating any unwanted items to the Holiday Bazaar's **White Elephant Table**. These items would include handbags, jewelry, accessories, tablecloths, placemats, Christmas things, and general household items – all in good condition for the bazaar on **November 16**. If you have anything you would like to donate, please put items in a bag or box and label them **WHITE ELEPHANT**. You can put them outside the craft room door OR contact Jackie Brawn at 410-652-2776 to arrange for pick up.

Thank you!

proceeds from the bazaar benefit our Children and Youth programs.



**Saturday December 21**  
**6 pm to 8 pm (rain or shine)**

Camp Chapel will be staging a **Live Nativity Scene** to celebrate the birth of our Savior! A committee is being formed to make this event a SUCCESS! We will need actors, singers, parking lot attendants, stage crew, etc. If you would like to participate, please reach out to Jackie Brawn at 410-652-2776 or [jackiebrawn@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebrawn@gmail.com)





# Thank You, Pat Ryan!

As we prepare to welcome our new church treasurer, Sharon Ward, let us thank Pat Ryan for the diligent work she has done for Camp Chapel UMC over the past five years. Pat has been a careful steward of the offerings, memorial gifts, and other funds coming into the church. She researched the best rates for our bank accounts. During her tenure, Pat not only accounted for every penny of your offerings, but she also found ways to cut costs and save the money so that more of our resources went directly to mission and ministry. We are grateful for her time and her talent in guiding our church into best financial practices for the glory of God!



## Thank You, Camp Chapel!

A big Thank You to everyone that donated items to the Shelter. We were able to collect and donate 50 bars of soap, 58 washcloths, 36 towels and 8 hand towels. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

In addition, we collected 11 backpacks full of school supplies for the children at the Shelter.

Again, a big Thank You to everyone!!

Sharon Smith



## A Personal Thank You!

Hello,

I would like to thank everyone for all the many prayers, cards, visits, transportation to appointments, and phone calls that I received during the past months. I am so blessed to have so many caring people in my church family.

God bless you all!  
Laurie Stephan



## Charades

Charades – it’s been a fun party game for generations. I’m sure you know how it works, but just in case... Teams of players try to guess, within an agreed-upon length of time, the name of a song, movie, television show, book, play, etc. that one of their members acts out. The only hard and fast rule is that the person doing the acting is not allowed to speak. There are a few other elements to the game, like signals for the number of words or syllables, for a small word like “a” or “the”, for a word that “sounds like” the word you’re trying to act out, but those are the basics.

Every year, at our choir Christmas party, members of our Chancel and Bell Choirs and their guests end the evening with a raucous session of charades, and hilarity inevitably ensues. One memorable Christmas, one of our male singers was trying to act out the movie *Forrest Gump* without much success. If it had been me, I would have gone for Forrest first, but he chose to start by trying to act like the young Forrest Gump running while wearing leg braces. That got him nowhere. Next, he tried to get us to guess Gump by giving the signal for “sounds like”, which is made by tugging on your ear. I would have gone for “sounds like ‘jump’”, but he tried for “sounds like ‘rump’”. The results were Hysterical! He continued to perform the stiff-legged run of the boy wearing braces, but now he was pointing to and slapping his backside. He looked as if he were miming some kind of frenzied, wacky horse race, and the guesses went so far off the mark that there was little hope of getting them back anywhere near the correct answer. Soon, both teams were laughing so hard that it took several minutes for someone to notice that time had run out a long while ago. His performance was so memorable that during every Christmas charade game somebody is bound to bring it up and we’ll all have another good laugh over it. But as with many funny moments told long after the fact, I suppose you had to be there.



*Young Forrest Gump running while wearing leg braces*

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Last Thanksgiving, my family decided it might be fun to try charades after the turkey dinner. Everybody was encouraged to take part, and my grandchildren were particularly eager. Playing charades with a six-year-old is a different kind of experience. My grandson Archie was really into it, but not exactly clear on the concept. At first, he only wanted to do song titles. His idea of acting out a song title was to mouth the lyrics of the song silently while playing air guitar. Nobody had any idea what he was going for. Eventually, with a little coaching from his Pop-Pop (yep, that's me!), he started to get the hang of it. Eventually he thought he'd stretch himself a bit and his final attempt was a movie title. *Titanic*. Unfortunately, he has never seen the movie *Titanic*, except for one scene, and nobody knows where or how he viewed it. The scene he's watched is the one in which the great ship is already sinking fast. The 350-foot aft end of the vessel has risen up out of the water almost vertically. Everybody is screaming and climbing over one another and the main characters, Jack and Rose, are desperately struggling to get to the stern. They make it, and cling desperately to the rail with several other passengers. There's this one poor guy who loses his grip on the rail and falls backward from the stern, and the camera follows him all the way down until he crashes into the sea. So that's what he mimed, the poor guy falling backward into the ocean by flailing his arms while walking backwards, over and over. Nobody had a clue. People were guessing all sorts of things. Was he waving at someone running away from him? Was he being blown backward by a hurricane? Only Archie knew.



*Jack and Rose watch in horror as a fellow passenger plunges into the sea*

The history of divine revelation is a lot like a game of charades.

God rarely speaks to us directly to tell us what to do or what to avoid or what to believe or where we're going right or where we're going wrong. Oh, sure, we have a few stories in the Old



Testament. God spoke to Adam and Eve. God told Noah to build an ark. God commanded Abraham to leave Ur of the Chaldees and found a new nation. Moses communed with God several times, two of those, most famously, being God's appearance as a burning bush when God told Moses to lead the Hebrews out of Egypt and later, on Mount Sinai, when God gave Moses the tablets of stone on which were inscribed the Ten Commandments. There were a few others, but the point is, out of millions and millions and millions of humans who lived and died on this planet from the beginning of time until Jesus was born, only a lucky handful of them ever got to hear God tell them exactly what God wanted them to know.

As Christians, we all believe that Jesus was himself the embodiment of revelation. Those few who were privileged to meet and learn from Jesus when he preached and taught experienced revelation directly from the source. But even us, living two millennia after Jesus died and was lifted up from the grave, can read in the books of the New Testament the words he spoke.

There are many people, even some theologians, who have believed that revelation is over and done with. For them, revelation ended with the final word of the book of the Bible that has that name. For them, here and now, the best we can do is to study what is revealed in the writings of Scripture. For them, revelation is literally a thing of the past.

That is not what I think. I believe that revelation has continued and is still an important part of the human experience. Revelation is not just ongoing; it is a frequent and common part of our lives. Humans have, from our emergence as thinking creatures, always and forever striven to understand who we are and why we exist. We have pondered these questions, and in pondering them, we have encountered God. Before the story of Adam and Eve was first told, before Noah and Abraham and Moses, we were groping to know who God is and how we meet God. Each of us continues to encounter God and continues to wrestle with the question of how we relate to God, and we pursue the answers to these questions, most of us without ever hearing God's voice.

For most of us, God communicates much more subtly than God did with those Old Testament folks. Some of us find God in nature. Some of us encounter God in dreams. Some of us perceive God in history. Others see God in the actions of our fellow human beings.

But here is the problem, and Paul explains it perfectly in his first letter to the Corinthians, "For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known." In other words, given all that we can know about the words of Jesus and all that we can know of the things that God told Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others and all that we deduce from nature, history, dreams, and the acts of other people, we still don't know enough. All we end up with are clues, and those clues, more often than not are pretty ambiguous. As I wrote earlier, revelation is like a divine game of charades. The clues God gives us are, like the flailing arms of a six-year-old kid or the frenetic hopping and slapping of a singer at a party, open to many different, plausible interpretations. That is why a Christian, a Buddhist, and an atheist can, and do, examine the same evidence of revelation and still each comes away with a different answer. Or *Forrest Gump*. Or *Titanic*.

Bill Smith



## From the Church Historian

### Part Six: Construction of the Current Sanctuary

BELAIR ROAD BOOSTER

November 19, 1964



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS of Camp Chapel Methodist Church officially lay the cornerstone of a new \$180,000 Sanctuary being constructed on the church grounds. The participants in the November 1 ceremony are: (left to right) The Rev. C. G. Warner, Jr., pastor of Ashton Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. E. Cranston Riggan,

from the Board of Missions and Church Extension; the Rev. Dr. Edward H. Porter, district superintendent; The Rev. Luther Williams Starnes, pastor of Camp Chapel; Ormsby S. Moore, Building Committee chairman; and J. Clifton Kidd, contractor. J. Prentiss Browne, Inc., is the architect.

*Photo from the Belair Road Booster 11/19/1964*



*Speakers address the congregation at the laying of the cornerstone*

pastors of the church; Ormsby S. Moore, chairman of the building committee and J. Clifton Kidd, contractor. A time capsule was placed in the cornerstone with various church items and local events. Included was the birth that day of William Kidd Akehurst, son of William E. and Lois K. Akehurst, grandson of Carville G. and Doris M. Akehurst and grandson of J. Clifton

Sixty years ago, after the groundbreaking for the new Sanctuary in May of 1964, the congregation started seeing their hard work and dreams begin to take shape with the construction of the new building. The architect for the Colonial Structure was J. Prentiss Browne, Inc. and J. Clifton Kidd and Sons was the contractor, having been the lowest of five bidders. The building plans had been approved by the congregation at the approximate cost of \$175,000.00 including furnishings. The plans included the main sanctuary with an auditorium and stage in the basement. An additional wing was added to house the pastor's study and church office on the main floor and the choir room upstairs. Completion of the structure was expected to be by Easter of 1965.

On All Saints Day, November 1, 1964, the congregation participated in the laying of the cornerstone. By then the building was nearing external completion. Participating in the ceremony were Rev. Luther Starnes, pastor; Dr. E. Cranston Riggan, executive secretary of Missions and Church Extension of the Baltimore Conference of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Edward H. Porter, superintendent of the Baltimore East District; Dr. Clarence Fossett, former district superintendent; former





and Helen Kidd. At the 200th Anniversary in 2007 a second time capsule was buried in the ground at the base of the cornerstone.

Over the next few months there was the task of furnishing and beautifying the interior of the church. A committee of women from the church led by Mrs. Lois K. Akehurst and Mrs. Gladys Moore along with Rev. Starnes visited various colonial style churches in the Baltimore area for decorating ideas.

Also, a campaign led by William E. Akehurst and H. Gordon Hackman was held for memorial gift donations. Church members and friends outside the church donated items in memory or in honor of family members or to the glory of God.

Some of these donations included the baptismal font, the two clergy chairs, communion rails, the lectern, pulpit, a Bible and Bible stand, hymnals, the eternal hanging candle and the cornerstone. The list was endless. A dedication of the memorial gifts was held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 10, 1965.

The Sanctuary was completed in the spring of 1965. Landscaping around the church was donated by Carville G. Akehurst in memory of his wife Doris M. Akehurst.

The first service held in the church was the funeral of Mr. William Moore, a trustee and member of the building committee on May 14, 1965.

On Sunday, May 23, 1965, the Service of Consecration of the new Sanctuary was held at the 11 am service. Those participating in the service included Dr. E. Cranston Riggins, Dr. Edward H. Porter and Rev. Starnes. The consecration sermon was given by Bishop John Wesley Lord. At 7:30 that evening there was a program of sacred music followed by a reception.

A service of Dedication of the Church and the Burning of the Mortgage was held at the 11 am service on Sunday, October 30, 1985. Joseph H. Yeakel, resident bishop of the Washington Area of the United Methodist Church gave the sermon. A luncheon followed the service and that evening there was a fellowship service held in the church.

In December 1992 the wheelchair ramp was constructed in memory of E. Scott Moore by his wife Mrs. Gladys Moore.

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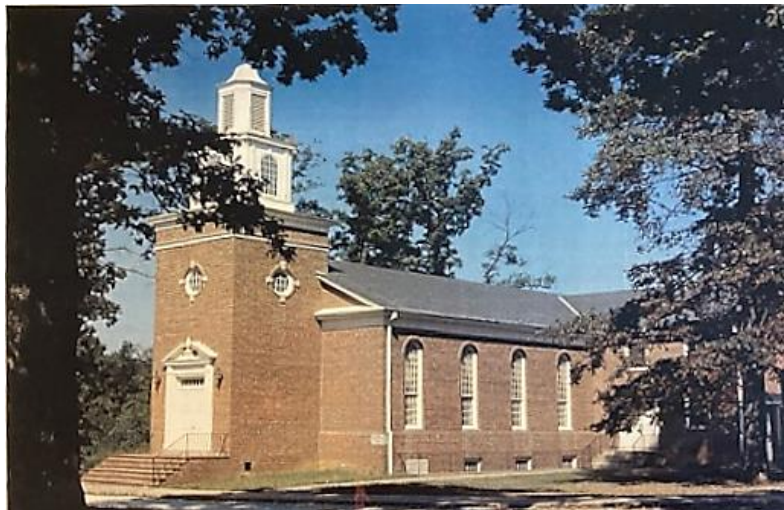
*Early construction*

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Throughout the years many changes have been made to the sanctuary including painting, drapes, a new organ, sound system and new windows. The basement was converted into classrooms, a conference room, and a library. The history committee is in the process of moving the history room from the tower behind the balcony to a room in the basement. When this is completed, the room will be more accessible for church members and Sunday School classes to observe the many artifacts and history of the church.

Every Sunday at 11 am, we observe the traditional worship service with music from the choir and handbell choir. Ten plus years ago the contemporary service was added at 9:30 am. Both services have seen baptisms, new members joining and confirmation classes joining. There have also been many weddings and funerals have been conducted also. Concerts by the choirs and guest performers are held in the sanctuary. The only time services were not held was during the COVID pandemic, but we continued to worship via Zoom.

Today the church stands here at the corner of Joppa Road and Honeygo Blvd. as a beacon to the community of God's work.



1965 - *The brand-new Sanctuary*

*Workers install the cupola*

In part seven next month: the construction of the educational building.

Doris Akehurst Tarleton  
Church Historian

# Birthdays

## September Birthdays

Marvin Gyr	September 5
Barry Foster	September 7
Easter Swecker	September 7
Jackie Potter	September 9
Matthew Welsh	September 9
Christopher Bain	September 12
Faith Klemm	September 12
Rebecca Finney	September 14
Kelly Burgess	September 15
Mary Daubert	September 16
Keith Klemm	September 17
Landon Beveridge	September 20
Debbie Porter	September 21
Birdie Swecker	September 22
Bob Knight	September 23
Cheryl Welsh	September 23
Sara Delkoon	September 24
Kathy Martin	September 24
Carol Pazdersky	September 30

## October Birthdays

Camille Bain	October 2
Sandra Boenig	October 4
Chris Yanson	October 4
Florence Littleton	October 5
Fox Swecker	October 8
Darin Daubert	October 10
Gregory Yanson	October 10
Matthew Ansel	October 12
Elizabeth McDonold	October 13
Angeline Howard	October 14
Ali Rezai	October 18
Leah Klemm	October 20
Robert Lentz	October 20
Martha Spero	October 24
Chris Grande	October 25
Beth Lingner	October 25
Ryan Gyr	October 28
Caroline Klemm	October 28
Dane Glisan	October 30
Scott Finney	October 31
Jacob Taylor	October 31

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## 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 send an email to [acorn@campchapel.org](mailto:acorn@campchapel.org) with your name and the month and day you were born. WE DO NOT NEED TO KNOW THE YEAR! Your age can be your secret!



# Lectionary Readings

## The Holy Bible Is the Word of God

### September

#### September 1 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795)  
James 4:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

#### September 8 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

#### September 15 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

#### September 22 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1 (UMH 738)  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 9:30-37

#### September 29 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22  
Psalm 124 (UMH 846)  
James 5:13-20  
Mark 9:38-50

### October

#### October 6 – World Communion Sunday

Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)  
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

#### October 13 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

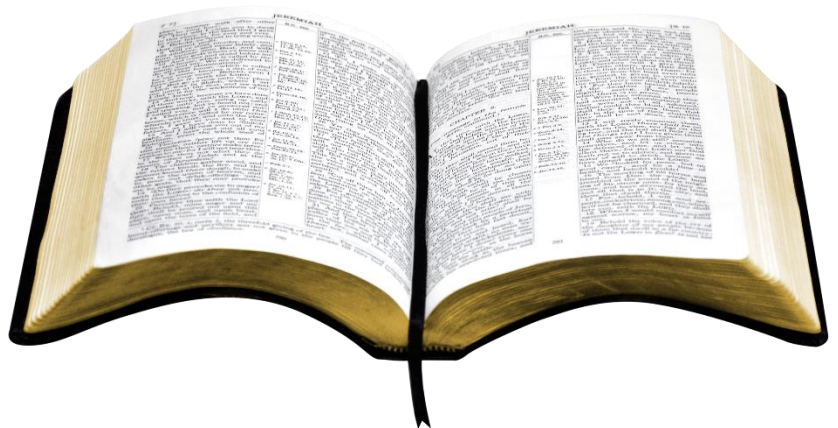
Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

#### October 20 – Laity Sunday

Job 38:1-7  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

#### October 27 – Reformation Sunday

Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52



# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## Handicap Parking

Because there is such a demand for the limited number of handicap parking spaces, if you are currently accustomed to using one of these spaces and the driver of your vehicle is able, please consider having the driver drop the passenger off, park in one of the regular spaces, and pick up the passenger when the service or the event is over. Thank you for your consideration.



## 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.



## 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 September?

September is Suicide Prevention Month, World Alzheimer's Month, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.



**Aaarrgh!**

- September 2
- September 4
- September 5
- September 6
- September 8
- September 8
- September 11
- September 15
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- September 17
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- September 18
- September 19
- September 21
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- September 21
- September 22
- September 22
- September 26
- September 27

- Labor Day
- National Wildlife Day
- International Day of Charity
- Fight Procrastination Day – oh let's not fight it today – we can fight it tomorrow!
- Grandparents Day
- Nativity of the Virgin Mary
- Patriot Day
- Wife Appreciation Day
- Hispanic Heritage Month begins (9/15 to 10/15)
- Tonight's full moon is the Harvest Moon
- National Voter Registration Day
- U.S. Air Force Day
- International Talk Like a Pirate Day
- International Day of Peace
- Oktoberfest begins
- Autumn begins
- World Rhinoceros Day
- National Day of Praise and Worship
- Native American Day



# Scam Alert: Fake Virus Threats

*From time to time, the Acorn will present tips to help keep you, your devices, and the information they contain safe from online predators.*

*Malware* is the technical term for a computer program that was written to do you harm by stealing your identity, stealing your money, or just disrupting your life. A *fake virus threat*, also called a *fake scan*, is a ruse used by hackers to try to fool you into loading malware onto your computer. The way it often works is like this: you are on the Internet, shopping or maybe googling something, when suddenly a pop-up window appears warning you that your device has been infected with a virus. The warning will typically direct you to do one of three things:

1. Click on a link to download a program to remove the virus. Do not do it!
2. Go to a website to purchase antivirus software. Do not do that either! The website could be fake and the “antivirus software” could contain malware.
3. Call a phone number to speak with an expert or a consultant. Do not do it! If this is a fake alert, a smooth-talking scammer will eventually get around to trying to obtain usernames and passwords or financial information.

Here are some signs that a virus alert is fake:

- Does the alert contain a request for payment? Legitimate companies don’t ask for payment information until you decide to purchase their software and many offer free versions of their product.
- Is there a sense of urgency in the alert? Do you get the feeling that the alert is trying to scare you into doing something before you have a chance to think it over or consult with someone more knowledgeable than you?
- Does the text of the alert contain poor design, grammar, and spelling? Legitimate companies ensure that their communications look professional and use proper English.

What should I do if I think I have gotten a fake virus alert?

1. Close the pop-up window and exit your browser.
2. Consider downloading antivirus software from a legitimate company (see below) if you haven’t already, and run a scan of your computer.
3. If all else fails, perform a factory reset.

Protect yourself before something like this happens!

- Avoid unsecure sites.
- Don’t click on suspicious links or attachments.
- Use an ad blocker.
- Enable automatic software updates.
- Download and use antivirus software.

For more information on this: click [HERE](#) or scan the 1st ◀ QR Code

For recommended antivirus software: click [HERE](#) or scan the 2nd QR Code ▶



# A Prayer for Labor Day

Eternal God,  
On this day we honor those who labor.  
Bless the workers, Lord.  
Thank you for providing us  
With the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community,  
Our nation, our world  
The strength and the will to provide work for all  
That is dignified, decent, and fair.

Make us faithful stewards  
Of your creation,  
And let us lift up those with whom we work  
That in all our labors we glorify your name.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
Who lives and reigns  
With you and the Holy Spirit,  
Now and forever.

