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A Message from Our Pastor



Beloved:

The Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference takes place this year from May 13 through May 15. This year, the Camp Chapel Lay Members to Conference are Bill Smith and Pat Ryan. Frank Long will attend as an observer as part of his studies. Please hold me, Bill, and Pat in prayer as we discern how best to answer God's call as we vote on legislation and resolutions, confirm Conference leadership, and support newly commissioned and ordained clergy.

2025 Annual Conference



Change of subject: as the weather warms up, we naturally think, "Summer!" Based on positive congregational feedback, the Church Council voted again to have a single worship service from June 1 through August 31 at 10 am.

Being able to worship as one is a blessing! We will be able to meet and greet our brothers and sisters who worship at services different than our preferred service. We will be able to share our preferred worship style with others and to experience new worship expressions for ourselves. This summer, we will be able to live in Christian unity; after all, we are one body through Christ Jesus our Lord. Come grow with us in worship and fellowship this season. If you would like to share your gifts of music and art or if you would like to serve as an usher or liturgist this summer, please contact me. Everyone has something to offer!

Peace,
Carol

CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

SPRC ANNOUNCES PASTOR SABBATICAL LEAVE



Rev. Dr. Robert Clipp

United Methodist pastors are encouraged to take a three- or four-month sabbatical every seven years. Sabbaticals are not vacation but a chance for pastors to fully disconnect and recharge their bodies, minds, and spirits. Local congregations are responsible for maintaining the pastor's salary and provide pulpit supply.

Pastor Carol has been in full-time ministry for 21 years and has not yet taken a sabbatical. With the support and encouragement of Camp Chapel's Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Pastor Carol will be on Sabbath Leave from June 23 to August 3. She has arranged for pulpit supply on Sundays by the Rev. Dr. Bob Clipp at no charge to the church. She will connect with local churches for pastoral care and our congregation will do as it always does –

love and support one another until her return.

Lisa Dzuik
SPRC Chair

CAMP CHAPEL HOSTS THE NATIONAL FAITH AND CLIMATE FORUM 2025

On March 27, Camp Chapel was one of 90 host sites across the country for a day of inspiring speakers, reality filled stories, theological grounding, and reflective exercises of how we each experience God's work. We processed eco-grief, relived the undamming of a sacred river, found solidarity with vulnerable communities, heard from inspiring youth, explored building faith communities prepared to respond to disasters, and much more.



Together, participants learned how to deepen our faith, build stronger congregations, and take bold action to care for creation.

Kathy Martin
Creation Care Team

CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

CREATION CARE TEAM HOSTS MASTER GARDENER GATHERING

On Sunday, March 30, Camp Chapel's Creation Care Team hosted a presentation by master gardener Marie Brannan, titled "Waking Up Your Garden." Gardeners from Camp Chapel gathered to listen to some of the best gardening practices for each season of the year. The Master Gardener program is an outreach sponsored by the Cooperative Extension System, a national network of professionals from 112 universities, of which the University of Maryland Extension is a member.



The Creation Care Team invites you to enjoy a stroll around our church gardens. Watch our gardens grow!

Creation Care is an up and coming ministry of Camp Chapel. We encourage you to join us, to reach out with your suggestions, to offer your help, or to ask about other ways to support our work.

Kathy Martin
Creation Care Team

BLUEGRASS CONCERT TO FEATURE LOCAL TALENT – BLUEGRASS MEMORIES

Bluegrass Memories, featuring Steve Street, bass; Dave Langrehr, guitar, vocals; Carroll Swam, guitar, vocals; Tim Kidd, fiddle, vocals; Jeff Kidd, mandolin, vocals; and Mike Mumford, Banjo, vocals will make their second appearance at Camp Chapel on Sunday, May 18 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary. The musicians are good friends from Baltimore and Harford Counties in Maryland and southern York County in Pennsylvania. They get together frequently to play and their camaraderie comes through abundantly in their music. Their last concert here (February, 2024) was very successful.



CAMP CHAPEL NEWS

CAMP CHAPEL PILLOW PROJECT HONORED BY MEDSTAR FRANKLIN SQUARE HOSPITAL

Our Pillow Project Ministry was one of the volunteer organizations that were recognized at the MedStar Franklin Square's luncheon on April 8. MedStar passed on their gratitude to our dedicated volunteers for supplying many pillows that provide comfort to their patients.

They also recognized our following volunteers for meeting MedStar's "Years-of-Service Honor Roll:"

20 Years and Over

Lorraine Feher

15 Years and Over

Edna Halcott

Debbie Kalendek

Zita Parks

Susan Smith

10 Years and Over

Joyce Williams

5 Years and Over

JoAnne Bowers

Andrew Joiner

Mike Joiner

5 Years+ contd.

Shawn Kalendek

Arleen Parcover

Mike Ryan

Nancy Schmidt

Doris Stroh

Faye Warehime

Our following volunteers were recognized for meeting MedStar's "Hours of Service Honor Roll:"

10,000 Hours & Up

Lorraine Feher

(Miss Lorraine was the current volunteer with the highest number of hours of service among all volunteers at MedStar Franklin Square!)

2,000 Hours & Up

Nancy Schmidt

Joyce Williams

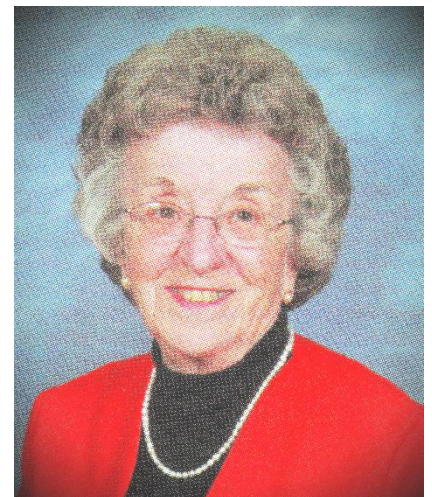
1,000 Hours & Up

JoAnne Bowers

Debbie Kalendek

Zita Parks

Doris Stroh



Lorraine Feher

This year we celebrate our 25th anniversary and, as of 04/30/2025, we have touched 27,313 patients' lives with our pillows. We are very grateful for all of our volunteers, both past and present, that have made this accomplishment possible!

Debbie Kalendek
The Pillow Project Ministry

Upcoming Events

J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

Wednesday, May 7, 11 am
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.

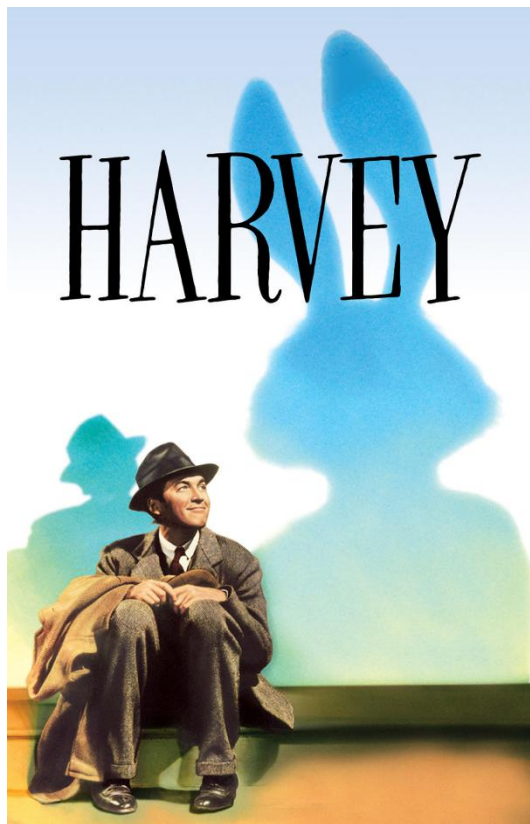


ALL ARE WELCOME!



Camp Chapel Film Seminar Presents Movies About Angels

Saturday, May 10, 6 pm Via Zoom



Elwood P. Dowd is an eccentric and altogether loveable man whose best friend is an invisible 6-foot-three-and-a-half-inch tall white rabbit named Harvey. Elwood spends his days happily going about town and introducing himself and Harvey to the people he meets, much to their puzzlement. Everything is hunky-dory until Elwood's sister Veta tries to have him committed to a sanitorium.

Harvey (1950), directed by Henry Koster, stars James Stewart, and has a running time of 104 minutes. Join us and enjoy a film and a lively discussion.

To check the flyer on our web site, click this link: **HARVEY** or scan the QR code ►



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

Upcoming Events Continued

ANNUAL CCUMC PLANT AND FLOWER SALE



Saturday, May 10
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 27 and May 4.

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 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 4.**

or

- You can purchase plants, flowers, and herbs at the sale on May 10. 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 and upkeep of our beautiful church gardens.

Please call or email **Pat Ryan** (410-456-8147, pryan21236@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Paper Shredding Fundraiser

Saturday May 17, 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 information with your family, friends, and neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Dziuk.



The Deadline for Submitting Articles for the
June *Acorn* Is Friday, May 16



BLUEGRASS MEMORIES CONCERT

Sunday, May 18 at 4 pm

In the Sanctuary



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.



Spring
Craft & Vendor
Show

SATURDAY MAY 24
9 am to 2 pm
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Enjoy the afternoon shopping with your favorite vendors and local crafters.

Bring your friends! Hope to see you there!

If you would like information about reserving a space, please call Jackie Brawn, 410-652-2776 or email at jackiebrawn@gmail.com

Upcoming Events Continued

Camp Chapel Community Yard Sale

Saturday June 7, 8 am to 1 pm
(Rain Date June 14)



ALL VENDOR SPACES HAVE BEEN SOLD! THANK YOU VENDORS!

Volunteers Needed!

Help is needed for directing traffic, parking, set/clean up, white elephant and food/bake table. Please consider giving of your time to help at this event.

6 to 8 am	Vendor Parking Assignment
8 am to 1 pm	Parking for Shoppers
7 am to 1:30 pm	White Elephant table
8 am to 1 pm	Food/Bake Table

Calling All Bakers!

Please consider baking cookies, a cake, brownies, or other goodies for the bake table. Donations of baked goods are needed.

Contacts:

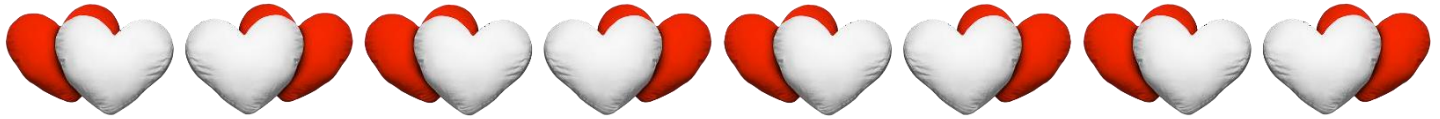
- Parking, set-up, cleanup, **Barbara Thompson 410-665-8049**
- Bake table, **Angela Gaskin agaskin5525@gmail.com**
- Setup/take down the White Elephant table, **Anita Obinger 410-931-6841**



May 6	Trustees Meeting	June 1	Summer Worship and Sunday
May 7	Band of Brothers		School Schedule Begins
May 13	Finance Meeting (Zoom)	July 8–10	Vacation Bible School (VBS)
May 14	Circle of Sisters	July 12	VBS Closing Party
May 24	Band of Brothers	August 30	Children's Carnival
May 27	Church Council (Zoom)	August 31	Summer Worship and Sunday
May 28	Circle of Sisters		School Schedule Ends

HELP WANTED!

PILLOW PROJECT VOLUNTEERS



As many of you know, with the help from dedicated volunteers, the Pillow Project Ministry supplies heart and rectangular-shaped pillows to Franklin Square's ICU, Oncology and The Women's Pavilion. We also supply heart-shaped pillows to the Cardiology Department at Union Memorial.

The Pillow Project Ministry is now looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to wash and lightly iron donated material and a few volunteers that would be willing to cut the material into heart and rectangular shapes. The pattern for both shapes would be supplied to the volunteers. If you are able to help, please reach out to Joyce Williams or Debbie Kalendek. Their contact information is as follows:

- Joyce Williams: joyce.a.williams0125@gmail.com, 410-218-5690
- Debbie Kalendek: djkalendek@gmail.com, 410-746-9731

Thank you!
The Pillow Project Ministry



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



This year our **Summer Sunday School** kicks off on **June 1 and continues through August 31**. To facilitate the Summer Sunday School program, we need adults to volunteer as teachers and others as assistant teachers, to ensure that our Safe Gatherings program is maintained. Safe Gatherings is a comprehensive system that requires 2 unrelated adults to supervise children to maintain a safe environment. It incorporates

an online application, online abuse prevention training and background checks. The training is valid for 2 years, so all the adults that volunteered last year will not be required to retake the training in 2024; however, new volunteers will be required to do the training and background checks.

If we have enough volunteers, adults will serve 1 Sunday per month, so that would just be 3 Sundays for the entire summer. We can work around your vacation schedule to accommodate. We will have a single classroom, with 2 adults, a range of 6-10 children, using the format of a bible story, related video, craft or game activities. If you are available to help, please contact **Angela Gaskin** agaskin5525@gmail.com no later than Sunday, April 27. Thank you in advance for considering to be a part of this important ministry!



Church History: The Chase Circuit

Around 1913, Camp Chapel, Orems, Cowenton, and Ebenezer Churches left the Great Falls Circuit and formed the Chase Circuit. The four churches were served by several pastors from 1913 to 1955. Some of the pastors only served for one year. This article will highlight those that served the circuit for several years.

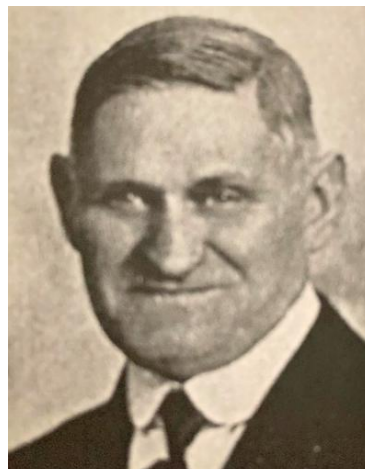
From 1923 through 1926, Alfred Ernest Kent was appointed to the Chase Circuit. He was born in England where he was a local preacher. After coming to America, he entered Morningside College in Iowa and graduated in 1912. In 1909 while in college he supplied a student charge with the North West Iowa Conference. In 1912 he entered the Boston University School of Theology, graduating in 1915. He came to the Baltimore Conference in 1916 and was appointed to several charges besides Chase Circuit. These included Savage, two years; Howard Park, Baltimore, one year; St. James Circuit, four years; and was completing his fourth year with the Chase Circuit when he left due to illness and his unexpected death. As a pastor, he was known for being faithful and gave diligent attention to all the details of his work.

Upon the death of Alfred Kent, Clement C. Archer was appointed to the Chase Circuit in 1927 and served until 1930. He was born in Michigan in 1876, but grew up in Virginia. He was licensed as a local preacher in Virginia in 1902 and his first appointment in the Baltimore Conference was in 1911. He received his Elder's Credentials from the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1913. In 1929 he married my parents, Carville G. and Doris Milling Akehurst in November at Ebenezer Methodist Church. After leaving the Chase Circuit he served the Circuits of Union Bridge, Swindell Memorial and Rogers Memorial. Due to his failing health in 1938, he retired from the Conference. He passed away in 1942 and is buried in the National Cemetery of Baltimore.

Walter Gibbs McKenney, was born in 1874. He was received into the membership of the Baltimore Conference in 1905. Again, he served several charges before being appointed to the Chase Circuit in 1934 through 1938. He retired from the ministry in 1940. He resided at his home in White Marsh and continued to worship at the Camp Chapel.



Rev. Alfred Kent



Rev. Clement Archer



Rev. Gibbs McKenney

Woodworking was his hobby and he worked in his workshop at his home creating wood trays. Several of the collection plates that were used in the Chapel and are in the showcase in the Church entrance were made by him. He passed away in 1960 and he and his wife Mayme are buried here in the church cemetery.



Plate fashioned by Rev. McKenney



Rev. and Mrs. McKenney's gravesite

In 1940, Orem's Methodist Church withdrew from the Chase Circuit to become an independent charge leaving Camp Chapel, Cowenton and Ebenezer.

In the next issue those pastors that served these three churches will be highlighted.

Doris Akehurst Tarleton
Church Historian



Scam Alert: Social Security Scams

Because of recent government personnel cuts and layoffs at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and at the Social Security Administration (SSA), the number of agents monitoring both of those systems for fraud and other illegal activities has been significantly reduced, opening wide the window of opportunity for scammers and fraudsters who prey on unsuspecting individuals.

Last month this column provided details about IRS scams. Here are things to keep in mind to protect from Social Security scams:

- SSA will not contact you via phone (unless you ask them to), email, text, or social media.
- You almost surely do not owe the SSA money, but if you do, SSA will never ask for payment in the form of gift cards, prepaid debit cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfer.
- SSA will never suspend your Social Security number. They also never threaten you with arrest, demand immediate payment, ask you to download software, or ask for credit card or bank account numbers.
- There is much more information available at <https://www.ssa.gov/fraud>.



Devotions for Home and Camp Chapel Gatherings

Read, reflect, listen deeply.

Preparation suggestions: breathe in, breathe out, 3 times, each time a bit deeper and slower.

Reflection: *We must learn to be quiet, to settle down in one spot for a spell... Once the interference has been stilled, real communion between man and God can begin.* Howard Thurman

At this moment, use our united power of prayer, knowing others are in this same reflection. Today, ready your spirit for communication with God.

Leave the world aside, reflect on these questions, as if we were gathered together in prayer.

- Are you friends, enemies or occasional companions with silence?
- What helps you take a few “pause pockets” of 1, 2, or 3 minutes of silence throughout today?
- How do you embrace Sunday’s pauses during our service and prayers?

The same letters that form the word silent also form the word listen. The next time you hear either word, take a few seconds or a minute to take a deep breath, close your eyes and invite the Spirit to be with you.

With Peace and Blessings,
Kathy Martin



Calling All Graduates!

We will celebrate high school or college graduates of family members of our congregation in the June edition of the *Acorn* Newsletter. If you have a family member graduating in 2025, please complete and submit the information below with **a photo of the graduate**. Call Sarah Littlejohn 410-256-5561 or email acorn@campchapel.org.

Your Name & Relationship to the Graduate:

Graduate's Name:

Graduating From:

Future Plans:



Cold Coffee and Chocolate Chip Cookies

Years ago, while Rev. Roberta Scoville was pastor here, she asked me if I would be willing to serve as Camp Chapel's Lay Member of Annual Conference. I was flattered. I also felt some trepidation as I accepted. Let me explain why.

But before I do that, allow me a small digression to call attention to a weird thing. Does that title "Lay Member of Annual Conference" seem a bit stilted and a little strange? It did to me, but check out the article on Annual Conference 2025 later in the *Acorn* for an explanation, along with some other information about Annual Conference that you might find enlightening

Okay, back to the essay. Before me, our previous Member of Annual Conference had been a man that many of you reading this may remember: Boyd Moore, a friend of mine. For Boyd, being Camp Chapel's Lay Member of Annual Conference was a chore. I can't blame him for feeling a little bit that way. Back then, Annual Conference was convened at Western Maryland College (today, it's named McDaniel College). It was convened in the summertime, when the college was pretty much deserted by students. With the students gone, the conference clergy and Lay Members were housed in the college dormitories. Conference sessions assembled wherever space could be found, and at least some of them were held in the gymnasium, with attendees sitting in the bleachers. I heard stories from Boyd, and it sounded like being a member of the conference involved a certain level of discomfort and sacrifice.

But this year was going to be different. Annual Conference convened in the spring at a very nice hotel and conference center in downtown Washington, D.C.

This was more to my liking. And I thought that I had a bit of an edge. I had represented the company I worked for at the time, Digital Equipment Corporation, at several DECUS symposia. DECUS was the Digital Equipment Computer Users Society, and twice a year they held their symposium at a different location around the country. The venues were large cities with vast convention centers and great hotels (Digital was the second-largest computer company in the world then, and their systems had hundreds of thousands of users, DECUS had tens of thousands of members, and thousands of them were sponsored by their employers to attend – it was big!). I was used to interacting with a couple of thousand people in a convention setting. This would be similar, I reasoned.

To make a long story short, I was right. Annual Conference had many of the aspects of the computer symposia I had attended. There was a vendor area, and it was quite like that at DECUS, except that instead of selling the latest third-party software or hardware that would run on our systems, these vendors were selling clergy robes, Christian books, and stuff like that. DECUS had computer geek celebrities, like Bruce Ellis, a colleague of mine who had published a book or two and who always had an entourage of admirers. Annual Conference had Rev. Dred Scott and Rev. Iris Farrabee-Lewis, both of whom always drew a crowd. At DECUS there were attendees who made sure they were noticed, like the guy who dressed as if he were on safari, complete with pith helmet. Annual Conference had a woman who always wore gaudy hats with

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flowers and a fellow who dressed like Charles Wesley (I thought he was supposed to be John, but I spoke with him, and he assured me he was Charles).

On the other hand, there were some big differences. We didn't have music at DECUS. There's great music at Annual Conference. Worship was not part of DECUS, obviously, but worship is a very important part of Annual Conference.

I vividly remember attending my first worship service at my first Annual Conference. Now, if you know me, you are probably aware that if I remember an event vividly, there are two, and only two, possible reasons. Either it was an awesome experience, or it was an infinitely embarrassing experience. So here we go.

As I made my way to the ballroom where the first session was being held, I stopped at the coffee shop in the hotel and bought a large, steaming hot cup of coffee and some big, chewy chocolate chip cookies. Now, somehow, I had missed an important item of information. During the first session, there was to be a worship service with communion, and all the conference attendees had been told to come prepared with a beverage – preferably juice – and some form of bread. This instruction had been prominently featured in that morning's Annual Conference Connection, a special daily edition of the Baltimore-Washington Conference newspaper filled with pertinent articles of interest to people attending the conference that apparently everybody else had read except me. I had tucked my copy away in my tote bag to peruse later.

We voted on a few agenda items, then the worship service began. I set my coffee under my chair and put the last partially eaten cookie in my tote. The service was beautiful and uplifting. The worship music was moving and energetic. Our bishop at the time, Bishop Felton May, preached a passionate and inspiring sermon about Holy Boldness. Then the service of communion began, and everybody around me produced containers of



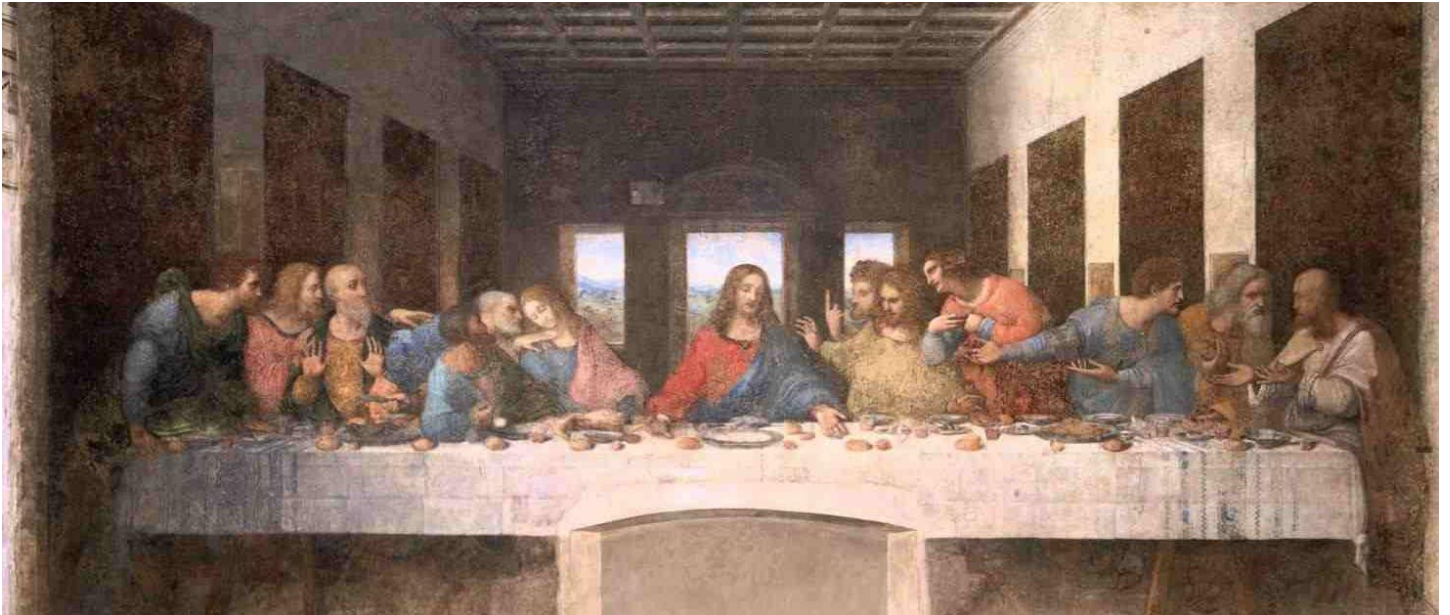
juice – grape, apple, cranberry – and their portions of bread – pita, English muffins, soda crackers. All I could grab from my chair and my bag were a few swallows of coffee that had become thoroughly chilled and half of a chocolate chip cookie that I hadn't eaten yet.

The celebrant blessed the elements and said, "Take, eat." Everybody partook of their bread. I hesitated, then I chewed my cookie. The celebrant said, "Drink and remember." Everybody sipped their juice. I swigged the last of my cold coffee.

I noted odd looks directed at me from the people seated near me, and I had to ask myself, "Did I just participate in the sacrament of communion? Or had I done something profane?" I must tell you, in my heart, I felt that I had just eaten at the table of the Lord.



I got to thinking. The only reason that the “normal” elements of communion are bread and wine (or in modern times, juice) is that those were the food and drink that Jesus had on the table before him to bless and share at his last supper. It was Passover, and the last supper was a Seder meal, so those were the food and drink available. What if Jesus had been arrested, tortured, and crucified in, say, October instead of at Passover? What if his last meal had been lamb with water as the beverage and maybe a few figs for dessert? What would our communion look like if that had been the circumstance?



I had shared a symbolic meal with several hundred fellow Christians, and I did it sincerely and in remembrance of Jesus’s acts of love and fellowship with his disciples on the night before he died. So what if it was a cookie that I ate? So what if it was cold coffee that I drank?

Communion is one of our sacraments, and a sacrament is “an outward and visible sign, instituted by Christ, to give grace.” That’s the definition in the Baltimore Catechism that I had to memorize when I was a kid going to Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic School.

I believe that my experience that night at my first Annual Conference fulfilled all the requirements, even though it was highly unorthodox. For me, it wouldn’t have mattered if my “wine” had been a Dr. Pepper and my “bread” had been a few gummi bears, I would still have been partaking in the Lord’s supper and I would still experience the outpouring of grace that I felt that evening.

Are the story I have just told you and the conclusions I came to draw from it valid theologically? I hope so, but I have no idea at all. Are there United Methodist scholars and church elders and perhaps some of you who are reading this now who might recoil in horror at the idea of providing the sacrament of communion using Dr. Pepper and gummi bears as the elements? I am absolutely certain there are. But all I can tell you is how the experience affected me.

So, was my experience embarrassing? Definitely. Was it awesome? Oh, most definitely!

Bill Smith

Birthdays

May Birthdays

Eva Finney	May 3
Geraldine Villella	May 5
Betty Conrad	May 11
Martin LaBar	May 15
Joshua Amador	May 19
Mary Foster	May 25
Mike Ryan	May 28
Marge Brown	May 31



June Birthdays

Dorothy DeCarlo	June 1
Jennifer Moriarty	June 1
Heather Akehurst-Krause	June 3
Sharon Beveridge	June 7
Judy Homberg	June 7
Terry Kempler	June 11
Ryan Beveridge	June 13
Gloria Marks	June 13
Roger Price	June 13
Glenn Porter	June 16
Lynette Vitanza	June 16
Brenda Grande	June 22
Zoey Jackson	June 24
Michael Palmer	June 24
Pat Ryan	June 26
Helen Fringo	June 28
Mary Laubner	June 30

Having a Birthday?

The *Acorn* would love to celebrate every single birthday of every member of our congregation. 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 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

May

May 4: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm 30 (UMH 762)

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 11: 4th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23 (UMH 754)

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148 (UMH 861)

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

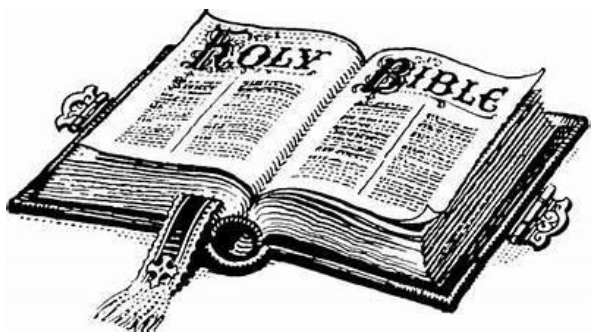
May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67 (UMH 791)

Revelation 21:10, 22:5

John 14:23-29



June

June 1: 7th Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday)

Acts 16:16-34

Psalm 97 (UMH 816)

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

Readings for Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 (UMH 781)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

June 8: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17 (25-27)

June 15: 1st Sunday after Pentecost (Father's Day)

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8 (UMH 743)

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 22: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42 (UMH 777)

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 29: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (UMH 798)

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Bible Is the Word of God



Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference 2025

The term “Annual Conference” is an unusual one. It has three different, but related meanings. First, Annual Conference is a geographical area of jurisdiction. Our Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference encompasses the Central and Western Maryland counties, from Harford County in the east to Allegany County in the west, and south to St. Mary’s County; Morgan, Berkely, and Jefferson Counties in West Virginia; Baltimore City; and Washington, D.C.; plus Marsden First UMC in Bermuda. The Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference includes all of the United Methodist churches included in that geography.

Second, “Annual Conference” also describes an organizational entity. Our Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference is led by our bishop, Bishop Latrelle Easterling, and comprises the organizational framework and infrastructure under which our churches are governed, including missions and ministries, organizational departments, staff, land, buildings, vehicles, office equipment and supplies – all the things that enable the church to operate successfully and efficiently and to carry out God’s purpose for us in the world.

Finally, “Annual Conference” is the yearly meeting at which the business of the church is planned and conducted. The Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference 2025 will convene May 13, 14, and 15 at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel. Annual Conference is attended by clergy from each church in the conference, by Lay Members of Annual Conference from every church, and by a variety of different guests, vendors, and exhibitors.

Lay Members of Annual Conference are appointed by their churches. They are not delegates from their congregations, but rather officers of the Annual Conference as a whole, which is an important distinction. A delegate takes authority from, represents, and is beholden to the jurisdiction that sent the delegate. A Lay Member of Annual Conference is sent from a church congregation, but does not represent the interests of that congregation, nor is the Lay Member beholden in any way to that congregation. A Lay Member of Annual Conference is an officer of the Annual Conference and derives authority from the Annual Conference and from the commission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 16 and 18. Lay members vote on all matters except those that pertain specifically to ministerial/clergy relations, and they are instructed to vote for the good of the whole church, not just their own congregations (remember, they are not delegates, but officers of the Annual Conference).

At the 2025 Annual Conference, in addition to normal business like voting on the conference budget, Pastor Carol and your Lay Members will be asked to vote on four constitutional amendments that will carry out a restructuring plan called “regionalization,” expand inclusiveness in church membership, define the church’s position on racism and colonialism, and clarify who can vote for clergy delegates who serve at General Conference and other conferences.

Your Lay Members of Annual Conference will report to you after the conference ends.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Handicap Accessible Parking



Because there is such a high demand for the limited number of handicap accessible 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.



Prayer Request 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 a 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 May?

Among other observances, May is the Awareness Month for ALS, Arthritis, Bladder Cancer, Brain Cancer, Celiac, Fibromyalgia, Lupus, Skin Cancer, Mental Health, Allergy and Asthma, Lyme Disease, and Tourette Syndrome. May also honors American Cheese, Pets, Clean Air, Small Businesses, Motorcycle Safety, Lettuce, and Strawberries. May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Jewish American Heritage Month.



May 1 May Day

May 1 National Mother Goose Day

May 2 International Harry Potter Day

May 2 National Brothers and Sisters Day

May 3 151st Running of the Kentucky Derby

May 4 International Firefighters Day

May 4 Star Wars Day

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6-12 Nurse Appreciation Week

May 6-12 Children's Book Week

May 8 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

May 11 Mother's Day

May 11 National Twilight Zone Day

May 13 National Frog Jumping Day

May 14 National Dance Like a Chicken Day

May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 16 National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day

May 16 National Sea Monkey Day

May 17 National Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia

May 17 Malcolm X Day

May 17 150th Running of the Preakness Stakes

May 18 Armed Forces Day

May 20 World Bee Day

May 20 National Women in Aerospace Day

May 22 Sherlock Holmes Day

May 27 Memorial Day

May 28 Amnesty International Day

May 29 National Senior Health and Fitness Day

May 29 Ascension Day

May 30 World Multiple Sclerosis Day

