

MAYO CONNECTION

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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The month of October is known for many things like trick or treating and the changing of the leaves, but in the life of the United Methodist Church it is also known as Pastor Appreciation Month. Often a congregation will find a way to express their appreciation for all their pastor does in their lives; however, I found myself asking a different question, “What do pastors appreciate?”

I started, as I often do, by researching the definition of the word ‘appreciate’ just to be sure I understood its meaning. According to the dictionary it means to “recognize the full worth of” whoever or whatever you appreciate. I decided that I would take the month of October to spend time daily recognizing the full worth of all the great people and things in my life. I’m calling it the spiritual practice of appreciation.

Paul gave me a great place to begin in 1 Corinthians, as he opens his letter, he writes, “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.” Not every pastor can claim what I will say next, but I truly appreciate the congregation at Mayo UMC. I appreciate how you treat me, lift me up when I stumble, humble me in both beautiful and challenging ways, and how you have invited me into this faith community to grow as a disciple alongside each of you.

I just finished my 5th year at Mayo UMC, if you can believe that? When I first arrived at Mayo UMC I was at one of the lowest points of my life physically, emotionally, and spiritually. In the past 5 years you have supported me as I made significant changes to many aspects of my life and you have empowered and encouraged me to care for myself in life changing ways. I don’t really need a pastor appreciation month because at least one person of the congregation expresses appreciation every week. Too many of my colleagues share stories of being abused or taken for granted. In other words they are under appreciated. I think I tend to be over appreciated so thanks for spoiling me rotten!

I look forward to spending the whole month of October appreciating life and all the blessings God has placed in my life. Here are a few I know will make an appearance: God’s love and grace, my health, my family and friends, my dog, chocolate...oh the list goes on and I’m just getting started. I am also going to try and “fully recognize the value” of some things I don’t always appreciate like mosquitoes (that’s going to be a growing edge for me), people who hold different values and ideals than I do, and those who don’t cheer for the Orioles and the Ravens.

Ok, all jokes aside, it is a beautiful and wondrous experience to feel valued for who you are and Mayo UMC brings that into my life, so thank you! Maybe you’d like to join me this month in my spiritual practice of appreciation? Instead of worrying about appreciating the Pastor, let’s recommit ourselves to fully recognizing the value of all those in our lives, community, and world.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Amanda

PS. Umm, if any of you have a true appreciation for mosquitos, will you please share your insights?!

**PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAY EVENINGS AT
6:00 PM**



Hybrid sessions in-person or via Zoom.

We will be finishing our study of the prophets Elijah and Elisha and beginning a study on thanksgiving!

No book is needed. Come for a single class or join us every week.

Blue Ribbon Project:

We will be gathering supplies and assembling Backpacks of Love! These are backpacks giving to children who are suddenly placed in foster care. Often children are removed from their homes with little or no possessions. These backpacks provide some comfort and basic supplies for these children.

This is a local project supporting foster children across 13 counties in MD, but was started here in Anne Arundel County. Look for the Blue Ribbons starting in October and select one to donate a needed item or provide a cash donation and we will shop for you.



LADIES!

Join us For lunch
Wednesday, Oct. 4th
At 12 Noon



M Thai Kitchen
181 Mitchells Chance Rd
Edgewater
RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 3rd

CHURCH NIGHT OUT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

LET'S DINE!

6:00 PM

**105 MAYO ROAD
EDGEWATER**



RSVP BY SUNDAY, OCT. 22

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5th

Do you have someone that has passed in the last year you would like to remember?
Let the church office know.

Greetings beloved of Mayo UMC,

Inspired by the changing colors and dropping of the leaves in this season, we would like to call you to the stewardship of letting go. Each year in this season, many trees let go of the leaves they can no longer sustain as the daylight hours shorten and the days grow colder. In our own lives of waxing and waning, we too need to practice letting go of items and practices that are no longer sustainable in our lives.

To start easy maybe begin with something in your home that could be let go? Some articles of clothing as you change out for the seasons? Maybe go through a kitchen cabinet or drawer and let go of some things you never use? Feel motivated, maybe go through a closet too? Whether you pass items along, donate them to a thrift store, or just let their lives end in the trash can, it is a great spiritual practice to let go of things that are no longer needed.

Want to go deeper? Did you know that in ancient Greek the word for forgiveness literally means to let go of or to throw away from? What have you been holding onto that you need to let go? Something you regret? Something that brings you shame? Anger at another? A broken relationship? Too often we hold onto things that weigh us down when our God is so willing to bear the burden. To be a good steward is not only to take care of what you have, but to also know when something has served its purpose and it can be let go. What can you give over to God this season?

Blessings,
The Mayo UMC Finance Team



Stewardship Challenge for October

Let go of one item, habit, or past action that is not giving life to you.

Deadline REMINDER

Mayo Connect Submissions are due by **noon Thursday, October 19th** to be included in the November issue of Mayo Connection.

Please submit your information by emailing to mayoumcnd@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!



Dear siblings in Christ,

According to the online Cambridge English Dictionary the phrase 'raise the roof' means to "to play or sing very loudly or enthusiastically." Merriam-Webster's online dictionary states the definition to be "to make a lot of noise by playing music, celebrating, or shouting." Here is something I know to be true...you can make more noise as a group than you can by yourself.

As an athletic trainer, I spent a great deal of time at sporting events. Let me tell you how loud an enthusiastic crowd can be! There were times I couldn't hear my athletes trying to speak with me over the crowd. I also love a loud music concert. Though I know it isn't good for hearing, I do love the way my ears ring following a good concert. Raising the roof is not something an individual can do alone. Nope it requires an enthusiastic crowd!

So friends let's raise this roof! Let's make some noise! Let's start by praising God that we have already raised *over \$12,000* toward our campaign. Can I get a woot, woot?! Next, lets remember that each voice you add to a song, each shout to a cheer, each clap to applause increases the noise. You may not be able to hear that one contribution over the crowd, but it truly matters! Will you add some noise to our campaign this month? Whether in prayer, presence, gift, service or witness we need you so we can truly raise the roof!

With gratitude and great hope,
Pastor Amanda

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

We would like to thank everyone for their support of Backpack Buddies during the last school year; and those who helped with the *Back to School* project this year.

Now we are moving into the *Backpack Buddies* program for this school year. We will be collecting food for children in need at both Central and Mayo Elementary Schools. As in the past the guidance counselors at the schools will determine who is in need of food help on the weekends. We support by providing food that is given to the student for the weekend. The food covers 2 breakfasts, 2 lunch and 3 dinner meals along with some snacks. Food must not need refrigeration. We are in need of single serving meals. Examples include: Pop Tarts, oatmeal, individual boxes of cereal, juice, mac and cheese, peanut butter tubs, ravioli, ramen noodle soup, chicken noodle soup, cracker sandwiches, popcorn, apple sauce, fruit cups, pretzels, cookies in individual servings packets, and pudding cups.

We are sponsoring 10 children at Mayo and 18 students at Central Elementary. This involves feeding children from 20 local families with weekend food.

The month of October we are asking for donations of:

Chicken Noodle soup or Tomato soup.

We use a lot of food each week. Please consider helping with this local outreach project. All donations are appreciated.



**FIRST SUNDAY AT BRIGHTVIEW
October 1st**

Join Pastor Amanda and Doug at 2:00 PM as we join together with the residents of Brightview Assisted Living for joyful singing and celebration of communion

**Brightview-South River
8 Lee Airpark Drive
Edgewater MD 21037**



Greetings, Mayo UMC Friends.

At the 10:15 service on September 17, we were blessed with inspiring music, sung by our children. They gifted us with “We Shall Not Be Moved” for the introit, and “Peace Is Flowing Like a River” for the song of reflection. The children will be singing again on October 1 at the 9:15 communion service.

In November (date TBA) we will have a “Release Party” to celebrate the release of “The Ballad of Murgatroyd Moose.” TPS fans will be able to access the song on the internet music outlets such as Spotify, Pandora, Apple Music, etc. The release party will include a concert with a live rendition of “Murgatroyd.” The Turkey Point Singers visited a professional recording studio to record the song, and had a wonderful time experiencing that aspect of vocal artistry.

The Turkey Point Singers rehearse on Sundays at 11:45 in the choir room. If you know of any young people who would like to be a part of the excitement, please encourage them to join us. Anyone from the community is welcome, including those who are not members of Mayo UMC.

Families who home-school their children are welcome to make appointments with Opa for mid-week rehearsals and music lessons.

Bless you all.

Douglas Bischoff, Mayo UMC Music Director

The Bulletin

The Bulletin is a new monthly resource designed especially for local churches to share important and meaningful information about faith and vitality as it is being lived out in the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences.

Here’s the link:

<https://www.pdcbbc.org/the-bulletin.html>

Remember our shut-ins:

Doris Haschert
314 White Oaks Drive #103
Springfield, IL 62704

Leila Youngren
Riva Terrace Assisted Living
1232 Ritchie Highway
Arnold, MD 21012

Please let our shut-ins know we are thinking of them.

If you have someone you would like to be included here please email the office (mayoumcmd@gmail.com) or Pastor (mayopastor1005@gmail.com), or call the church office (410.798.6110)

Living Well-Small Group



Join this Small Group

Tuesday, October 10th
at 10:00 AM

To be lifted up and supported around the things that weigh on your heart, mind, body, and soul.

Breakfast Time!

Come Join Us
In Fellowship Hall
8:00 AM
Saturday, Oct. 21st



Fall Fellowship Open House

Sunday, October 22nd
3:00 - 6:00 PM

Bring along a pumpkin to paint or carve and we will provide supplies!

Also enjoy creating and consuming some tasty fall treats!



FUN FOR ALL AGES!

COMING UP SAVE THESE DATES!

November 4th
Ham and Oyster Dinner
with silent auction

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Kitchen Clean-up
5-9 PM-Wednesday, Nov 1

Potato Peeling
5:30-7 PM-Friday, Nov 3

Oyster Patting
8-9:30 AM Saturday, Nov 4

Serving and Kitchen Help
2-8PM Saturday, Nov. 4

November 5th
All Saints Sunday

October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 World Communion Sunday One Service 9:15 Worship 2 PM Brightview-South	2	3 Pastor's Bible Study 6PM in-Person or Via Zoom	4 Ladies Luncheon-12 noon M Thai Kitchen 181 Mitchels Chance Rd Edgewater, MD	5	6 Church office Closed	7
8 8:15 Worship-Outdoors 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Worship with Children's Sunday School	9	10 Living Well-10 AM Pastor's Bible Study-6PM in-Person or Via Zoom	11	12	13 Church office Closed	14
15 8:15 Worship-Outdoors 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Worship with Children's Sunday School	16	17 Pastor's Bible Study 6PM in-Person or Via Zoom	18	19	20 Church office Closed	21 8 AM-Church Breakfast
22 8:15 Worship-Outdoors 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Worship-with Children's Sunday School 3-6 PM Fall Fellowship	23 6 PM-Church Night Out Senor Chile 105 Mayo Road Edgewater, MD	24 Pastor's Bible Study 6PM in-Person or Via Zoom	25	26	27 Church office Closed	28
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