

MAYO CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2021 EDITION

MAYO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

hello
October

The text 'hello October' is centered. 'hello' is in a lowercase, rounded sans-serif font, and 'October' is in a large, elegant cursive script. The letter 'o' in 'hello' is replaced by a small pumpkin. A single maple leaf is tucked between the 'l' and 'O'. Two more pumpkins are placed around the text: one to the left of 'hello' and one to the right of 'October'.

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Message from the Pastor

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing.” (John 15:5, The Message)

The season of autumn has two main stages. First, there is a time of harvest; when crops that have been growing throughout the last stages of summer bear their yield and are gathered for all the fall goodies and festivities we love. The second stage is often overlooked as a time of pretty leaves changing, but it is a vital part of tree and plant growth that helps prep the tree for spring.

You see, as the angle of the Earth shifts and the sunlight and temperatures decrease, the tree has to make a choice. Drop its leaves and enjoy growing this spring or keep its leaves and wither during the winter. You see the tree has to work harder to protect itself and gain necessary nutrients during the winter. It isn’t a time for growth, but a time to prepare for growth; so it must rid itself of excess burden, such as leaves, if it wants to thrive and grow again in seasons to come. In other words: if there is not pruning or dropping of the excess, there will be no more fruit!

As we enjoy the autumn month of October, one of my personal favorites, we should be doing the same thing as disciples that our trees and plants are doing. First, let us celebrate the harvest of the fruits of our ministries. What have we done well? Who have we helped? Who have we loved? Have lives been changed? Then we need to seriously ask ourselves about our priorities and choices. What do we need to drop so we can prepare as disciples for growth and fruit bearing?

What are the leaves hanging on your tree of life that are draining you instead of sustaining you? Is it a task? Is it a person? Can you let it drop? Also, what would you like to focus on this fall and winter as a source of growth for you as a disciple. What are the essential nutrients you need, and how are you ensuring you receive them?

Most importantly, we remember that we are not the vine, but just the branches; meaning, we are the fruits and growth of God, and we can only continue to grow by the blessings and grace of God. Jesus Christ is our vine...that life-giving connection between us and all we truly need to live and grow. This summer, we have had some powerful storms and after each one, limbs have been on the ground ripped from their trunks. If our limb is not healthy, not strong, then the storms of life are more likely to rip us away from God as well. Once the branch is on the ground no longer attached to the trunk, it withers and dies.

Some of God's most powerful messages are reflected in the nature of God's creation. As you watch the trees this fall, use them as a reminder to stay connected, to nourish yourself, and to look to grow and bear fruit. For this is not just the way of trees, it is the way of the disciple.

Peace and blessings,
Pastor Amanda



Watch us on



Click the following [link](#) and subscribe to our YouTube Channel to stay updated with our latest videos.
(You may also find us by searching for **Mayo UMC**)



Happy Pastor Appreciation Day, Rev. Amanda! On October 10th, make sure to tell Pastor Amanda how much you appreciate all she does for our congregation!

UMW Lunch Out
Wednesday, Oct. 6th @ Noon
Seafood Palace Buffet

81 Forest Plaza A
Annapolis, MD 21401
Come and celebrate with a great meal
and fun fellowship. RSVP to Pastor
Amanda or Church Office by Oct. 4th.





Join Mayo UMC in Celebrating World Communion Sunday, October 3rd!

World Communion Sunday offering funds graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships, with at least half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for undergraduate U.S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In Service Training Programs.



Out in the World with Pastor Amanda

Sat. Oct. 9th @ 9:30 am

**Larriland Farms, 2415 Woodbine Rd,
Woodbine, MD 21797**

(60-80 min drive)

Join Pastor Amanda at **Larriland Farms** on Saturday, Oct 9 for some fall fun!

Every year Pastor Amanda went to Larriland Farms with her parents, and now she'd like to go with her church family. Meet in church parking lot at **9:30am** for carpooling! Please **RSVP** with Pastor Amanda by **Wed, Oct 6**.



Ladies Night Out – Monday, Oct. 18 at 6pm

Julep Southern Kitchen

2207 Forest Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401

Can't come to lunch, no problem! We'll just go out to dinner too! All women of the church invited to share good food and fellowship at a monthly dinner gathering.

RSVP to Pastor Amanda or Church

Office by Thurs, Oct. 14.

MUMC Men's Breakfast

(Every 3rd Saturday of the month at @ 8:00 AM)

Saturday, Oct. 16th:

Men's Breakfast

(Fellowship Hall || 8:00 AM)

Saturday, Nov. 20th:

Men's Breakfast

(Fellowship Hall || 8:00 AM)





Birthdays & Anniversaries

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO **BEN KAMM**, CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY ON OCT .11TH, AND **JUDI KAMM**, CELEBRATING ON OCT. 18TH. BEV MCCLOSKEY'S MOM, **BETTY PELL**, WILL BE TURNING 95 YEARS OLD ON OCTOBER 22, 2021! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO **PASTOR AMANDA**, WHO CELEBRATES HER BIRTHDAY ON OCT. 24TH.

We would like to celebrate your special days with you!

PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT MAYOUMCMD@GMAIL.COM WITH YOUR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY DATES SO THAT YOU MAY BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT MAYO CONNECTION! WE DON'T NEED THE YEAR UNLESS YOU WANT TO INCLUDE IT. THIS INFORMATION IS FOR CELEBRATING WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY ONLY AND WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.



Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays @ 6pm

Oct 6 – Nov 10 via Zoom

Reading the Old Testament

Through Jewish Eyes: A Study of the Scriptures Jesus Read

Join Pastor Amanda for six weeks of exploration in the Old Testament with Rabbi Evan Moffic. In *Reading the Old Testament Through Jewish Eyes*, Rabbi Moffic explores the Torah, the first five books of the Hebrew Bible, and highlights points of interest to Christians. He describes the role of the Torah in Jewish worship and practice and explores the key themes of each book guided by the wisdom of Jewish interpreters through the centuries. Join Rabbi Moffic in this study of the Torah and find rich new insights into the biblical story. Discover how the Torah can be a source of wisdom, truth, and transformation in your life.

Church Photo Directory



New Church Directory Photos

October 3rd and 24th

Mayo UMC Classroom

Reese in the church office will be collecting or taking photos to use in our new church photo directory. She will be emailing members with a form to fill out to make sure your contact information is correct in the new edition. Photos can be emailed to the church office. Reese's daughter, Dani, will be offering to take photos on **Sunday, Oct. 3 and 24** for those that would like that service. Photos taken by Dani will be available for sale also. Look for an email to come soon!

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Monthly Newsletter Submissions are due the **3rd Thursday** of each month. Please be sure to submit your information by emailing mayoumcmd@gmail.com by **Oct. 21st by noon.**

Annual Events should be submitted as soon as possible!!



Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date on the latest happenings at our church and in our community!

See What's Happening at Mayo UMC this month...

Wednesday, October 6th @ 12:00 PM

*UMW Lunch Out
Seafood Palace Buffet*

Wednesdays beginning October 6th-Nov. 10th @ 6:00 PM

Pastor's Bible Study via Zoom

Saturday, October 9th meeting at church @ 9:30 AM

*Out in the World with Pastor Amanda
Pumpkin and Apple Picking at Larriland Farms*

Saturday, October 16th @ 8:00 AM

*Men's Breakfast
Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, October 18th @ 6:00 PM

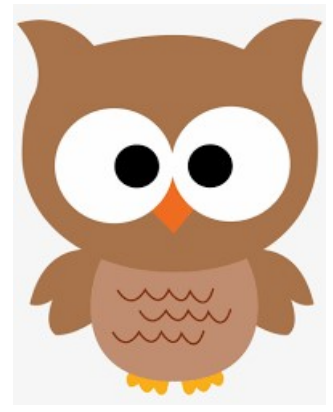
*Ladies Night Out
Julep Southern Kitchen*

Thursday, October 21st @ 12:00 PM

Newsletter Submissions due to office for November

Sundays, October 3rd and 24th @ 12:00 PM

Photos will be taken by appointment for new church directory



Help UMCOR in Supporting Haiti Relief

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. Those interested in supporting UMCOR's response in Haiti can make gifts online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450/>

or by checks sent to Global Ministries/UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068, with Advance #982450 noted on the memo line. Updates on UMCOR's response to the 2021 earthquake in Haiti can be found at <https://umcmmission.org/international-disaster-response/earthquake-in-haiti-umcours-response/>.



We pray for those in the path of Hurricane Ida

UMCOR has already begun responding to the devastation. You can give online. The BWC's Rev. Herbert Brisbon, is serving beyond the local church as chaplain at Dillard University. He reports that the chapel and university took a very bad hit from Hurricane Ida. They are sending students home and many of the students don't have access to computers or the Internet. He advises that anyone who is interested in providing assistance can donate online.

November



Ham and Oyster Dinner/Silent Auction

November 6th, 2021

Set Up November 5th, 2021

Join us on November 6th for an evening of great food,
fun fellowship, and interesting finds!

Volunteer are needed to make this a special event.

Contact Ray Leone if you're interested in helping
or donating for the auction.



PRAYER REQUEST

Those in Need of Prayer

Please continue to pray for our shut-ins,
Doris Haschert and **Leila Youngren**.

Requesting prayers for **Pam Ebersole** who is recovering from a broken hip
and **Charles Harnsberger's sister, Camilla**, who has been
diagnosed with Covid.



If you have someone you would like listed on the long-term prayer list,
please submit their name to the church office (mayoumcmd@gmail.com)
or call 410.798.6110 and leave a voice message by the 15th for
inclusion in the next newsletter. If you would like to share a recent joy or
concern, please contact Pastor Amanda (mayopastoramanda@gmail.com)
and we will be sure to add it to our What's Up Wednesday email.

