

MAYO CONNECTION

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MAYO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Greetings Beloved Siblings in Christ,

March carries us fully into the season of Lent — a season that asks us to slow down long enough to notice what is shaping our hearts. Some days feel heavy. The world can feel loud. Our personal lives can feel complicated. And yet, right in the middle of all that, we are choosing this year to ask a different question: *Tell me something good.*

That question is not naïve. It is not dismissive of hardship. It is, instead, deeply faithful. It assumes that even in wilderness seasons, God is still at work. Even in repentance, there is grace. Even in sacrifice, there is transformation. Lent does not ignore brokenness — it helps us face it honestly — but it also reminds us that goodness is never fully extinguished.

The apostle Paul once encouraged believers to pay attention to what is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, and commendable — to dwell on what is excellent and worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8). That invitation feels especially timely. Where we place our attention shapes our spirits. When we begin intentionally looking for goodness — not perfection, not ease, but goodness — we often discover that God has been present all along.

This Lenten journey, we will explore how goodness shows up in unexpected places: in forgiveness, in humility, in courage, in generosity, in honest confession, and in persistent hope. We will tell stories. We will listen deeply. We will practice paying attention. And perhaps we will begin to see that goodness is not something we have to create from scratch — it is something God is continually bringing forth in us and around us.

My prayer for us this month is simple: *May we become people who can name the good without denying the hard. May we develop eyes trained for grace. May we be courageous enough to ask the question — and patient enough to wait for the answer.*

There is goodness here. There is goodness growing. And together, we will learn to recognize it.

Grace, peace, and love,
Pastor Amanda

Ladies Luncheon



Wed, Mar. 4
@ Noon

Killarney House

584 W Central Ave
Davidsonville MD

Contact Cheryl by noon
Tuesday, Mar. 3
to let her know you're coming
Call or text 301.752.1386

CHURCH NIGHT OUT



Mar. 25th
@ 6pm
Join us at

Fuji Japanese Steakhouse
169 Mitchells Chance Road
Edgewater MD 21037

Please call or text Cheryl by noon
Tues. Mar. 24 to RSVP
301.752.1386

Adult Bible Studies



Lament
Confession
Rebirth

Spring 2026

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays
@ 6 pm

In-person or via

New Link beginning March 3:

<https://www.cokesbury.com/Adult-Bible-Studies-Spring-2026-Student>

Announcement:

We are excited to announce our Children's Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place on Easter Sunday, April 5, following the 10:15 AM service. Please note that each child must be accompanied by an adult.

We are also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. You can support us in the following ways:

- Donate candy: Please bring bags of candy by Sunday, March 15.
- Stuff Easter eggs: Join us on March 16 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall to help prepare the eggs.

Giving Tree

You may have noticed a small tree with envelopes hanging on it in the church lobby. This is our new giving tree. We struggled last year to meet the needs of our yearly budget, and we understand that not everyone can simply increase their monthly or weekly giving. The giving tree is an opportunity to occasionally help support the church. It will have envelopes with a smaller bill the church needs to pay. Simply place cash or check (made out to Mayo UMC) in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate.



Dear Disciples of Christ,

As we continue our Lenten theme, “Tell Me Something Good,” we are reminded that stewardship begins with awareness. Before we give, before we serve, before we commit — we notice. We notice how God has been

generous with us.

Goodness surrounds us in ways we sometimes overlook: relationships that sustain us, skills that come naturally, resources that provide stability, moments of unexpected joy. When we pause long enough to name those gifts, gratitude begins to rise. And gratitude almost always leads to generosity.

Stewardship is not about obligation; it is about response. It is our way of saying, “Because God has been good, I will participate in that goodness.” Whether through financial giving, acts of service, prayer, encouragement, or quiet faithfulness, our offerings become testimonies to the goodness of God at work in this community.

This Lent, we invite you to reflect on two questions: What goodness has God placed in my care? How might I share that goodness in a way that strengthens others?

Sometimes the good we offer is visible and measurable. Sometimes it is unseen and deeply personal. Both matter. Both build the body of Christ.

Blessings,
Mayo UMC Finance Team

Lenten Stewardship Challenge

Each week in March:

- Name one good gift God has given you.
- Choose one way to pass that goodness on — through giving, serving, encouraging, or praying.
- Share one “something good” story with someone else.

When we begin to share goodness intentionally, it multiplies.

Support Groups

We started some new groups in January. If you didn't get a chance but would like to sign up for the:

Fix-its
Helping Hands
Dial ups
Sanctuaries

It's never too late. The sign up lists will stay on the glass top tables at the back of the church, or you can notify the church office.

Change in Pastoral Appointment Notice:

Dear siblings in Christ,

As was shared during worship on Sunday, February 15, 2026 please be aware that Bishop Easterling has offered me, and after prayer and discernment, I have accepted a new appointment beginning July 1 at Westminster UMC in Westminster, MD. I will be with Mayo UMC until June 14th so we have time to work through the challenges and emotions of this change as well as prepare to welcome a new pastor into this congregation.

In the United Methodist denomination we participate in an itinerant system. Much like those who serve in the military, we go where we are called. I made a vow to uphold this commitment when I was ordained. Vows are not always easy or convenient, but I truly believe there are more benefits to itinerancy than to having clergy spend a lifetime in one church.

Let us spend time this month holding our Bishop and cabinet in our prayers as they discern who God is calling to Mayo UMC. Let us also hold our congregation in our prayers that this might be a blessed experience where we see the presence and grace of God.

With love,
Pastor Amanda



3rd Annual Soup/Chili Cook-off

**March 15th 10:30 am
In Fellowship Hall**

Join us for tasting and fellowship
Enter to win the golden ladle
And vote for your culinary favorite!

*(State of the Church Report
during the gathering)*

Sign up to join the cookoff!

*Call or text Cheryl 301-752-1386 or
Call the church office 410.798.6110*

End Of Year Financial Update:

Dear disciples of Christ,

In our November newsletter we shared the state of our financial situation. We want to thank you for all the ways that every person supports Mayo UMC. We did have better income through the end of the year; however, we did fall short of meeting our operating budget by approximately \$35,000.

We have borrowed money from our endowment to cover this need, but that is not a solution that will work for continuous years. At our soup and chili cook-off on March 15 we will share our projected budget for 2026. Please hold our congregation in your prayers as we continue to seek to be faithful stewards of all of God's blessings.

Grace and peace be with you,
Mayo UMC Administrative Council

Remember our shut-ins:

Doris Hennen
8 Lee Airpark Dr. #327
Edgewater, MD 21037

Katherine Neate
Brightview-Annapolis
1935 Generals Highway #2
Annapolis, MD 21401

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 call the church (410.798.6110).



The Turkey Point Singers

All young people are encouraged to join the rehearsals following Sunday services.

The Bulletin

The Bulletin is a 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>

Deadline REMINDER

Submissions are due by Mar. 17 to be included in the April 2026 issue of: Mayo Connection.

Email to mayoumcmd@gmail.com or call the church office at 410.798.6110



First Sunday Worship

At Brightview-South River
March 1st @ 2:00 PM

Join Pastor Amanda and Doug for a time of worship, hymns, and fellowship with the residents of Brightview Senior Living.

**8 Lee Airpark Drive
Edgewater MD 21037**

Mar-26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lent 2 9:15-One Worship Service Sunday School during Service	2	3 Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	4 Ladies Luncheon 12 Noon Killarney House 584 W Central Ave Davidsonville MD	5	6 Church Office Closed	7
Brightview -South River @ 2 PM						
Lent 3 Ad Council 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship Hour following	9	10 Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	11	12	13 Church Office Closed	14
Lent 4 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship Hour following Soup & Chili Cook-off	16 Discipleship Hour 7:00 via Zoom	17 Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	18	19 Discipleship Hour 10:00 AM In-Person Sunday School Room	20 Church Office Closed	21
Lent 5 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship Hour following	23	24 Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	25 Church Night Out 6:00 PM Fuji Japanese 169 Mitchells Chance Rd Edgewater	26	27 Church Office Closed	28
Palm Sunday 29 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship and Discipleship Hour following	30	31				

Save the Date
Good Friday - April 3
Easter April 5