

MAYO CONNECTION

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MAYO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Lent and Other Four-letter Words

Lent is coming and unlike Advent, it isn't arriving with joyous music that anticipates Jesus's birthday, or strings of lights, or colorful decorations, or boxes of delicious baked goods. Instead, much of the music of Lent is written in a minor key. Many would say it arrives with an unspoken expectation to be extra holy. Some expect to fast by giving up favorite foods. Others expect to give more; more alms, more time, or more self for others.

For all these reasons we might think *Lent is a four-letter word* to be avoided. Can't we just skip Lent and jump straight to eggs and Easter bunnies?

Fact – Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lecten* meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring! Lent brings us more hours of light not just strings of lights. It is a season of 40 days which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. These 40 days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing for his ministry. Lent gives us the opportunity to pause for reflection, soul searching, and discovering again who we are. It gives us the time to reorient ourselves and our ministries toward God.

Lent is a four-letter word and every Sunday in Lent we will be exploring other four-letter words like rest, rise, walk, move, and gift. These are not bad words. Rather they are life-giving words that draw us into the fullness of love in God's kingdom and focus on our lives before God.

Lent is coming! Amen! (Oh -another four-letter word!)





LADIES LUNCHEON

Wed. Mar. 12th
12 Noon

Calling all ladies!
Killarney House

584 W Central Ave
Davidsonville, MD

*Kindly let Cheryl know by March 11th if
you are planning to attend
301.752.1386*

CHURCH NIGHT OUT



Wed., Mar 19th @ 6 PM

Let's get together at:
Outback Steakhouse

2207 Forest Drive
Annapolis

RSVP by Mar. 18th to Cheryl
by text or calling:
301.752.1386

Tuesday Evening Lenten Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday, March 4 @ 7:00 pm

Via Zoom only

Study Guide:

Mosaic-When God Uses All The Pieces By Shane Stanford

In this Lenten study, popular author Shane Stanford examines how the God of the universe uses the broken pieces of our lives to reframe our purpose, turning our discarded hopes and dreams into something beautiful and useful – a mosaic in which God uses all of the pieces.

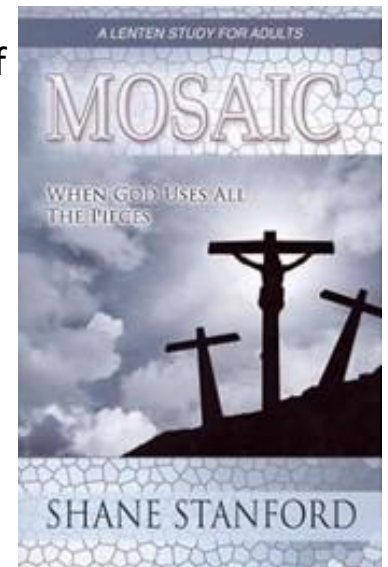
Each lesson of this 6 week study includes a key scripture reference, a brief reading, questions for reflection and discussion, prayer, and guided helps for the following week.

We will begin **Tuesday March 4 th and finish on April 8th.** There will be no bible study during holy week.

A new or used study guide is available on Amazon and other sites for \$7.50 or less.

Let's journey through Lent together with Jesus and discover how our first century lives fit like pieces of a mosaic into the overarching story of faith.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88275489850?pwd=cidpWFrm5wOVd76Y86rKKxkjW6FSpp.1>



Meet the Pastors

Bio for Rev Wendy van Vliet

I am a disciple of Jesus who follows the promptings of the Holy Spirit for whatever comes next.

Ages ago I served God by working with IT in the business world. During our family's childrearing years, I served in many church volunteer positions and in a variety of part-time jobs. When our children were in college, God sent me on a journey into ordained ministry. While I studied at Wesley Theological Seminary, I interned with Baldwin Memorial UMC in Millersville. After graduating in 2011, I first served Delmont UMC and then Severn UMC was added to make a 2-point charge. In 2016 I was appointed to Davidsonville UMC, which is how some of you came to know me.

I loved being a Pastor and so struggled with God's call to retire last July. Still, God's ways are fruitful. I now love serving; as a volunteer youth leader with my new church Hollywood UMC, as a Girl Scout Leader, and as a prayer pastor with Solomon's Island Mission Center. I am thrilled to have more time with family, especially my 7 grandchildren.

Our retirement home is in my daughter's neighborhood near the mouth of Lewis Creek where it flows into the Patuxent River. Beginning the day in a kayak, paddling the waterways and communing with the herons and osprey is exhilarating. And being able to walk dogs, or bike, or craft, or share meals with my grands is awesome.

I feel privileged to have the freedom in retirement to take on short term assignments and serve with congregations like Mayo UMC. I look forward to discovering what gifts the Holy Spirit has for us in March!

Blessings
Rev. Wendy van Vliet

Bio for Rev. Martha Meredith

My husband Mark and I live in Edgewater. He currently serves as an FAA examiner of pilots—his third or fourth career since retiring from the Navy in 2004. We are the proud parents of Annie (Michael) and Jim (Liv) and love being the grandparents of our two granddaughters Dahlia and Alyla. A big plus in retirement is having more time to spend with family—all who live elsewhere!

I was a stay-at-home mom for six years, taught young children in private and public schools for twenty years and served my local churches in various lay ministries. I answered the call to the ordained ministry and began studies at Wesley Theological Seminary in 2009. Upon graduation I served as an associate pastor at Severna Park UMC for five years. After serving as lead pastor of Rockville UMC for ten years, I retired July 1, 2024.

Mark and I value the Christian community we found at Mayo UMC. We love attending worship and other activities with all of you. I am grateful for what Mayo UMC is doing so that Reverend Amanda can rest and recharge during her sabbatical. I am grateful to play a small part in this wonderful gift to our pastor. I believe God is good and will use this time to bless all of us!

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Martha Meredith

While Pastor Amanda is on Sabbatical

beginning Sat., Mar 1 through May 10th

Rev. Wendy Van Vliet

Mar 1-Mar 23; Apr 27-May 3

410.707.5530 | (pastorwendyv@gmail.com)

Rev. Martha Meredith

Mar 20-Apr; May 4-May 11

410.353.6846 | (mmeredith6@gmail.com)



March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash n Dash
7 am - 9 am
By the front doors
of the church



Noontime Service
12 Noon in the
sanctuary (30 Min)

Evening Service
7 pm in the
sanctuary (with
music)



Join us for Pickleball

Sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4DABAE2BABFB6-47818145-march#/>

March 8

March 22

10:00 am - 4:00 pm



First Sunday Worship at

Brightview-South River
March 2nd @ 2:00 PM

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

Brightview-South River
8 Lee Airpark Drive
Edgewater MD 21037



Backpack Buddies

For March we are asking
for donations of:

Chef Boyardee
Tuna and cracker kits
A huge thank you to everyone that
has donated recently!

Deadline REMINDER

Mayo Connect submissions are due by:
March 20th

to be included in the April issue of:

Mayo Connection.

Please submit your information by
emailing to:

mayoumcmd@gmail.com.

Or calling the church office:
410.798.6110



HOLY WEEK

April 13

Palm Sunday- Two Services

April 18

Good Friday

Services @ Noon and 6:30 pm

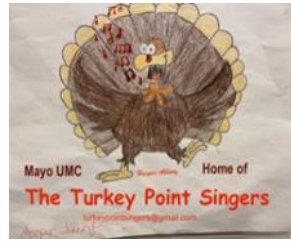
April 20- EASTER

6:15 am @ Selby Bay Clubhouse

10:15 am with holy communion

Easter Egg hunt following service

The Turkey Point Singers



Rehearsals are
Sundays

after the church service
in the Choir Room
for all young people.

Come, join us!

Douglas Bischoff, aka Opa
Mayo UMC Music Director



Mayo UMC follows
*Anne Arundel County
Schools Inclement
Weather Policy* to
determine when to
close or cancel events.
If schools are closed,
so is the Mayo UMC
office.

Remember our shut-ins:

Doris Haschert
2451 White Oaks Drive #103
Springfield, IL 62704

Doris Hennen
4091 Shoreham Beach Road
Edgewater, MD 21037

Katherine Neate
Brightview-Annapolis
1935 Generals Highway #217
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).
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All events for that day will be canceled or
rescheduled. If schools are closed early,
evening activities will be canceled.

**Virtual events will only be canceled if there
is a power outage.**

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.pdcbwc.org/the-
bulletin.html](https://www.pdcbwc.org/the-bulletin.html)

Mar-25

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Pastor Amanda's Renewal leave begins
9:15 1 Worship Service Fellowship Hour Brightview -South River @ 2 PM	3	4 Bible Study "Mosaic-When God uses All the Places" Bible Study-7:00 PM via Zoom	5 Ash Wednesday 7-9 am-Ash n Dash Noon-Sanctuary (30 Min) 7:00:00 PM-Sanctuary (with music)	6	7 Church Office Closed	8 Pickleball Fellowship Hall 10 am - 4 pm
9 Ad Council 8:15 Worship in sanctuary 10:15 in sanctuary with Children's Sunday School Fellowship Hour	10	11 Bible Study "Mosaic-When God uses All the Places" Bible Study-7:00 PM via Zoom	12 Ladies Luncheon 12 Noon Killarney House 584 W Central Ave Davidsonville	13	14 Church Office Closed	15
16 8:15 Worship in sanctuary 10:15 in sanctuary with Children's Sunday School Fellowship Hour	17	18 Bible Study "Mosaic-When God uses All the Places" Bible Study-7:00 PM via Zoom	19 Church Night Out 6:00 PM Outback Steakhouse 2207 Forest Dr Annapolis	20	21 Church Office Closed	22 Pickleball Fellowship Hall 10 am - 4 pm
26/30 8:15 Worship in sanctuary 10:15 in sanctuary with Children's Sunday School Fellowship Hour	24/31	25 Bible Study "Mosaic-When God uses All the Places" Bible Study-7:00 PM via Zoom	26	27	28 Church Office Closed	29

Notes:

SAVE THE DATE: April 13th Palm/Passion Sunday
 April 18th Good Friday-Noon and 6:30pm services
 April 20th Easter-6:15am @Selby Bay Clubhouse; 10:15am in Sanctuary; Children's Egg Hunt following the service