

# MAYO CONNECTION

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MAYO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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## From The Pastor

Greetings Beloved,

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” – Acts 2:1-4*

I imagine many of you recognize the scripture above as the moment we call “Pentecost.” In our Christian year, it marks the receiving of the Holy Spirit. In the Jewish year, it marks the receiving of the 10 commandments from God to Moses. It has always amazed me that the first gift of the Holy Spirit is to be able to speak to someone in their own language. The first thing that God wants to empower us to do is to speak and understand one another.

Bible geek moment... This moment is the opposite of the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis. In that moment the humans are trying to create a tower so tall they can reach God. In other words they wanted to be God. So God knocks over their tower and takes away the ability to understand each other by giving them all different languages to speak. Pentecost, as humans accept their need for God as their one and only savior, God gives back the ability to communicate. Pretty cool!

I wonder if the sound of the violent wind was the sound of all those languages combined. I don't know how many languages existed in the first century. The most common languages were Greek, Latin, Hebrew and Aramaic in the area of Palestine, but who knows how many indigenous languages existed. It got me wondering how many exist today? I was happy to find something called the SIL International Ethnologue. They have been documenting and tracking world languages since 1951 and are acknowledged as having the most accurate account of human language in the world. Take a guess at how many you think exist? How many can you name? Ready...currently (2024 edition) there are 7,164 languages in the world.

Take a moment and imagine the sound of over 7,000 languages being spoken at once. Violent wind indeed! No wonder the crowd was confused. Here's something you can try. Turn on your TV, play a video on your phone or iPad and play music all at the same time. That's only three things and in the same language and it still overwhelms most people's ears and brains.

As we celebrate Pentecost on May 19<sup>th</sup>, I hope, that in addition to wearing your red or orange, you will contemplate this idea: How do I communicate with someone who doesn't speak my language? Truthfully, I struggle even to communicate with those who do speak my language. We may use English as our language, but I am constantly looking up new words I don't understand, old words that seem to have new meaning, or the endless abbreviations and acronyms we seem to utilize.

Most humans will only ever learn and regularly use one or two languages at most; and yet, we still struggle to communicate. Jesus reminds us that there is a more universal way to communicate in his final command: Love one another. Romantic love varies highly between cultures around the world, but the love of willing sacrifice seems to be universally understood as something precious. So how do we communicate with one another? We begin with words of love. Phrases and words like you matter, you are safe, I see you, I value you and God loves you are some of the most precious we will ever know or use.

This month, consider the words you use and ask yourself, am I speaking the language of Jesus Christ? No you don't need to learn ancient Hebrew, Greek or Aramaic, just offer words in love. Let us truly speak with one another in God's language.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Amanda

# Church Night Out

Wednesday, May 15th  
6:00 PM



at  
Pirates Cove  
4817 Riverside Dr  
Galesville, MD  
20765

RSVP to Cheryl by May 14th  
Call or text 301.752.1386



## LADIES LUNCHEON

@ Noon Wednesday, May 1st

Chris's Charcoal Pit  
South River Colony  
3238 Solomons Island Rd  
Edgewater MD 21037

RSVP to Cheryl by 4/30/2024 Call or  
text 301.752.1386

ANNUAL CONFERENCE-2024



MAY 29 - MAY 31

In Baltimore Clergy and laity from every church in our Baltimore-Washington Conference will gather the end of May. Please hold this time of holy conferencing in your prayers.

## May Bible Study

### The **Wired** WORD

Join us for a lively discussion around news headlines and current events & explore how we can apply biblical principles and GOD's word to gain insight and understanding

**Tuesdays - 6:30p-7:30p**  
**In person or via zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88425505839?pwd=Wkl3WmJIT2d4RlBVUm1jVmNWSElGQT09#success>

**Week #1**

**"Thoughts Sparked by the Collapse of the Key Bridge"**



## BACKPACK BUDDIES



A HUGE thank you to everyone that has donated to this outreach program. We are currently providing 28 children with weekend food.

For the month of **May** we are requesting donations of:

**Ravioli and Vienna Sausages**



Dear Disciples of Christ,

The fruit of the Holy Spirit, according to scripture, are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22) This month we celebrate Pentecost to remind us of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own lives. We are all given our own spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit and we are meant to use them to bear this holy fruit.

What are your spiritual gifts and are you being a faithful steward of those gifts? If you haven't ever taken a spiritual gifts inventory, consider finding one online or asking Pastor Amanda. If you have, do you remember what gifts were identified? Are you using them? Where do you see the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life or in the world?

This month we challenge you to determine one of your spiritual gifts (yes, everybody has at least one) and use it to bear fruit. Use something you can do to create, grow, or share love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness or self-control into our community. We can wear red on Pentecost Sunday, but the best way to celebrate this holy holiday is to live it out in our lives.

Blessings and gratitude,  
The Mayo UMC Finance Team

### *Stewardship Challenge for May.*

**Record times when you experience joy and place them in the "Joy Jar" in the narthex.** *(Gifted to the church by youth, Lily Rhodes.)*



Greetings to you,

I wanted to let you know that I will be having surgery on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. I believe this will be a great blessing in my life and I appreciate the support of your prayers. My recovery should be 2-3 weeks, which means I will be recovering for most of May. Worship will be led by Kristal Neale, Music Director Doug Bischoff (aka Opa), and Ray Leone. If you need a pastor to visit you or speak with you between May 7-21, you can reach out to the following pastors:

- Rev. Wendy Van Vliet (Davidsonville UMC) at 410-707-5530
- Rev. Walter Beaudwin (St. Andrews UMC) at 240-925-6686, or
- Rev. Sarah Yoder (Joy Reigns) at 608-630-7942.

After May 21, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support and patience!  
Love, Pastor Amanda



Greetings Beloved,

Rule number one of fundraising? Never assume it is easy. Fundraising for anything is a challenge. From how to get people to care to how to get them to participate to finding an interesting way of asking for money. It's all hard. Over the years I've been a part of many fundraisers. I've sold cookies, candy bars, and cookie dough. I've run bake sales, rummage sales, and craft fairs. I've gone door-to-door, stood outside local stores, run newspaper ads,



put up signs and everything else you can think of to draw attention to some type of event. And much of that was before I graduated from high school.

There comes a moment in every money raising campaign, where someone says, "We need to get creative." This usually means that we have hit a point where attention and focus have wandered, and people have already given what they plan to give, but the number isn't at its goal. It happens in nearly all longer term campaigns. Recently someone asked about the state of Raise the Roof and I shared we had raised about \$30,000. Then we had this conversation: "What was the goal?" "\$100,000 by the end of 2025." "Oh boy, we better think of some fundraisers. What do you think of a bake sale?" "I love a good bake sale. How much do you think we should charge for cookies so we can raise \$10,000." "I don't know, but they would have to be some darn good cookies."

Darn good cookies indeed! So, I looked up creative fundraisers. Some of my favorites included the teeter-totter 24 hour marathon, where two men spent 24 non-stop hours going up and down on a teeter-totter to raise money for ALS, an underwear run, where you run a 5K in your underwear, and my most favorite, the Cow-pie Bingo, where you purchase a numbered square in an arena, set loose a couple of cows, and if they poop in your square you win. Don't believe me, check: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3\\_9yf5cDMI&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3_9yf5cDMI&t=1s)

Ok, so I just want to be clear. I am not running with any of you, anywhere, in my underwear. In fact, I'll write a bigger check to not do that. It makes me a bit queasy to think of being on a teeter-totter for 24 hours, but I could try. I will certainly purchase a square if you can think of place to hold cowpie bingo! Here's the point. Have some fun with it! If you want to try some type of fundraiser then let me know. I've listened to a lot of ideas over the years, including a church member in CO who thought we should open our own medical marijuana dispensary. They don't all come to fruition but be creative and think of something crazy. Afterall, a few years ago folks started dumping ice water over their heads and that raised millions. Who knows what the next great fundraising idea will be?

Blessings,  
Pastor Amanda

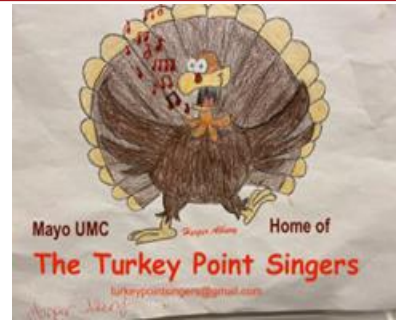


## First Sunday Worship At Brightview-South River

May 5th @ 2:00 PM

Join Pastor Amanda 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



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

**Come, join us!**

Greetings, Mayo UMC Friends,

The 10:15 service on May 19 will be a musical celebration of Pentecost, hosted by our very own Turkey Point Singers. Guest vocal artist, Zeela Foote, will join TPS for the celebration, and together, they will share "Shine On Me . . . Let the Light from the Lighthouse Shine on Me!"

Douglas Bischoff,  
Mayo UMC Music Director



**Mayo UMC Fellowship Trip this Fall!**  
**October 3rd**

**Sight & Sound Theatres in Lancaster PA**

**Cost: Adults-\$100 12 & Under-\$45**

**Cost includes theatre tickets & Charter bus transportation**

**Sign Up to reserve you seats above! Or Contact Cheryl at 301.752.1386**



# Picnic Time

*Sunday, May 26th*  
*Following the 10:15 Service*

Consider bringing: a side,  
Chips or sodas plus  
other typical picnic fare.

Contact Ray Leone  
410.956.8265

## 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>

*Church Breakfast*  
*In the*  
*Fellowship Hall*



*Come Join Us*  
*1005 Old Turkey Point Road*  
*Edgewater, MD*

*8:00 AM-Saturday, May 18th*

## Remember our shut-ins:

Doris Haschert  
(Just celebrated her 104th Birthday!)  
314 White Oaks Drive #103  
Springfield, IL 62704

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](mailto:mayoumcmd@gmail.com)) or call the church (410.798.6110).

## \*Deadline REMINDER\*

Mayo Connect Submissions are due by **noon Wednesday, May 16th** to be included in the May issue of Mayo Connection.

Please submit your information by emailing to [mayoumcmd@gmail.com](mailto:mayoumcmd@gmail.com).

# MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ladies Luncheon-12 noon Chris's Charcoal Pit 3283 Solomons Island Rd Edgewater MD	2	3 Church office Closed	4
5 9:15 One Service with Childrens SS 2 PM Brightview-South	6	7 No Living Well in May Bible Study-6:30 The Wired Word in person or via Zoom	8	9	10 Church office Closed	11
12 Mother's Day 2 8:15 Worship 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Worship with SS No Ad Council in May	13	14 Bible Study-6:30 The Wired Word in person or via Zoom	15 Church Night Out-6:00 PM Pirate's Cove 4817 Riverside Dr Galesville, MD	16	17 Church office Closed	18 8 AM-Church Breakfast
19 Pentecost 8:15 Worship 9:15 Adult Sunday School 10:15 Worship-with the Last Children's Sunday School before summer	20	21 Bible Study-6:30 The Wired Word in person or via Zoom	22	23	24 Church office Closed	25
26 Memorial Day 27 8:15 Worship 10:15 Worship	27	28 Bible Study-6:30 The Wired Word in person or via Zoom	29	30	31 Church office Closed	
Church Picnic			Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference			

Save the Date

August 4-8-Vacation Bible School