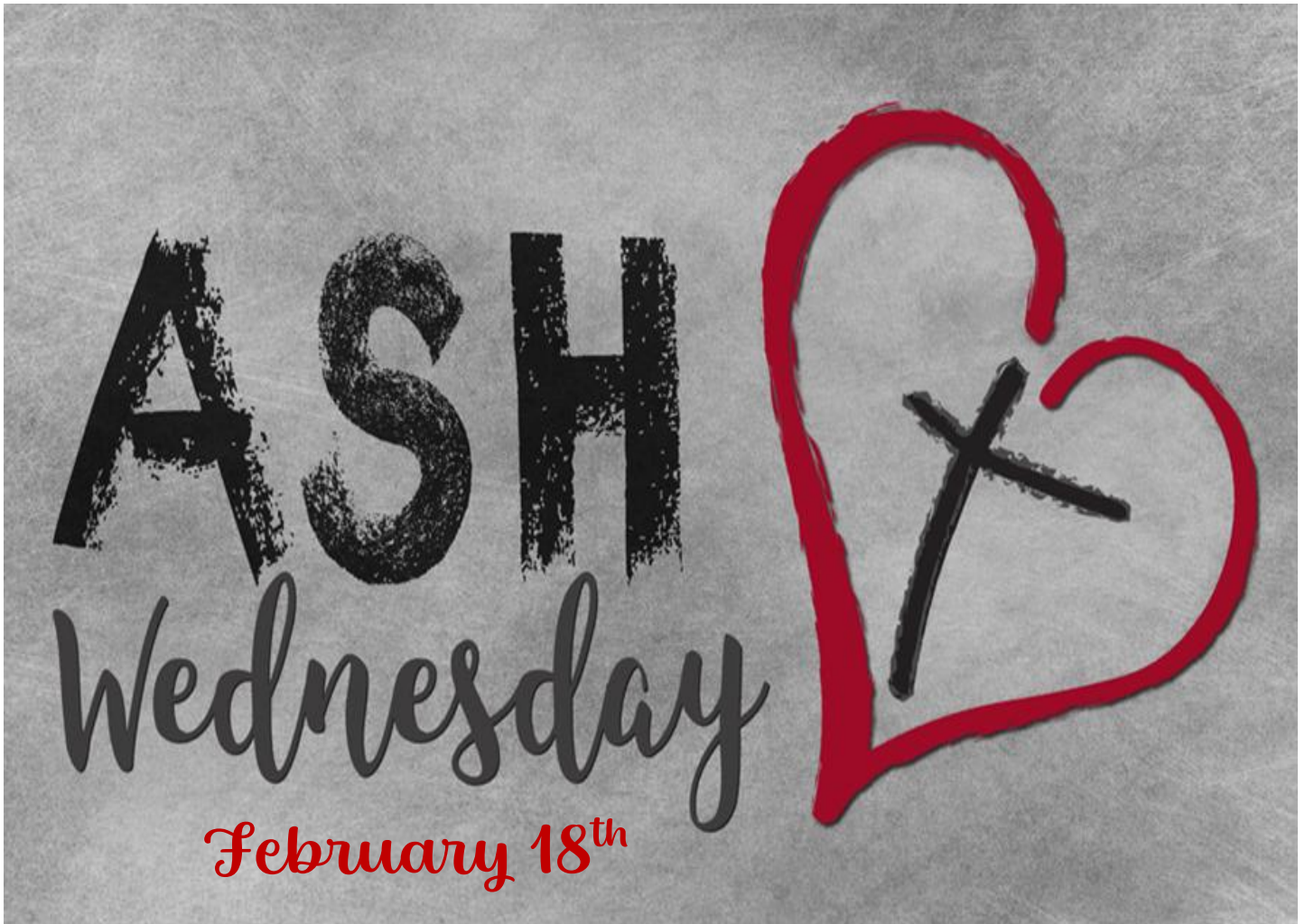


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Dear siblings in Christ,

The words “Tell me something good” feel especially meaningful as we enter the season of Lent. They sound simple, almost playful — and yet they echo a deep longing many of us carry. We are surrounded daily by heavy headlines, personal worries, uncertain futures, and weary hearts. Even when life is good, it often feels easier to name what is broken than what is beautiful. So this Lent, we are choosing to lean into a sacred question: Where is the good God is still bringing to life among us?

Lent is a season the church has observed for centuries as a time of reflection, prayer, and spiritual honesty. It lasts forty days and leads us toward Easter. Historically, Lent has been understood as a season of preparation — a time to slow down, to examine our lives, to notice what needs healing, and to make space for God to do renewing work within us. It is not meant to be gloomy or punishing. Instead, Lent invites us to tell the truth about who we are, to acknowledge both the dust and the delight of being human, and to remember that transformation rarely happens without intention.

This year, as we walk the Lenten path together, we will be paying special attention to goodness — not shallow optimism, but the kind of goodness that shows up even in hard places. We will explore stories, practices, and testimonies that remind us God is still creating, still restoring, still speaking life where it is most needed. Sometimes the good we discover will be quiet: a changed heart, a reconciled relationship, a new awareness of grace. Sometimes it will be bold: justice pursued, mercy extended, hope reclaimed.

My prayer is that this season will help us become a people who know how to look for God’s goodness without denying the world’s pain. A people who can sit with struggle and still say, “God is here.” A people who can name what is hard and still ask, “Tell me something good.” Because often, when we begin asking that question, we start noticing answers that were there all along.

As Lent unfolds, I invite you to enter this season with curiosity and courage. Come to worship expecting to be challenged and comforted. Come to prayer willing to be honest. Come to conversation ready to listen. And come trusting that God, who is always at work, still has something good to reveal.

Grace, peace, and love,  
Pastor Amanda

## Ladies Luncheon



**Wed, Feb. 4 @ Noon**

**AZTK Cocina**

827 Mayo Rd.  
Edgewater MD

Contact Cheryl by noon  
**Tuesday, Feb. 3**  
to let her know you're coming



## CHURCH NIGHT OUT

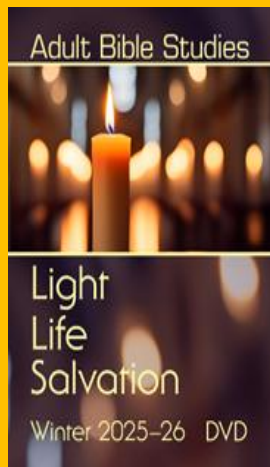
Feb. 25th @ 6pm

Join us at

**UR Burger**

120 Mitchells Chance Road  
Edgewater MD 21037

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



## BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays @ 6 pm**

In-person or via Zoom

Light  
Life  
Salvation

**Salvation**

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES!

February 17 @TBD

We are joining with Davidsonville  
UMC for a Shrove Tuesday Dinner  
hosted by our collective  
children and youth.

Please come support their efforts!

## 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,

Lent invites us to slow down and pay attention — to our lives, our habits, our relationships, and our walk with God. Often, when we pause long enough to truly notice, we become aware of both what is heavy and what is holy. This year, as our congregation leans into the theme “Tell Me Something Good,” we are reminded that goodness is not something we manufacture. It is something we receive — and something we are invited to share.

Stewardship begins with noticing. Noticing where God has already been generous. Noticing the ways our lives have been shaped by grace. Noticing what gifts we carry that might become blessings for someone else. When we steward our finances, our time, our abilities, and our compassion, we are not simply managing resources — we are participating in the good work God is already doing.

This Lent, we invite you to reflect prayerfully on a simple set of questions: Where have I seen goodness lately? What has God placed in my care? How might my giving — in whatever form it takes — become a way of telling something good about who God is?

Sometimes our offerings support ministries that feed, teach, shelter, and encourage. Sometimes they support the quiet, faithful work of prayer, care, and presence. All of it matters. All of it tells a story. And each gift becomes part of the testimony of goodness that God is writing through this church.

Blessings,  
Mayo UMC Finance Team

## *Lenten Stewardship Challenge*

*Each week, write down one “good thing” you notice God doing- and one way you can respond through generosity.*

## What Is Lent?

Lent is a season the church has observed for centuries as a time of reflection, prayer, and preparation. It lasts forty days and leads us toward Easter. During Lent, Christians around the world slow down, take an honest look at their lives, and make space for God's renewing work.

Some people choose to let go of habits that distract them from God. Others take on practices like prayer, generosity, study, or service. The goal is not self-improvement for its own sake, but deeper connection — with God, with others, and with the person God is shaping us to become.

Lent reminds us that transformation is possible, grace is real, and the resurrection is coming.

A graphic for Ash Wednesday. The word "Ash" is written in a large, white, cursive script. Below it, the word "WEDNESDAY" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif, all-caps font. The background is dark and textured, possibly showing a close-up of a person's face with ash being applied.

### February 18<sup>th</sup> Services:

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

Noontime Service - Noontime in the  
sanctuary (30 - 40 minutes)

Evening Service - 7:00 pm in the sanctuary  
(with holy communion )

### “I’ve Got Questions” Box

Do you have questions about what we say or do at church? Would you like a chance to ask those questions, but there isn't always an easy time on Sunday morning? Drop your question in the “I’ve Got Questions” box on the glass top table at the back of the church. All questions can be submitted anonymously, and Pastor Amanda will answer them as part of worship or in the next month's newsletter.

**Let's begin learning together!**

### 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.

## Remember our shut-ins:

Doris Haschert  
3344 West Washington St.  
Springfield, IL 62711

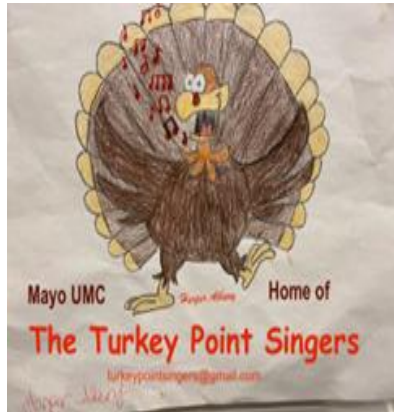
Doris Hennen  
8 Lee Airpark Dr. #327  
Edgewater, MD 21037

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 Feb. 17 to be included in the March 2026 issue of: Mayo Connection.

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



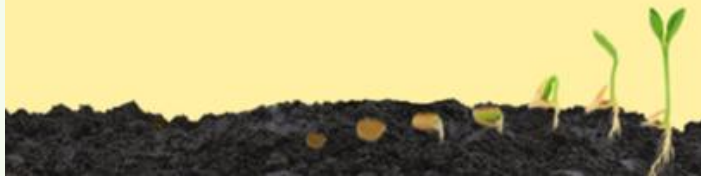
## First Sunday Worship

At Brightview-South River  
February 1<sup>st</sup> @ 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**

# DISCIPLESHIP



Join Pastor Amanda for a 30-45 min. reflection on being disciples of Jesus Christ. Each time will include a new spiritual practice and time for discussion and asking questions.

## February Times:

Wed. Feb 11 @ 10am in person

Thurs. Feb 19 @ 6pm via Zoom

Thurs. Feb 19 @ 7pm via Zoom

*By request - want to join, but these times don't work for you?  
Request a time and Pastor Amanda will make it work.*

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# Feb-26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Soup/Chili Cook-off 1</b> 9:15-One Worship Service Sunday School during Service	2	3	4 <b>Ladies Luncheon</b> 12 Noon AZTK Cocina 827 Mayo Rd Edgewater MD	5	6	7
<b>Brightview -South River</b> <b>@ 2 PM</b>						
<b>Ad Council</b> 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 Discipleship Hour 10:00 AM Sunday School Room	12	13 Church Office Closed	14
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<b>Lent 1</b> 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 <b>Church Night Out</b> 6:00 PM UR Burger 120 Mitchells Chance Rd Edgewater	26	27 Church Office Closed	28

Save the Date  
 Palm Sunday March 29  
 Easter April 5