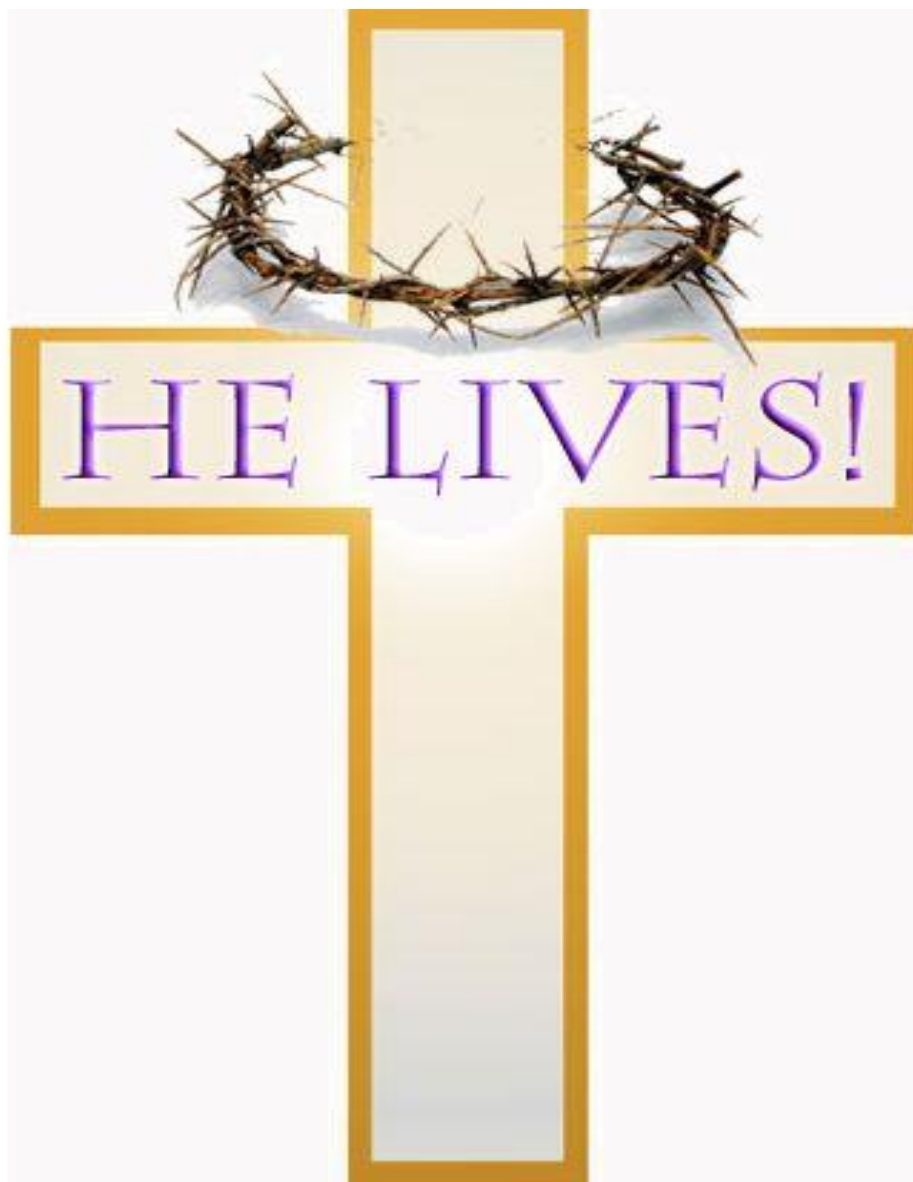


# **MAYO CONNECTION**

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# From the Pastor

Greetings Beloved Siblings in Christ,

There is something about Easter that invites us to see the world differently.

After the long journey of Lent — with its reflection, honesty, and quiet searching — Easter arrives not as an escape from reality, but as a transformation of it. The good news of Easter is not that life suddenly becomes easy or predictable. The good news is that new life is possible, even in places we thought were finished.

We are people who live in between many realities. We carry both joy and grief. We celebrate while still healing. We hope, even while we wait. Easter does not deny any of this. Instead, it speaks directly into it, declaring that God is still at work — bringing life where there was loss, possibility where there was limitation, and hope where there was uncertainty.

This is the good news we proclaim: that resurrection is not just something that happened long ago — it is something God continues to do. In quiet ways and in surprising ways, new life keeps breaking through. Sometimes it looks like a renewed relationship. Sometimes it looks like courage we didn't know we had. Sometimes it looks like a small step forward after a long season of feeling stuck.

As a church, we are invited not only to celebrate Easter, but to live it. To be people who look for signs of new life. To be people who participate in God's renewing work. To be people who carry good news into a world that deeply needs it.

So this season, I invite you to pay attention:

Where do you see new life emerging?  
Where is God doing something unexpected?  
What might God be inviting you to begin again?

Because Easter reminds us of this truth — God is never finished. And that means there is always more life ahead.

Grace, peace, and resurrection hope,  
Pastor Amanda

# Ladies Luncheon



Wed, Apr 1  
@ Noon

High Tide Grill

1107 Turkey Point Road  
Edgewater MD

Contact Cheryl by noon  
**Tuesday, Mar. 31**  
to let her know you're coming  
Call or text 301.752.1386

# CHURCH FUND RAISER



4:00-9:00 pm

Join us at

**All American Steakhouse**

139 Mitchells Chance Road  
Edgewater MD 21037

Enjoy great food and **HELP OUR CHURCH!** Spread the word!

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>



## \*Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a basket and join us  
Sunday, April 5th  
Following the 10:15 service

*\*Each child must be accompanied by an adult.*

## 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,

Easter is a season of renewal. It reminds us that change is not something to fear, but something through which God often works most powerfully.

In nature, we see it clearly — dormant ground begins to bloom, what seemed lifeless begins to grow again. In our spiritual lives, renewal often looks quieter, but it is no less real. It may come as a shift in perspective, a softening of the heart, a willingness to try again, or a new sense of purpose taking root.

Stewardship is deeply connected to this kind of renewal. When we think about stewardship, it is easy to focus on maintaining what already exists. But Easter invites us to think differently. It invites us to ask not only, “What do we sustain?” but also, “What is God renewing in us — and through us?”

Our giving — of time, resources, compassion, and presence — becomes part of that renewal. It allows ministries to grow. It creates space for new connections. It supports the work of healing, learning, and serving. It helps the church not only continue, but be continually transformed.

This season, we invite you to reflect:

- Where is God inviting me into something new?*
- What might it look like to give in a way that reflects growth, not just routine?*
- How can my stewardship participate in the new life God is creating?*

Change can feel uncertain, but Easter reminds us that God meets us there — not to leave us unchanged, but to bring us more fully into life.

Blessings,  
Mayo UMC Finance Team

## 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  
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.

## April's Stewardship Challenge

Choose one way to practice renewal this month through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, or witness.

HE IS RISEN  
CELEBRATE THE SAVIOR

## A little about our new pastor:



**The Reverend Marvin H. Bailey, Jr., M.Div.,** is a native of Macon, Georgia, and a graduate of Clayton State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. Marvin began his professional career in marketing and technology before discerning a deeper call to ministry. He earned his Master of Divinity from Emory University's Candler School of Theology with concentrations in Race and Religion and Society and Personality.

His ministerial formation was shaped through internship appointments at Providence Missionary Baptist Church and the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he was licensed and ordained under the leadership of the Honorable Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock.

Additionally he has worked with Ben Hill, Cascade and Cliffondale United Methodist Churches. Rev. Bailey currently serves as Associate Pastor of Beulah Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, where he contributes to preaching, teaching, congregational formation, and community engagement initiatives.

Pastor Marvin is deeply committed to community empowerment and digital innovation that serves the public good. He is a Lifetime Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., In 2024, he was selected as a member of the inaugural TIDEL Fellowship at Union Theological Seminary's Technology, Innovation, and Digital Engagement Lab in New York City, where he completed advanced training in design thinking and human-centered innovation for ministry.

In every space he serves, whether preaching, teaching, designing systems, or building partnerships, Rev. Bailey is driven by a singular call to integrate faith, technology, and justice in ways that awaken purpose, reveal the presence of God, and transform communities for the common good.

Hello MUMC Community,

Below you will find pictures of a new health device This is used to read a person's oxygen level and pulse. It will be located in the first aid box, on the wall, to the right side of the lobby as you enter church.

It is very simple and fast to use. If an individual appears to be having an issue breathing, and they agree to having their oxygen level checked, push the white square, red, green, and gold lights will very briefly illuminate. The monitor is placed, ideally on the index finger nail bed, Encourage the individual to keep their hand still. After 30 seconds to a minute of the hand being motionless, review the values with the individual.

An oxygen level at 92 is acceptable, Some individuals may routinely have a value lower than 92%. Oxygen value is provided in the green illuminated numbers, pulse is red numbers. If lower than 92 notify someone for help.

Nail polish, artificial nails, and skin temperature can/will affect the monitor's capabilities. Inform the individual of the



## 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](mailto: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 Apr 21 to be included in the May 2026 issue of: Mayo Connection.

Email to [mayoumcmd@gmail.com](mailto:mayoumcmd@gmail.com) or call the church office at 410.798.6110



## First Sunday Worship

At Brightview-South River  
April 5<sup>th</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.

## April Times:

Thursday, April 9 @ 10:00 am in person or via Zoom

Tuesday, April 14 @ 11:00 am in person

Wednesday, April 22 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom

## Holy Week Schedule

Friday, April 3

**Good Friday**

Noon and 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 5

**Easter**

6:15 am (Selby Clubhouse)

10:15 am Traditional Service

Easter Egg Hunt  
following the 10:15 service



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> Ladies Luncheon 12 Noon High Tide Grill 1107 Turkey Pt Rd Edgewater	<b>2</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>3</b> Good Friday In Sanctuary Noon 7:00 PM  Church Office Closed	<b>4</b>
<b>EASTER 5</b> 6:15 Selby Clubhouse 10:15 in sanctuary 11:15 Easter Egg Hunt Brightview -South River @ 2 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Discipleship Hour 10:00:00 AM-hybrid In-person and Via Zoom	<b>10</b> Church Office Closed	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Ad Council 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship Hour following	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Discipleship Hour 11:00:00 AM In-person Bible Study -6:00 In Person /via Zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Church Office Closed	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship Hour following	<b>20</b> Church Fund Raiser 4:00-9:00 PM The Original Steakhouse 139 Mitchells Chance Rd Edgewater	<b>21</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	<b>22</b> Discipleship Hour 7:00 PM Via Zoom	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship and	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

**Save the Date**  
 Sun. May 3rd Celebrating 70 years of Women in Ordained Ministry