

# **MAYO CONNECTION**

**May 2026 EDITION**

**MAYO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



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# From the Pastor

**“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses...” – Acts 1:8**

Greetings beloved,

The month of May draws us toward one of the most powerful moments in the life of the Church—Pentecost. It is the day when the Holy Spirit rushed in like a mighty wind, igniting the hearts of ordinary people and sending them out with extraordinary purpose. It is the birth of the Church, not as a building, but as a movement of God’s love in the world.

As we approach Pentecost, we are reminded that the same Spirit is alive and at work among us today. This is not just a story we remember—it is a reality we are invited to live. The Spirit empowers us to step beyond comfort, to imagine new possibilities, and to trust that God is still creating something new in and through us.

In this season, we are also leaning into the vision of our denomination: to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. These are not just inspiring words—they are a calling shaped by the Spirit.

- To love boldly is to reflect Christ’s love without hesitation or condition.
- To serve joyfully is to offer our lives in gratitude, finding purpose in caring for others
- To lead courageously is to step forward in faith, even when the path is not fully clear.

As a congregation discerning our future and seeking God’s direction, Pentecost reminds us that we do not do this alone. The Spirit guides, equips, and strengthens us for what lies ahead.

My prayer for us this month is simple: that we would be open. Open to the Spirit’s movement. Open to new possibilities. Open to becoming the church God is calling us to be.

Come, Holy Spirit—move among us once again.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Amanda

## Ladies Luncheon



Wed, May 6  
@ Noon

**Chevy's**

**2436 Solomons Island Rd  
Annapolis MD**

Contact Cheryl by noon  
**Tuesday, May 5**  
to let her know you're coming  
Call or text 301.752.1386

## CHURCH NIGHT OUT



**Mon. May 25th-6 pm**

Join us at

**Coconut Joe's**  
40 South River Rd South  
Edgewater MD 21037

Call or Text Cheryl @ 301.752.1386  
by noon 5/24 if your joining us.

Adult Bible Studies



Lament  
Confession  
Rebirth  
Spring 2026

## **BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesdays  
@ 6 pm  
thru May**

**In-person or via**

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



## **Spirit Day**

**Monday, May 11 (All Day)**

Join us for food and fun!

Come support Mayo UMC and a percentage of sales will be donated accordingly.

Participants must mention the fundraiser (MAYOUMC) PRIOR to completing payment.



## **Sunday School**

Summer Break is coming!

Sunday School ends May 17<sup>th</sup>



Dear Disciples of Christ,

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit did not simply fill the disciples—it sent them. Filled with courage and purpose, they stepped into the world to serve, to witness, and to care for others in the name of Christ. Pentecost reminds us that stewardship is not only about what we give, but how we live.

We are called to be stewards of the gifts God has placed within us—our time, our presence, our compassion, and our willingness to serve. Each of us has been entrusted with something meaningful, and the Spirit invites us to use those gifts for the good of others and the glory of God.

This calling is beautifully captured in the vision of the United Methodist Church: **to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.**

- We **love boldly** when we show up for others with compassion and grace.
- We **serve joyfully** when we offer our time and energy with open hearts.
- We **lead courageously** when we step forward to meet needs, even when it stretches us.

This month, I invite you to respond to the Spirit’s movement by committing to one intentional act of service each week:

- Notice a need—within the church, your neighborhood, or the wider community.
- Offer your presence—a visit, a helping hand, a listening ear.
- Use your gifts—whether that’s teaching, organizing, encouraging, building, or simply showing up.

You might volunteer for a church ministry, reach out to someone who is lonely, participate in a mission opportunity, or serve quietly in a way only God sees.

The goal is not to add more to your schedule, but to live more fully into who God is calling you to be. Small acts of service, offered faithfully, become powerful witnesses to God’s love.

As the Spirit moved through the early church, it transformed ordinary people into a community of purpose and action. May that same Spirit move in us—guiding our hands, shaping our hearts, and sending us out to serve.

Thank you for the many ways you already embody Christ’s love in action.

With gratitude and hope,  
The Mayo UMC Administrative Council

### *May's Stewardship Challenge*

*Find one way to love boldly, serve joyfully, or lead courageously this month.*

*Welcoming  
Your New Pastor*

Hebrews 13:7, 17

## **Guidance Around Transition Between Pastors**

Greetings beloved,

As we draw closer to June 14, my last day serving as pastor of Mayo UMC, I wanted to offer some insights regarding how the transition works.

We will have some lay persons to lead worship for the last two weeks of June. One week celebrating youth in ministry and leadership and one week celebrating the Lord through music. There will be coverage for any emergencies like hospital visits or end of life care by a couple of pastors in our area. This works similar to when I am on vacation.

Pastor Bailey will move into the parsonage the last week of June, but he will not begin work as pastor at Mayo UMC until July 1. The Administrative Council will be organizing some welcome items for when he moves in; otherwise, please try and give him space to unpack and settle into his new home.

One of the challenges of transition is including the new pastor in life events of the congregation. I will be serving the people of Westminster UMC, so I will not be able to come back to Mayo UMC for weddings, funerals, or other types of life moments. Having such celebrations away from the church building will not change my inability to attend.

Likewise, Pastor Bailey deserves the opportunity to serve fully as pastor of Mayo UMC. Remember there was a time that you didn't know me well either and it was these types of interactions that allowed us to build deeper relationship. The same will be true for Pastor Bailey.

If you are in the Westminster area and you want to stop by the office to say hi or attend worship, you are welcome to do so; however, please know that I will need to limit communications like email and texting to topics concerning transition. For example, a text or email asking where we keep certain types of candles is fine, but a text or email asking how I'm doing or just saying hi is not helpful.

After 8 years of life together Mayo UMC has become significant in my life, so please remember it is hard for all of us to make this change. As you are relying on a new pastor to meet your needs, I will be relying on a new congregation to meet mine. It will take time to learn and adjust for everyone involved. The guidance above will, hopefully, help that process.

Let us trust in the Lord, for Jeremiah reminded us, "For I know the plans I have for you and they are for a hope and future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

With great love and gratitude,  
Pastor Amanda

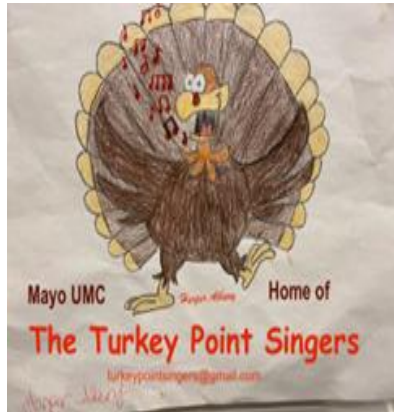
## Remember our shut-ins:

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 May 18<sup>th</sup> to be included in the June 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  
May 3<sup>rd</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**



## Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference May 27-29, 2026

Pastor Amanda and Carol Hurley, our Lay Leader, will attend the yearly meeting of our Annual Conference in May. This conference convenes each year to complete the business of the conference, such as setting the budget and celebrating ministry together. Please hold this time of holy conferencing in your prayers.



## Church Photo Directory

## Photo Directory for Pastor Bailey

We will be creating a document of pictures with names for Pastor Bailey so he can learn names more easily. This document will NOT be shared with anyone other than Pastor Bailey.

The first three Sundays in May there will be a volunteer at the front of the sanctuary after worship who will take a photo of you (your family). You can also email a family or personal photo to the church office ([mayoumcmd@gmail.com](mailto:mayoumcmd@gmail.com)). Please be sure to include the names of all persons in the photo.

# Save the Date

## Sunday, June 14

Come join in celebrating 8 years in Ministry with Pastor Amanda.

One worship service at 9:15 am  
With a reception to follow.

## A New Way to Give To Mayo UMC

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# May-26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Church Office Closed	2
<b>Photos taken 3</b> 9:15 in Sanctuary with Holy Communion Sun School & fellowship <b>Brightview -South River                      @ 2 PM</b>		<b>4</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	<b>5</b> Ladies' Luncheon-Noon Chevy's 2436 Solomons Is Rd Annapolis Please RSVP	7	8 Church Office Closed	9
<b>Photos taken 10</b> 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour following	<b>Fundraiser 11</b> <b>Chick fil A</b> From Open-To close mention <b>MAYOUMC</b> before paying	<b>12</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	13	14	15 Church Office Closed	16
<b>Photos taken 17</b> 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Sunday School during Service Fellowship Hour following <b>Ad-Council</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	20	21	22 Church Office Closed	23
<b>PENTECOST 24/31</b> 8:15 Worship 10:15 in sanctuary with Fellowship Following the service	<b>Memorial Day 25</b> <b>Church Night Out-6pm</b> Coconut Joe's 40 South River Rd S Edgewater <b>Please RSVP</b>	<b>26</b> Bible Study 6:00 PM In Person or via Zoom	<b>27</b> Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference	<b>28</b> Baltimore/Washington Annual Conference	29 Church Office Closed	30
<b>Save the Date</b> Sunday , June 14th One Service @ 9:15 am Celebrating Pastor Amanda's Ministry						