

# **MAYO CONNECTION**

**JANUARY 2020 EDITION**

## **MAYO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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# Message from the Pastor

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Happy New Year! Do you find yourself reflecting this time of year on the past and the future? What will the new year bring? What will happen this year? Will it be better or worse than last year? And on, and on it goes...perhaps these are not the best questions.

When I need perspective on life I often turn to the book of Ecclesiastes. It is a book of wisdom after all. What should be our approach to this new year as people of faith and disciples of Christ? The writer of Ecclesiastes says, "So I perceived that there was nothing better for human beings but to enjoy what they do because that's what they're allotted in life.

Who, really, is able to see what will happen in the future?"  
(Ecclesiastes 3:22, CEB) Now there's a thought!

I often have to remind myself that while I may like control in life, it is almost always an illusion rather than true. The one thing I get to control is my attitude in life. Everything else is actually out of my control. The book of Ecclesiastes tells us, again and again, to eat, drink and be glad in the time God has given us for this is the best way to go through life. The writer argues that dreams of more, hoarding wealth and seeking power all lead to the way of sin, but the path of faith is to eat, drink and be glad for what you are doing.

I believe that 2020 will have its share of turmoil, after all, it is a presidential election year and our denomination will be making some major choices regarding its future, but I also believe that 2020 will have its share of beauty. What will you focus on this year? I can't control the decisions of our country or our world. The decisions made may not be what I believe is best or what my heart desires. However, I can choose to be healthy in body, mind, and soul. I can choose to look for God and follow God's will. I can choose to grow and challenge myself in discipleship.



Let's make 2020 a "AAA Church and Disciple" kind of year. A year full of awareness, advocacy, and action. A year full of seeing those around us for the people they are, not who we wish they would be. A year full of making positive changes in our lives and our community.

A year full of sharing love, faith, hope, peace, forgiveness, mercy, compassion, and joy into the world around us. As you set goals and resolutions for the year to come here are some questions I suggest you ask: How many prayers can I lift up this year? How many ways can I be present in our ministries? How much can I share this year? How many acts of service can I complete this year? How many times, whether through word or action, can I share the glorious gift that is Jesus Christ? Now those are some questions!

I will pray that you will be blessed in many ways this year. That you find powerful responses to these questions and have transformative experiences in love this year. Lastly, I too will seek to eat, drink, and be glad in my work! Blessed new year to you all!

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Amanda*

**HAPPY**  
**New Year**

**reminder**

Monthly Newsletter Submissions are due the **2nd Thursday** of each month. Next submission is due on ***January 9th by noon.***

## New Administrative Structure

Beginning January 1, 2020, MUMC will have a new administrative structure. We are combining the Trustees, Finance, and Staff-Parish committees into an Unified Administrative Board. This will allow for fewer meetings and more streamlined decision making. These meetings will be after church on the 4th Sundays of the month in January, March, May, September and November. All persons of the church are welcome to join the discussions except for any staff matters that are related to a personal life matter. If you have any questions please feel free to ask Pastor Amanda or Carol Hurley.

*Please pray for our board members:*

Chair: Janet Tanner

Lay Leader: Carol Hurley

Pastor: Amanda McMurtrey

*Members at Large:*

Finance: Ray Leone, Bob Lamb, Todd Watson,  
Ben Kamm, Sharon Stafford

SPRC: Lisa Grazioli, John Ryan, Jacki Baker,  
Cherie Jockel

Trustees: Don Collison, Darald Lofgren, John Locklin,  
Kim Consoli



There will also be a new Ministry Leadership Team. This group will work with Pastor Amanda and our Lay Leader, Carol Hurley, to help set the vision for our ministries and involvement in the community.

Please pray for our Ministry Leadership Team:

Carol Hurley  
Pastor Amanda McMurtrey  
Meredith Herbert  
Tim Williams  
Mary Gerhart  
Don Galloway



Administrative Council Retreat & Board Member/Leadership  
Team Training

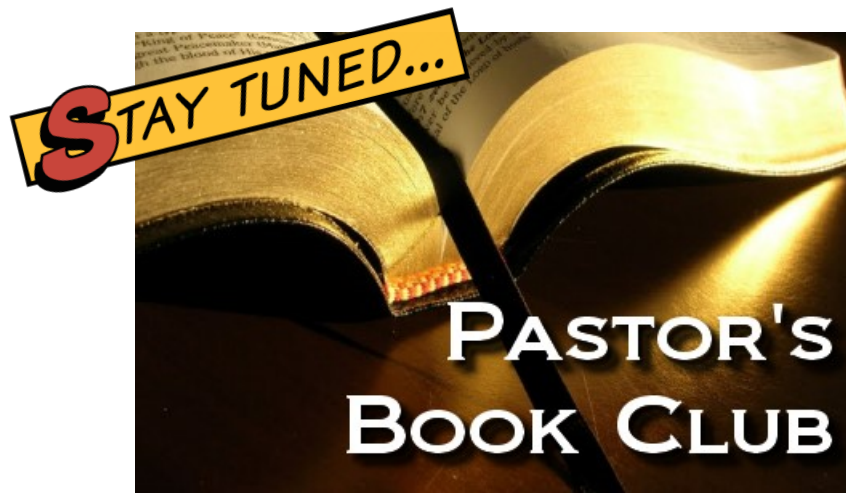
*Saturday, Jan. 11th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM*

All persons on the Administrative Council and Ministry Leadership Team are strongly encouraged to join Pastor Amanda for a time of reflection, prayer, education, and training so we might all serve to the fullness of our abilities and lead our congregation in the wisdom, grace, and love of God.



## State of the Church

As our president gives a State of the Union address each year, it can be helpful for us to have a State of the Church address as well. Pastor Amanda, Carol Hurley, and Ray Leone will share their thoughts after church on **Sunday, January 26th**. All persons of the church are welcome to attend. The estimated length is 20-30 minutes with time for questions.



Monday, Jan. 27th

*"The Noticer"* by Andy Andrews

As Jones mysteriously makes his way through this coastal town and into the searching hearts of its residents, he offers simple wisdom and sound hope. "My contention is that you are right where you are supposed to be. This may look like barren sand to you, but nothing could be further from the truth. I say to you that as you lay your head down tonight, you are sleeping on fertile ground. Think, learn, pray, plan, dream. For soon...you will become."

Monday, Feb. 24th

*"Passing Through Shady Side"* by Ann Widdifield

March (TBD)

*"Aching Joy"* by Jason Hague

## Winter Weather Cancellation Policy

OH, THE  
WEATHER  
OUTSIDE IS ...



### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

During the week, we will follow Anne Arundel County's school cancellation schedule in response to winter weather. If schools are closed for the day, then the office will also be closed and all church activities canceled. If there is an early dismissal then the office may close early and all even activities are canceled. If there is a late opening, the office may open late depending on the severity of the weather and travel conditions for the staff.

On Sundays, Pastor Amanda and Carol Hurley will make decisions regarding the canceling of Sunday programs and worship. Notice of Sunday cancellations will be sent out via email by 7:30 AM, posted on social media, posted on our website and recorded on our phone messaging system.

Please use your best insight and wisdom regarding your comfort level in winter weather. If you are prevented from attending and would like copies of bulletins or other materials please contact the church office.

# Happy New Year!

*See What's Happening at Mayo UMC this month...*



**Sunday, Jan. 5th:**

**Celebrate Epiphany**

*(help remove decorations after worship)*

**Saturday, Jan. 11th:**

**Administrative Council Retreat/Board Member/  
Leadership Team Training @ 9:00 AM**

Mayo United Methodist Church

**Monday, Jan. 13th:**

**Pastor's Bible Study @ 6:00 PM** *(ends Feb. 10th)*

Every Monday at Mayo United Methodist Church  
*Join Pastor Amanda as we explore the book of  
Ecclesiastes followed by the Gospel of John this winter  
and spring.*

**Sunday, Jan. 18th:**

**United Methodist Men's Breakfast @ 8:00 AM**

Every 3rd Saturday in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, Jan. 19th:**

**Special UMC Sunday: Human Relations Day**

Mayo United Methodist Church

**Tuesday, Jan. 21st:**

**Out in the World with Pastor Amanda @ 9:00 AM**  
**National Museum of African American History  
and Culture**

*Meet in MUMC parking lot. **Completely FREE!**  
We have to get timed tickets so you **MUST RSVP**  
by **Sunday, Jan 12th.***

*Contact Pastor Amanda for more details.*



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*Estimated to be 20-30 minutes w/ Q&A time.*

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## **February: Museum of the Bible**

*Help Pastor Amanda choose the date!*

*Tuesday, Feb. 11th || Thursday, Feb. 13th || Thursday, Feb 20th*

Departure: 9:00 AM— MUMC

Price: \$20 (online)/\$25 (day of)

*You are responsible for arranging your own ticket, but Pastor Amanda can help if you want to purchase online.*

*Please RSVP by Sunday, Feb. 9th.*

## **March: Holocaust Museum**

Help Pastor Amanda choose the date after **Sunday, Mar. 8th!**

Departure: 9:00 AM— MUMC

Price: Free (admission passes needed)

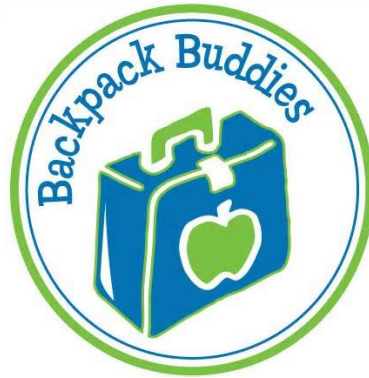
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Let Pastor Amanda or the church office know

(410.798.6110 or [mayoumcmd@gmail.com](mailto:mayoumcmd@gmail.com)) if you plan to attend.

# DONATIONS NEEDED

Can you help??



## *January Challenge: Fruit cups and Juice boxes*

*Want to have a donation delivered to support Backpack Buddies?*

Amazon is a great choice to have items shipped directly to the church (we have had a few members donate using this method and it works well and helps the initiative tremendously) - please use the church address located on the cover of this newsletter.

*Want to drop off a donation in person instead?* Bring your items to the church and leave them in the bins labeled "Backpack Buddies" located in the church lobby. You may also donate monetarily and we will do the shopping on your behalf.

We use a huge amount of food to provide for this project. Every little bit of your generosity and/or service hours are a big help.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office, Jackie Wiser ([jjjwiser@verizon.net](mailto:jjjwiser@verizon.net)) or Connie Lamb ([rlamb30945@verizon.net](mailto:rlamb30945@verizon.net)).



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## **Beginning the Week of January 12th....**

### **"Who Are We?" Bible Study and Conversation Times**

Pastor Amanda is challenging all persons of the church to read and study each week. Conversation times will be available twice a week for those who wish to participate in group study. January conversation times will be announced by **January 5th**. The study starts the week of **January 12th**. [www.bwcumc.org/resources/who-are-we](http://www.bwcumc.org/resources/who-are-we)

#### **WHY THIS STUDY NOW?**

*(From Baltimore Washington Conference)*

Our beloved denomination is in the midst of another pivotal moment in history. Globally, in our churches, we are considering the future of the denomination, what it means to be the Church, what it means to be United Methodists, and what it means to be spirit-filled Christ followers making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in this present age. Some may question, "Will we remain united? Will we create a new form of unity? Will we dissolve? Will the Church continue to be able to give a faithful voice and witness to the will of God in the days ahead? What is the will of God?" There are many conversations and many questions that may arise in our uncertainty. We can see the ground shift as we engage in strategic sessions, pour over new plans, and predict the year to come. These are natural and necessary steps. And in the midst of all of our uncertainty, this we know for sure – God is. God is with us and God's Spirit has the power to birth in us a common understanding of how we might live together, disciple together, love together and serve God together.



This Bible Study was developed so that we might enter into a process of discernment and wonder together. It isn't meant to cater to one outcome or cajole participants into a certain line of thinking. Rather, receive this study as an invitation into communal dialogue chiefly interested in our common roots and the common interest we share as United Methodists within the universal body of Christ today.

This study was designed to center us in our core identity. And so we ask – Who are we? Who are we as the people of God? Who are we as the people called Methodists shaped by Wesleyan theology? Who are we as the members of the Baltimore-Washington Conference? Who are we becoming as we journey on toward perfection? It is our deepest hope that you will allow responses to emerge around the room and that you will receive these responses with great care. Furthermore, it is our hope that as we study and wrestle with Scripture alongside people we know, and hopefully with people we do not know so well, that we will pay close attention to and compassionately engage one another, quiet ourselves and await God's voice in our discernment in order to make room for emerging responses that can guide us.



COMING

SOON!

## Pastor's Bible Study: Mondays @ 6:00 PM *beginning Monday, Jan. 13th*

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## Out in the World with Pastor Amanda



*Look out world, Pastor Amanda and Mayo UMC are loose!*

We're starting off the year with 3 great trips to DC Museums! Jan-March allows for less chance of crowds and school tours (*If inclement weather we will reschedule for next fall*) so join me for the following trips:

### Tuesday, Jan. 21st:

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Depart from church: 9:00 AM || Price: **FREE!!!**

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We are asking that everyone contact the church office if you have moved, changed your email address, or changed your phone number since November 2018. If you would like to verify what we have on file, please contact Nia in the church office at your earliest convenience.

*(church hours of operation are listed on the cover of this newsletter)*

*We will be distributing Church Directories in the new year.*



### January Birthdays

5-Jan. Patrick Watson Birthday

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**HELP US CELEBRATE YOU!!!**

PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH YOUR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY DATES SO THAT YOU MAY BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT MAYO CONNECTION

# PRAYER REQUEST

## Continual Prayer List

### Shut ins

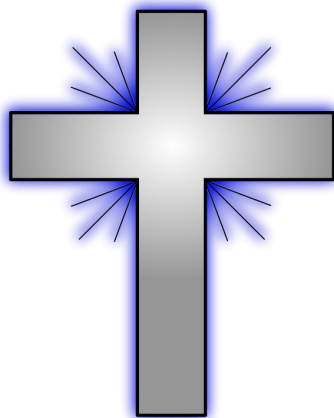
Chrystal Clements  
Doris Haschert  
Gail Adams  
Leila Youngren  
Shirley Guy

### Members in Need of Prayer

Betty Pell  
Caty Mistichelli  
Cindy Miller  
Lisa Grazioli & Family  
Mary Gerhart  
Rachel Ryan & Family  
Vince Drago  
Wini Wolf

### Friends and Loved Ones with Cancer

Adrienne Whitman goddaughter of (Shirley Guy)  
Annette Walters (cousin of Joan Carmody)  
Bernadette Allman (friend of Christie McMullen)  
Carrie Carmody-Haines (Joan Carmody)  
Christina Cachero (friend of the Schuler's)  
Family Members (Carrie & Tim Williams)  
Gennie Harsh (friend of Mary Gerhart)  
Greg Genenbacher (cousin of Lynn Johnson)  
Joey O'Riordan (son-in-law of Shirley Guy)  
Ishmael Torres (friend of Bob Schuler)  
Joyce Combs & The McCauley Fam. (Grazioli)  
Karen Pence (niece of Ann Fraser)  
Lauren (friend of Meredith Herbert)  
Lyndsay Whitmore (friend of Henna Family)  
Mark Makuta (Lynn & Peter Johnson)  
Natalie Fluharty  
Patricia Bellone (Lynn Johnson's cousin)  
Tom Price and wife Becky (friends of Leone Family)



*Prayer is a beautiful, as well as an essential way to ask for Our Lord's help and blessings.*

# PRAYER REQUEST

## **Others in Need of Prayer**

Alaina Brown  
Alice French (mother of Judy Cannon)  
Anna Tesi (mother of Nina Ryan)  
Anne Cross & Family (Charles Harnsberger)  
Betty Boswell  
Bob Finn (son-in-law of Loretta Sheldon)  
Brad Abell (friend of Julie Jones)  
Bruce Kuehnle (brother-in-law of Paul Stepp)  
Bruce Sparer (Ray Leone)  
Charlie Durham (cousin of Gordon Riel)  
Chris Carmody (husband of Joan Carmody)  
Cindy Stepp (daughter-in-law of Paul Stepp)  
Davy Dayton  
Delbert & Sandy Groves (our missionaries in Africa)  
Devon Carvenal (Andy Thompson's granddaughter)  
Donna Evans (grandmother of Caty & Evie)  
Dwight McCloughan  
Ed & Janie Spencer (friend of Gordon & Jean Riel)  
Eddy Evans (grandfather of Caty & Evie)  
Frank Hayward III  
Gabrielle Washington (great-granddaughter of S. Guy)  
Gloria Strickland (sister of Mary Gerhart)  
Graham Carson (Charles Harnsberger)



# PRAYER REQUEST

## **Others in Need of Prayer**

Herpel/Reagan (friend of Wini Wolf )  
Jake (nephew of Pam Ebersole)  
Jessie Connell (friend of Julie Jones)  
Jane Volkmann (Charles Harnsberger)  
Jessica Ward Family (friend of Bob Schuler)  
Jim & Eileen Summers (daughter of The Wolfe's)  
Juanita Lee (aunt of Lynn Johnson)  
Julia Musil (daughter of Joan Carmody)  
Kathy Kent (friend of Mary Gerhart)  
Kennedy Julian (granddaughter of Doris Haschert)  
Kevin Crable (son of Betty Gilman)  
Kristina (Burt Family)  
Lannie Dennis (Penell Sesker)  
Lynn Guy (daughter of Shirley Guy)  
Nancy Moore Family (Jacki Baker)  
Paul Hurley (brother of Bob Hurley)  
Pat Shafer (friend of Wini Wolf)  
Ryan Welsh (grandson of Joan Carmody)  
Sammy McCoy (Shirley Guy)  
Sean (friend of Casey Gerhart)  
Sid Wall (cousin of Gordon Riel)

# PRAYER REQUEST

## **Others in Need of Prayer**

Stephanie Long & Family  
Suzanne & Brian Carl (friends of Lynn Johnson)  
The Anthony Brent Family (neighbors of Schuler)  
The Davis Family (Charles Harnsberger)  
The Douglas Family (Charles Harnsberger)  
The Family of Dr. Alan Carroll (Carrie Williams)  
The Family of Rev. Wayne Chung (Laurie Whiting)  
The Stuttts Family (Carrie Williams)  
Todd & Cheri Jones (family of Pat Young)  
Toni Sesker (Penell Sesker)  
Tony Drago (father of Vince Drago)  
Virginia Barnes Ricketts (friend of Wini Wolf)  
Warren Guy (son of Shirley Guy)

Have a request for long-term prayer? Please email the church office ([mayoumcmd@gmail.com](mailto:mayoumcmd@gmail.com)) with your request and it will be added to the next Mayo Connection Newsletter. If you would like to share a recent joy or concern, please contact Pastor Amanda ([mayopastoramanda@gmail.com](mailto:mayopastoramanda@gmail.com)) and we will be sure to add it to our Sunday Worship Announcements Insert.

Prayers that have been answered should be communicated to the church office or Pastor Amanda so that we may keep our prayer request list as current as possible.

## **Church Bus**

Don't forget that we have a great church bus with a wheelchair lift available to pick you up and take you home if you are unable to drive to church.

### ***Sunday Bus Schedule***

<b>Sunday, January 5, 2020</b>	<b>Pick-Up</b>	<b>Tony Lawson</b>
	<b>Drop-Off</b>	<b>Joe Consoli</b>
<b>Sunday, January 12, 2020</b>	<b>Pick-Up</b>	<b>Joe Consoli</b>
	<b>Drop-Off</b>	<b>Todd Watson</b>
<b>Sunday, January 19, 2020</b>	<b>Pick-Up</b>	<b>Todd Watson</b>
	<b>Drop-Off</b>	<b>Tony Lawson</b>
<b>Sunday, January 26, 2020</b>	<b>Pick-Up</b>	<b>Todd Watson</b>
	<b>Drop-Off</b>	<b>Tony Lawson</b>

### **Van Drivers**

Joe Consoli:	410-507-6672
Todd Watson:	443-994-6672
John Wright:	410-533-9387
Tony Lawson:	443-510-4691

