There are times in my life when I have sat by the water’s edge and felt the peace of God surrounding me. There have been times in my life when I have sat near the water’s edge and wondered where time would take me, where I would be in the days ahead or what God had in store for me. There have been times, sadly when I have lived in the fast lane and not taken the time to sit by the water’s edge and let the spirit of the Lord speak to me.

In looking back, I often thought that while I was sitting by the water’s edge and pondering the deeper things of life, yearning for the spirit to speak to me, a hunger from deep within my soul, I thought I was sitting by myself. But in looking back I realized that no, I was never by myself, not really. There has always been a chair sitting right next to mine and the second chair was rarely empty.

Sometimes there were people, special people, people I loved dearly and who loved me dearly and they sat with me, allowing me space to sit and ponder, to sit and listen to the wind in the leaves of the nearby trees or the roll of the waves or the ducks in the distance or the sound of the paddle of someone’s canoe, far out on the water as it glided through the waves. These were and always will be special people of my life sitting with me by the water’s edge. Some of them are gone, no longer in this world but still very present in my heart. Some of them are still here with me, still sharing the journey, still sitting beside me, and patiently waiting as we listen to each other’s heartbeats and sense the yearnings in each other’s souls.

Sometimes, the person sitting in the chair beside me is the Lord. Oh, I can’t see Him, but I know he’s there with me, I know he’s sitting with me and his closeness to me brings peace and joy to my heart. Sometimes I don’t know he’s there in the moment but later, I look back and yes, Lord, I know you were with me.

Who sits with you by the water’s edge? With whom do you sit by the water’s edge? Do you ever sense the Lord is with you in the empty chair right beside you? You’re never alone unless you choose to be. Alone is not always bad, but it’s always nice to know someone is always sitting beside you by the water’s edge. Thank God, someone sits with us by the water’s edge.
BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3 Tristan Burch
6 Dahlia Williams
7 Cecelia Samuels
9 Eric & Monica Hanson
12 Lee Alderman
13 Faye Meadow
15 Janis Hanson
15 Eric Hanson
16 Ed and Dolores Wachtman
17 Ed Wachtman
19 Jack & Janis Hanson
22 Gwen Mott
24 Drew Buckingham
26 Trevor Buckingham
26 Jim Wine
27 Donald Brooks
29 Holly Brooks
31 Jonathan Aidigio

Please let the Church Office know if your birthdate and/or anniversary date is wrong or missing, so we may correct it.

NEWS AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYER LIST

Please let us know if you know of someone who is sick or is a shut-in. Thank you.

Michael Lastre – Keep in your prayers.

Dolores Wachtman – Keep in your prayers.

Jim & Wauneta Wine – Please keep in your prayers.

Al Abraham – Recovering at daughter’s home in Kansas. Call the church office if you would like Al’s address while in Kansas.

Edwina Meheaux – Back at daughter’s home. Please keep in your prayers.

Marge Skucas – Please keep in your prayers

Patty Clark - Please keep Patty in your prayers.

Michael D’Andrea – Keep in your prayers

Pat Kruhm – Keep in your prayers

Arnita Crutchfield – Keep in your prayers

There are always others—keep all in your prayers, named or unnamed.

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Worship With Us In Person !!!!
11:00AM Sunday

Worship service will continue to be offered online as soon as we can get it posted. Keep checking www.aspenhillcc.org, click on Online Services, choose the date you want.

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES

FELLOWSHIP…Amy Buckingham/Mary Chance
A lot of us think of Fall as a transition time. We will see our gardens and parks start changing colors and new deeper color flowers and shrubs will start appearing. As you transition back into your fall routines, we hope you will take this time to transition back into regular fellowship with us. A good start would be joining us on the Annual Church Camp Outing. Call the office for more details. Take Care & Continued Blessings!

PROPERTY…Jeff Price
Greetings from the Property Ministry. All is quiet on the Property front. Regular maintenance continues ....changing filters and light bulbs. Hope everyone had a great summer. Blessings to all!

OUTREACH…Connie Spoon
Our annual Backpack Drive was a great success, Thanks to our generous Members, we donated a total of 32 backpacks with needed supplies. Before long it will be time to make plans for Thanksgiving. We are planning to donate food baskets to needy families in the neighborhood. A list will be provided in the next newsletter and at worship services. If anyone is unable to fill a basket, please feel free to pair up with someone to help make this effort successful.

WORSHIP…Gwen Mott via Carol Knott
On Sunday, September 12th, the sermon had to do with “what does Sunday morning mean to you and your family?” We received a list of scriptures from the Bible, in our bulletin, of reasons why it is good to be in church. Oops! You didn’t get the list? Were you in church? I like Psalms 27:4. Look it up. On October 3rd we will celebrate World Communion Sunday along with Christian denominations around the world. Do plan to join all Christians on this special day. Also, in October we will be celebrating the Week of the Ministry. Let us support our pastors. Exodus 20:8 - Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.
I would like to thank everyone who helped make our church fair a huge success. A special thank you to Linda Vincent who served as chairperson. The fair not only enabled many members of our church family to share fellowship together after the summer months, but we also raised funds to help with our church ministries. **Great job everyone.**

**JUST AROUND THE CORNER**

At Aspen Hill Christian Church, among many other things, October is the month we highlight our commitment to God through our financial support of His work here at AHCC. Early October marks the beginning of our Every Member Commitment (EMC) campaign for 2022. The church needs every member to prayerfully consider and think about their pledge. This year we need to challenge, stretch ourselves and increase our pledges over last year. Only with your support can our ministry and our Christian community continue to grow and thrive. Our giving is what enables Aspen Hill Christian Church’s ministry to happen at the corner of Hewitt and Georgia Avenues. So, look deep into your heart and commit to increasing your pledge this year, thinking of how critical your support is to our church. Success only comes if we all work together.

May God continue to pour His blessings on you. Please share some of those blessings with your church.

**Some of the highlights from the Board Meeting**

The Board met in person at the church on September 15. Among the items discussed and actions are:

- Reports from the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Ministry Chairs, Elders & Deacons, Pastor, and other leaders.
- Received an update on the Betty Williams estate gift.
- Discussed postponing a short Memorial Service for Betty Williams to a date later in the Fall.
- Agreed to pay for our new Audio-Visual system with money from the Queen Memorial Gift and a recent generous and gracious gift from a friend of the church.
- Reviewed the Calendar and the upcoming Fall season.
Submit Your Articles, Updates, & Information we might like to include in future Newsletters to Karen for possible inclusion in the future.

Please keep up your giving both faithfully and regularly. These are challenging times. The church has continued to provide wonderful ministry throughout the year, and we need you to keep bringing your offerings in. Even keeping our budget to absolute minimum increases our expenses will exceed our income and we need each other to be faithful.

You can drop your offerings by the office, Mail your offerings in... OR Give “Online”...

We have a substantial budgetary challenge, and we need to all reach up and beyond if we want the beautiful ministries of our church to continue! Please give generously.

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Worship is now in person at 11:00 every Sunday & online Sunday afternoon or Monday morning

We are doing our best to get people back in person, but we do understand that some people are reluctant or immunocompromised.

To view online click www.aspenhillcc.org, then click on the green “Online Services” Tab. Be sure to click the thumbs-up icon and subscribe to our YouTube channel. You can also make any nice comments you want to. Comments help drive our visibility to others up. Share the links for our weekly worship with your friends and neighbors.

FACTS & FIGURES

Worship Attendance in August (Includes both in person and online)

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Fall EMC  “Called to Greatness” “Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts, and I will tell of your greatness”. Psalm 145:6

Our Fall Every Member Commitment campaign will begin the first Sunday of October and run through the month of October. We will have members speak to our Campaign Theme for each week, a special note to all members on the importance of making and honoring a faithful pledge each week and hopefully we will deepen our commitment and ability to faithfully live out our mission…To Be a Bold & Faithful Church Where People Experience, Cultivate & Share the Love of God.