



# THE VINE

Aspen Hill Christian Church

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## **BY CHANCE**

### **The Promise of New Life**



As the season changes it's a time for new life to come from places where there appears to be no life.

One of my favorite signs of Spring is the Crocus that comes to life in my yard. It's hard for me to believe how much joy the beautiful purple Crocus brings to my heart.

Life is present even when we don't see it. One day I saw nothing but the dead grass from last year and the next day I saw the tiny but beautiful Crocus blooming throughout the yard.

Nature is one of the best ways to be reminded of the essence of life. When trees appear to be dead they are only waiting to bud and new leaves come to life once again.

When the grass is seemingly dead and the bushes seemingly dead there comes a day each spring when they burst back to life and soon the yard will be lush and green and the bushes filled with all their buds, and leaves and blooms.

The Psalmist knew what we know. The Psalmist wrote in beautiful and eternal words about nature, and man's appreciation for the glory of the Lord. We know the feeling. The sense of awe in experiencing the Lord's presence through nature and the glory of the Lord is beyond words.

As you see all the signs of new life springing up all around you this year and as you hear the birds singing their songs of love across the trees you may be reminded of the Lord's presence and may your heart burst with love. As you walk among the forests, cross the streams, see the sun rise early in morning and set in the late afternoon, may the deep and abiding sense of the majesty of the creator bring you closer than ever before to the wonder of the Lords himself.

May God give you the strength and the faith as new life abounds all around this Spring.

*D. Robert Chance*

# Prayer LIST

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

*Edwina Meheaux – Please keep in your prayers. Give her a call on the phone.*

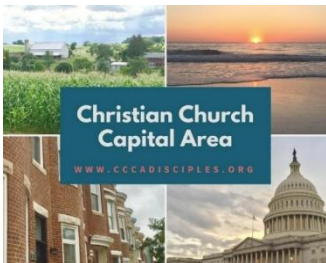
*Patty Collins - Please keep Sam's Splaine's mother Patty, in your prayers. She loves telephone calls too*

*Susan Montgomery needs our prayers as she recovers from some difficult surgery.*

*Shawn Morran who works for Splaine Security and is recovering from a bad fall off a ladder.*

*All those who suffer from grief and loss and who struggle with illness in any form.*

***There are always others—keep all in your prayers, named or unnamed. Let us know if we've missed someone.***



## CCCA DECEMBER PRAYER CALENDAR

**PLEASE LIFT UP THE FOLLOWING CONGREGATIONS IN YOUR PRAYERS  
THIS MONTH**

### **April**

- 6 - First Christian Church, Boonsboro, Maryland - <https://www.fcc-boonsboro.com/>
- 13 - Haitian Pentecostal Church, Salisbury, Maryland - [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Haitian-Pentecostal\[1\]Christian-Church-Disciples-of-Christ/678345385664027/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Haitian-Pentecostal[1]Christian-Church-Disciples-of-Christ/678345385664027/) / Venezuela
- 20 - Capital Area Disciples Women - <http://www.cccadisciples.org/disciples-women/> / Philippines
- 27 - Hospital, Military, and Institutional Chaplains, and clergy serving as Professors and in Non-Profit settings / Israel/Palestine

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

We do our best to keep the church directory up to date. But we need your help to do that. Anytime your phone number, email or address changes please let the office know with either a phone call or an email so we can keep our records current.

A new Directory will be coming out soon so now is the time to call the office and be sure we have your correct address, email and other vital information.



**Church Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Please let the office know how you would like your newsletter delivered! USPS, Email or Both. office@aspenhillcc.org or call 301-871-722**



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSIERS THIS COMING MONTH  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOUR BIRTHDATE AND/OR ANNIVERSARY DATE IS WRONG OR MISSING, SO WE MAY CORRECT IT.**

Eric Burch	April 02
Linda Groome	April 02
Amy Buckingham	April 04
Steve Sullivan	April 05
Gorretti Mugatha	April 08
Carol Knott	April 19
Tristan Chance	April 21
Shannon Owen	April 27
Michael Owen	April 27



Tim & Kathie Gartrell	April 11, 1992,	33 years.
Bob & Marjorie Flaherty	April 20, 1996,	29 years.

## **NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES**



*Fellowship / Amy Buckingham and Mary Chance*

Please be sure to sign up to provide the Fellowship Hour following our Worship Service. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

We provide coffee, and you provide cookies, pretzels, whatever you like. We depend on our members and friends to provide as much of the Fellowship as possible. Thanks for signing up.

We had a wonderful Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. Many thanks to all that attended and especially those that helped in the kitchen. A valuable lesson was learned that night. You do not cook bacon in the oven at 400 for 20 minutes!!

Next on the calendar is our Son Rise Worship & Breakfast. The signup sheet is in the Narthex. Please sign up so we know how many to prepare for. Also let us know if you could help set up or clean up.

We are planning a picnic after church on June 22. Mark your calendar and dress comfortably. More to come.

Look for information on the upcoming SON RISE BREAKFAST & WORSHIP...APRIL 20 AT 9:00 A.M.



Christian Education...We have an Adult Sunday School Class each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Small Conference Room. We have Children's Church during the Worship Service for children in the Fellowship Hall.

We are one teacher short. If you would like to be a teacher for the Children's Church please see Mary Chance. We provide the lesson plan, the materials, a Bible focused time of fun and learning for the children.



In Person and Online Worship Services are available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. [www.aspenhillcc.org](http://www.aspenhillcc.org) /go to “See Us on YouTube link and click on the current week or any week in the past that you would like to see.



*Average Attendance for February ...*

Month...	In Person 32	Online 17	Total 49
YTD...	In Person 33	Online 17	Total 50

Lent begins Sunday March 9 and each Sunday we have a unique “Banner Ceremony” during the worship service. Each Sunday of Lent has a different focus and takes us from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. It’s a great time to be reminded of the journey of Christ to the cross and more importantly to His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

The deadline for ordering Easter Sunday flowers is April.

It’s a wonderful time to invite friends to join you or even come with you to church.



***John Small***

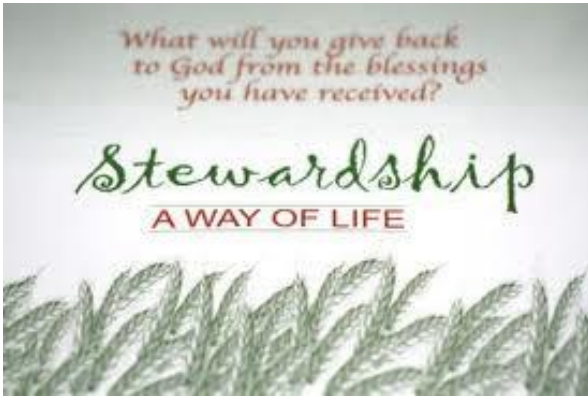
It’s been a long hard winter and the toll on our building has been extra hard. Several snows required having our lot and our sidewalks plowed and cleared. Special thanks to Roberto Lopez who helped clear the

sidewalks in the circle at our driveway of the snow. Way to go Roberto!

We had to install a new furnace as well. Heating costs are much higher this year than in the past few years as we’re sure you know from your own experiences at home.

Thanks for all you do to help support our property efforts. See me if you can help with some things. There are lots of things to do and few hands to help.

**Thank you for your faithfulness!**



To make giving as convenient as possible. We offer several options for you to contribute.

- Mail Slot – You can place your offering in the secure mail slot located at the church entrance.
- Online Giving – Visit our website <https://aspenhillcc.org> to make your donation.
- Sunday Service – Offering will be collected during our Sunday worship services.
- Mail – You may also send your gift by mail to the church office.

*Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you. - Luke 6:38 NIV*



### ***Outreach ... Connie Spoon***

Many thanks for the Week of Compassion contributions which totaled \$1,935. These funds will be available immediately to help so many in need around the world. God bless you! Our food pantry is available for anyone in need. Please contact the church office for assistance.



## **Board Meeting**

### ***Highlights From The Board***

- The Board met on March 12 in person.
- Reports were shared from all of the Ministry Chairs and the Pastor as well as Financial Reports from the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.
- Difficulties with our QuickBooks Subscription were discussed and special thanks to Linda and Mary for spending many hours getting them worked out.

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