



# THE VINE

Aspen Hill Christian Church

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## *Memories*



Ricky Nelson sang a favorite song of mine a long time ago. It came out in the early 1970's and quickly became one of my favorite all-time songs. It was called "Garden Party" and told the story of a time when Ricky went to a Garden Party, and everyone was there and everyone kept wanting him to sing an old song he was known for, but he wanted to sing new songs, and he didn't look the same anyway. The lines in the song which became immortal to me were...

I went to a garden party  
To reminisce with my old friends  
A chance to share old memories  
And play our songs again.

When I got to the garden party  
They all knew my name  
No one recognized me  
I didn't look the same

But it's all right now  
I learned my lesson well  
You see you can't please everyone  
So, you got to please yourself.

I was young in the early years of my adult life and in the ministry. I was all about change, new ways of doing things, letting go of the past and not spending a lot of time in the land of memories. I was just like Ricky I wanted to sing new songs!

I still love the song "Garden Party" but three things of major significance have changed for me. One, I'm no longer young, no longer full of rebellion (although I still love a good go round every now and then), still like doing things in new ways but I now have a deeper appreciation for the "old ways" as well.

The second thing that has changed is I now have a "full house" of memories to draw upon. There have been so many people who have been a blessing in my life, so many great times and so much to remember that I cherish my memories and spend more and more time thanking God for the good memories that abound in my life.

Lastly, I can't say I've totally learned the art of pleasing myself, but I sure have a better appreciation of that than I did long ago. Have happy memories, sing the old songs, but sing the new ones too. And without being selfish or self-centered let's remember...If we can't please everybody we might as well please ourselves!

*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**

### **May**

5 - First Christian Church, Boonsboro, Maryland - China

12 - Haitian Pentecostal Church, Salisbury, Maryland Christian-Church-Disciples-of-Christ/Venezuela

19 - Capital Area Disciples Women - Philippines

26 - Hospital, Military, and Institutional Chaplains, and clergy serving as Professors and in Non-Profit settings /

27 – Hospital Chaplains Israel/Palestine



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](mailto: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.**

### **May**

Erica Hanson  
Bette Cox  
Franklin Payne  
Andrew Bennett  
Monica Hanson  
Beth Appleyard  
Dominique Jordon

May 03  
May 04  
May 11  
May 19  
May 25  
May 29  
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### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



**Arlyn Sanchez & Eric Burch  
CC & Lloyd Samuel, 10 years  
Joy & Steve Sharp, 32 years**



**Congratulations to Erica Hanson and Max Sanasack with their marriage at the Eternal Father of the Sea in Charleston S.C. on March 21. Eric and Monica Hanson are the proud parents of the bride. Jack & Janis are the proud grandparents and Luke of course is the proud brother!**

# NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES



## *Fellowship / Amy Buckingham and Mary Chance*

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

We provide coffee, 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.

Next on the calendar is our Son Rise Worship & Breakfast. We look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord & Savior.

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

The Fellowship hour is growing so come on over, bring our visitors with you and enjoy being together around the tables.



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. A special thank you to our teachers who rotate each Sunday.





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 March 2025**

Month...	In Person 37	Online 14	Total 51
YTD...	In Person 35	Online 16	Total 51

**WORSHIP MINISTRY** As we look forward to the beautiful spring season with new births all around us, we also look forward to celebrating mothers' day on SUNDAY, MAY 11. We honor all women in church with special recognition for their strength, kindness and sacrifice and special hugs.

What does the Bible say? 1 Timothy 5:2 *"Treat older women as you would your mother and treat younger women with all purity as you would your own sisters."* Proverbs 31:30 *"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting: but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."* Join us on this Sunday and remember your own special "mother" in your life.

**SON RISE BREAKFAST & SERVICE AT 9:00 AM** on Easter Sunday. Judy and Soraya will be singing, and a wonderful breakfast and Service is in store. Dr. Chance has a message about Sunrise in 1963.

Our beautiful Easter Sunday Service will follow at 11:00 am with flowers in memory and honor of beloved as we celebrate "HE IS RISEN." It's a great day to invite friends and family.



#### ***John Small***

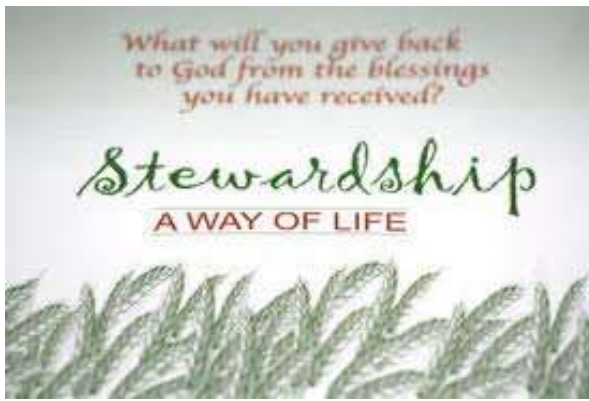
It's been a long hard winter and the toll on our building has been extra hard. Several snows required having our lot and our sidewalks plowed and cleared. Special thanks to Roberto Lopez who helped clear the

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!*

The light in one of our bathrooms on the main floor has gone badly but we hope to have it replaced by Easter Sunday.



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 April 6 to discuss a personnel question. in person.
- The Board held its regular monthly meeting on April 9 and addressed a number of important concerns and issues.
- 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.
- Special thanks to Linda, Jane and Mary and Karen for putting immense amounts of time into dealing with several outstanding issues at this time.

**Welcome New Member...Scott Harper joined by Transfer of Membership on Sunday, April 13. Scott lives in Kensington, Maryland and has a unique accent. Can you guess where he was born? Welcome Scott! We look forward to a long and joyful relationship together. God has plans in store for you we're sure!**



Just Around the Corner...The Board enthusiastically approved Our Annual “Hot Button Campaign” this year will focus on refilling the broken Piggy Bank due to unusual and unanticipated expenses this past winter. Look for more to come! Our goal with be around \$12,500.00

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