



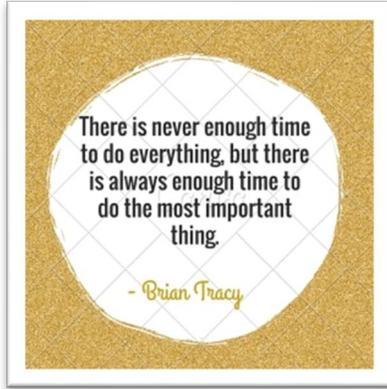
THE VINE

Aspen Hill Christian Church

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Pastor: Dr. D. Robert Chance



Time Is a Gift

I recently visited an old friend from many years ago, fifty-five or more years ago. I had heard she was not doing well and while I short of time I still wanted to drop in and visit with her.

I hoped wouldn't be our last visit together. Trouble was, I was already overloaded and didn't really have the time to visit her and her husband. After some soul searching I decided I had it backwards. I didn't have the time to not to visit her.

When Mary and I arrived our dear friend from long ago was in a coma. I hadn't expected that and was shocked and saddened. I shared a quiet prayer with her, visited a bit with the lady who was providing day care and left. About an hour later I got a call from her husband that his wife had just died. I was sad to be sure, but I felt good that I had taken the time I didn't really have to visit and have a prayer with our friend.

Time is precious. We don't always think of it that way, but time is one of the treasured and priceless gifts we have. I believe the Holy Spirit had led me to visit with our friend and have a prayer before she died. While in the coma could she hear me, did she know Mary and I were there? We'll never know but I've had a lifetime of experiences of when people were in comas and everyone thought they couldn't hear us or know we were present with them only to discover later when they had come out of their coma they heard every word. It's eerie but it's true.

May we all use our time wisely. May we all put our relationships both with the Lord and with each other at the top of our daily agenda. Had I skipped going by I would still be beating myself up for not taking the time to visit with a dying friend.

Our presence matters. We give each other the gift of presence and that is one of the most precious gifts we can give.

Keep enough time in your calendar to know what truly matters, what is most important and share the gift of your presence with those you love. You always have time for the Lord, for His church and for people.

God bless you for all the time and presence you give to our church, to me as your pastor and friend and may the Good Lord keep us using our time in the most open and best way possible.

Blessings,

D. Robert Chance



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

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

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

David Jordan, who is struggling, appreciates our prayers.

Janis Hanson, who is limited to being home due to other health issues.

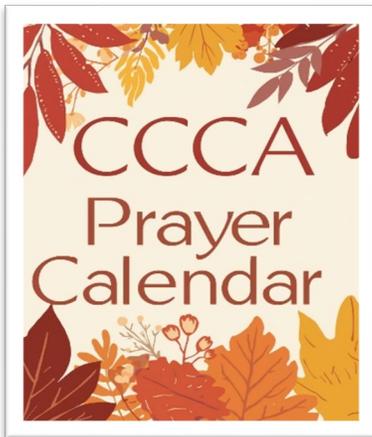
Paul Leiberton, who is dealing with health issues.

Linda Vincent, who just had Hip Replacement surgery.

Mary Chance who is having hip replacement surgery on November 11.

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.



Please lift the following congregations in your prayers this month.

NOVEMBER

2 - University Christian Church, Hyattsville, Maryland

9 - Aspen Hill Christian Church, Aspen Hill, Maryland

16 - Beaver Creek Christian Church, Hagerstown, Maryland

23 - North Chevy Chase Christian Church, Chevy Chase, Maryland

30 - Winchester Avenue Christian Church, Martinsburg, Virginia



We strive 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.



The Annual Meeting is on December 7, immediately following the Service.



Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 – 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 & ANNIVERSARIES THIS COMING MONTH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



Eric Long	November 07
Rich Link	November 17
Connie Spoon	November 17



Linda & Kenny Vincent November 2, 1985

Please let the Church Office know if Your Birthdate or Anniversary Date Is Wrong or missing, so we may correct it .

Highlights From The Board

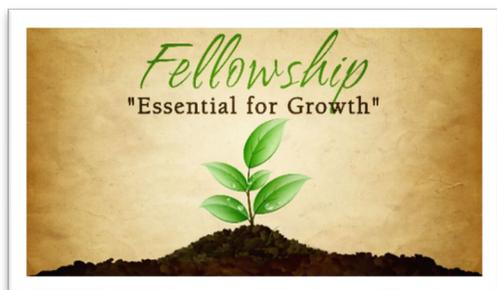


Board Meeting

- The Board meeting was held on October 8, 2025.
- *Financial reports were reviewed.*
- *An update on our Search Process was provided.*
- *Ministry Reports and the Pastor's Report were shared.*

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES

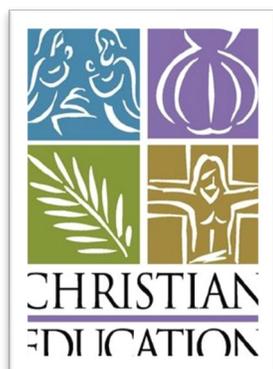
Fellowship / Amy Buckingham and Mary Chance



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.

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



Christian Education / Position Vacant At This Time

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 in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you to our volunteers who lead Children's Church each week: Phyllis Brown, Pam Force, Lisa Knight & Jayna, Jennifer Sharma, and Lou Ann Rector.



Worship / Gwen Mott

Don't miss this time of worship! In-person and Online Worship Services are available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. 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.

On November 2, our church will be **celebrating All Saints Sunday**. We will remember all those who have passed on in the previous year. Those faithful members of our congregation, family members, and friends close to our church. There will be a special part during our service honoring them.

We will honor and celebrate our Veterans **on Sunday on November 9** during the Worship Service.

November 23, after church, we will be celebrating with our church family **our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**.. This Thanksgiving, take time in your busy lives to reflect on the goodness of God, His blessings, and kindness to you, and pass this forward. *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* - Philippians 4:4-6

November 30 is the beginning of Advent. There are special Sunday worship services during Advent. We'll see you in church

Average Attendance for September 2025

Month...	In Person 39	Online 15	Total 54
YTD...	In Person 35	Online 18	Total 53

John Small



The property is in relatively good shape. A few minor issues have been addressed, with special thanks to Roberto Lopez. We are currently working on cleaning out and updating some of the old offices and the library. If you would like to help with property projects, please talk to John. We are currently working on clearing out old offices of outdated materials and organizing a large collection of books. If you are willing to help, let Dr. Chance know.



Stewardship
a way of life

Stewardship

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



Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or an anniversary. Sign up to donate altar flowers. Sign up in the fellowship hall or email Cyndi at office@aspenhillcc.org. Please include the date of dedication, your name, and the dedication (dedicated to/for). AHCC requests a donation of \$30 (\$25 for the flowers and \$5 for delivery) to cover the cost of flowers each week.

Outreach

Connie Spoon

Our next Outreach project is providing a Thanksgiving meal to the needy families of Georgian Forest Elementary School. We are providing \$50 gift cards so the families can purchase the items themselves.

If you feel moved to help, we're gratefully accepting gift cards (please attach the receipt) or monetary donations through November 16. Every contribution makes a meaningful difference in helping these families enjoy a warm and nourishing holiday.

Thank you for your kindness and support.



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The food pantry is fully stocked and available for anyone in need. Contact Cyndi in the church office for assistance. Call the office at 301-871-7222 or email her at office@aspenhillcc.org.

The toy drive starts, and the final date to bring toys is December 14. The gifts will be distributed to children in need at Georgian Forrest Elementary School.

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**CHRISTMAS
TOY DRIVE**

NOVEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 7

HELP DONATE TOYS FOR CHILDREN IN
NEED FROM GEORGIAN FORREST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND GIVE THEM
A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY **7** **AT 11:00 AM**

DECEMBER

**DROP OFF
DAY!**



FRUIT FUNDRAISER

Order forms are available in the Narthex. Orders are due in along with payment by November 16.

PICKUP DATE

Saturday **6** December



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