

From the Pastor's Office

**Rally Sunday Kicks Off
Fall at COA**



Dear friends
at Christ
Our Anchor
and
community
friends,

We are entering into fall—one of my favorite seasons! It is a beautiful and hopeful time, but also full of transition which makes fall a stressful and challenging time for many of us. Never forget that I am here for you if you need to talk, pray or just spend some time together laughing about the

everyday ups and downs. I know Deacons and other church members want to be there for you too. This is truly a faith **family**.

Starting on Rally Sunday (September 8), I will be diving back into the **Narrative Lectionary**, starting with stories from the Old Testament. We started using this Bible reading plan last fall, and it is a slightly different way of trying to make sense of scripture week to

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September 8

Two Sunday Services:

– 9:30 a.m.

– 11 a.m.

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week. Its aim is to help all of us see the Bible as one big, connected story of God with God's people. We have all been written into God's ongoing, great story of love with humanity. We have a place in that story, and as we see how God has been present throughout history in very different times

and places, we may find that our hearts open to God's presence in all the stuff of our own lives. I look forward to growing with you!

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Rally Sunday!



✝ Sunday School begins again at the 11:00 service following the Children's message.

✝ During the Children's Sermon, 3rd graders will be given a special gift, acknowledging their shift to the older Sunday School class.

✝ Also during the Children's Sermon, we will have a special prayer for our annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" for all students returning to school.

Rally Sunday Potluck – September 8 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

The Deacons will provide **hamburgers and hotdogs**. *If you have a dietary restriction, please let one of the deacons know so that some other type of food option could be provided.*

All those attending are asked to **bring a side dish, salad or dessert**.

Sign-up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. **Please sign up** for the item you would like to bring and let us know how many people are coming.

The picnic will take place **outside in the COA Parking lot*** or move indoors in the case of inclement weather.

*** People are encouraged to park next door at the Harbour School to allow room to set up for the Potluck in COA's parking lot.**

COA Youth Group to Kick Off New Year

Ready for another amazing youth group year? Anyone in grades 6 through 12 who is interested in connecting more deeply to God and to other youth is invited to join us on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00.

- ❑ *You do NOT have to be a member of COA to attend the youth group!*
- ❑ **Note:** The weekly meeting time is different this year! The fall Youth



Group schedule will be posted on the youth bulletin board in the hallway near the library.

- ❑ **First Fall Meeting:** Sunday, September 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a mandatory parents' meeting so plan to attend with your kids at the church for all kinds of information you'll need for the year ahead.
- ❑ Make sure you are getting youth group e-mails! Some have already been sent out. If you are not currently receiving these, please e-mail Pastor Jessie at pastorcoapc@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Sunday, October 6, 12:30 p.m.

Have you been attending COA for a while and would like to learn more about becoming a member? Please join Pastor Jessie and a couple of friendly Elders for a brief introduction to membership in our church.

It is a casual time to ask questions and get to know each other better. Lunch will be provided.

NOTE: Attending this event does not commit you to joining. It is strictly for you to discern and explore.

Please RSVP to Pastor Jessie at pastorcoapc@gmail.com by Sunday September 29.

Adult volunteers are always needed. We cannot meet regularly without your help. You can be a parent, grandparent or just an adult who cares about this next generation! Talk to Pastor Jessie if you interested in helping!

STEWARDSHIP IS FOR EVERYONE

Giving Through the Ages

October of 2019 will be a month where our church thinks, prays and talks about stewardship. One of the highlights of the campaign this year is that the Generosity Team has worked hard to prepare what is called a Narrative Budget. A Narrative Budget goes beyond the typical spreadsheet with numbers and line items (which can be confusing and intimidating for many of us) and instead tries to tell the STORY behind the money we spend. It tries to clarify the real person-to-person impact of the budget we pray over and work on each year as a church community. This budget will be distributed during the campaign, and the Team hopes that everyone connected to COA will read it and be inspired.

Remember that even though our church relies on this campaign and its pledges each year, stewardship is about so much more than just money! In each stage of our lives, we have something important to give to the world. Even with the unique ups and downs of each stage (from childhood through old age), God has given us something that others can learn from and something that can bless others. Sharing these gifts is part of our calling as Christians.

During this important time, Pastor Jessie will be preaching a sermon series about the different ages and stages of life. Sermons will be inspired by interviews with church

members in each stage of life, asking them what they have learned about life and faith and also what they have learned about giving back.

Here is a preview of what is ahead.

Sunday October 6:

Part 1: Learning

(Children through college graduation)

Sunday October 13:

Part 2: Yearning

(Young Adults and Families)

Sunday October 20:

Part 3: Earning

(Middle Age/Building to Retirement)

Sunday October 27:

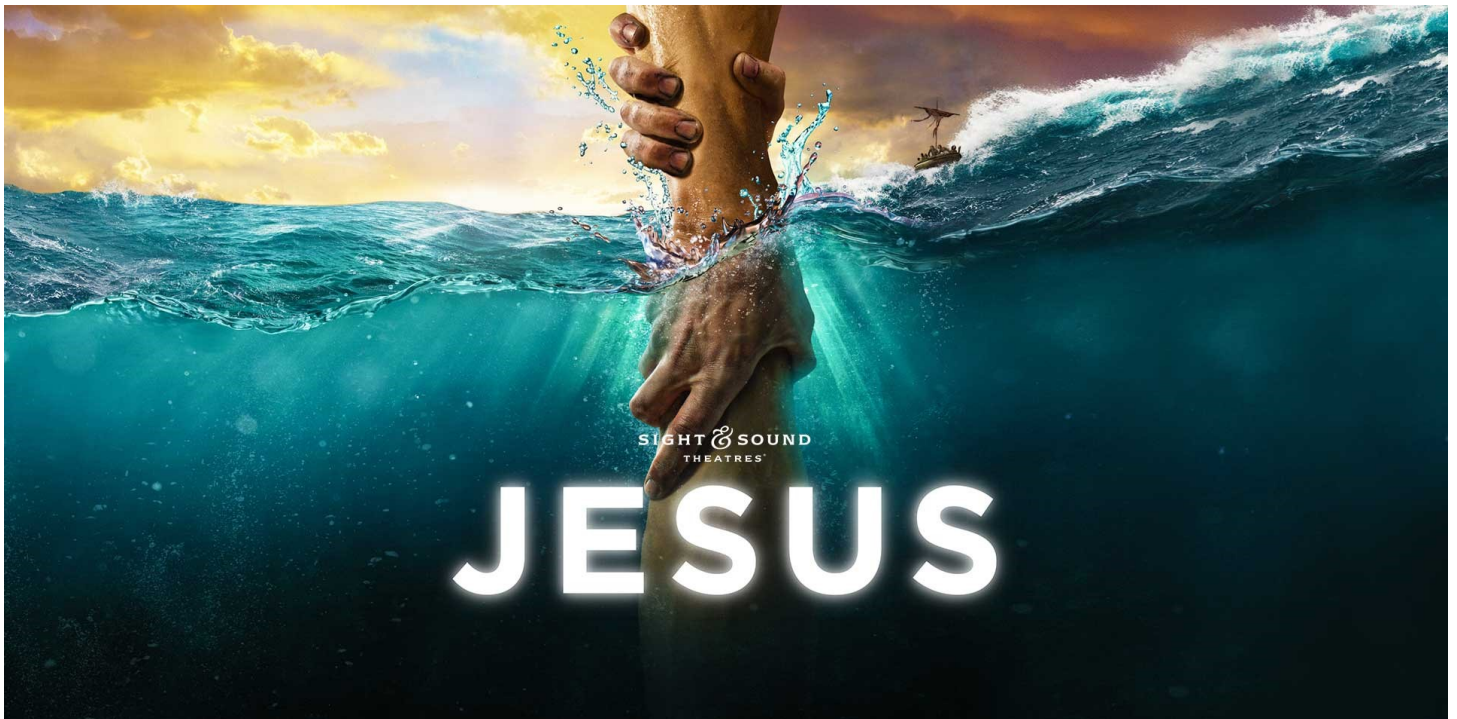
Part 4: Returning

("Senior Citizens"/ Aging Gracefully)

The final Sunday of the series will also be Dedication Sunday where we pray gratefully over pledges received and join in God's dreams for our future as a faith family.



Giving 
THROUGH THE AGES:
Stewardship is for Everyone



Women's (and Men's) Retreat, September 21

This year we are going to Lancaster, PA to the Sight and Sound Theater, to experience the Living Bible Story of "Jesus." We will leave around 11 a.m., which will give us plenty of time to have lunch at the Hershey Farm Restaurant and maybe a buggy ride.

The cost for the show is \$79, the buggy ride is \$15 and lunch would be \$24.99.

Please call me to sign up; we have to do this soon because the theater is selling out quickly. I hope to hear from you soon.

Anna Werntz 443-995-1580



COA will be collecting the **Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6.**

The Peace and Global Witness Offering supports ministries of reconciliation and peace within cultures of violence and conflict—including our own. The Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear and embrace God's boundless peace through resources that promote and teach peace and sharing in the work of our sisters and brothers in Christ who walk through turmoil holding the tools of reconciliation. The peace of Christ quiets the anxiety of every soul and reconciles us in one another and to God. The Peace and Global Witness Offering serves to share this peace at all times and in all ways.

Thank you for your support.

Your Mission Committee

COA Mission Team Returning

To New Jersey in October

Plans are shaping up for our mission trip to New Jersey, which is planned for the week of [October 20](#) through [October 25](#). We will be staying at Camp Evans in Wall Township, NJ and will be working with a group called the Saint Bernard Project, who will be assigning us work sites and construction

supervisors. They are working in areas that we have worked in previously such as Brick and Toms River.

I have told them we will probably have 10 volunteers coming, but would love to have to increase that number if

more of you want to join in.

We will drive to

Wall Township on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20 and drive back after work on Friday, October 25. We prefer to have you for the whole week but can accommodate fewer days if your schedule doesn't permit going for the full week.

The cost is usually about \$25 per day for lodging and another \$20 to \$25 per day for food. Our Mission

Committee usually provides about \$300 to help out with our expenses. If you are interested in going with us or have any questions, please e-mail Mike and Joan Henderson at hjoanandmike@aol.com or call us at 410-757-6525.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Fall Work Day at Christ Our Anchor

**Saturday, November 16, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
followed by lunch.**

COA VBS Takes 76 Kids to Mars And Beyond!

See story on page 7



FUN-Day School 2019-2020

The children's ~~Sun~~ FUN-Day School year is starting on Sunday, September 8, 2019 for children (4-years-old through 5th grade) during the 11 a.m. service. Our continued goal this year is for the children of our congregation to have FUN and enjoy coming to church to learn about God's love. Families who are interested in having their children attend our "cooperative" FUN-Day school can contact me in person or via email at coapc.ced@gmail.com for the 2019-2020 registration form.

Fun-Day School Teacher Volunteers

Needed: The only missing piece is YOU! We have selected a great curriculum for the

school year that not only follows the Bible Stories Pastor Jessie's sermons will be based on, but also gives our volunteer teachers and youth helpers lots of options to choose from to make a meaningful and enjoyable lesson for the kids. I am open to innovative ideas and if you have a special talent or hobby you would love to share with the children during a FUN-Day school class, please let me know so I can add you to the rotation. If you are new to teaching FUN-Day school, I'd be happy to pair you with an experienced teacher for your first day on the job. Contact me today to sign-up to make a positive difference for our COA children by teaching FUN-Day school!

Let's make this the best FUN-Day School year ever!

TO MARS AND BEYOND: COA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) 2019

By: Debbie Barbour,
COA Christian Educator



This summer, 76 children took a voyage through the galaxy from June 24 – 28 to explore God's love during our annual Vacation Bible School! Thousands of stars, planets, moons, rockets, a big sun, and fabulous twinkling lights made the church feel like it was deep in our solar system.



Each day, it was awesome to see the joy on the children's faces as they rotated through the Bible Story, Craft, Games, Science, and Snack stations. The sanctuary was transformed into a Mars Outpost, complete with visits from our favorite robot puppet—EP 3-20! More than 50 adult and youth volunteers shared their time, talents, and love to make VBS "out-of-this-world" for the children attending.



Focusing on the passage "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!" (Ephesians 3:20), the week was spent finding Faith, Boldness, Kindness, Thankfulness, and Hope on our journey through outer space.

One of the most meaningful parts of the week for me was the generous outpouring of love and school supplies donated by our VBS and COA families to fill backpacks for children in need in Anne Arundel County. Thank you for making a difference! I also want to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers who spent endless hours making the "stellar" decorations and props to turn the church into an



amazing-looking universe! Our VBS program continues to be a success because of all our wonderful volunteers. I greatly appreciate your support.

Mark your calendars now for COA's next VBS when we turn COA into a kingdom and become "The Knights of the North Castle" from June 22 – 26, 2020!

COA Support for My Brother's Pantry Continues



During July and August, Christ Our Anchor was responsible for providing bags of non-perishable food to 120 families on the Broadneck Peninsula through My Brother's Pantry. We had a great turnout of our congregation for packing bags and distribution to the participants.

Starting in the fall, we will be collecting food monthly to help fill the pantry's shelves. Please look for more information coming soon!



COA Team Walks for National Alliance on Mental Illness



On June 1, Pastor Jessie and 11 COA members joined the Maryland NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walks team at Rash Field in Baltimore for a 5K walk. The Maryland walk, one of more than 100 in the country, helps



celebrate mental illness recovery, honors those who have lost their lives to mental illness, combats stigma and promotes awareness of mental illness.



Congratulations to our team who raised more than \$1,400, all of which goes to our Anne Arundel NAMI affiliate. It was a great day and we hope that we can form a bigger team for next year's walk.

Jake's "Killer Crunch" Brownies Win Contest

Congratulations to Jake Wagner who, won the Men's Dessert Contest on June 23 by baking "Killer Crunch Brownies." Jake's brownies were voted the most popular entry in a blind taste test competition held

after church that day. The brownies were enjoyed by all, including Jake's daughter, Adalyn, who not only helped to make the Brownies, but enjoyed eating them when they were done.

28 is Great Night **At Broadneck Grill** **Really is Great !**

Thanks to all who were able to join us at Broadneck Grill for Our 28 Is Great Night in August. We filled the room and more with a total of 34 Diners and raised \$201. Our year to date total is \$1,043.

If you were not able to join us, I have great news! We have more dates for you to bring your family and friends for a great meal. We are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month for the rest of the year:

September 11, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

October 9, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

November 13, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

December 11, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Please mark your calendars! Whether you dine in or carry out, we hope to see you there!



KILLER CRUNCH BROWNIES

PREP TIME 20 MINUTES

COOK TIME 35 MINUTES

ADDITIONAL TIME 55 MINUTES

TOTAL TIME 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES



INGREDIENTS

BROWNIES:

- 1 12-ounce bag chocolate chips
- 1 cup butter (2 sticks)
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 large eggs
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

TOPPING:

- 7-ounce jar marshmallow crème
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3 cups rice krispies cereal

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9X13-inch baking pan with aluminum foil and lightly spray with cooking spray. For the brownies, in a medium saucepan over low heat, melt the butter and chocolate chips. Stir constantly and remove from the heat when the chips are fully melted. Whisk in the sugar and vanilla. Add the eggs, blending fully, one at a time. Add the flour and salt and mix until well combined. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake for 25–30 minutes until the brownies are cooked through and set but not overbaked.

2. While the brownies are still warm, dollop the marshmallow crème over the top in large scoops and spread into an even layer. In a medium saucepan, melt the peanut butter and chocolate chips together over low heat, stirring constantly. When fully melted and smooth, remove from the heat and stir in the rice krispies. Scoop spoonfuls over the marshmallow layer and gently spread into an even layer. Let the pan of brownies cool to room temperature and then refrigerate until the chocolate krispie topping is set, 1–2 hours. Serve chilled

12 COA Youth Go On Mission Trip



This summer, twelve of our youth attended our annual Youthworks mission trip to Harrisburg, PA. Our church should be so proud of these folks! They truly

served as Jesus' hands and feet in a community with a great variety of needs. They worked in nursing homes, community gardens, food banks, and community centers. They worked hard, had a blast and have the pictures to prove it !



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Sean Cain

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Kamden Peacock

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Maile Peacock

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Nathan Lime

Hannah Urlock

Ney-Lum Forti

Jessie Lowry

Rob Werntz

Lawrie Gardner

(Chaperone)

(Chaperone)

COA Veterans' Garden Refreshed



If you happen to notice our beautiful garden dedicated to veterans, military and first responders on COA grounds, you may notice that all the plaques honoring different branches have been repainted. They look brand new and beautiful. Thanks to Mike

Faulkner, husband of COA member Jill Allen Faulkner!

*COA member Jill Allen
Faulkner with her
husband Mike*



Sam Kelley was recently sworn in as Youth Deacon by his grandfather, Elder Rich Kelley.