

From the Pastor's Office

Plans for This Summer at COA



Hello everyone!
It's almost summer again—a time to celebrate and a fun time

of year to be a part of COA! Things slow down a bit in church life so that we can relax and enjoy family time, vacation and the outdoors BUT we also have some new things to offer in our faith family. Beginning on Sunday, June 16, we transition to one summer worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know some new members and families that maybe you have not met before.

This summer, we are trying something different. Instead of the Tuesday evening services each week, we will have one monthly potluck and outdoor evening service for each month of summer. We are calling these TUESDAY TAILGATES. Bring your

lawn chair, your casual clothes, your pet, some food to share and an openness to new ways to worship God in God's creation.

I am also excited about my two summer sermon series:

1. From June through August, I will be preaching on **The Games We Play**. Have we ever considered



how each of us learned important lessons about life through our play as children? And even in adulthood, so much of what shapes how we think and behave is connected to what we do for

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Starting June 16
Single Sunday Service at 10 a.m.

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fun. Our fun should be taken very seriously! The series will explore the lessons of a different game each week and connect them to our faith journeys including...

Telephone	Follow the Leader
Sorry	Operation
Jenga	Candyland
Monopoly	Tag

2. During August through Labor Day (in a play on the Games series), the series will turn to "Taboo" Words in Faith. This series will consider concepts or pieces of our journeys that we



tend to run away from or think don't belong in church. But what does the Bible have to say about them? We will explore things like...

Failure	Hate
"No"	Fun

I think both series should provide some great food for thought, discussion and even some good laughs at ourselves. I am really looking forward to them! Also please know that whether you are brand new to COA or a long-time member, I'd always love to spend time with you and get to know you better. Feel free to contact me anytime!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Jessie

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TUESDAY TAILGATES – SAVE THE DATES!

June 18

July 16

August 20

- Monthly potluck and outdoor evening service each month of summer.
- Bring your lawn chair, your casual clothes, your pet, some food to share.
- Worship God in God's creation.

6:30 Dinner

**7:30 Casual
Worship**



Christ Our Anchor's Faith Family Grows

On March 31, Christ Our Anchor welcomed four new members (and two children) to its faith family. In a faith family like ours, every person really does matter! Each face, each person's stories, interests, hobbies, passions and prayers shape the day to day life and character of this community we call Christ Our Anchor. *Did you know that? That you matter that much to us? That when you're not here with us, something truly is missing?*



We hope as you read about them and see them around that you will take time to get to know them better! They are all in the church directory, so send them a card, schedule time to grab a cup of coffee or simply start conversation here at church!



Mike King & Megan Barnum (and children Garrett & Charlotte)

Mike was born and raised here in Arnold and graduated from Severna Park High School. He is the Battalion Chief in the Anne Arundel County Fire Department. He enjoys bowling, camping, kayaking (and just generally being outdoors!). He also is a fan of the Caps, Orioles and Ravens.

Megan was born in New Jersey but moved to the Cape at age 4. She was raised in the Catholic church but grew away from it after her mother died. She graduated from St. Mary's High School. She works as a Lieutenant and Paramedic for the AAC Fire Department (where she met Mike ---they just got married this past October!) She enjoys chasing her children and two puppies around, playing and watching sports, camping, kayaking, hiking and anything outside

Bill & Joyce Allen (parents of COA adult member Jill Faulkner)

Bill lived most of his life in Pittsburgh, moving to Maryland in 1996. He is an electrical engineer and worked for 47 years in steel and aluminum plants but is now retired. His interests include hunting/shooting, fishing, woodworking, gardening, traveling and hiking.

Joyce is a native of Pittsburgh and moved to Maryland with Bill. She is a retired interior designer. She is proud of their two beautiful daughters Jill and Amy as well as their two beautiful grandchildren Calvin and Lexi. Her interests include cooking, reading, fishing, traveling, hiking and gardening.

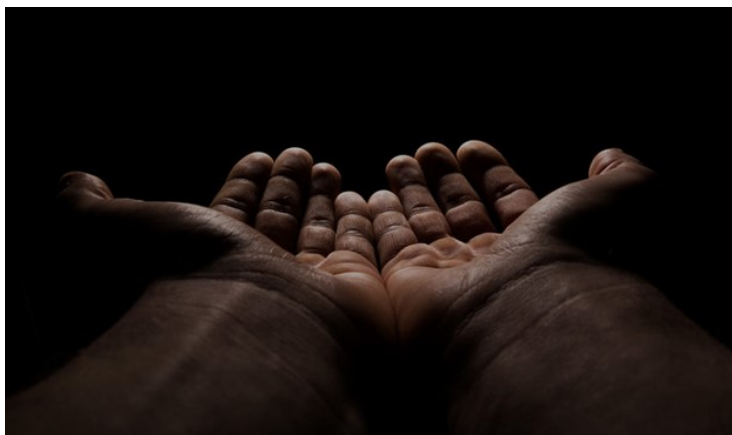
Bill and Joyce live in Hagerstown, Maryland but spend so much time here with Jill and their grandchildren the last few years that they have come to love being with us at COA.



COA Generosity Team Already Hard at Work

The generous will prosper. Those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Did you know that COA has a Generosity Team? They have been meeting and have been hard at work. Instead of focusing just on Stewardship, this team also will look at better ways to communicate financial information, monitor income producing areas such as online giving and Graul's receipts, and help COA remain an enthusiastically viable church. What a bonus for us to have this new committee led by incoming Elder Bob Kilgore!



We thank all of you who faithfully keep up with your 2019 pledges. We are so excited to see what we can do together: from maintaining our building to reaching out to the community.

The Stewardship campaign for 2020 pledging will be held during October with the wonderful theme of "Giving Through the Ages: Stewardship is for Everyone." The team expects that this theme will provide

opportunities for interesting presentations and sermons as well as for giving—*no matter your age or circumstances!*

COA is truly blessed!

Check It Out!

New Mental Health Resource Wall to the Left of the Library

If you have any questions or requests for specific information, please contact one of our Mission Committee Elders (Judy Clark: omi_3@verizon.net or Jenny Wilhelm: wilhelm1982@yahoo.com)



We did it!

Thank you for your incredible generosity!

Your donations, allowed us to purchase a brand-new, beautiful Yamaha C2X grand piano.

Our previous piano, a Kawai, from 1971, needed major repairs that would have cost more than we paid for it originally, so the decision was to replace the piano.

The entire music department feels so grateful knowing that this new piano will last us for generations to come!

Psalm 100:1 – *A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

Our congregation truly values its music. Now every Sunday morning service, as well as our other special services, we will be blessed providing music on such a high-quality instrument.

We could not have done this without you!! Again, thank you for all the ways you build up our faith family!

Psalm 95:1 – *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

With blessings,

Diana Martin, Music Director

Mike Jarjoura, Assistant Music Director



YOUTH SUNDAY 2019: GROWING UP IN FAITH



We had one of our best Youth Sundays ever on Sunday, February 24 with five youth speakers and two youth in a special skit about the Lord's Prayer. The theme was "Growing Up in Faith" and it was about how we learn, grow, and mature in our journeys with God.



COA Cleaned Up Outside And In on Church Workday

The Church Spring Workday was held April 13, just before Palm Sunday. Fortunately, the weather was very good. We had a great turnout with more than 25 people (families, individuals, kids and seniors) pitching in to get the church ready for Easter and the summer months.

A mountain of mulch was gradually reduced to nothing by spreading in our gardens. They looked really great afterwards. The jungle between COA and College Parkway was driven back by several people with shears, weed whackers and lots of determination.

The roof was inspected, and new door seals were installed on the sanctuary and playground doors. The kitchen was organized and cleaned; the Narthex and Sanctuary windows were washed.

Lunch was served at the end of a very successful cleanup.



Women's Retreat Focuses on How to Weather the Storm

COA's Women's Spring Retreat was held from May 3 through May 5 at Shrine Mont Conference Retreat Center. Here is Anna Werntz's summary of the discussion over the course of the weekend.

Our theme this year was "Preparing for the Storm". We brought awareness on what our reactions might be during times of turmoil. Storms in our lives, come at us, sometimes several at a time, so we worked on creating a toolbox that would help us survive and make it to the rainbow at the other end.

At the beginning of the Storm we each developed our personal Toolbox:

- Practice using your tools
- Stress management is very important
- Self-care, such as making sure to eat, drinking to keep strength up, meditation
- Working on problem-solving skills
- Being aware that something is coming
- Praying and asking God for strength and wisdom
- Fasting, for help creating a bond with God.

When you reach the Eye of the Storm, we learned to replenish our toolboxes:

- Rest
- Get nourishment
- Organize yourself and your tools
- Be thankful for the break
- Continue to ask God for strength and wisdom

When the Storm is over, and you see the Rainbow:

- Be thankful
- Rebuild
- Replenish your toolbox
- Grow by:
 - Learning from your mistakes
 - Changing what did not work

You now have gained experience.

Matthew 7:24--29 tells us:

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who build his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teaches of the law.

So, through prayer and love, God is with us and he is going to remind each of us to be courageous and speak to our storms with authority. So, go, live your life holding onto God through all your storms. In Christ's name, Amen.



COA Mission Team Provides Relief From Hurricane Florence to Kinston, NC Area

Nine volunteers set off for Kinston, NC on March 17 for a week-long mission trip to help residents recover from Hurricane Florence and flooding in 2016. We worked with the Kinston Area Recovery Effort (KARE) at three locations in Lenoir County. At the first home we did a variety of punch list



tasks to finish up a project that had been going on for several months. This included trim work, painting, hanging light fixtures and several other finishing touches.

The second project was a trailer home that needed the entry steps and porch beefed up and rebuilt, the front door replaced and rotted areas of the kitchen floor replaced and new flooring installed. A new roof was put on a shed at the third location and some roof repairs made to the house.



Sometimes it's not just a job — it's an adventure!

Even "rookies" are allowed to have some fun.

This was the twentieth mission trip for the COA Team and the first to North Carolina. Volunteers included Steve and Dotty Sellers from Harrisburg, PA, Tom Rorick, Linda Link, Terry DelPrete, Mike and Joan Henderson and Bob and Paula Kilgore who were on their first mission trip. All the home owners that we worked with were extremely grateful for the service we provided and we left knowing that we had made a difference in their lives while doing God's work.

Our next mission trip is planned for October 20-25, back to New Jersey to continue rebuilding after Super Storm Sandy.

Rally Sunday!



Save the Date — September 8 !

Rally Sunday will be celebrated after the Second Service.

'28 is Great' Dinner on July 10 To Provide Fun and Funds for Christ Our Anchor

COA's Broadneck Grill Fundraiser continues June 12, July 10, and August 14. On July 10, we have



reserved the small dining room, which holds 28 people. Folks will be

coming and going from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. throughout the evening for a night of great fellowship and sharing. So please save the date for this 28 Is Great Dinner.



2019 Confirmation Students and Their Mentors

Congratulations to our 2019 confirmands who will be joining COA on June 9:

Ketzel Barbour
Sean Cain
Neyfen Forti
Ainsley Kinlaw

Kyra Lime
Audrey McNeal
Griffin Trout
Lily Trout

And a special thank you to our mentors for this year who invested in our youths' journey of faith!

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS ORDAINED AND RETIRING OFFICERS THANKED FOR THEIR SERVICE



The picture above during the ordination of new officers on May 19 shows "the laying on of hands" by those members of Christ Our Anchor who had already been ordained as Elders or Deacons.

Those being ordained and installed are:

Lawrie Gardner, Clerk of Session

Karen Hoover, Administration Elder

Anne Hatcher, Worship Elder

Bob Kilgore, Generosity Elder

Rick Link, Property Elder

Debbie Sweigart, Congregational Connections Elder

Cherry Egan, Deacon

Also during the service, those retiring from their term in office were thanked. These included:

Alton Fryer, Congregational Connections Elder

Molly Fullerton, Worship Elder

Hope Gilbert, Youth Deacon

Mike Henderson, Property Elder

Amy Jarjoura, Clerk of Session

Helen Kelley, Administration Elder



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2019

We're going "To Mars and Beyond" to Explore Where God's Power Can Take You

June 24 - June 28

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

COA CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR'S CORNER

Does it really seem possible that I have been serving our church community as Christian Educator at COA for an entire year? May 6 marked my one-year anniversary, and what an amazing time of growth and learning it has been. I am grateful for the love and support COA members have given me along my journey in this new role.

It continues to be a joy to work with the families at COA to help deliver meaningful experiences for the children in the Nursery and FUN-Day School programs. I am thankful for all the adult and youth volunteers who have taken time out of their schedules to teach this year. One of my favorite memories from FUN-Day School this spring was watching the children and youth helpers delight in learning about expressing God's love through music, specifically percussion instruments, with Robbie Werntz.

I have also enjoyed being an active member on the Anchors-A-Wee (AAW) Pre-School board. This summer COA's Vacation Bible

School program will serve the children in our congregation and carry on as an outreach to the AAW families. In June we will be hosting close to 80 children on a mission "To Mars and Beyond" to experience where God's Power Can Take You.



I welcome your ideas, creativity, energy, and feedback to perpetually enrich and improve COA's Christian Education programs.

Seek the Joy,

Debbie Barbour
COA Christian Educator

HANDS-ON MISSION OPPORTUNITY: MY BROTHER'S PANTRY

Join COA members as we participate in our annual food distribution for our neighborhood food pantry. The dates are Saturday, July 20 and Saturday, August 17 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcome! This is a family friendly event and a great way to serve our community!

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COA Youth for

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Of the
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My Brother's Pantry

Summer Food for Kids Program

This new program, run by My Brother's Pantry, will provide food supplements to eligible elementary school children on the Broadneck Peninsula during the summer.

Food distributions will be at My Brother's Pantry twice monthly beginning in June and running through August

Foods provided will be child-friendly breakfast and lunch foods in family-sized portions

\$100 supports one child for the summer!

You can help support the kids by donating food or money!

Peanut butter (16 oz. jars)

Jelly (18 oz. plastic jars)

Large box cereal

Tuna or Chicken (4 oz. can)

Applesauce (6 indiv. cup pkg.)

Pop-Tarts (Pkg. of 8)

Mac & Cheese (family-sized box)

Canned pasta (12 oz. cans or single microwave)

Granola bars

Cookies/Snacks

Checks can be made out to My Brother's Pantry, earmarked for "Summer Food for Kids"

Donations can be made at your church, at the Pantry or contact...

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