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**OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of
God One Person At A Time**

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USBC NEWS



We gathered together on April 26th and celebrated the faithful ministry of Mae Settles. Mae, has been a pillar of strength and inspiration to all of us. Her dedication to serving the Lord and spreading His love has touched countless lives within our congregation and beyond.

As Mae and Clarence prepare to embark on a new chapter in North Carolina, we cannot help but feel a mix of emotions. While we will deeply miss their presence and the impact they have had on our church, we are filled with joy and anticipation for the next steps in their journey. We know that God has amazing plans in store for them and we are excited to see how He will continue to use them to further His kingdom.

Mae and Clarence, remember that no matter where life may take you, you will always be a part of our church family. Your friendship and faithfulness have left a lasting imprint on our hearts, and we are grateful for the time we have shared together. As the song goes, *"Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them,"* and we know that our bond in Christ will never be broken.

So, as we bid farewell to Mae and Clarence, let us also celebrate the beautiful memories we have created together and look forward to the new blessings that await them. May God continue to guide and bless you both in all your endeavors. Friends truly are friends forever, and we are grateful to have had you in our lives.





On Thursday, May 7th, the church doors will open at 9:30 a.m. to welcome anyone who desires to come into our sanctuary to **pray for our nation** and other prayer needs. Then at 12:30 p.m., the Pastor will lead a special prayer time and invites all who wish to join him. As you enter the church building during the time from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., you can take a Post-It Note or notes, that will be placed on the glass doors, to help guide you during your prayer time.

If you cannot attend in person, please take time on May 7th to pray for our nation, our church, and other prayer needs that God has placed upon your heart.



Mother's Day is just around the corner (May 10th). To help celebrate our mothers and the women who have had a special influence in our lives, USBC will have a special *Mother's Day Service*. During the 11 a.m. service, the children will be giving beautiful flowers to all the women in attendance. It is our way to express our appreciation for your love and dedication.



On Sunday, May 10th I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate **communion** during our Sunday morning worship. Let this be a special time of self-reflection and change as you recall the great sacrifice that Christ made for you. He gave His all so that you could experience the true meaning of life.



Are you ready to party this summer? Well, get ready for **Surprise Party – VBS!** This summer, your kids can spend a few days having a party of all parties as they experience the unexpected grace of Jesus.

Surprise Party focuses on five stories.

Party Foul (Luke 5:27-32).

How To Throw A Party (Luke 14:1-14, James 2:1-4).

A Party In Heaven (Luke 15:1-7).

To Party or Not To Party (Luke 15:11-32).

Everyone's Invited! (Luke 14:12-24).

During Surprise Party the kids will learn about the unexpected grace of Jesus.

VBS (Dates & Times)

June 26th (Friday) from 6-8 p.m.

June 27th (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

June 28th (Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Worship Service (11 a.m.) – Will highlight VBS.

“Surprise Party” celebration after the Worship Service.

VBS is for ages 3 years old to 6th grade. The youth (7th-12th grade) will be our helpers.

(If anyone would like to help with VBS, please sign up in the foyer.)



On May 17th, there will be a short *VBS Meeting* at the back of the sanctuary immediately following our Sunday morning worship service. During this time, direction will be given, material will be discussed, and questions will be answered. See you then!



It has been said that “a family that prays together, stays together!” How true that is. However, I have also heard it said, “A family that plays together, stays together!” So, we are going to put this theory to the test.

Following our Sunday morning worship on May 24th, we will be traveling to Frederick, Maryland to enjoy the fun at **Spinners Pinball Arcade**. **Spinners Pinball Arcade** is a non-profit organization designed to help children with autism or learning disabilities to develop cognitive and motor skills through the use of playing pinball machines. Their mission statement reads, “Our mission is to utilize the wonderful and unique game of Pinball for the social enrichment, skill development and education of kids and young adults.”

Their facility is packed with many current and vintage pinball machines and is open to the public. The cost will be \$20 per person for unlimited play on all their many pinball and arcade machines.

Spinners Pinball Arcade is located at 1301 West Patrick St, Frederick, MD 21701. Their website is <https://www.spinnerspinball.org/> and they can be found on Facebook.

If you are planning on attending this event, please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the church’s foyer.



We are thrilled to announce that our church has not only met, but exceeded our **Benevolence Offering** goal! Our initial target was to raise \$2,500 to support those in need, but through the generosity and compassion of our church family, we have collected an incredible \$3,490.00.

This achievement is a testament to the caring spirit and dedication of our congregation. Each donation, no matter how big or small, will make a significant impact on the lives of those who are facing challenges and hardships. By coming together and giving generously, we have shown the power of unity and love in action.

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, May 12th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



On Wednesday, May 27th at 11:30 a.m., the men will gather at the IHOP in Mt. Airy for an enjoyable lunch to connect and to plan for future events for the men.

We're moving!



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God's Plan Of Salvation
Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.
"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).
Jesus said: *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)*
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.
"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

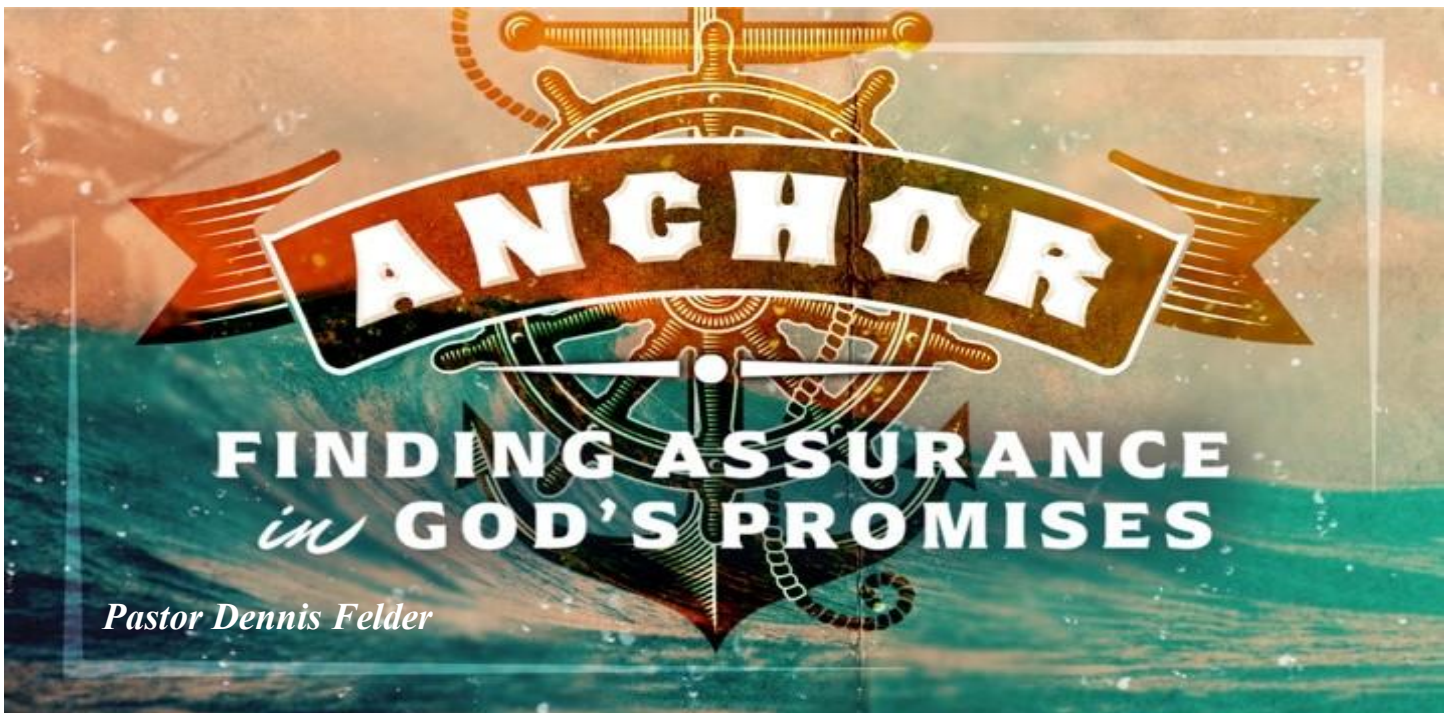
Next Newsletter Deadline
May 17, 2026

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/



Starting on May 3rd, the church will be starting a sermon series entitled, “*Anchor*”. *Anchor* is a 4-week sermon series that will show through every trial, we can rest assured that Christ will not bend or break. The focus of this sermon series is to connect us back to the true Anchor of our lives.

May 3rd

Sermon Title: “*Anchored by Hope*”

Scripture: Hebrews 6:19; Matthew 14:25-31

Synopsis: As believers, we are encouraged to remain steadfast and committed in our faith through every trial and storm that life may bring. We are anchored by Jesus. He is our great hope, salvation, and savior.

May 10th

Sermon Title: “*Ingredients of a Godly Mother*”

Scripture: Proverbs 31:26-31

Synopsis: To be godly mother or a godly woman, it takes the right ingredients. When a mother or a woman mixes these Biblical ingredients into her life, she will be honored and praised.

May 17th

Sermon Title: “*What Are You Holding Onto?*”

Scripture: Mark 10:17-23; Luke 15:11-20, Luke 18:18-30

Synopsis: There is only one firm and secure anchor in which we can put our hope.

May 24th

Sermon Title: “*When the Storm Comes*”

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27; Acts 27:1-44 thru Acts 28:1-10

Synopsis: The storms of life are coming, and when they do, only Jesus will prevail as the firm and secure anchor.

May 31st

Sermon Title: “*Remain Anchored*”

Scripture: John 15:5-8; Psalm 23:1-3

Synopsis: We must learn to remain firm and steadfast in Jesus. Apart from Him, we have no hope. He is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the firm and secure anchor.

CHURCH NEWS

Don't forget to mark your calendar for May 31st for our next **Church Chat**. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop

for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. **Church Chat** is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.



On Sunday, May 31st, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be **"Taking Communion Can Be Dangerous"**. This study will discuss the passage in 1 Corinthians 11:27-34 – "... For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. ...".

So, join us Sunday, May 31st immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.



The **USBC** ladies met on April 27th at Longhorn Steakhouse. Next month, we will meet on Tuesday, May 26th, 11:30 a.m. at BJ's restaurant in Frederick, MD. All ladies are welcome.

CANCELLED

The following activities will be canceled in May.

After the Sermon Bible Study (May 26th)

Prayer Meeting (May 26th)

Church Office Closed (May 25th)



Upper Seneca Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and spiritually driven individual to serve as a **Part-Time Associate Pastor/Outreach Minister**. This role is ideal for someone who is passionate about sharing the Gospel, building community relationships, and supporting the spiritual growth of our congregation.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Senior Pastor with preaching, teaching, and pastoral care duties
- Leading and coordinating outreach ministries and evangelism efforts
- Developing new initiatives to engage the local community and grow the church's presence
- Facilitating small groups, Bible studies, and service projects
- Supporting worship services and church events as needed

Qualifications:

- A mature and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Experience in pastoral ministry, outreach, or a related field
- Strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills
- A heart for community engagement and building relationships
- Formal theological education or ministry training is preferred

Hours and Compensation:

This is a part-time position, approximately 15-20 hours per week. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, a brief statement of faith, and references to our church office via email at Church@usbchurch.org or by mail to Upper Seneca Baptist Church, 23401 Davis Mill Road, Germantown, MD 20876.

We are prayerfully seeking the right person to join our ministry team and help fulfill our mission of making disciples and reaching our community with the love of Christ. Applications will be reviewed as received. We look forward to hearing from you.