Wesley United Methodist Church



Wesley Tidings

April 2022

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April Showers, Flowers...

Spring is in full flow as we enter the last weeks of Lent. A late Easter on the calendar has us growing, blossoming, blooming at the end of Lent just as Holy Week hits us deep in the emotions of our collective faith. Even those who only admire gardens and the hard work and holy effort they demand are struck by the emerging beauty and new life. This stark contrast to Holy Week suffering, sorrow, and tomb brings even more attention to the power of resurrection which highlights the wondrous miracle of God's newness brought into abundance among us.



Entering into the final week with Christ this year we already witness a growing season around us in nature. Perhaps this may help heighten hope, encourage seeds of trust to take root. Perhaps this blossoming setting will provide fertile ground for our journey this year through the last supper, arrest, torture, and execution of our Lord. Perhaps the buds and greens will fertilize and fortify our hearts as we wait with Jesus in the garden and in the tomb.

May this holy season of Lent mature into fullness through Holy Week and burst into loving action Easter. May God's love shower us with endurance, resilience, and restoring hope. April brings rich potential to honor a good enough relationship with God, creation, and one another.

Blessings, Pastor Gretchen

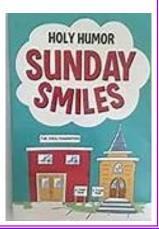
Special Worship April 24- Sunday after Easter, continues......



Extend the joy of Easter with worship Sunday the 24th. A Service of celebration through Holy Humor AND a Festival of God's Creation honoring Earth Day 2022.

Wear bright colors, outfits celebrating God's creation, fun hats, and more. Make ready your silly sayings and stories. Bring jokes and puns and laughter. Send in funny photos to include in wor-

ship. Together we will honor God's delightful creation full of joy.



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Cut Flowers for the cross

As a witness to the Resurrection and new life through Jesus Christ, you are invited to come arrange cut flowers in the church cross anytime Easter after sunrise, bring flowers for a visual proclamation to the world of God's blooming love for all.

Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day Roses will be available on Mother's Day for the cost of \$3.00 each.

Please notate how many white (in memory of) and how many red (in honor of) you would like.

The signup sheet will be on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary or let the church office know. Sign up dead-line is May 1st. Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow



Prayers for Ukraine BY DEREK WEBER

The church around the world lifts up prayers for the people of Ukraine. To help give voice to those prayers and unity in the praying, we have gathered some words that have been written by others and present them here. Use these words in your private prayer closets or in gathered communities of faith.

https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/prayers-for-ukraine

Mission & supporting Ukraine https://umcmission.org/march-2022/a-church-under-siege/

Counters for April:

6—Stephanie Eitzen/Becky Morris

10—Becky Morris/Pat Fitzgerald

17—***EASTER*****VOLUNTEERS Needed PLEASE

24—Pat Fitzgerald/Helen Cope



MONEY COUNTERS

The First Quarter Financial Statements



The First Quarter Giving Statements will be on the Information Counter next to the Sanctuary April 3-24. You can see your giving statements online at https://onrealm.org/WesleyUnitedMet/SignIn or pick yours up (if during Church office hours Monday-Thursday from 9 AM to 12 Noon—call first to be sure Sylvia is there, 838-3044). If you want me to mail or email your statement to you, just let me know. Kathann Montague, Financial Secretary, 757-722-8744, kdm8989@cox.net

Holy Week



Maundy Thursday 7 PM

Come gather for worship in the Upper Room and the Garden of Gethsemane. Let this night be a

time for remembrance, prayer, and nurturing faith. Join together in person and online.



Good Friday 7 PM

The three day vigil leading to Easter continues with a service of Tenebrae, darkening into the tomb with Jesus. Prayerfully wrapping our own pain, grief,

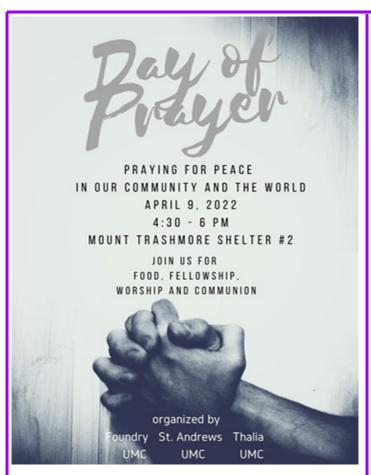
and sorrow together with God's love. Resting into the depths of grace through scripture, song, and prayer.



Easter Resurrection Celebrations 6:20 AM Sunrise service of praise. Welcome a new season of Easter joy.

10 AM Full worship. In person and online. Join in the wonder of new life with Christ as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and God's ongoing revelation of covenant faithfulness. Celebrate the goodness of creation, each other, community, and Christ!

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Park Information

Mount Trashmore Park

310 Edwin Drive Virginia Beach, VA Shelter # 2

is located on the waterside of the park. Ample parking is available in lots 1, 2 & 3.

Food

Hot dogs will be provided for all.

Music

Come ready to sing both modern and traditional songs of worship.

Communion

Communion provided will be in prepackaged, gluten free units. This is event is sponsored by your local United Methodists. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

For Additional information please contact

Foundry UMC: Pastor Matt pastor@foundryumcvb.org 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452 757-340-0595 foundryumcvb.org

St. Andrews UMC: Pastor Witt -pastor@saintandrewsumc.com 717 Tucson Road, Virginia Beach VA 23462 757-467-1047 saumcvb.org

Thalia UMC: Pastor Joe pastor@thaliaumc.org 4321 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23452 757-340-5015 thaliaumc.org

Thank You Volunteers

A Night's Welcome has wrapped up for the winter; Wesley UMC prepared and served three dinners and packaged



approximately 215 breakfasts for the unhoused guests that A Night's Welcome/H.E.L.P. serves.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped prepare the dinners, including Pat Fitzgerald, Vicky Moyer, Carol Hale and Mary Saylor, those who served the dinners including Pat Fitzgerald, Donna Turley, Amanda Levy, Pam Stacey, Mark Stacey, and Kathy Stumpf, and those who packaged the breakfasts including Pat Fitzgerald, Lynette Scalzi, Donna Turley, Sylvia Krisnow, and Riley Companion.

Additional thanks to Kathann Montague and Nancy Houston for helping sign guests in and to Chris Companion for helping to carry/deliver breakfasts and signing guests in.

Finally there were many people who purchased breakfast items and delivered them to the church and we greatly appreciate everyone who did that! My deepest apologies to anyone I may have forgotten to name; I tried to list everyone Pat & I could think of but a few people may have slipped by us. Until next winter! ~Anne Companion

Harmony House Dinner and a Movie Friday, April 8 at 7PM



Contact person: Jerry Sowers

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This year, as we study
Luke 13,
we find ourselves in a
period of disruption
and uncertainty.

What could be possible if we minister to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways?

Mission Encounter

Mission Encounter is an opportunity to study issues impacting society based on current social justice and mission-related topics. Participants grow in understanding the mission of the church in the current world context; conference events are open to all.

Mission Encounter is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Min-

istries Board and the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women.

Theme: Building Communities of Hope and Joy (Luke 13)

Date: Every Thursday Evening, Starting on June 30, 2022 (July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4)

Time: 7 PM

Registration Fee: \$10

For registration and details, visit https://vaumc.org/me

Sign up for Annual Conference 2022 5k run/walk

Registration for VAUMC 5K Run/walk is now open! Go to www.vaumc.org/beingtogether or find the race at Runsignup.com!

Join us at the Annual Conference to run and walk together. (There is a virtual option for anyone who might not be at Hampton, VA.)





I have been considering ways to offer a loving response toward the current experiences of the Ukrainian people. I do not have the words. I ask that we pray together for an end to the conflict and protection for life. May our Lord have mercy. I am linking a webpage with resources from the UMC for further soul searching with people of faith.

UMC Resources in response to Ukraine

https://www.resourceumc.org/en/topics/united-methodists-stand-with-ukraine?utm_source=the% 20source&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=resourceumc&utm_content=solidarity03/08/2022&mkt_tok= MDc4LUpYUS02NDMAAAGDCJa2LIrWE-

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There is also an UMCOR Advance for financial offerings supporting connected ministries.

UMCOR Advance

https://umcmission.org/advance-project/14053a/

Let us unite in prayer and let God's Spirit guide us in thoughtful compassionate action.

In Christ, Pastor Gretchen

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United Methodist Women's Candle Burning

On Sunday, May 8th, the United Methodist Women will conduct a "Candle Burning" during the morning worship services. We will burn a candle *in honor or to remember* family, friends, special events, or special groups.

The candle will burn for as many seconds as we have pledged. The money pledged in support of UMW Worldwide undesignated missions. The \$.60 represents the amount of money needed to support the many worldwide mission projects of the UMW for one second. Anyone can support this project by filling out the form found at the usher stand and placing in the offering plate or in the UMW box in the office. **Please return by May 1st.**

Please make out checks payable to: Wesley United Methodist Women or UMW. Contact Person, Nancy Gumbert

CANDLE BURNING REQUEST FORM

I WISH TO BURN THE CAND	LE FOR SECONDS
TO HONOR:	
	(Please Print)
TO REMEMBER:	
	(Please Print)
GIVEN BY:	

(Please Print)

\$.60 = 1 second; \$3.00 = 5 seconds; \$6.00 = 10 seconds; \$12.00 = 20 seconds; \$36.00 = 1 minute, etc.



United Methodist Women

Wesley's United Methodist Women met February 28th for a potato bar and a program on A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial given by Sylvia Krisnow.

Our next meeting will be April 25th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Contact person, Nancy Gumbert.











Thanks to Carol Hale for hosting!









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Dear Virginia Conference:

The Commission on the General Conference announced that the postponed 2022 General Conference would be further postponed until 2024 due to COVID-related and governmental policies/constraints.

I thank the Commission for their work and believe they were diligent and thoughtful in considering the many complexities surrounding a global meeting, though I know this decision will be met with disappointment as General Conference is delayed once again.

Virginia Conference, do not let your hearts grow weary because the work ahead of us remains clear. As United Methodists, we believe and commit ourselves to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Today, your presence and witness is a necessity in your local communities and in our world. I pray strength upon our clergy and the laity of this conference for the ways you will continue to be in ministry now and through 2024.

May the Spirit of the Living God who strengthens and sustains us be present in and among us as we continue together as The United Methodist Church.

Peace and Blessings,

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/general-conference-cancelled-16384635

Clergy Head of Delegation provides insights into General Conference postponement

Madeline White, Virginia Conference Director of Communications, interviewed the Rev. Tom Berlin, Clergy Head of the Virginia Delegation to General Conference, to learn more about the General Conference post-ponement, next steps, and advice on how clergy and laity in the Virginia Conference can view this further postponement.

View the full interview at the Virginia Conference website at https://vaumc.org/clergy-head-of-delegation-provides-insights-into-general-conference-postponement/

Guide to Conversation:

Learn about the structure of The United Methodist Church: https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/structure
The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation: https://www.umnews.org/en/news/protocol-of-reconciliation-and-grace-through-separation-faq



2022 Annual Conference session

10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 16/ends noon Saturday, June 18 Hampton Convention Center

based on John 4:24 "God is spirit, and it is necessary to worship God in spirit and truth."

Mission Opportunities

The mission opportunities during annual conference have been a highlight of the connectional system as 1,300 churches, their clergy, and annual conference members gathered, served and shared our gifts with the world. In the coming 2022 annual conference, the

Serving office is excited to announce three opportunities for us to come and serve this world together united as one. "United as One in Worship" is the overarching theme of the 2022 annual conference session. We believe that serving is another expression of our worship and we would like to provide the following opportunities for our churches to serve together:

- "Being together" A 5K run/walk
- "Nurturing together" The annual conference offering will benefit both local and international mission projects to nurture leadership.

"Collecting together" The annual conference Kits and Cans collection will continue to collect United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits and food. Each district will host a district collection event one to two weeks before the annual conference.

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Dear Wesley family,

How much can we accomplish with pop top tabs? I'm talking about the little tabs on top of canned beverages, soups, vegetables, and canned meats.



What good are these tabs? METAL! Metal has value. Metal can be recycled. We can collect these small tabs and exchange them for cash. Yes, CASH. Old Dominion Recycling pays a higher price than other competitors, and the tabs we collect can make a real difference in our communities.

Earlier this year I said I would donate \$5 per pound for every pound of tabs collected between now and December 2022. I'm passionate about this opportunity, so now I'll double my offer and donate \$10 per pound to the church to be used where most needed

Cash from our collected tabs will be given to the Hampton Woman's Club treasurer and placed in the charitable contribution account. The Board of Directors will make a decision for the amount of donation to various Hampton charitable organizations.

If we make this endeavor successful at WUMC, next year we can petition other congregations to join in. Let's see how far we can go and encourage others to get involved now and in the future. Every person at Wesley UMC is important to the success of this program. Will you join me and other "Tab Pullers" in helping our communities? Every act of kindness we do as Christians demonstrates our love for Christ and the world He desires to save.

Ask your family members, friends and neighbors to help bring this program to fruition!

Tabs can be dropped off in the church office or kitchen. Together we make a difference! ARE YOU IN?

Contact person, Vicky Moyer

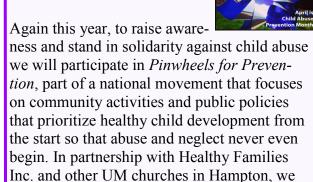
Congratulations to Lindsay Warf and Christopher Scott on the birth of their daughter Liliana Reign Scott born on March 6th at 8:02 p.m., 7 lbs. 3 oz, 19 1/2".



"4 generations" Lindsay Warf, Heather Warf (Grandma) holding Liliana Scott and Kathann Montague (Great Grandma)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

month of April.



will have a pinwheel garden throughout the

The blue and silver pinwheels are a symbol for child abuse prevention that reflects childhood hope, health and happiness. The pinwheel garden reminds us we all have a role to play in the health and protection of children.

Learning positive parenting skills is an important step to ensure that children feel safe and loved. Healthy Families Partnership has playgroups and parenting classes available to all Hampton residents for free. A small fee is paid for those living outside of Hampton.

Help Wesley highlight God's love for all people, particularly children, and our united voice against abuse of any kind!



Contact the church office for questions.



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Prayer Concerns



Barbie Holland Ben Stanley **Betsy Pinder** Bill Lauder **Bridget Norris Buddy Carlisle** Caleb Coates Carol Hale Charlie Cov

Craig Savage Crystal Radford Dave Bisacre DeJohn

Don & Pat Brookman Eli Sweeney

Erik and Ian Waters

Freta Lamb Gary Bayless Gary Davis

Grace Burnell Jack Ratliffe

Jeff and Laura Moore

Jeff Birdsall Jeremy Knight

Joe Ames

Joe Brookman

Joella

John Miller

Jonnie Sowers Joseph Gilday

Karen Bowers

Kath

Kenny/Laura Crocker

Lindsay Warf Lucy Stowe

Margaret Cooper

Marie Harris & family Marion Stone

Mason Allen

Michael McPhail

Mike Mee

Nancy Companion

Nina Winfree

Norm and Patrice Knight Patty Bumgarner Pete Stone Rick Pruett Robin Welch Ronnie Underwood Sam Shanon Blackburn Sheree Yoder Skylar Susan Nichols Tammi Johnson Todd Stern Vicki Robbins

Wanda

Zach Perkins

Zeb Cope

for the people of Ukraine come quickly, finding safety and security from the violence and destruction. The people of Ukraine living with the violence, conflict and destruction of their homes and way of life. Prayers for peace and healing. Travel mercies. Prayers for all who are struggling with hardships, violence and unrest in the places they call home. May they be able to find God's peace in their lives in difficult times. For our world that is in chaos we can bring about world peace. Prayers for unity in our houses of government and that they act in faith for all. For all people who are in harms way that they may find safe spaces of comfort. Let us do what we can where we can to bring peace to our world. Those in the end stages of life. Families back at church. Prayers and healing for the niece and newborn of a friend who both are still in the hospital.

Jovs:

Kathann Montague- The birth of her great-granddaughter, Liliana. Mary Bayless' 95th birthday. Mike Nelson- The image of a Ukrainian family sharing food and fellowship with a Russian soldier, also letting him use their phone to call his family to let them know he is safe. God's Grace found in the chaos of war and violence. Jeanne Lineberryco-worker who had to tell her husband of the passing of an uncle he was very close to. Sharing the message in the Upper Room to help them with their loss. Lynnette Scalzi-Pancake Supper- Sharing a meal together even though we were not in person. Pat Fitzgerald's birthday celebration. Other Concerns: Prayers Donna Turley's birthday. Jeanne Lineberry- Sharing the bulletin and sermon notes with two other people who apand Russia that peace will preciated them. Jim McKirdy- Sitting outside in the morning seeing a pair of cardinals for the first time enjoy the bird feeder he made. Pastor Gretchen- People in Ukraine pouring out love, compassion and hope and opening their homes to others in need. Jerry Sowers- Knowing that religion is not often talked about in the news but hearing a news commentator talking about people gathering in the churches in Ukraine to pray for peace. Susan-Her daughter in Texas dogs got out and were missing for several hours. Thanks to watchful neighbors they were found and returned home. Lynnette Scalzi- Watching a bald eagle flying and gliding through the sky. Seeing J.W. Pollock at a swim meet. Amy Stanley- Visiting Ashely in Alabama and seeing her getting engaged and baptized. Jeanne Lineberry- Attending a bridal shower after finding the perfect gift. Joyce D'Bene- Driving home down Big Bethel and seeing all the trees with their colorful blooms. Anne Companion- Celebrating Fiona's 17th birthday on March 26th. Pat Fitzgerald- Continuing to celebrate her birthday with family and friends. Mike Nelson- Seeing all the faces in the sanctuary that we have not seen in person for a while. Six families on Facebook. Becky Morris- Also seeing the church filling up again. Doug Gallaer- Coming back through the church doors after 2 years to be (next page)

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(cont' from previous page) back in this wonderful place. Judi Hines- Has another great- nephew. Jeanne Lineberry- Attended "Grandparents Day" at her grandsons' school. Fifth graders sang Bohemian Rhapsody. Pictures taken with Joel, his girlfriend, Jeanne and grandsons was a blessing to help with the years of healing. Pat Fitzgerald- Visited Christ UMC- The women of the church have come together in action. Mike Nelson-God presented a wonderful opportunity for him and Gretchen to purchase a new car with last minute loan approval after having 2 weeks of worry.



Our Christian Sympathy goes to: Tom Cooper and family as they grieve the loss of his daughter Pat Fitzgerald and family of Laurie Pearson Sherry Moore and family in the loss of her brother, Kevin Lynkins Family of John Granville Hatcher Jr. Family of Sarah Dubose Coldiron

Address Update:

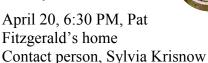
Jeremy Knight 519 Beech Road Newport News, VA 23601-3109



Norm and Patrice Knight 7590 Springfield Court

Mary Levin Bible Study

April 6, 6:30 PM, Amy Stanley's home



Conference office offering free, online workshop on grants

In response to requests from clergy of the conference, Office of Influencing Ministries is offering a free online workshop on some best practices for seeking and writing grants. Mr. David King, president of D. King Fundraising in Richmond, VA, will lead this session. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Zoom. The deadline to register is May 6, 2022

This workshop will cover the essential strategic steps in seeking and winning grants from public and private charitable foundations: research to identify overlapping interests with the foundations' stated

giving priorities, cultivating a relationship with foundation staff, setting a grant-seeking strategy, the submission process, reasonable expectations and the realities of grant-seeking, and stewarding and reporting on the grant once awarded.



APRIL 03 | 5th Sunday in Lent

Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126 (*UMH* 847); Phil 3:4b- Ex 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Ps 116:1-4, 12-19; 14; Jn 12:1-8

APRIL 10 | Passion/Palm Sunday

Palms Lit: Lk 19:28-40; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (*UMH* 839) / Passion Lit: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16 (*UMH* 764); Phil 2:5-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

APRIL 11 | Monday of Holy Week

Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11 (*UMH* 771); Heb 9:11-15; Jn 12:1-11

APRIL 12 | Tuesday of Holy Week (

Isa 49:1-7 (*UMH* 794); Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Jn 12:20-36

APRIL 13 | Wednesday of Holy Week

Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70 (*UMH* 793); Heb 12:1-3; Jn 13:21-32

APRIL 14 | Maundy Thursday

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35

APRIL 15 | Good Friday

Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22 (*UMH* 752); Heb 10:16-25; Jn 18:1-19:42

APRIL 16 | Holy Saturday/Easter Eve

Gen 1:1-2:4a; Isa 55:1-11; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 136:1-9, 23-26, or Ps 33 (*UMH* 767); Isa 12:2-6; Ps 114 (*UMH* 835);

APRIL 17 | Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH) 839); 1 Cor 15:19-26; Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:1-12

APRIL 24 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Ps 150 (UMH 862); Rev 1:4-8; Jn 20:19-31

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Jennifer Helbig

5 Joe Ames Tenisha Saylor Pilar Evans

3

- 7 Elaine Hudgens
- 8 Amanda (Fitzgerald) Levy
- 14 Alba Evans
- 22 Abby Roberson Graham Snow Nancy Houston
- 26 Zach/Stephanie Eitzen (2008)
- 27 Ralph/Lynnette Scalzi (1982)
- Marsha Ames



Jonah Ross performed at Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music on March 25th



Learn About Collaboration Taking Place in 16 Districts

District Initiative is the collaboration currently taking place in the 16 districts. In a series of articles, the district superintendents of the Virginia Conference share more about District Initiative and next steps. https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/? https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/? https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/? https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/? https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/? https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/? <a

This week, the Rev. Dr. Victor Gomez, Harrisonburg and Winchester districts superintendent, shares his perspective on their proposed unified district of the Shenandoah River District. https://vaumc.org/district-initiative-harrisonburg-and-winchester/? https://vaumc.org/district-initiative-harrisonburg-and-winchester/? https://www.utm_source-mailpoet&utm_medium-email&utm_campaign-e-Advocate%2C+March+29%2C+2022

District Initiative:

Rappahannock River and York River

By the Rev. Dr. Charles Ledlum-Bates, District Superintendent of Rappahannock River and York River Districts

https://vaumc.org/districtinitiative/?

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Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents

Serious Black

Friday, April 22 at 7PM

\$5 fee for performers and snacks are available for purchase



Originals and covers on acoustic guitar with sweet vocal harmonies. Occasional harmonica, flute, concertina, mandolin, tambourine, and trombone (just kidding-there's no trombone . . . yet).

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

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3 Lenten Bible Study - 'Good Enough' by Kate Bowler 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	4 7:00 PM Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	5 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	6 Noon Prayer Time - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study	7 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	-	9
10 Lenten Bible Study - 'Good Enough' by Kate Bowler Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	11	9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM Leadership Board Meeting	13 Noon Prayer Time - Sanctuary 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	14 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	15 9:00 AM Mother's Day Out (MDO) Easter Party 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	16
17 Easter 6:20 AM Easter Sunrise Service 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	18	9:30 AM Chair Yoga	20 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study	21 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	22 7:00 PM Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music	23
24 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	25 6:30 PM UMW	26 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 12:30 PM Sages 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	28 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30

Our Calendar is updated daily! Go to our website—http://www.hamptonwesley.org



Sages will be meeting at "Straight Outta Philly" (809 Old Oyster Point Rd, Newport News, VA 23602) on Wednesday, April 27th at noon. Please RVSP with the Church Office.

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The Seekers class preparing the pancake supper kits and a picture of the attendees at our zoom pancake supper on March 1!





Happy 95th birthday to Mary Bayless! Fellowship on March 6











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Above: Harmony House March 11 Jerry Sowers Performed

Below: Pat Fitzgerald's 80th Surprise Birthday

















I wish to thank each and every one, family and friends, who planned and participated in my "Surprise" 80^{th} Birthday Party! I felt surprised, humbled and blessed to be able to spend the afternoon celebrating with my friends and family. I appreciate the cards, gifts and time each contributed to making it a most memorable event! Blessings to all, Pat Fitzgerald

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Prepared with love especially for:

Native American Ministry Sunday, May 1st

Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and in our communities. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized and to celebrate their special voice in The United Methodist Church.



Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Half of the donations collected remain within the Annual Conference to provide hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. You empower congregations to find fresh and culturally appropriate ways to minister to their communities with Christ's love.

Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus.

https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article