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Pastor's Ponderings

More Epiphany!

This liturgical year gives us some extra weeks in this season. Time to immerse ourselves in the Light of the World. Just as in our part of the world many flora and fauna are dormant, hibernating, preserving energy for the great emergence of spring. February this year offers another whole month to celebrate and reflect God's glorious light.

Make some space to hibernate with Holy Spirit, really dive into this illuminating divine relationship. Look up scriptures that talk about light. Soak in the sunbeams giving thanks for God's energetic love. Make a retreat day, spending a whole day exploring God's wonder. Try out a new prayer practice. Create a journal page with all bright colors. Set up a table full of candles. Explore this season of hope-filled proclamation.

As the world around us begins its annual focus on love, become even more aware of the fullness of the love of Jesus Christ in your relationships. With the light of Epiphany burning bright in our hearts, give expressions of love with every encounter. Gifted by God, burn as a brilliant blessing of Good News. Happy Epiphany. Happy Valentines.

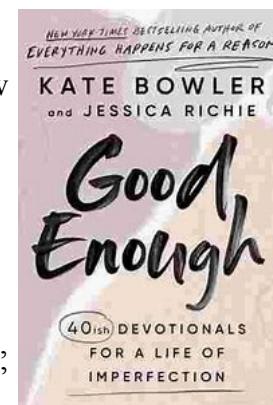
Lent - Coming March 2nd

Lent is on the way. Beginning with worship on Ash Wednesday. A season to prepare for a full celebration of new life in Christ. A time to practice being disciples together. Study and worship through the scriptures leading us to Holy Week and Easter Resurrection. Engage in small group conversation and mission.

Watch for details on Bible Study, worship experiences, and mission opportunities in the coming weeks. Kate Bowler's new devotional book will guide this journey.

"Written gently and with humor, *Good Enough: 40ish Devotions for a Life of Imperfection* gives permission for all those who need to hear that there are some things you can fix—and some things you can't. And it's okay that life isn't always better. We hope to offer fresh Christian imagination for how truth, beauty, and meaning can be discovered amid the chaos of life."

Love in Christ, Pastor Gretchen



Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents: Limehouse Jazz Collective Friday, February 25 at 7 PM

Traditional jazz from the big band era in a small combo. The Limehouse Jazz Collective plays the familiar tunes of Fats Waller, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and other legends that comprise the "Great American Song Book". The collective is a group of musicians all born in different decades, but who all share a love for the swing standards that fans will hum long after leaving the show.

Upcoming Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Events:

Mar 25—Jonah Ross

July 22—Ron Fetner

Sep—Doug Alan Wilcox

Contact person, Jerry Sowers



HELP Food Pantry Update:

Food Pantry needs:

Dried beans, juice, powdered milk, canned vegetables (**please no green beans or corn—there is an abundance of both**), cereal, pork and beans, Ramen, instant potatoes, jelly, canned fruit, canned meats (**like Spam and Vienna Sausages**), canned pasta meals, crackers, rice, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, snack items (**single serve snack packs**), bottled water, toilet paper, soap.

The donations are delivered monthly.

Contact person: Sherry Moore



A Night's Welcome

Wesley will be assisting with A Night's Welcome on February 16th, and March 16th (both Wednesdays) at Zion Baptist Church, 125 W. County St in Hampton. We will also help provide a bag breakfast. Contact Anne for what is still needed for breakfast.

Where your help is needed: Two people are needed to help check guests in from 5:30-9pm and several people to help prepare and serve dinner.

Call or text me at 757-630-5860 if you have any questions or to sign up!

Anne Companion

Harmony House Presents:
All in His Name
Friday, February 11th at 7PM

All In His Name is a Contemporary Christian band made up of four members of the former “4th Day Band”. Fourteen years ago, the Cursillo community of the Tidewater area was hosting the National Cursillo Seminar in Virginia Beach. Tommy and Karey Sitzler, husband and wife who were playing locally as 2-4-1 (the two of them for Christ!) organized a group of musicians to join them to provide music for services and entertainment. After the event the group decided to continue rehearsing and stay together and 4th Day Band was born.

Over the years the sound of the group evolved into a more acoustic tone. Karey began writing more and more of the music and it lended itself to a smaller more intimate quality. The band parted ways with two members, with their blessing, of course, and became All In His Name. The band's name refers to a song title of one of Karey's songs based on Col 3:17. Tommy, Karey, Bill, and Clint are committed to continue to serve our Lord, giving their talents and sharing His story as they dedicate “everything we do and everything we say” to Him.

Ash Wednesday– March 2nd



Join together as we mark the beginning of our Lenten journey 2021.

ASH
WEDNESDAY

Please watch communications for upcoming details.

A mission opportunity:

Interested in spending a week doing mission work in the mountains of western Virginia this year? Jeremy, the team leader at First United Methodist Church in Hampton has again invited people from Wesley to join the volunteers from First UMC to form a team willing to perform needed repairs to property in and around the city of Marion, Virginia.

There are many who need a helping hand because of a lack of financial resources or physical disabilities. The trip is planned for the week of July 17, 2022.

Contact person: Pat Fitzgerald
Sylvia Krisnow



Address updates:

Kaye Brundage
Friendship House Assisted Living
320 A Hershberger Apt 407 A
Roanoke VA 24012

Etta Marcolini is currently living at Warwick Forest in The Gardens, it's long term care facility.
Her room number is 210.
January 31 will be Etta's 90th Birthday.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

The United Methodist Women met for a Virtual Meeting on January 24th. A program about Susannah Wesley was presented by Nancy Gumbert. She was an amazing woman and was a huge influence on John and Charles Wesley. Did you know that she was the youngest of 25 children and had 19 children (2 sets of twins)? [Susanna Wesley: Mother of Methodism | The United Methodist Church \(umc.org\)](https://www.umc.org)

Pat Fitzgerald is the York River District Program Resources Leader. As a group, we need to encourage each other to use the reading Program. Now, you can watch Movies made from books to count as reading the book. Watching Podcasts is also another alternative. If you are interested in having a book club or would like to organize this fun activity, contact Nancy Gumbert. To find out more about the Reading Program go to: [Virginia United Methodist Women - Program Resources \(vaumw.com\)](https://vaumw.com)

Next meeting will be Monday, February 28th. We will have a potato bar and have a program on Prayer and Self-Denial. I'm look for someone to present this program. I have all the materials, just contact me.

Upcoming Events:

**Mar 19—9:30 a.m., YRD Social Action Event—Local Climate change.
VIA ZOOM**

May 7—YYRD UMW Hands on Mission Events , Zoom then out into our community, Time TBA

May 8—Candle burning to remember and/or honor someone special to you

**May 14—
Conference Spiritual Life Retreat
via Zoom**

June 4—UMW Day at Ferrum College/TBA

July—Mission Encounter, Virtual/Zoom, information to the Right.


[YRD UMW Social Action Event](#)

**Saturday, March 19, 2022
9:30 a.m. via Zoom**


TOPICS—RACIAL and CLIMATE JUSTICE

**Speaker: Leah Jones,
Faith Community outreach Coordinator for vipl**




**Who Can We Be Together?
Building Communities of Hope and Joy**

Mission Encounter 2022	Summer Thursdays event:	June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4
	Winter Weekend event:	February 3-5, 2023 (Friday-Sunday)
<p>This year, as we study Luke 13, we find ourselves in a period of disruption and uncertainty.</p>	<p>What would be possible if we tend to the needs of our communities in small yet radical ways?</p>	



Member Spotlight: Stew Bowden by Mary Saylor

Stewart Bowden added another achievement to his amazing life by becoming a nonagenarian on November 21. Born 11-21-31, Stew was a middle child of 6 siblings. The family home was on Brambleton Avenue in Norfolk, where Norfolk State University now stands. When Stew got to be school age, his family made the difficult decision to send him to the residential School for the Blind in Staunton, VA. As the family had no car, young Stew rode a train to Staunton and only got to come home for Christmas break and summer vacations. When Stewart approached his teen years, he looked forward to his summer job selling *Virginian Pilot* newspapers on the corner of College Place and Granby Street. Stewart excelled as a wrestler during his high school years—and he has some missing teeth to prove it! Stew got special tutelage occasionally from legendary Granby High School wrestling coach Billy Martin when he was at his Norfolk home.

After high school, Stewart enrolled at the University of Virginia where he majored in Spanish and minored in French and Social Studies. He had hopes of working for the US State Department after graduation. But in spite of doing well on the entrance exam, Stew was denied a position with the State Department. Time to regroup... He earned his teaching credentials and applied for many teaching positions. But at that time there was no totally blind person on record who had been hired as a public school teacher. The Lions Club and the *Virginian Pilot* advocated for Stewart, and eventually the principal at Norfolk's Norview High offered Stew the opportunity to teach for a year – without pay! Stewart refused. Ultimately, in 1957, the Norview principal hired Stewart-- with pay -- to teach 5 classes of global geography daily.

Also in 1957, Stewart and Jean were married. They had met during Stew's senior year at UVA when Jean was earning her RN at the University hospital school of nursing. In their 64 years of marriage, Stew and Jean welcomed 3 children -- Eric, Elaine, and Janine -- 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grands. They have only seen photos of the great-grands because 2 live in Dubai and 3 live in France!

After successfully teaching in Norfolk for 4 years, Stewart was recruited to develop a Spanish language program at the Virginia School for the Blind in Staunton. He taught there 12 years before moving to New York to teach at another school for the blind. In 1980 Stew received an unsigned form letter from the Virginia Department of Education announcing the need for a principal at the Hampton School for the Blind. Stewart applied, was hired, and served well in this capacity until his retirement.

Stewart has always been very active in his community. He was a Lion for more than 30 years. He especially enjoyed singing "barbershop" style music with groups in VA and NY. And he remains a huge fan of UVA basketball.

Before Stewart and Jean moved to The Chesapeake retirement community in Newport News 9 years ago, Stewart always had a "job" at Wesley. He sang in our choir for 31 years and was a frequent soloist. (Who can forget the many Christmas Eves Stew sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy"?) He served as Administrative Board Chair, Council Chair, Lay Leader, and on all the committees that supported these roles. He was also involved in the construction of our current fellowship hall.

Prayers are with Stewart today as he recently tested positive for Covid. But we know Stew will 'lick' this, too, as he has overcome so many hurdles in his life. Stewart's courage, determination, talent, broad smile, and faith have served him well through his 90 years.





Help celebrate Heart Havens Month in February

Heart Havens Month is here. The Virginia Conference has designated February as Heart Havens Month, one of six special offerings throughout the year. There are six Heart Havens homes across the conference, where men and women with a developmental disability are empowered to be full members of the body of Christ, and active participants in their communities.

The theme for Heart Havens Month this year is "*A New World*."

Join us for **An Evening with Heart Havens**, a virtual event to get to know Heart Havens and our residents better. The virtual Heart Havens month event will be held on **Tuesday, Feb 22 at 7pm** and include an overview of Heart Havens, a chance to meet residents and a time for Q&A.

Heart Havens is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84096118391?
pwd=V0gyS0VERFJabDV6eUw0bhXTjNCQT09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84096118391?pwd=V0gyS0VERFJabDV6eUw0bhXTjNCQT09)

Meeting ID: 840 9611 8391

Passcode: 525876

Contact sara.becker@hearthavens.org if you have questions.



You are invited to join us for
#StillInMission Episode 39!

February 3rd, 12PM (ET)

In addition to the meetings with missionaries, there will be a joint devotion/centering experience led by the missionary presenters in the episode. See the details for Episode 39 below, and we hope to see you there!

[**To register, click here.**](#) Registration is required.

United Methodist Missionaries are #stillinmission and we hope that you will join us to learn more!

As always, if you have any questions at all or if you want promotional materials for your church or small group, please let us know!

We cannot wait to see you.

Sincerely, Erica Oliveira (she, her, hers) on behalf of the Itineration Team

#STILLINMISSION

In this monthly virtual event, hear firsthand experience from missionaries about their call to mission and the communities they serve.

**Join us on February 3, 12 P.M. (ET)
for conversations with missionaries:**

Sandra Kaye Raasch
Volunteers Coordinator, Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas, Belize-Honduras District, Belize
Advance #15075Z

Osías Segura-Guzmán
Coordinator of Curriculum and Small Group Leadership Development, Latin American region, based in Honduras
Advance #3021887

Florence Kaying
Maternity and Child Health Nurse, Mozambique Episcopal Area, Mozambique
Advance #3022177

Luis Velasquez
Missionary for Hispanic/Latino Congregational Development, Wisconsin Annual Conference, United States
Advance #3022528



Free Covid Drive Through Testing Feb 3rd

Hampton and the Virginia Department of Health are partnering to provide drive-through free Covid testing to anyone 5 and up.

The tests will be the PCR lab tests, which are more accurate than rapid tests but take longer to get results.

The testing will be done Thursday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Dr. The tests will be first come, first served, as long as supplies last. Participants are encouraged to register in advance <https://schools.coquihealth.com/registration/04a375af-18cb-450e-8dbc-6c3c12800f0a> but can sign up on site.

Parents or guardians must accompany minors. The registration form has a field for participant ID; that is usually for groups and is not necessary for signing up for this testing event.

All God's Children Camp Needs Your Help

The dates for All God's Children Camp have been set (**June 19-24**, Richmond area; **July 24-29**, Chesapeake/Eastern Shore area; and **August 14-19**, Richmond area) and now the camp needs volunteers to act as camp mentors. Please consider volunteering a week of your time to help make it possible for kids to enjoy a week of camp and engage in all that camp life. This is also a great way for groups such as Sunday school groups, Sr. High youth groups, or other small groups to be in mission together.

As a ministry of the Virginia Annual Conference, All God's Children Camp (AGCC) is a weeklong overnight camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated parent. Campers have an opportunity

An Interfaith Movement to End the Pandemic

The worldwide mission and development agency of The United Methodist Church, Global Ministries, launched a new initiative joining interfaith partners in an effort to increase the equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine around the world. The project was established to support UNICEF's interfaith movement to end the pandemic.

While many wealthy countries have made significant inroads into vaccinating their citizens, this is not the case in less-developed countries. The Love Beyond Borders campaign will support COVAX's initiative to equitably distribute vaccines around the world. For just \$37 dollars, you can help provide 10 people with two doses of the vaccine. Global Ministries has created this project to ensure that 100% of donations go directly to UNICEF USA.

Global Ministries and UMCOR have supported partners in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and North America as they work to respond to the pandemic and its impacts. Join us in the fight.

URL: <https://umcmission.org/advance-project/unicef/>



Let's end this pandemic.

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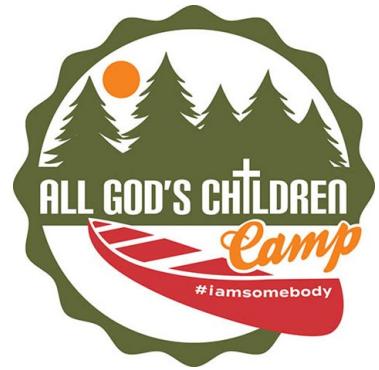
The Interfaith Movement
to End the Pandemic

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 United Methodist Church
For every child

to participate in all the physical activities the camp has to offer such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music, crafts, Bible study, along with a conflict resolution/self-esteem building class.

AGCC is built on the basis of a one-to-one mentoring program where campers have an adult who walks alongside them for the week cheering them on, building them up, and encouraging them daily.



Mary Levin Bible Study

Mary Levin Bible Study meets the first and third Wednesdays of the Month at 7 PM. via Zoom.

- Feb 2—Pat Fitzgerald's
- Feb 16—Carol Hale
- Contact Sylvia Krisnow for more information about dates and which study they are currently doing.

2022 Lay Servant Academy Winter Training Day



The 2022 Lay Servant Academy will be a virtual-only event on Saturday, **February 26**, from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. There are opportunities for both full-day and half-day courses and several courses fulfill requirements toward Lay Servant Ministries. Leadership courses are taught by both clergy and laity who are actively involved in ministry.

These courses serve to provide practical ideas and takeaways so that leaders are better equipped to shepherd their ministries more fully. Lay Servant Academy is also a day to come and be refreshed and renewed in leadership and discipleship. Both clergy and laity are welcome to engage in these courses! If you have questions, reach out to Tianna Durbin, Director of Lay Servant Academy, at TiannaD@arcolachurch.org. [Learn more and register...](#)

2022 COME TO THE TABLE CONFERENCE

MARCH 15-16
Virtual

Register now for virtual 2022 Come to the Table Conference

Registration is now open for the virtual 2022 Come to the Table Conference. With funding support from The Duke Endowment, RAFI-USA's Come to the Table Conference will feature keynote addresses from acclaimed author Natalie Baszile and Professor of Food, Economics, and Community at Duke Divinity School, Dr. Norbert Wilson. The conference's theme is "Spirit, Power, and Connection: Owning Our Food Future" and will include over 20 workshops, networking sessions, and panels. For more information: [Home - 2022 Come to the Table Conference \(cvent.com\)](http://Home - 2022 Come to the Table Conference (cvent.com))

Lectionary

FEBRUARY 06

5th Sunday After the Epiphany (Green)
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138 (*UMH* 853);
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 27

Transfiguration Sunday (White)
Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99 (*UMH* 819); 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

FEBRUARY 13

6th Sunday After the Epiphany, Scouting Sunday (Green)
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1 (*UMH* 738); 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 20

7th Sunday after Epiphany (Green)
Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (*UMH* 772); 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38



Prayer Concerns

Abby
 Al Nelson
 Anita Parker's father
 baby Grayson
 Barbie Holland
 Ben Stanley
 Betsy Pinder
 Bill Lauder
 Bill Mee
 Bridget Norris
 Buddy Carlisle



Caleb Coates
 Carol and Lillian Hale
 Craig Savage
 Craig Savage
 Crystal Radford
 Don and Pat Brookman
 Ed
 Ed Robertson
 Eli Sweeney
 Emily
 Freta Lamb
 Grace Burnell
 Jean and Stew Bowden
 Jeff and Laura Moore
 Jeff Birdsall
 Joe Ames
 Joe Brookman
 Joella
 John M
 Jonnie Sowers
 Joseph Gilday
 Joyce and Bud D'Bene
 Karen Bowers

Kath
 Kaye Brundage
 Kenny Crocker
 Kevin Lykins
 Lindsay Warf
 Lucy Stowe
 Margaret
 Cooper
 Marion Stone
 Marybeth and her husband



Mason Allen
 Michael McPhail
 Michelle Stamey and
 Paul
 Mike Mee
 Nancy Companion
 Nathan Sowers and
 family
 Nina Winfree
 Patty Bumgarner

Pete Stone
 Shanon Blackburn
 Sheree Yoder
 Susan Nichols
 Todd Stern
 Zach Perkins
 Zeb Cope
 Amy Stanley's Mom
 Kate and Knox Shenk
 Etta Marcolini

Christian Sympathy goes to:

Family of Romeo Lumiban
 David and Susan Brookman
 and the family of Leon Light
 Susan on the death of her
 husband from Covid

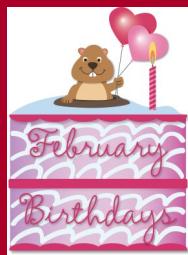
Joys: Mike Nelson-How clapping hands showing praise during singing of "Shine Jesus Shine" brought back good memories during these difficult times. Pastor Gretchen- All the people caring for others in all capacities. Those who are witness to the love and compassion of the caregivers.

Jerry Sowers- Was able to have a belated Christmas dinner with his son Nathan and family after they recovered from COVID. Jeanne Lineberry- Being able to share Pastor Gretchen's "Notes from Worship" with others.

Lynnette Scalzi- Being able to see the moon and evening star during a break in the cloudy weather we have been having. God can brighten my day even at night. Mike Nelson- The new James Webb Telescope launched towards the backside of the moon to explore our universe and God's creation. The 11 families on Facebook and 3 on Zoom. Joy of getting to spend the holidays with grandchildren. Joan Sowash welcomed her 4th great-grandchild. Joy to see all the different birds and animals in their backyard after the snowfall.

Chris Companion- seeing how important Night's Welcome and other programs are needed to help those who need a safe place to shelter from bad weather. All who volunteer. Lynnette Scalzi- Being able to worship together even during bad weather. Thanks to God for all the technology we have. Seeing Judi and Mike and knowing he's on the road to recovery. Jerry Sowers- Having prayers answered. His sons are answer to prayers for being present in meeting with caretakers and doctors to help their mother recover and have good quality of life.

Concerns: All who were affected by the wild fires in Colorado. Helen Cope's son and family are all safe. All who have upcoming medical tests. Prayers that the New Year will be a year of healing and recovery that's brings our world closer together. Travel mercies for all who are on the roads and flying. Prayers for friends who have tested positive for COVID and those exposed. Healing from COVID. Healing and return to health for all those that have been ill or had surgeries. Prayers for our country to continue to heal and recover from past tragedies. Let us all work together with God's help to find the solutions. Prayers for those without a home or shelter will find a place to welcome them and provide safety and comfort.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

February

- 3 Joyce Wentz
- 4 Katie Boutwell
- Bill McKinney
- 5 Bud and Joyce D'Bene (1966)
- 7 Chuck Porter
- Kathy Stumpf
- 8 Gail Clinch
- 10 Kimberly Morris
- 13 Sylvia Krisnow
- 15 Irene Lutes
- 17 Debi McNichol
- Jacob Levy
- Carolyn Ellington



Above: Chestnut Circuit Riders Harmony House Jan14

Below: Altar Flowers make beautiful bouquets



Winter Storm January 23rd—Notice the star in the clouds



Right: Snow Art



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	2 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study at Pat Fitzgerald's 7:00 PM (T) Clyde Gumbert's Trombone Quartet Rehearsal - Sanctuary	3 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4	5
6 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	7 7:00 PM Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	8 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM Leadership Board Meeting	9 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	10 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	11 7:00 PM Harmony House Featuring All in His Name - Fellowship Hall	12
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20 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	21	22 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	23 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 12:30 PM Sages 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	24 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	25 7:00 PM Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music - The Limehouse Jazz Collective	26
27 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	28 6:30 PM UMW	1 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	2 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study	3 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4	5

Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to <http://www.HAMPTONWESLEY.ORG> for a current calendar.

Bi-district District Initiative Listening Posts

These town hall type meetings will be held virtually and will allow all members of the bi-district of the Rappahannock and York Districts to express their concerns and ask questions about this vital proposal.



The next Listening Post will take place Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm. There will also be Listening Posts on Sunday, February 13th at 3:00 PM and Sunday, February 20th at 3:00 pm.

York River District - Lisa Jones is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99880382188>

Meeting ID: 998 8038 2188 Passcode: 822187

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Join the 2021 Bible Challenge

Bishop Lewis has encouraged the clergy and laity of the Virginia Conference to read the Bible in a year since 2017. Each year has featured a different way of reading:

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| 2017- read the Bible straight through | 2018- read the Bible chronologically |
| 2019- read the Bible in a blended style | 2020- read the Bible with a thematic reading plan |
| 2021 and 2022- read the Bible straight through from Genesis –Revelation | |
- Join in 2022 commit to reading the Bible all the way through Genesis-Revelation in one year. You can access the daily readings by visiting the link below or <https://www.biblegateway.com/reading-plans/>.

Learn more with Bible 101 podcast episode

How is the 2022 Bible Challenge going so far? If you would like a further resource to help you with the challenge or to share in a small group, check out the newest VAUMC Connection podcast episode about Bible 101! The Rev. Taylor Mertins and the Rev. Matthew Smith guest on this episode. You can listen anywhere you find podcasts or at: <https://vaumc.org/digitalhub/>.

Start the 2022 Bible Reading Challenge anytime by visiting this link: <https://vaumc.org/2022BibleChallenge/>

