



# Wesley Tidings

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Welcome to May and the continuing season of Eastertide! Beginning Easter Sunday, this season highlights God's abundant grace through resurrection. Together witnessing Jesus' many post-resurrection appearances with disciples and followers for forty days. For today's faith communities it is an opportunity to celebrate and offer gifts of new life through acts of service, kindness, mercy, and seeking restored relationships.



Often Easter is seen as only one day. In its purest reality followers of Jesus embody Easter — testifying God's new life through their own living faith. Worship and study this season presents a forty day focus on Jesus and the early disciples and first faith communities growing into the new reality of hope realized, covenant fulfilled. May your Easter season bloom into an ever fuller experience and understanding of God's abundant hope. Make it a season of courageous loving.


**UM News**

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People sometimes ask me where I get my news. I work at keeping up with local and world information through several varied sources. One is the United Methodist News Service. It is a way to see how and where people of faith are living, serving, witnessing in the midst of all the experiences. Check it out today. UM News is a fair, faithful, and trusted denominational source, bringing breaking news, features, and commentaries from across our global connection. Visit [www.UMNews.org](http://www.UMNews.org).

Happy Mother's Day this month to all those in our lives and community who offer the gift of mothering. May God's blessings bring your heart joy as blessings for the love you bring to family and community life. Thank you for compassionately walking along with us in good times and struggles.

Interested in history? Want to explore specifics to United Methodists and Virginia? Check this out....

Spring 2022 issue of *HERITAGE*, the historical journal of VAUMC.

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Blessings, Pastor Gretchen



## Blood Drive

May 9th  
2:00-7:00 PM

We will have a sign-up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for those who are able to volunteer. We hope you will give blood if you are able and let folks know about the drive. If you would like to sign up please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code:

### Harmony House Presents: **Bethany Heijermans** Singer/Song writer May 13 at 7 PM



Donations for performer and food appreciated

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

### Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents: **Jim Bulleit and Tina Micula** May 27th at 7PM



\$5 suggested donation for performers  
Snacks available for donations

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

## Counter Schedule for May/June

May 1—Mary Saylor/Amy Stanley  
May 8—Stephanie Eitzen/Mary Saylor  
May 15—Pat Fitzgerald/Stephanie Eitzen  
May 22—Becky Morris/Pat Fitzgerald  
May 29—Renee Arnold/Becky Morris  
June 5—Amy Stanley/Renee Arnold  
June 2—Clyde Gumbert/Amy Stanley  
June 19—Zach Eitzen/Clyde Gumbert  
June 26—Mary Saylor/Zach Eitzen

Contact person, Amy Stanley



## Prayers and Donations Needed



The "John M" named in Wesley's prayer list for many months now is John

Miller. If you have been a part of Wesley for a while, you'll remember John, his wife Maureen, and their children Justin, Lucy and Sadie who were very active here at one time. Sadly, John was diagnosed in October 2021 with a fast-growing form of liver cancer, Hepatocellular Carcinoma. John has undergone radiotherapy and is now awaiting a life-saving liver transplant. One of his co-workers has heroically volunteered and been approved as a live donor and the tentative date for surgery is May 16th at the VCU hospital in Richmond.

John is thankful that his health insurance should cover the anticipated cost of his and his donor's surgeries; however, many other financial needs are not covered by insurance. John and a caregiver will be required to remain in the Richmond area for a month after the surgery, and he'll need lodging, meals, travel costs, and medication not paid for by insurance. John's boss has established a gofundme account to help the family meet these expenses.

More details are posted on Maureen Miller's Facebook page. You can also send your good wishes to the Millers by mail to 6 W. Southampton Ave., Hampton VA 23669. ***The family asks that you keep John, his donor, and the medical team in your prayers.***





### You are invited to join us for #StillInMission Episode 42!

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 42 below, and we hope to see you there! Registration is required: <https://gbgm.zoom.us/join/register/tJModumgqTktGtEEiko5G3zog-FVLXXxJCPe7>

**#STILLINMISSION**

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

**Join us on May 5, 7 P.M. (ET) for conversations with missionaries:**

- Bernadine Smith**  
Wellness Coordinator/Nurse, Global Ministries Missionary Wellness Program, St. Lucia  
Advance #3022505
- Guillermo Berman Ramirez**  
Mexican Methodist Border Mission Coordinator, Methodist Church of Mexico, Mexico  
Advance #3019612
- Joel Hortales**  
Director of Hispanic/Latino Ministry and Border Concerns, California-Pacific Annual Conference, California  
Advance #3022410
- Venus Mae Gatdula**  
Peace Process Accompanier, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cambodia  
Advance #3022649

**REGISTER**

Global Ministries  
The United Methodist Church

## Volunteers needed for Annual Conference

This year, the York River District will be hosting the Annual Conference in Hampton. As hosts, we need to show our usual hospitality and generosity of time.

As your District Superintendent, I am now offering you the unique opportunity to volunteer to help us as a district. Lisa has put together a Sign-up Genius to help facilitate the process. The sign-up Genius will also help volunteers see where to share their gifts.

Thanks for your support of our shared ministry. Let us make the York River a proud place to be.

Blessings to you! Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates, PhD  
District Superintendent—Rappahannock & York River Districts of the United Methodist Church



### Here are the links to the Sign Up Genius pages:

Registration <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFA923A5F94-2022>

Ushers <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFA923A5F94-20221>

Platform <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFA923A5F94-20222>

## Virginia Annual Conference

The Virginia Annual Conference returns to in-person June 16-18 at the Hampton Convention Center. As a member of the host district you are asked to help out through various means. Keep all in prayer as this event nears. Make plans to attend as a guest the worship, sessions, and special events.

*Pastor Gretchen*



## Mary Levin Bible Study

Wed, May 4th – Pat's Fitzgerald's home

Wed, May 18th – Carol Hale's Home

Wed, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – UMW/Mary Levin Bible Study Salad Supper Place at Carol Hale's Home

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

## York River District Women in Faith Mission Event

Let's honor the legacy of our mothers by supporting a hands-on mission in support of other mothers on Mother's Day weekend! Because our district is so geographically large, the YRD UMW mission team has planned 3 locations across the district for hand-on missions on Saturday May 7 and at different times of the day. We have activities in Isle of Wight, on the Peninsula, and on the Middle Peninsula where you may choose to participate. Donations from units and individuals are welcome in support of these ministries!

**Isle of Wight** - Location: Trinity UMC, 201 Cedar St, Smithfield VA, Time: 1 PM until 3 PM

YRD lead Julie Rosas 804-505-0281

Project: Help fill the shelves at Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program (COP) in Smithfield which provides food, furniture, diapers, emergency assistance, and more to those in need living in Isle of Wight County. Please consider donating:

diapers (sizes 5 and 6 are most needed)	baby food
cereal	canned fruits and vegetables
soups	canned meat
peanut butter and jelly	

Monetary donations are welcome. Checks should be made out to Isle of Wight Christian Outreach Program, and brought to the event or mailed to the Center at P.O. Box 253, Smithfield, VA 23430

**Peninsula** - Location: Menchville House Ministries, 13658 Warwick Blvd, Newport News, VA 23602 Time: 1 PM until 3 PM

YRD lead Amy Oliver 757-753-2843

Emergency housing facility for homeless families. The agency works with other homeless service providers and social service agencies that offer families the services and support needed to return to self-sufficiency. Two projects:

**1) Facilitate craft project** (supplies provided) for kids living in the shelter to make Mother's Day gifts. Hope you will come and help the kids with these projects. We can certainly use your help!

**2) Bright Future Baskets:** Donations are needed to fill baskets for families moving from Menchville House to new housing. Please consider donating

**Toiletries:** toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene, ethnic hair products, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotions and deodorant.

**Kitchen supplies:** paper products, cleaning tools, cleaning supplies (disinfectant spray and wipes, utensil sets, bowls, plates, trash bags, can opener, dish towels and clothes, oven mitts, broom, dust pans.

**Bathroom Supplies:** Towels, wash clothes, hand soap, bath mat, toilet brush, soap dish, toothbrush holder, toilet paper, shower curtain with rod, and plunger.

**Monetary donations** are also welcome so we may shop for supplies to complete the Bright Future Baskets. Checks should be made out to YRD UMW and sent to Joan Heaton at 255 Exeter Rd., Newport News, VA 23602. Any funds not used to purchase items for baskets, Joan will write a check to Menchville House.

**Middle Peninsula** - Salem UMC, 11408 Salem Church Road, Gloucester VA 23061 Time: 10 AM until noon Phone: 804-693-3754 YRD lead Jean Hogge

Project: Drop by Baby Shower to support Bellamy UMC's Loaves and Britches Mission which provides supplies weekly to young families needing infant and toddler items. Please consider donating

Diapers	Pull Ups	Wipes	Formula	Baby Food
Cereal	Baby Shampoo	Baby Wash	Bottles	

Monetary donations are welcome. Checks made out to Bellamy UMC. Memo: Loaves and Britches and brought to the shower or mailed to Bellamy UMC, 4870 Chestnut Fork Road, Gloucester, VA 23061

Thanks for your support of these missions!



## Wesley's United Methodist Women

continue to be active although we will not meet in the Month of May. I instead encourage all to attend 2 events this May.

The first event is a hands on Training Day for the York River District UMW. See the article on Page 4.

The second event is sponsored by the Virginia Conference UFW on May 14th for their annual Spiritual Life retreat via Zoom at 9 AM.

## "Blessed Wrestling"

**A spiritual retreat for United Methodist Women to find encouragement, support, and hope as we wrestle with where God is calling us to be at this moment in time.**

**When: May 14, 2022  
9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

**Where: Virtual on Zoom**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Jessie Colwell,  
Author and Director of Clergy  
Excellence for the VAUMC**

**Register today!**



To register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qceqhrDspG-NIfOwtNTKP9WJBZ\\_CDRT9Qu%20](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0qceqhrDspG-NIfOwtNTKP9WJBZ_CDRT9Qu%20)

The United Methodist Women and MLBS will be meeting for a salad supper on June 8th at 6:30 PM at Carol Hale's. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share.



## United Methodist Women's Candle Burning

On Sunday, May 9th, the United Methodist Women will conduct a "Candle Burning" during both 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**

*60 cents*

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 CANDLE 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.

## Mission Encounter

Mission Encounter is an opportunity to study current 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. This is a cooperative event sponsored by the Virginia Conference Missional Ministries Board and the Virginia Conference United Women in Faith, formerly the United Methodist Women.

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

Date: Every Thursday evening, **starting on June 30, 2022**

Time: 7 p.m.

Registration fee: \$10

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



## Spiritual renewal, exploration August 14-19



The Virginia 5 Day Academy for Spiritual Formation invites you to join for a time of Spiritual Refreshment and Exploration through Pilgrimage with the Psalms, including times of silence, group reflection, communal meals and worship **Sunday, Aug. 14-Friday, Aug. 19, 2022**, at Roslyn Retreat Center, Richmond, VA. Three CEUs are available. To register visit: <https://virginiafivedayacademy.org/>.



## Sign up for Annual Conference 5k run/walk

Registration for VAUMC 5K Run/walk is now open!

Go to [www.vaumc.org/beingtogether](http://www.vaumc.org/beingtogether) or find the race at [Runsignup.com](http://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.)

## UMFS Giving Day—May 4 for Foster Care

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 4 to join United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) for UMFS Giving Day for Foster Care. UMFS is kicking off National Foster Care Month with a special Giving Day to support children and teens in foster care at UMFS. Your donation will help provide the care and support they need to overcome obstacles and achieve a brighter future. Visit [UMFS.org/giving-day](http://UMFS.org/giving-day) to learn more.



## Latest news for Annual Conference 2022

The Mission Opportunities during Annual Conference have been a highlight of the connective system as 1,300 churches, their clergy, and annual conference members gathered, served, and shared 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. Learn more at [https://vaumc.org/acmission/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Invitation+to+Mission+Opportunities&utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=e-Advocate%2C+April+26%2C+2022](https://vaumc.org/acmission/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Invitation+to+Mission+Opportunities&utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=e-Advocate%2C+April+26%2C+2022)





Easter Sunday, April 17th



Harmony House April 8th



**Please Pray for:**

Abby  
 Baby Grayson  
 Barbie Holland  
 Ben Stanley  
 Betsy Pinder  
 Bill Lauder  
 Bill Mee  
 Bridget Norris  
 Buddy Carlisle  
 Caleb Coates  
 Carol Hale  
 Carolyn Ellington  
 Charlie  
 Christine Atwell  
 Craig Savage  
 Crystal Radford  
 DeJohn  
 Don and Pat Brookman  
 Eli Sweeney  
 Erik and Ian Waters  
 Frank Fishburn  
 Freta Lamb  
 Grace Burnell  
 Homer and Claire Lewis  
 Jackie Phillips  
 Jeff and Laura Moore  
 Jeff Birdsall  
 Jeremy Knight and his family  
 Joella  
 John Miller  
 Jonnie Sowers  
 Joseph Gilday  
 Karen Bowers  
 Kath  
 Kenny Crocker  
 Lori Harms  
 Lucy Stowe  
 Marion Stone  
 Mason Allen  
 Mike Mee  
 Nancy Companion  
 Nina Winfree  
 Patty Bumgarner  
 Pete Stone  
 Robin Welch  
 Sam

Sheree Yoder  
 Susan Nichols  
 Todd Stern  
 Wanda  
 Wayne and Judy  
 Zach Perkins  
 Zeb Cope

**Joys:** Mike Nelson- Celebrating Gretchen's uncle's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with family. The peacefulness of being near the water and watching all the boats coming and going. Enjoying the beautiful weather. Jeanne Lineberry- Easter celebrations last week. Taking my grandkids to the park and seeing the dynamics of other families. Watching a pair of Osprey take care of their young. Anne Wilson- Seeing the wild rabbit (Hoppy) sitting on her doorstep after not seeing him for a while. Mikala- My husband getting the all clear from his doctor for his cancer. God's answered prayers. Happy Easter! Jerry Sowers- Hearing the congregation singing today. Pat Fitzgerald- Hearing the birds singing during the sunrise service this morning. Tom Fickett- Seeing a rabbit in the backyard for the first time this year. A sign of Easter. Sylvia Krisnow- All the beautiful flowers on the cross in front of the church. Mike Nelson- A wave across social media saying "Christ is Risen" around the world. Jeanne Lineberry- Sharing the FINE acronym with others. Some found it negative so I am searching for a positive meaning. Ed Guldner- A church sign- "We use duct tape to fix everything—God used nails." Becky Morris- Sitting outside and looking at the moon as it moves across the sky sometimes covered by wispy clouds

# Prayer Concerns

and feeling God's presence. Sylvia Krisnow- Their granddaughter Taylor traveling to Egypt for 2 weeks. She will celebrate her 23rd birthday while she is there.

**Other Concerns:** The Coronavirus; the tragedies occurring in our country and around the world; police officers and first responders; all who are grieving; our seniors; our church and the entire United Methodist Church; recovery from addiction; young adults needing a closer walk with Christ; those awaiting test results; healing for those in pain. Travel mercies. Praise and thanksgiving for Wesley and my community of faith. Answered prayers for my mom's doctor's visit. Continued prayers for Ukraine and the people of our world who are suffering from the violence, loss of lives, homes and feelings of safety. Prayers for my husband who is recovering from cancer.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our Christian Sympathy goes to Ed Guldner and family as they mourn the loss of his brother.



**Picture is of Kenny Crocker and daughter Laura**

who donated her kidney to him February 28.

Both are doing well.



# UMVIM LEADER TRAINING

DATE: JUNE 4, 2022  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST  
161 EMBREY MILL RD., STAFFORD, VA. 22553  
MORE INFORMATION AT

## UMVIM Team Leader training to be held June 4

United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) Team Leader training event will take place in-person at Ebenezer UMC, 161 Embrey Mill Rd., Stafford, VA, 22554 on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a gathering time between 8:30 and 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. An online training manual will be provided. Trainers are Tim Wells and Peter Kuebler. For more information, contact Terri Morgan at [tylmmorgan@icloud.com](mailto:tylmmorgan@icloud.com). Register at [https://vaumc.org/june-umvim-training/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=e-Advocate%](https://vaumc.org/june-umvim-training/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=e-Advocate%20)

## H.E.L.P. is Changing Lives

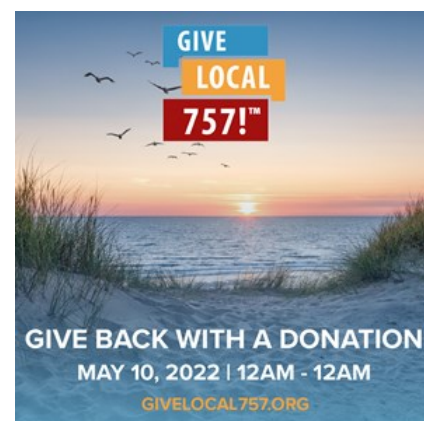
We are changing lives every day—finding housing for the homeless, offering more meals than ever before at our Day Center, and being a place of comfort and care for our brothers and sisters who just need a hand. We are adding staff for Healthcare Navigation and Housing Stabilization. Yet in the midst of all of these gains, we also run into challenges. Our Day Center is experiencing a surge of clients for the 2nd year in a row, averaging over 200 showers and 60 loads of laundry per month. *A Night's Welcome* grew by 65% this past season with 300 unique users, 5,600 bed nights of shelter, and 12,000 meals provided. We are running into space constraints due to the increased demand. I'm confident that our staff, our Board of Directors, and our community of support have the passion and vision to ensure the needs we're seeing are met in efficient and profound ways.

Thank you for joining us in this journey of service, and thank you for your support of HELP!

Sincerely, *Matthew Stearn*, Executive Director

This online giving event 757 is HUGE, it's all day long, and it's completely online! Please share this link through your social media or email address book to help us share our story: [GL757Help](https://www.givelocal757.org)

Link your Kroger Card to HELP, Inc. #FY501 by going to your Kroger Account, select Community Rewards and put FY501 in the search bar and then select HELP. It's an easy way to give to this wonderful organization.



# Lectio Readings

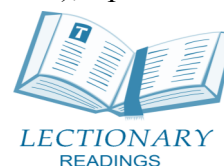
**MAY 01** | 3rd Sunday of Easter, Native American Ministries Sunday, May Day (White or Gold) Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps 30 (UMH 762); Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**MAY 08** | 4th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, Festival of the Christian Home (White or Gold) Acts 9:36-43; Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137); Rev 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**MAY 15** | 5th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) Acts 11:1-18; Ps 148 (UMH 861); Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

**MAY 22** | 6th Sunday of Easter, Heritage Sunday (White or Gold) Acts 16:9-15; Ps 67 (UMH 791); Rev 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

**MAY 29** | 7th Sunday of Easter, Ascension Sunday\* (White or Gold) Acts 16:16-34; Ps 97 (UMH 816); Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; Jn 17:20-26  
\*Ascension of the Lord Lections Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47 (UMH 781); Eph 1:15-23; Lk 24:44-53



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	William Blocker	30	Dale/Kathy Stumpf (1987)
6	Quincy Fotis	31	Rosemary Adriany
15	Pauline Blocker		
17	Jerry Sowers		
18	Kim Frost		
	Kenley Taylor		
20	Lynnette Scalzi		
21	Skylar Johnson		
22	Jeff/Tracy (Krisnow) Jones (1993)		
25	Dave/Cathy Williamson (1974)		
26	Susan Brookman		
	Chuck Lutes		
	Suzie Walters		
	Helen Cope		
	Sherry Moore		
27	Clyde/Nancy Gumbert (1995)		
29	Charlie/Becky Morris (1966)		



Sages April 27th



Tidewater Friends April 22nd



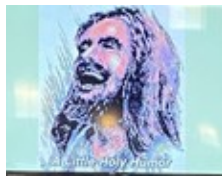




## May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Deadline for Roses signup and UWF Candleburning 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live 5:00 PM Central UMC Journey with God Singing and testimony	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	<b>4</b> 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study-Pat Fitzgerald's Home	<b>5</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> York River District Women in Faith Hands on Mission Event 9 AM-1PM Yard Sale Olive Branch
<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live 8 AM Mother's Day breakfast-Salem (M)	<b>9</b> 2:00 PM Red Cross Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:30 PM Leadership Board Meeting	<b>11</b> 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	<b>12</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Harmony House-Bethany Heijermans	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Virginia Conference UFW Spiritual Life retreat via Zoom 10 AM Christ UMC Gardening forum 5:30PM Salem(M) Spaghetti Dinner
<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live 4PM Streets of Gold Gospel Quartet-Bethany GP	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 4-6 PM Bethany H Meatloaf Dinner	<b>18</b> 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30 PM Mary Levin Bible Study - Carol Hale's	<b>19</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Judi and Mike's Wedding - Sanctuary 8AM-4PM Grace Garage Sale and Spring fest 9AM Mt Vernon Yard Sale and Bake Sale
<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live 1PM Warwick Memorial-Rise Against Hunger	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM UMW	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM Newsletter Deadline 12:30 PM Sages 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	<b>26</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music-Jim Bulleit and Tina Micula	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live	<b>30</b> <b>Office Closed Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 12PM-5PM Blood Drive -Providence	<b>1</b> 6:00 PM Big Book Topic Group (AA)	<b>2</b> 9:30 AM Chair Yoga 6:00 PM Men's Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	<b>3</b> Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to our website for a current calendar. <a href="http://www.hamptonwesley.org">http://www.hamptonwesley.org</a> <b>4</b>	

### Holy Humor Sunday



***Congratulations to Matthew Freeman and Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman on the birth of their daughter, Bronwyn Linds Freeman on April 21st. Proud grandparents are Brenda Baynham and Tom Baynham, former members.***



# Wesley United Methodist Church

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Website: <http://www.hamptonwesley.org>

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Prepared with love especially for:



The people of The United Methodist Church\*

## 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.**

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