



Wesley Tidings

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Pastor's Ponderings



Hebrews 11:6a "And without Faith it is impossible to please God". It's been a month since our family moved to Hampton, and I started serving as pastor at Wesley UMC. But already I see how loving and welcoming you people at Wesley which shows how you all are living out Christ's love and Mission of serving all. We are grateful to God and to each one of you.

I thought to share a thought about faith. Last week during my personal devotion I was reading Hebrews chapter 11 which is a faith chapter.



"Pilgrim bound by staff and faith, rest thy bones" and "placing yourself in God's story, among the heroes of the faith on the arena rail"



The people mentioned in the Hebrews chapter 11 lived by faith, they faced lots of difficulties and challenges and they were not living a comfortable life. Their faith in God directed them to live a life that is worthy of their calling as God's children. They never achieved what was promised to them. But still, they kept their faith, they lost their loved ones. But still, they set an example for others in faith, they had to oppose powerful rulers and authorities, but still, they strongly believed that God is above all powerful and God can and will fulfill all the promises for them and for their generations. They not only lived by faith, but they died by faith. Even if they didn't see with their mortal eyes what was promised to them came forth, they died with the faith that all future generations will perfect the dream of life by faith in Christ, which includes us.

The author writes that they could not become perfect without us. What does it mean? This life of faith in Christ is a pilgrim and are we joining in God's story along with all our forefathers and mothers in constructing a better future for all God's children? Faith is an active verb and a noun based on how we use it in sentences. But let our faith in Christ be an active verb that moves us to love, and to serve our faith community and our neighbors with whom we are called to share our faith in words and actions.

Beloved Wesley congregation and leaders, let us live by faith as we call ourselves as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ who is our author and perfecter of our faith.

Blessings and Peace! - Rev. Dr. Archana Samuel

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School Supplies Needed Machen Elementary School:

Wesley is collecting school supplies for Machen. The requested items:

Black and white composition books
yellow highlighters
colored pencils
Pencils
Markers
liquid hand soap
Kleenex

glue sticks
dry erase markers
Erasers
crayons
earbuds/headphones
paper towels

There is a collection bin under the coatrack outside the church office. Items will be delivered to Machen throughout the summer.

Contact: Sylvia Krisnow

Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music **Presents The Harris Creekers** August 25th at 7PM

The Harris Creekers will be performing. A merry band of old friends playing fun acoustic tunes and grabbing every harmony possible!

Donations for performers (\$5) is appreciated. Snacks provided, donations welcome.



A Note from Wesley's Music Director

Harmony house and will start back up in September with open Mic Night.

The sanctuary choir will resume rehearsals September 7th in preparation for the fall ministries and for our Christmas music. All who are interested in our choir's ministry are encouraged to attend on September 7th for a short rehearsal followed by a dessert fellowship.

A tremendous thank you to all who are providing special music during summer worship services. God has blessed us with talent and ministries in music.—Jerry Sowers



AUGUST Counter list

6–Zach Eitzen/Amy Stanley
13–Amy Stanley/Clyde Gumbert
20–Clyde Gumbert/Debbie Andersen
27–Debbie Andersen/Pat Fitzgerald

Contact person, Amy Stanley



Sunday Fellowship



Fellowship & Food! Openings are available in August and September to provide food during fellowship time following the Sunday morning service. Feel free to share a sign-up with a friend!

If you need help signing up contact Anne Companion at 757-630-5860 or contact Sylvia Krisnow in the Church Office.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4babab29a57-sunday#/>

Encounter Night

On the fourth Friday of each month, Central UMC Hampton (225 Chapel Street, Hampton) supports Encounter Night from 7 pm to 9 pm. Encounter Night is an evangelical service reaching those who are seeking "the more" in their walk with Christ. Since the ministry began in January 2023, we have had guest speakers from all walks of life, from laypersons to missionaries to pastors who have had a profound experience with the Lord and share with us how their encounter changed them forever. Encounter Night attendance averages 35 with a love offering collected to share between the church and the evangelist's ministry.

Past guests include: Trina and Edith from Radical Launch Ministries; Missionaries Russ, Kim, & Shekinah Kline; Pastor Darrian Summerville of Moravian Watch; and Pastor Carrey & Deb Coffey from Living Free Tidewater along with Central's Pastor Charles Winner and Central's talented Organist & Choir Director team, Robert & Kay Marshall.

Each night we will have a light supper beginning at 5:30 pm, then transition to our Contemporary Worship Space for our guest speakers to share their word and testimony.

We are inviting you to share in this wonderful evening with us. If you would like to be a guest speaker either night, please reach out and we will make arrangements. We invite you to share this invitation with your fellow lay persons, clergy, and evangelists.

Contact person, Sean C. Morris, Phone: 757-723-3112
Email: centralfaith@centralumchampton.org

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS



Food Donations Needed at H.E.L.P.

The shelves are very bare. There is a great need for all nonperishable food (except peanut butter – that shelf is full!)

Most Needed:

Spaghetti noodles (all types of pasta), spaghetti sauce, powdered milk, canned meat (tuna, spam, canned ham, etc.), breakfast items: (cereal, pancake mix, granola), canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned chili, canned spaghetti, canned soups, crackers. The food is delivered to the H.E.L.P. food pantry monthly.

We have never seen the shelves as bare as they were last month. There is also a need for toilet paper.

Contact person: Sherry Moore



United Women of Faith

Wesley's United Women in Faith meeting time has changed per consensus. We will be meeting at 5:30 PM. Those attending are encouraged to bring a bagged supper. A microwave is available.

September 10th is the deadline for the reading program. There's still time to read books before the deadline. Go to <https://uwfaith.org/resources/reading-program/> to find books to read.

Our next meeting will be August 28th at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Contact Nancy Gumbert for questions.



Thrive Shoe Collection

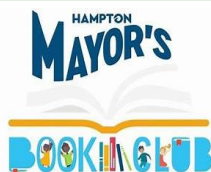
Wesley continues to collect shoes for Thrive. Please place shoes in the red bin outside can be found outside the church office. We've collected 5 full bins!

WHAT IS THE SHOE MISSION?

As an ongoing mission and fundraiser, THRIVE Peninsula collects shoes of all types and all conditions.

The shoes help make a 3-step difference:

1. Support the development of micro-enterprises in third world nations (primarily Haiti).
2. Keep shoes out of our local landfills.
3. Earn funds to support local families in distress. Since 2014, the organization has raised \$38,000 through this initiative, which in turn, supports our programs.



Mayor's Book Club

Nancy Gumbert will be collecting books for the Mayor's Book Club until Sep 3rd. Please drop any gently used books in the church office and Nancy will take them in each week. They will be used for the Book Fest on September 9th. Contact: Nancy Gumbert



Ways to Give



Ways to Give to Wesley

There are several online/digital ways to give an offering here at Wesley:

To send a one-time gift: text "BLESSINGS"; to 73256. Please consider covering the 3% service fee with your offering.

To give online, visit www.hamptonwesley.org and click on the "Give" tab.

To sign up for no service charge online recurring offerings, contact Kathann Montague, Financial Secretary, kdm8989@cox.net, to get directions for BillPay connections.

Meet Pastor Archana Mondays and Wednesdays

Pastor Archana will meet with individuals, if requested, from 10:00AM-1:00PM, Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the Summer, in the Pastor's Study.

Please call ahead to make sure the Pastor is here. If you would like Pastor Archana to visit your home to meet and pray with you, please contact Sylvia Krisnow, 757-838-3044, and make an appointment.

Other ways to contact Pastor Archana:
Cell: 248-404-0700
Email: archanasamuel@vaumc.org



Sign up for virtual August Lay Servant Academy

The next Virginia Annual Conference Lay Servant Academy will occur virtually on August 18-19, 2023.

Online course offerings will be:

- United Methodist Heritage (Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson, instructor)
- Basic Course (Richard Speirs, instructor)
- Spiritual Gifts (Joseph Plemmons, instructor)
- Leading Well in Conflict Transformation (Sarah Calvert, instructor)
- Called to Preach! (Nathan Decker, instructor)
- Introduction to Simplified Accountable Structure (Jason Stanley, instructor)
- Certified Lay Minister Orientation (Joanna Dietz and Jennifer Robinson-O'Brien, instructors).

Cost is \$35 for all courses except CLM Orientation, which is \$15. For more information, <https://vaumc.org/layservantacademy/>.

To register, <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=751280&>

Contact Tianna Durbin, Lay Servant Academy Director (tiannad@arcolachurch.org) if you have questions.



Connect with UMFS

There are many ways you can make a difference in the lives of the children and teens at UMFS:

Make a donation — Donations provide caring support for children in foster care, children struggling with mental health challenges, and special education students. Visit UMFS.org/donate.

Volunteer your time — you can become a tutor or mentor, provide meals and treats, and so much more. Visit UMFS.org/volunteer.

Become a foster parent — open your heart and your home to a child or teen in foster care. Visit UMFS.org/foster.

Come for a campus tour - Join us for a tour of our Richmond campus and learn more about the children and families at UMFS. Visit UMFS.org/campus-tour to sign up.

Spread the word — encourage your friends and family to join you in supporting the children and families at UMFS. Look for updates on the UMFS Facebook page and share them with your network.

UMFS is a nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive array of programs to support children, teens, and parents as they work to overcome challenges. We equip families with tools for success so they can achieve their goals. As a leader in helping young people and families, we also proactively identify unmet social services needs and develop the necessary partnerships to address those needs.



Hope Springs Eternal Positive Conversations about the United Methodist Church

Virginia pastor featured on positive conversation podcast

A video podcast in the Holston Conference, Hope Springs Eternal: Positive Conversations about the United Methodist Church <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091403054486>, is filled with conversations with clergy and Rev. Natalie Justice, focused on positive conversation.



The **Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman**, Welborne UMC, Richmond, was featured on the most recent podcast episode. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W3kU1kwvouQ>.



The final episode in July will feature an additional Virginia pastor, the Rev. Tim Ward (premieres July 31). <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwM6XYTQStLt1QOAjh6Ekdyb9phMrnTw>

Prayer Concerns

Abby	Carolyn Ellington	Joella	Patty Bumgarner
Alan Keithley	Darlene Backer	Joseph	Peggy Carney
Ashley	Dave Bisacre	Karen Bowers	Phyllis Graham
Aunt Dee	Donna Kennedy	Kelly Phipps	Ron Switzer
Baby Grayson	Dylan	Ken Johnson	Sam
Barbara Dameron	Eric Bowden	Kory Kirkland	Sandra
Barbie Holland	Freta Lamb	Lana Koblinsky	Scott
Becky Morris	Gail Hale	Liam Sowers	Sofia Amado
Bekah Smith	Helen Cope	Lillian Hale	Stacy
Ben Stanley	Helga Lutes	Lucy Stowe	Steve Lillya
Bill Lauder	Jackie Phillips	Mackenzie Berman	Susan Nichols
Bill Mee	Jeff Birdsall	Mary Beth Roane	Taylor Bollenberg
Brenda	Jeff Critzer	Nancy Companion	Tina Bowden
Caleb Coates	Joan Sowash	Nina Winfree	Wanda
Carlie Shivers	JoAnn	Pastor Debbie Payne	Zach Perkins

Glory Sightings

Pastor Archana- Myself and my family experiencing the love and welcome of Wesley. Kathann Montague- My sister is here visiting and singing with the choir today. Helen Cope- While out shopping I heard some children asking their mom for different things they wanted her to buy them. When I came around the corner, I saw that the children were triplets and so well-behaved. Being able to see joy in the midst of my grief was a true blessing from God. Donna Turley- Thanks to all who helped send Pastor Gretchen and Mike off to a new church and thanks to those who helped prepare the Parsonage for Pastor Archana and her family's arrival. Jeanne Franks- Thanks to Wesley for all their prayers during my recent struggles. Carol Hale- My daughter-in-law, Gail, rang the bell after finishing her radiation treatments. Jim McKirdy- My backyard had become a lake after all the rain. A pair of mallards have made it home and now come up to me and eat the bread I give them. Monica Sprague- The moving power of the Holy Spirit that helped with solving a conflict that could have escalated but brought about talking. Nancy Gumbert- Grandcat sitting and being greeted with a morning welcome and having shadows follow me around. Jeanne Lineberry- Hearing the National Anthem and God Bless America played on a saxophone at the Pilot's baseball game. It gave me goose bumps. Chris Companion - The blood drive on Monday collected 23 units of blood to help save as many as 69 lives! Gail Clinch- My son Tyler and his wife are going to have their baby a little early in August. Pastor Archana- My brother's 23-year-old son is autistic and he looked really good in the picture my sister-in-law posted on Facebook. Donna Turley- I have small tomatoes on my vines. I grew them and they tasted great.

Prayers Concerns

My doctor has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Lord continue to be with me during my time of grieving. Recognize the need for the living water to quench our thirst. Keep everyone safe this Fourth of July. Keep the animals safe that are afraid of fireworks and loud noises. Prayers for all who have lost loved ones, especially a parent that has lost and child and feel lost in their grief no matter how many years have gone by. Prayers for all who are healing, having test and surgeries. Prayers for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions. Prayers for our nation, its leaders, our military and their families.

Our Christian Sympathy goes to the family of Sharon Shepard.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

3	Christopher Coccimiglio	31	Monica Smith
	Michael Saylor, Sr.		
6	Sarah Snow		
	Amy Stanley		
7	Valerie Coia (Holland)		
12	Michael Saylor, Jr.		
13	Daphney Rose (Lutes)		
	Nas'Mir Francis Abdullah		
14	Adam and Sarah Flowers (2010)		
16	Judi Hines		
	Rachel Paxton		
19	Christopher Freshour		
	Greg Paxton		
22	Roger/Sharon Howell (1975)		
23	Joe Coccimiglio		
	Justin Johnson		
	Nancy McPhail		
25	Charlie Morris		
26	Sara Paxton		
28	John Anthony Coccimiglio		

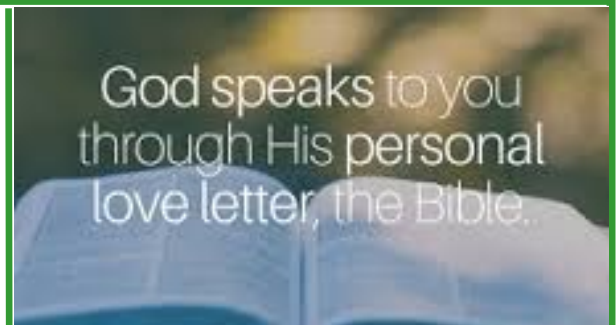


Lectionary Readings

AUGUST 06 | 10th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 (UMH 749); Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 13 | 11th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (UMH 828); Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 20 | 12th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133 (UMH 850); Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28



AUGUST 27 | 13th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Ex 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124 (UMH 846); Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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Find out more about Pinnacle Living

Since their humble beginnings in 1948, Pinnacle Living, formerly known as Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc., has grown from a single community serving seniors to several communities spread across the Commonwealth. The name, Pinnacle Living, reflects the mission of Enriching Life's Journey for those who seek independence, combined with a secure plan for the future. They are proud of their heritage and continue to operate as a mission-driven organization that welcomes people of all faiths.



Welcome to Pastor Archana Samuels and Family—
1st Sunday at Wesley



Below-July 2—Independence Day Breakfast





Above: July 2—Independence Day Breakfast

Below: July 26—Sages at Napoli Ristorante Italiano in Carrollton—More pics page 11

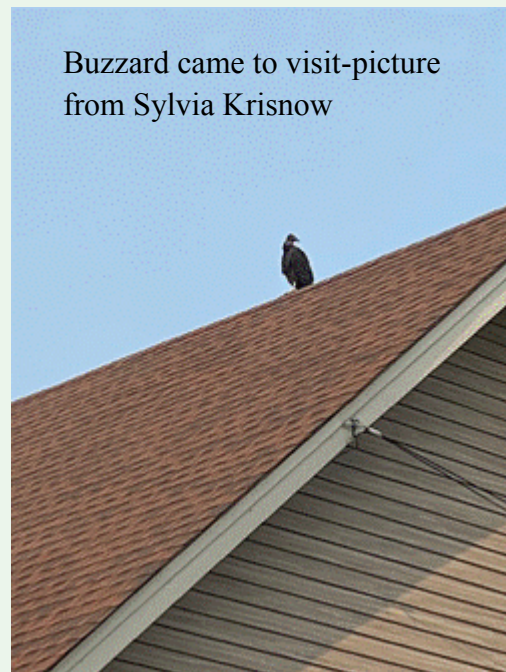





Above—True Spirit Bluegrass Gospel July 9
Below—Amy Ferebee and Friends—Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music July 28

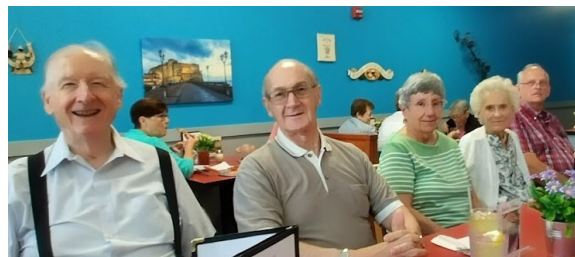


Buzzard came to visit-picture
 from Sylvia Krisnow



August						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	2 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm AA Meeting	3 9:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Girl Scouts	4	5
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Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to our website for a current calendar <http://www.hamptonwesley.org>



Sages at Napoli Ristorante Italiano July 26



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Find out more about Pinnacle Living

Giving: Donor generosity goes a long way when it comes to providing financial support for Pinnacle's various programs and funds. Contributions to the Pinnacle Living communities ensures resident assistance as well as opening doors for future nurses and Pinnacle Living team members by providing them with continuous education and scholarships.

Most notably, their Samaritan Program is very important to the communities. Through giving opportunities, donors play a vital role in the continuation of providing financial assistance to residents who have outlived their monetary resources and, through no fault of their own, can no longer afford the full cost of their care. Through this program, you can help us ensure personal security and peace of mind for our most vulnerable residents.

In addition to giving to the Samaritan Program, there are eight other ways to give and help support funds that are equally as important to fulfilling the mission at Pinnacle Living. All gifts to the Samaritan Program or any of their funds are 100% tax-deductible.

Volunteer: More than 1,300 residents, 1,000 team members and thousands of volunteers build friendships, learn from one another and find purpose in being a part of a story 70 years in the making with more opportunities and service ahead.

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