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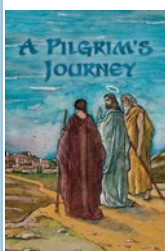
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Pastor's Ponderings

I encountered a joke making rounds on social media this week: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? *Pilgrims.*

It made me giggle. Then I began to think about pilgrims.



We are people on The Way with Jesus, pilgrims on a journey. Our homeland is with Christ. And we are exploring God's creation in this time and place. I often find myself longing for some roots, solid ground which will hold me in some permanent stasis. And yet this universe is created with inherent change as a key feature. Always transforming. Always rearranging. Always moving forward even in familiar repeating patterns like seasons. April brings rain in our geo-climate, yet each April's rains are different from one another. May brings flowers, yet they are not the same as last year (and can even migrate in our yards with help from certain critters).

God has made this wonderful world we pilgrim across with recurring patterns and ongoing change. As pilgrims on a journey with Jesus we are invited to explore, connect, make new friends, honor long friends, be watchful for fresh expressions of grace, offer love and comfort along this path, celebrate how we experience Holy Spirit insights, and remain faithful to our call to be disciples.

God doing a new thing, offering transformation, is God's constancy. Showers bring flowers that bring pilgrims walking with Jesus as messengers of good news; living hope wherever we find ourselves. Longing so much for that kin-dom land that we serve together to build its foundations even as we pilgrim this current reality. Bearing witness to God's loving kindness, mercy, peace, and restoring grace through this service daily. God's abundance in bloom; we are journeying pilgrims invited to show off what God's love can do.



Blessings, Pastor Gretchen

Mission Rivers District, VAUMC

All work realigning Virginia UMC districts into eight is complete. There is a new website up and running with great connections and up to date information. The Facebook page is filled with news and celebrations from church communities around the whole district. Take a look and see how God is at work. Submit stories, photos, and promotions from your faith experience with Wesley UMC as well. These resources help us live broadly and deeply.

Mission Rivers District Website: <https://www.missionriversdistrict.org/>
Facebook: @Themissionriversdistrict





Blood Drive

**May 8th
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 and use sponsor code: WUMC

Counter Schedule for May/June

May 7—Amy Stanley/Marsha Ames
May 14—Marsha Ames/Clyde Gumbert
May 21—Clyde Gumbert/Renee Arnold
May 28—Renee Arnold/Zach Eitzen

June 4—Zach Eitzen/Pat Fitzgerald
June 11—Pat Fitzgerald/Amy Stanley
June 18—Amy Stanley/Debbie Andersen
June 25—Debbie Andersen/Stephanie Eitzen



Contact person, Amy Stanley

Rise Against Hunger Event

**Saturday, 20 May
8:00 AM-Noon**

Rise Against Hunger event at Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church, 1024 Harpersville Rd, Newport News. The event will take place from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be a light continental breakfast at 8:00 AM and all are welcome. Children have enjoyed this in the past. There is something for all ages. The event will begin following breakfast.

From Sunday, April 23, until May 14th, there will be an opportunity to donate to this community event. If you would like to contribute to Rise Against Hunger, please make your check out to Wesley UMC and annotate "Rise Against Hunger". We will also have a basket in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship time.

On May 20th, a check will be given to Chestnut Memorial for Rise Against Hunger. You do not have to donate in order to help bag the meals. Invite your family and friends!

www.riseagainsthunger.org

At the event, we will package food bags that have rice, vegs and vitamins. Each bag holds 6 servings. We plan to do 3,333 bags to make 20,000 meals. So we need people to fill the bags, weigh and seal them....put them in boxes to ship. It's a well organized process.

It's fun with music and stories and just plain good fellowship!



Harmony House Presents:

**Ed Pettersen
May 12 at 7 PM**

His concerts have proven to be an inspiration to many. Ed's infectious melodies and stirring lyrics have added a whole new dimension to Christian music, with each new track even better than the last. With music perfect for everyday listening. Ed Pettersen will sing many of his originals as well as other contemporary Christian songs. Be sure to bring a friend for a great night of music and testimony.

https://www.pettersenmusic.com/?fbclid=IwAR3OszDYgf9IGWyMq-I1hB3_jzjFwN4-BvTiV6LPbie06whh-SwVsqw1nSA

Donations for performer and food appreciated

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents:

**Amy Ferebee
May 27th at 7PM**

Working Musician Semi Pro local/regional For more than thirty years, Amy Ferebee has been honing her unique musical skills and delighting audiences from D.C. to Dallas. Noted for her impressive guitar work and powerful vocals, Ferebee soulfully transports her listeners with an eclectic mix of traditional fiddle tunes and fingerstyle blues, choice new-grass songs and jazz standards, along with some nice originals thrown in for good measure.



[Amy Ferebee http://www.amyferebee.com/](http://www.amyferebee.com/)

\$5 suggested donation for performers
Snacks available for donations

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

Mother's Day Roses

Mother's Day Roses will be available on Mother's Day for the cost of \$3.50 each.

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

Please contact the church office to signup. Sign up deadline is May 7th.

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

Earth Day—April 22, 2023

Praise the Lord and Thanks be to God for letting the Wesley Adopt-A-Spot team join the City of Hampton's litter pickup (Walk Hampton Clean).



Jack, Donna, Lynnette, Pat and David
Not pictured: Zach, Cecilia and Ezra

Three pickups were completed in our neighborhood in April. The largest cleanup involved 8 team members picking up on Earth Day. Total results were 8 bags of litter found in 11 hours of cleaning. Inside the bags were 1086 cigarette butts found and disposed, plus a lot of other trash.

The Wesley Adopt-A-spot team cleans our spot at least 2 times each month.

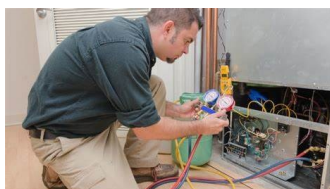


"Green Pastures" and Clean Water—
Jack Rezabek

Wesley Donations needed for Heating and Air Repair:

Kearney and Sons came out to check a noise while the heat was on. The 18-year-old blower motor and blower wheel need to be replaced at the cost of \$918.00. Please pray about contributing toward this expense.

Annotate your check and/or envelope "HVAC Repair".



You are invited to join us for #StillInMission

Are you interested in learning more about United Methodist missionaries? Do you wonder what day-to-day life is like in mission?

#STILLINMISSION is a monthly Zoom event where you can hear first-hand experience from missionaries about their call to mission and the communities they serve. Join to see how missionaries share God's love in partnership with communities around the world.

#STILLINMISSION

Join us on Thursday, May 4, 12 p.m. (ET) for conversations with missionaries:

Fatuma Kutela, Angola
Anna Troy, United States
Dan Randall, United States
Courtney Randall, United States
Gaston Ntambo, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church



Register at https://gbgm.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscOiqpzwsE9xPPqGln-CO_IKhSSve6J0mN#/registration

Mary Levin Bible Study

Wed, May 3rd – Amy Stanley's home

Wed, May 17th – TBA

Wed, June 7th, 6:30 PM – UWF/
Mary Levin Bible Study Salad
Supper, Carol Hale's home

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

Projected Appointments shared conference-wide

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and the Virginia Conference Cabinet shared the April 2023 Projected Appointments conference-wide on April 23. View appointments...https://doc.vaumc.org/BishopSue/April2023_ProtectedAppointments.pdf

Sunday was announcement day for us United Methodists in Virginia. With prayerful discernment, conversations, and an emotional mix, The Leadership Board and I accept that it is time for a change in appointment. I have spent a beautiful 7 years serving with you all in ministry at Wesley UMC. I will miss this community and all you wonderful people. These next two months will be filled with tears, laughter, and loads of prayer.

Our Methodist connection works in prayer and discernment to make appointments so that as one season ends another begins. In this covenant relationship we introduce Rev. Archana Samuel as the incoming pastor of Wesley beginning July 2, 2023. Please hold her and her family in prayer for a grace-filled transition. Pictures and her bio are attached below.

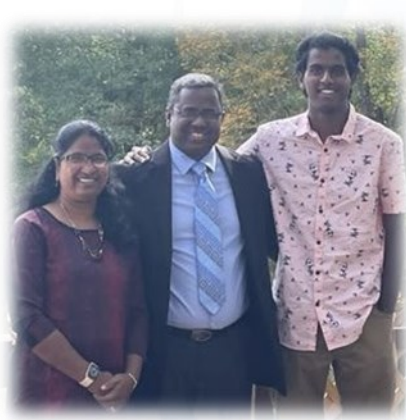
I continue to hold you all in prayer and serve with you in pastoral care as we take this missional move together.

In Christ,
Pastor Gretchen
and The Leadership Board of Wesley UMC

Meet Wesley's New Pastor in July:

Archana Samuel was born into a Hindu family in India but became a Christian and was baptized when she was 18 years old. Her mom lives in India, and she has one older brother and a sister.

Her love of Christ and his people guides her life. Two words can describe her whole life, they are faith in God and the grace of God. Her call verse is Hebrews 11: 8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going." In India, Archana worked as a missionary pastor crisscrossing several parts of India where she encountered different cultures and languages.



Archana, Sam and Abishek

After marrying Sam, who was also a missionary, they reached a turning point and wanted to pursue theological education. Archana earned a Master of Divinity in Bangalore, India, in April 2015. Archana, Sam, and their son Abishek moved to Richmond USA in 2015. She received a master's degree and pursued a Doctor of Ministry degree at VUU and graduated in 2021. Journeying on the ordination process at VAUMC and certified to serve as a Licensed Local pastor and served at Sherbourne UMC for 3 years. This year was recommended by the BOM as a provisional elder. Her husband Sam is also a clergy and serves two churches in Richmond. Their son is graduating from high school this year. Archana, a dedicated servant with twenty years of experience as a missionary, teacher, preacher, and mentor, has a passion and call towards the ministry of the Word and the Sacrament. Motivated and caring, with an ability to relate and adapt along with a passion to serve Christ, Archana has many gifts to bring to Wesley UM church. She loves to walk in nature, read stories and poems, write, and paint in her leisure time. She loves to travel to different places and try different foods.

CANDLE BURNING REQUEST FORM



Videos share resources for 2023 AC members

The Conference Lay Leader Martha Stokes and the conference Communications Office created video re-

sources for Annual Conference members prior to the 2023 Annual Conference session. Four videos have now been released:

Video 1: Welcome from Bishop Sue

Video 2: Welcome and music from AC Conference co-directors and a chance to meet the band

Video 3: Martha shares responsibilities for lay members and reporting back to local churches.

Video 4: Conference Secretary Rev. Joshua King shares information about motions and more.

Watch videos... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPx5lfK0QZs&list=PLmCXxkZ_j9VxWKVAO9Od_aNezHJIBJ87JG&index=2



Kaylin and Ryker Scalzi with 25lbs of can tabs.

"Don't forget to save those can tabs!"

I saw this one day after MDO left.

It brought me joy to think of these vehicles waiting and ready for play!

Pastor Gretchen



Information shared about May 6 Special Annual Conference

On Saturday, May 6, 2023, a Special Annual Conference via Zoom Webinar will be held. At 8:30 a.m., an optional Q&A will be held for any members who have questions. At 9 a.m., the Annual Conference session will convene to consider the ratification of 64 local churches that seek to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church over matters of human sexuality using Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline. AC members have received information about this session via email. It can be found at <https://vaumc.org/ac2023may/>.

UMFS Giving Day for Foster Care

United Methodist Family Services (UMFS) is kicking off National Foster Care Month with a special Giving Day to support children and teens in foster care. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 3 to support UMFS Giving Day for Foster Care.

There are 5,117 children in foster care in Virginia. More than 400 of these children are waiting for a foster family. The need is critical. Your caring donation will help provide the loving home these children deserve. Visit [UMFS.org/giving-day](https://www.umfs.org/giving-day) to learn more.

<https://www.umfs.org/giving-day>



Your help is needed to Clean Wesley's Facility

All hands are needed to keep this facility clean, neat, and offering the highest level of hospitality for all who enter. The Leadership Board is currently researching custodians and cleaning companies to provide cleaning services.

This is our ministry to bring the full welcome of God at every entry point and space. Thank you for your efforts for God's glory in this area of our life together.

Peace, The Leadership Board and Pastor Gretchen



2023 Annual Conference Offering #NurturingTogether

The Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church is one of the largest annual conferences of The United Methodist Church. We can significantly impact the world when we all come together around a purpose. The groups and ministries supported by the offering change each year, but the goal remains the same: to assist people and ministries, both domestic and international.



The goal of the offering for 2023 is \$150,000. This year, you are invited to the initiative to #nurture leadership worldwide! The Virginia Conference will support Refugee Resettlement, Food Insecurity in the Commonwealth, and Partnerships of Hope's leadership programs in Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Native Americans, Haiti, and Vietnam through this offering. The offering will be collected on June 15, 2023, during the Opening Worship at 10 a.m. Thank you for being part of the effort to #nurturingtogether! <https://vaumc.org/blog/2023/04/21/nurturing-2/>

2023 Mission Opportunities on conference website

Mission Opportunities provided throughout the Annual Conference allow the churches to maximize the impact in transforming the world through the connectional system. Each year, Virginia Conference offers Mission Opportunities for the over 1,000 churches to 'Unite in Mission' as we serve our Lord together. Below you will find information on how we, serving together, can become a 'blessing to this world' (Gen 12:3). https://vaumc.org/acmission/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Advocate%2C+November+8%2C+2022

PreConference

#NurturingTogether: When all 1,100 churches in VAUMC come 'Nurturing Together' we can make a significant impact! This year's offering will be focused on addressing two domestically needs and the nurturing Christian leaders around the world. Join us in this united effort!

#CollectingTogether: AC Collection is one way to 'Think Globally and Act Locally.' We will continue our collection on a district level, and share the collections both worldwide and locally. UMCOR Kits will be delivered to Mission Central, while the cans will be shared on district level.

During Conference

#JoininghandsTogether: During the Conference we will host Red Cross Blood Drive, Menstrual Hygiene Kit Assembly, and a Rise Against Hunger project. We will see how #joining hands together will make a big impact!

#EngagingTogether: On Thursday evening (June 15th) join us for a Mission Social, where we invite mission partners and ask church leaders to connect with each mission. You may support a mission you are already involved in, or engage in new opportunities. Desserts will be provided for all who join the social.

#BeingTogether: A fun 5K Run/Walk during the Annual Conference. The well-being of our leaders determines the health of our mission! Join our effort to encourage our members to be on this journey together! Virtual Option to participate in this race will be offered!



Please Pray for:

Abby
Ann
Ashley
Aunt Dee
Baby Grayson
Barbie Holland
Ben Stanley
Bill Lauder
Bill Mee
Buddy Carlisle
Caleb Coates
Cameron
Carlie Shivers
Craig Savage
Dave Bisacre
David and Mary Beth Roane
David Brookman
Donna Kennedy
Dylan
Freta Lamb
Gail Hale
Gary Bayless
Helga Lutes
Jeff Birdsall
Jim McKirdy
JoAnn
Joella
John
Joseph
Karen Bowers
Kathy Kruschwitz
Kelly Phipps
Kory Kirkland
Lana Koblinsky
Liam Sowers
Lillian Hale
Lucy Stowe
Mackenzie Berman
Margaret Herndon
Marie Bard
Nancy and David
Nancy Companion
Nina Winfree
Pastien
Patty Bumgarner
Ryan and Eli
Sam

Scott
Sofia Amado
Stacy
Steve Lillya
Susan Hayes
Susan Nichols
Taylor Bollenberg
Vicky Moyer
Wanda
Zach Perkins
Zeb and Helen Cope

Glory Sightings

Jerry Sowers- The congregation all singing in the same key. Jeanne Lineberry- Attending Grandparents Day at my grandchildren's school. Hearing the children sing and visiting their classrooms. Sylvia Krisnow - Watching all the palms waving in the breeze outside and coming into the Sanctuary. Pastor Gretchen- Attending a mini retreat and being together with my colleagues for a mini holy week. Being together as people and not clergy.

Pat Fitzgerald- Jason Snow and family made a surprise stop at Wesley on Thursday. It was a joy to see the Snow family. Mike Nelson- At the Easter Sunrise service being thankful to hear the gobbling of a wild turkey. Donna Turley- The light shining through the stained glass windows onto the Easter lilies.

Jeanne Lineberry- Sharing the Upper Room with a friend of my son. He told me he needed to hear the scripture. I also showed him my ribbon from Friday night's service. Pat Fitzgerald- The new lines in the parking lot. Thanks to David Brookman and David Roane. Mike Nelson- Having dinner with friends at their home. Enjoying time spent together that

Prayer Concerns

passed so quickly we didn't realize how late the evening was. Jeanne Lineberry- Enjoying a luncheon celebration with a bride-to-be. Jim McKirdy- Seeing old friends at church. Lynnette Scalzi- Friday night's Harmony House was a real blessing. Chestnut Circuit Riders shared their own written music and songs with us. They had a powerful message to share.

Concerns/Prayers:

Jim McKirdy- Lord be with my friend who is helping women and children in a war zone. Prayers for her safety.

Carol Hale- Travel mercies for David and Rachael as they travel to Alabama for Kaylee's funeral. Lord she is home with you and has no longer has a need for a wheelchair and is running and playing in Your Kingdom. Pastor Gretchen- Prayers for all affected by shootings, tornadoes and all the events that have impacted our lives this week. Lord our hearts are filled with sadness from all these tragic events. May Your heart bring healing. Help bring us together again with something as simple as Your love for us.

Police officers and first responders; all who are grieving; our seniors; our church and the 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.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our Christian Sympathy goes to:

Homer Lewis and family of death of his wife Claire.

David and Rachel and the family of Kaylee.

The family of John Tripp.

The family of Nelson Bequid.

Thanks to the Church family for the numerous messages of sympathy on the passing of my husband, Stew. These notes have been very comforting.

Sincerely, Jean Bowden and family

Link to obituary:

https://vacremationsociety.com/obituary/stewart-t-bowden/?fbclid=IwAR3z9CErrXC49H_J8S2FYkKb6Vxrc8VMqdzbigXfE_4sR0fskAGr_xgYB3T4#.ZCIDBFaApK8.facebook

Celebration of Life for Stew Bowden will be held in the Sanctuary on June 3rd at 11 AM with lunch following in the Fellowship Hall.



Email Address Update

Doug and Carolyn have a new email address: dccb@gmail.com. Please update your directories.

With great joy we welcomed Liam Thomson through Baptism and Profession of Faith on April 30th. Celebrate and remember your Baptism in Christ as you hold him in grace.

H.E.L.P. Food Bank Needs:

Toilet Paper, powdered milk, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, Instant potatoes, small juice drinks.

Contact person: Sherry Moore

2	William Blocker	29	Charlie/Becky Morris (1966)
6	Quincy Fotis	30	Dale/Kathy Stumpf (1987)
15	Pauline Blocker	31	Rosemary Adrian
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)		



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lectio Readings

MAY 07 | 5th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764); 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

MAY 14 | 6th Sunday of Easter; **Mother's Day** (White or Gold)
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20 (UMH 790); 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

MAY 21 | 7th Sunday of Easter; **Heritage Sunday; Ascension Sunday** (White or Gold)
Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792); 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11;

John 17:1-11 Ascension of the Lord Lections:
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47 (UMH 781); Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

MAY 28 | **Pentecost (Red)**
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39



LECTIONARY
READINGS



Thank you to the Thomson Family who placed the pinwheels for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April



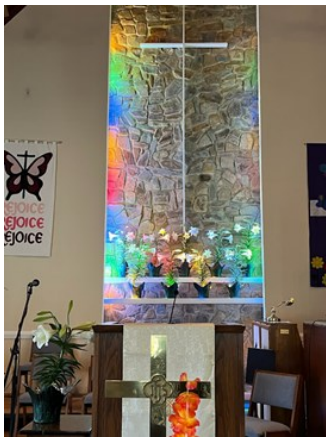
Palm Sunday Cross, April 2nd



Easter Sunday, April 9th



Easter Sunday—Sonrise Service Above. Below: 10 AM Service

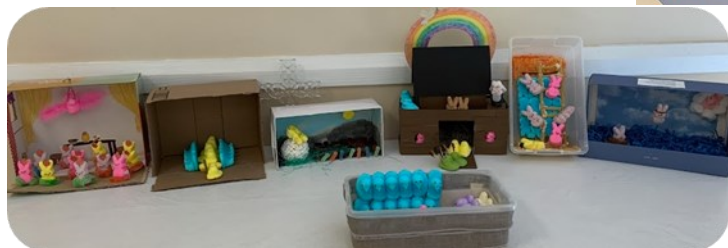
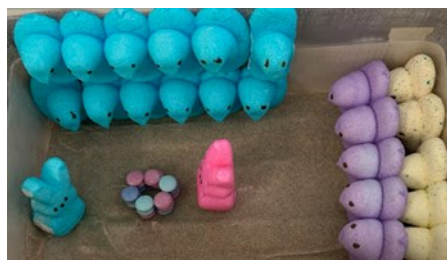


Maundy Thursday Service
The Last Supper



Easter and Holy Humor rejoicing

Thank you all for a fabulous Easter Sunday and a delightful Holy Humor worship event. There was a rich beauty to every way each of you participated in celebrating Jesus' resurrection and God's divine laughter. Keep on honoring these gifts of grace throughout this Easter Season. Here are some pictures of Wesley's Peep dioramas (which were wondrous!) to encourage that journey. ~Pastor Gretchen



#WHATEVER HEARTS—April 22. Ladies prepared the hearts by cutting, tracing, and assembling the hearts. Hearts will be delivered throughout the community with a message of hope. Please pray as we distribute hearts. Thank you to Amy for organizing this new ministry!





Below: Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music April 23rd—
Dry Land




April 14—Above: Harmony House Chestnut Circuit Riders



Sages Lunch at
'Olivia's in the
Village' Pictures
April 26th



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	2 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	3 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm AA Meeting 6:30pm MLBS-- Amy Stanley's	4 9:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	5	6 11:00am AA Picnic - Picnic Shelter
	7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person, also on Zoom and Facebook live 2:00pm Yorktown- Celebration of Life, Claire Lewis 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	8 2:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall	9 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm Leadership Board Meeting 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting	10 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm AA Meeting	11 9:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	12 7:00pm Harmony House--Ed Pettersen
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Prepared with love especially for:



The people of The United Methodist Church*

2023 Mission Trip—El Salvador (UMVIM) Mission Trip

We are excited to reconnect with our International Methodist Mission Partner—The Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador. In 2023, we'll send a District team to continue our relationship-building and team specific mission project. Project will be determined by team and cost will be determined by project, flight costs and grant monies available.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting mission opportunity, contact either Nancy Yarborough (nancyjane0405@aol.com) or Rev. Robin Be-Miller (robinbemiller@vaumc.org), Team Co-Organizers.

Project: Determined by team ranging from construction of church or school, VBS, or food distribution

Trip Cost: TBD (previous year trips averaged \$750 with scholarship monies available)

Trip Dates: July 23—July 29, 2023.

Age of Participants: 10-15 with parent, through adult

Team Expectations: Attend Team Organizing/Bonding Gatherings (via zoom), Actively participate in preparing for the trip, and most of all a Servants Heart. We hope that 6-10 of our district laity or clergy will be excited about this opportunity.

Here is a video from Brian Dubberly, the Mission Team Coordinator for El Salvador.

<https://www.salvadoranmissionprojects.com/>

