



Wesley Tidings

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Advice of a Pumpkin: KG-TB-GTLB

Keep Growing; Think Big; Give Thanks to Life's Bounty

In October, our church did our a Pumpkin Patch fundraiser. We all know this and most of you volunteered by giving your time, and energy and showing to our community how much the Wesley church family Loves God and serves God and our community. One day, when I was outside where the pumpkins were placed, I saw the picture on the right side, which said "Advice from a Pumpkin". It fascinated me how a pumpkin can give us relatable insight into walking with Christ. Dear friends, if you zoom in and see the picture, there are several things that are advised by a pumpkin. But I would like to take three insights that are very true, and we can follow as disciples of Jesus Christ. As a church family, we can envision and pray to God to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do these three things in our church ministries, in our vision and mission, and in our personal faith life.

They are:

1. Keep Growing (KG)
2. Think Big (TB) and
3. Give Thanks to Life's Bounty (GTLB)



I Chronicles 16: 34 "O Give Thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever."

I Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Let us keep growing in our faith in Christ, in our love of God and neighbors. We will think big by keeping our focus on Christ and by thinking big we are training our minds to live by faith, not by sight. When we think big, we can serve our neighbors in more ways, we can grow in our giving to missions and ministries. November is the month when we celebrate a day of Thanksgiving. We are supposed to give thanks to God who showers each of us with goodness, love, forgiveness, mercy, and healing. Let us consider the advice of a pumpkin. Giving thanks for life's bounty is a sign of gratitude and humility. We give thanks since that is God's will. God is good. So, we are invited to think big as a leap of faith in our ministry and family lives. God's love gives us the excitement to keep growing in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. May the Holy Spirit bless you as you seek ways to keep growing, thinking big, and giving thanks in all circumstances of life. I pray that each one of you will gladly receive this advice and whenever you see a pumpkin remember KG-TB-GTLB.

Bountiful blessings, Pastor Archana Samuel



Wesley UMC Honored for a Hampton Clean City

The 2023 Hampton Clean City Commission Volunteer Celebration was held on November 4. The event was held at Blue Bird Gap Farm with lunch from Chik-fil-la. Those Adopt-A-Spots (areas) who cleaned more than 20 times a year, received a golden litter stick award.

John and Vicky Moyer completed an astounding 120 cleanups for their golden litter stick. A second golden litter stick was awarded to WUMC Adopt-A-Spot team for 34 cleanups. This was Wesley's 16th award. Thank you to: Pat Fitzgerald, Sylvia Krisnow, Eddie Page, Carl Morrison, the Eitzen's—Zach, Stephanie, Ezra, Cecilia, Donna Turley, David Roane, Vicky Moyer, Lynnette Scalzi and Jack.

Together we are continuing to work for "green pastures and clean waters.—Jack Rezabek



Above L-Jack Rezabek and Sylvia Krisnow. Above: Certificate
Left L-John and Vicky Moyer

Below L-Pastor Archana, Vicky and John Moyer, Jack Rezabek.

Below R- Sylvia Krisnow, Vicky and John Moyer, Jack Rezabek



Charge
Conference

Charge Conference
November 5th, 2:30 PM

Cluster Charge Conference will take place November 5th at 2:30 PM, at Chestnut Memorial UMC, 1024 Harpersville Rd, Newport News. All are welcome to attend and be connected to the administrative and planning aspects of ministry. Please consider car-pooling as this is a cluster conference. Contact person, Pastor Archana.



H.E.L.P.—A Night's Welcome

For the coldest weeks of the year, H.E.L.P. coordinates with over 30 area churches to provide a place that is safe and warm. "A Night's Welcome" is a nightly shelter, but its location changes throughout the season as area churches open their doors to those in need. With the help of many volunteers and organizations, two hot meals, toiletries, and community are provided for individuals and families that find themselves on the street each winter.

Every year, HELP provides over 6,600 bed nights of shelter for over 340 individuals, supported by nearly 17,000 hours of volunteer service from our community.

This year Wesley will continue to provide meals once a month for this important ministry. On November 22nd our United Women in Faith will be providing a meal. Watch for signups in the following months.

A Night's Welcome will be meeting at the following locations:

Nov 1-Nov 27—First Christian Church 1458 Todd's lane
 Nov 27-Jan 2—Calvary Reformed Presbyterian Church 403 Whealton Road
 Jan 2- Feb 1—First Baptist Church of Hampton 229 N. King Street
 Feb 1-Mar 1—Hampton Baptist Church 40 Kings Way
 Mar1-Mar 20—Bethany Methodist Church 1509 Todds Lane

For questions, contact Anne Companion

Bethany UMC, Smithfield is collecting items for the Henderson Settlement Christmas Mission.

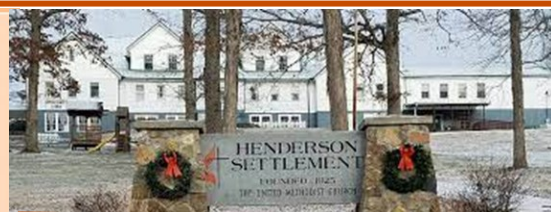
Requested items are:

- New toys or other age appropriate gifts for children ages newborn to 18 years
- New pajamas for children aged newborn to 18 years
- New blankets (Full, Double or Queen)
- New towels sets (bath towel, hand towel, and washcloth folded together as a set)
- New or gently used coats, hats, and gloves

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Christmas Mission again this year by collecting items on the list above, or by sending a check payable to Bethany United Methodist Church with "Henderson Mission" in the memo line. The check can be mailed to 13088 Mill Swamp Road, Smithfield, VA 23430.

If you would like to donate, there is a bin under the coat rack outside the church office. Please drop your items off by Sunday, November 5th.

Thank you for any help you can give. The parents and children of Appalachia are so appreciative.



If you have not turned in your commitment card yet, you can send an e-mail to Kathann Montague, at kdm8989@cox.net. Please be sure to state the amount you wish to give weekly, semi-monthly, bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly, or for the year; and Kathann will send you a letter to confirm the amount you pledge. If you have any questions, please contact Kathann at (757)722-8744.

United Women in Faith News

Did you know that United Women in Faith (UWF) is a mission focused organization? We have many opportunities to help others of all ages in our community and the world. Many times the person who receives the most benefits is actually us!

UWF Officers for 2024:

President – Nancy Gumbert

Vice President – TBD

Secretary – Sylvia Krisnow

Treasurer – Pat Fitzgerald

Nominations Committee –

Sylvia Krisnow/Susan Brookman

Sunshine —Donna Saylor

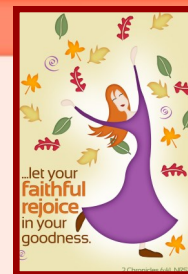
UMW will meet November 27th at 6:30PM in the fellowship hall. If you would like to provide refreshments or participate in the meeting by sharing a Response (UMW magazine) moment, leading prayer or presenting the program on the World Thank Offering, please contact Nancy Gumbert.

All are Welcome! Invite a friend. Hope to see you on November 27th.
Nancy

Mission Rivers District UWF—Advent Breakfast will be held on Dec. 2nd at 9:30 PM. First Foxhill will be hosting the event. The cost will be \$13. If you would like to attend, please contact Pat Fitzgerald with the fee by **November 19th**.



Above and Below: Mary Levin Bible Study



Mary Levin Bible Study (MLBS)
6:30 PM

Meeting schedule:

Nov 15—TBA

Dec. 6—MLBS and UWF Christmas Party

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

Devotional Video

Wednesdays, December 6-27 – Pastor Archana will post a devotional video on Facebook. An email link will also be sent to the congregation.

Thank You Wesley Volunteers

Thanks to all the volunteers who have manned the Patch and helped unload the pumpkins.



Wesley has had 16 blessed years of serving our community in mission with our Pumpkin Patch. Seeing all the families that have continued to come visit us year after year telling stories about previous visits. Welcoming new visitors and sharing with them about where the pumpkins come from and how our sales benefit so many people.

Families come to take pictures, walk among the pumpkins and talk about all the different shapes, sizes and colors, children getting stickers for visiting and decorating their little pumpkins and everyone leaving our patch with their “perfect pumpkin.”

Pat Fitzgerald and Lynnette Scalzi



The Angel tree will return November 12th! Please pray about being an “angel” to a child whose name you will find on the Angel Tree information in the Fellowship Hall.



When you choose a tag from the tree:

- 1 - Sign your name and phone number on the line next to the child's name.
- 2 - Buy a gift.
- 3 - Label each gift with the Name & Angel Code.
- 4 - Place the middle portion of the tag with the name & number inside your unwrapped package.
- 5 - Attach the top portion of the Angel Tree tag on the outside of the gift.



Please return your unwrapped gift to church by Sunday, December 10th at noon. Gift bags are welcome!

Contact Susan Brookman if you have any questions.

Red Cross Blood Drive

November 13th 1-6PM

Fellowship Hall

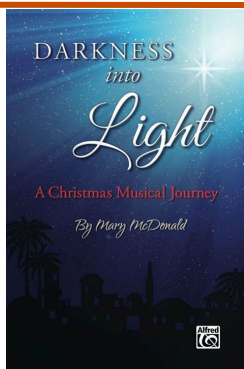
Please give if you can



1	Sarah Bayless	19	Sarah Flowers
7	Mike Nelson		Sharon Howell
8	Carol Hale	24	David Brookman
	Gretchen Nelson	25	Kaye Brundage
10	Parker Burns	27	Cindy (Potts) Jacquette
11	Katie (Page) Godwin	30	Cathy Williamson
	Mary Sowash		
12	Elizabeth Taylor (former Pastor)		
14	Ariel Arus		



There will be no Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music TFAM until January.



Wesley's Sanctuary Choir will be performing a Christmas Musical "Darkness into Light" on Sunday Dec 17 during the 10AM service. Contact person, Jerry Sowers.



Christmas Card Exchange

Our congregation has enjoyed writing Christmas Cards to our church family for many years with the "postage" only being 10 cents a card. This has been a wonderful tradition to spread Christmas cheer! If you bring your Christmas cards already signed and in envelopes with **just the name** on the envelope (*we don't need addresses*) and put them in the specially marked boxes at the church by noon on **December 10th**, we will do the delivering for you. The cost to mail each card is 10 cents. You can pick up your cards on anytime after **December 12th**. The mail boxes will be located in the foyer outside the sanctuary. (*Checks should be made out to the WUMC designate "Card fundraiser"*) If you are unable to get to the church to drop off the cards, or pickup cards, let the church office know and we will arrange for someone to pickup or deliver the cards. (**If you can help deliver cards, please let the church office know**).

If you have questions or if you can help sort cards contact, Nancy Gumbert or Sylvia Krisnow.



Harmony House—November 10th

Harmony House is 'Songs of Thanksgiving'.



Hanging of the Greens Worship November 26, 10 AM

Advent observances will begin with a worship service that brings in decor to put us in the mindset of the season, to light the pilgrim path to the manger. Everyone will have an opportunity to participate. What is begun in worship will be completed afterward, make plans to stay and help finish with a flourish.



Thanksgiving Potluck November 23-1 PM

Wesley's yearly Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November, 23 1:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you are available to cook a turkey, please annotate that on the sheet. Please also add what you will bring as a side/dessert. This is always a very enjoyable time to share a meal on Thanksgiving Day and be grateful for all of our many blessings.

HELP Food Pantry Update

The shelves are empty! There is a great need for all nonperishable food: rice, peanut butter, 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, boxed potatoes. Toilet paper is also needed.

The food is delivered to the H.E.L.P. food pantry monthly.

Contact: Sherry Moore



If you'd like to send a note of encouragement to Wesley's college students, the email addresses are listed below:

Riley Companion—
William and Mary
rcompanion101@gmail.com

Joey Companion—
George Mason
imperfectauthor@gmail.com

Abishek Samuel—
William and Mary
abishekssamuel@gmail.com



I know they'd enjoy hearing from us!

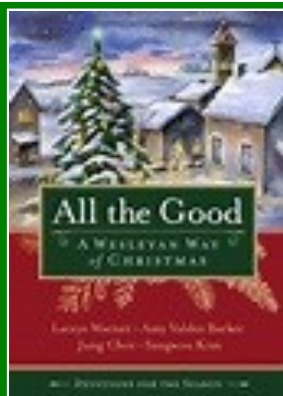
Pastor Archana Gone for Conference

Pastor Archana will be attending a Conference in Atlanta November 13-17.

Rev. Eric Vaudt,
Fox Hill Central UMC,
will be on call.

His number is 757-759-7484

Email: ericvaudt@vaumc.org



Advent Bible Study:

Pastor Archana will lead an Advent Bible Study, "All the Good, A Wesleyan Way of Christmas", by Lacey Warner, Amy Valdez Barker, Junc Choi, Sangwo Kim. If you would like to contribute to the study books, the cost is \$13.00 each. I have ordered the books and will let you know when they arrive.

The Bible Study will take place on Sundays, 3, 10, and 17 December, following Fellowship, in the Double Classroom.

Men's Bible Study

All Men are welcome to join the men's bible study. They meet twice a month on Tuesdays in the John Phillips classroom. For November, they will meet the 14th and 28th.. Contact person, Jack Rezabek



Counter Schedule

November

5–Marsha Ames/Zach Eitzen
12–Zach Eitzen/Pat Fitzgerald
19–Pat Fitzgerald/Debbie Andersen
26–VOLUNTEERS

December

3–Debbie Andersen/Clyde Gumbert
10–Clyde Gumbert/Renee Arnold
17–Renee Arnold/Amy Stanley
24–VOLUNTEERS
31–Amy Stanley/Stephanie Eitzen

Contact person—Amy Stanley



Lynnette Scalzi with the Mother's Day Out children.

Sages

Sages will not meet in November instead will be coming together on Wednesday, December 13th at 12:30 for their Christmas Luncheon at Frank's Monster Munchies Cantina, 2710 N Armistead Ave, Hampton.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. All are welcome!

Contact: Sylvia Krisnow



Lectionary Readings

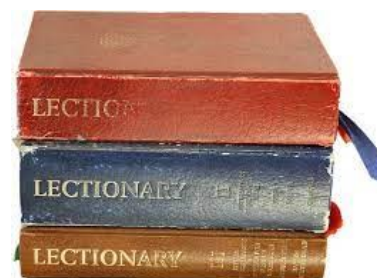
NOVEMBER 05 | 23rd Sunday After Pentecost; All Saints Sunday (White)
Joshua 3:7-17; Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37 (UMH 830); 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

NOVEMBER 12 | 24th Sunday after Pentecost; Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday (Green)
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalms 78:1-7 (UMH 799); 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 19 | 25th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)
Judges 4:1-7; Psalms 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 23 | Lessons for Thanksgiving Day (No Color)
Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalms 65 (UMH 821); 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

NOVEMBER 26 | 26th Sunday After Pentecost; Reign of Christ (White or Gold)
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalms 100 (UMH 821); Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46





Blessing of the Animals—October 7th



Spider web at the Pumpkin patch



Many Thanks to those that helped
unload the pumpkins!

Oct 8th



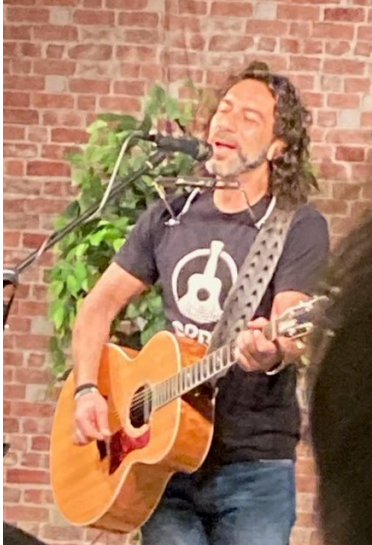




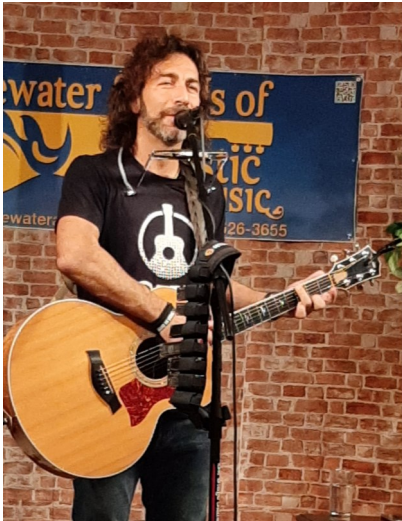


Oct 20—Eddie and Donna Page and their team members share their experiences on their Mission trip this summer. They invited anyone interested to join them next year.





Nov 23-TFAM presents
Luca Buralassi



Prayer Concerns

Ashley & JP
 Barbie Holland
 Bill Blocker
 Pauline Blocker
 Brenda Minter
 Brian Hill
 Charlie Morris
 Becky Morris
 Christy Gatien
 Crystal
 Donna Kennedy
 Freta Lamb
 Gail Hale
 Homer Lewis
 Jan Lingenfelter,
 Jim McKirdy
 Joshua
 Ken Johnson
 Linda Boyd
 Michelle Bidell
 Tom Bidell
 Nina Winfree
 Phillip Sowers

Other Concerns:

Families that lost loved ones in the mass shooting in Maine. The tragedies occurring in our country and around the world; Hawaii wild fire families who lost loved ones and also for missing persons; 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; Prayers for all the volunteers that will be helping with voting next Tuesday. Prayers for all the tragedies around our country and the world and all the lives that have been impacted by them.. Be with the families facing uncertain times. The people of Palestine, lift them up to God. Prayers for all our churches and the ministries they provide to help others. Joy to everyone celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

Our Christian Sympathy goes to:






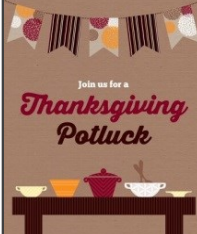

Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown and family on the death of his sister Catherine St. Cyr.

Glory Sightings:

Becky Morris- Looking out into the congregation and seeing my family. This church is my family. Every year it becomes more important to me. Dale Stumpf- The Men's Bible Study met again. Pastor came and visited and took pictures. Sylvia Krisnow- The Blessing of the animals on Saturday. Judi Hines- Mike and I are going to welcome a new granddaughter in the Spring. Lynnette Scalzi- Today is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Thank you, Pastor Archana, for all that you have brought to Wesley in the few short months you have been here. Your sermons are inspiring and give us a greater understanding of the scriptures. David Brookman said our roots are important to who we are as Christians. Let your Christian roots grow deep at Wesley. Jerry Sowers- While at an open mic night at a brewery one of the performers said he was thankful for the people there and was thankful for Jesus. Sylvia Krisnow- Seeing the beautiful full moon. The music Friday night at TFAM was wonderful. Helen Cope- Being able to attend worship online while babysitting my great-grandchild. Pastor Archana- Thankful for Jerry and the Choir and the wonderful music. Jeanne Lineberry- Attending my Daughter-in-law's father's yearly celebration of life with a bike ride. Seeing their neighborhood come together in celebration. Donna Turley- Driving to Good Shepherd UMC to attend the Annual UWF conference and seeing all the beautiful fall foliage on the way there.

UMC Bishops Condemn Violence in the Middle East Call for Prayer and Action

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church has condemned the ongoing violence in the Middle East and has called for prayer and action. In a statement released on Oct. 9, COB President Thomas J. Bickerton urged all United Methodists to renew a deepened commitment to pray for those who have been injured, abducted, or killed, and to deepen our prayers for those who have suddenly lost a loved one.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>November</h1> 			1 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm AA Meeting 6:30pm Mary Levin Bible Study - Location TBD	2 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	3	4 Clean City Commission Picnic at Blue Gap Farm - Time TBD - Jack Rezabek
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Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to our website for a current calendar.



What's the best song to sing when preparing your turkey?

"ALL ABOUT THAT BASTE."



How did the turkey get home for Thanksgiving?

It took the gravy train.

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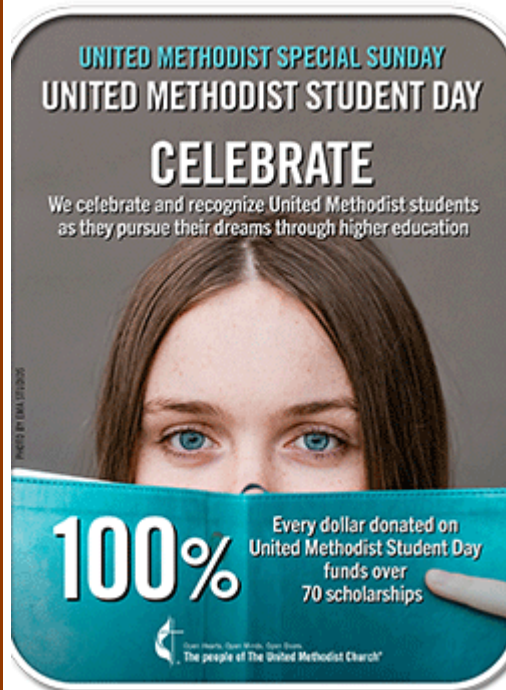
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United Methodist Student Day November 26, 2023

United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday founded by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today, United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith.

Every year, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry awards an average of \$5.5 million in financial aid to United Methodist students. The offering taken on United Methodist Student Day is one opportunity to support these scholarships. Every dollar – **yes 100%** - received goes towards supporting and educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. Supporting this Special Sunday is truly an investment in our future.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral United Methodist students. Financial support for all General Board of Higher Education and Ministry scholarships come from five primary sources: 63% from endowments; 22% from wills and annuities; 13% from United Methodist Special Sundays and 1% from online gifts and fiduciary income. All donations received empower and encourage our students that we are investing in them and our future.

We are blessed to support thousands of students through scholarships, but we would like to do more. Our funds are limited, and every awards cycle we end up with a large pool of qualified candidates who we are unable to help because there was no money left to give. You can help us change that! [Donate now](#) and help more students answer God's call to higher education.

In 2022, United Methodists gave \$224,000 to fund over 70 scholarships.