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Matthew 6: 25 - 34



God is Our Provider Do not Worry about Tomorrow! But strive first for the Kingdom of God and God's Righteousness!

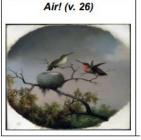
Vo not worry about tomorrow Mat. 6/34

We must be familiar with the saying that where God leads, God provides. This may look like a common saving but it is a profound faith

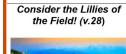
statement. I would like to take this statement to the next level because God provides even in the places where it seems like God is not leading, and where God's presence and assurance of promises seem to be lost or far to reach. Because God's provisions are based on his faithfulness, mercy, and love. God's provisions are rooted in the very attribute of God as the provider to the whole creation. God is the Creator, sustainer, and redeemer of the Creation. So, God's provisions are never based on our feelings or our acknowledging of God's faithfulness.

The Hebrew name Jehovah Jireh means that the Lord will Provide. And Jesus always showed to his disciples that the source of our life provisions is from God the creator. That's the reason he included this text Matthew 6:25-34 as part of his significant Sermon on the Mount. Look at the Birds of the

The birds and the lilies of the field are part of God's creation, but they never received any promises and, they never lack to receive God's provisions. So, Jesus invites us to look at the birds and consider the lilies. This is an invitation but why do we need to do that? In doing so we receive a promise in the form of life rule as Jesus said, "Do Not Worry about Tomorrow". In addition, he gives us an action plan of what we are supposed to do, that is, striving or working to bring God's kingdom, justice. God's king-



dom is visible in and through our faith-filled ministry and service at the Wesley UMC. God provides the birds, and they serve the creation purpose. God provides the lilies and they spread the fragrance and beauty to the world.



God's provisions should lead us not to worry but to work towards using our provisions to bring God's kingdom into our faith community and neighborhoods.

Jehovah Jireh! - Rev. Dr. Archana Samuel

October 2023

World Communion Sunday

Each October Christian Communities around the globe observe this special time of worship. With faith communities of all nations we celebrate this sacrament which binds us with each other and with Jesus Christ.

The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936, adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches. This day calls the church to be universal and inclusive in grace.

In honor our uniqueness, enjoy our rich diversity, and give glory to God united as co-missioned disciples. Take time to explore another culture, pray for other countries, listen to your favorite scripture read in a language you do not speak, and find new ways to connect in the fullness of the Body of Christ. Tune into an online worship from a global sibling in Christ.

Special offerings for this day go to UMC Giving in support of racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds in-service training programs for racial and ethnic persons. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development.

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When you give on World Communion Sunday,

you help provide scholarships for students in many different countries. The Third Quarter Giving Statements will be included with the Stewardship Campaign letter and pledge card to be handed out on Sunday, October 1, and you can see your giving statements online at <u>https://onrealm.org/</u> WesleyUnitedMet/SignIn.

If you want me to email your statement to you, just let me know. Please be sure to review the statement and let me know if you have any questions. Kathann Montague, Financial Secretary, 757-722-

8744, kdm8989@cox.net





Stewardship Campaign

It's time for our yearly Stewardship Campaign!

Stewardship Sunday, October 1st, we will all receive a letter and pledge

card during worship.

Individuals will share their giving experiences on October 8, 15, and 22.

Please return your pledge card by October 29.

Prayers as we begin this ongoing journey of faith.

Contact person, Pastor Archana.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF)



This fund is used to help individuals in the community with their utility bills. There is a great need in Hampton for this assistance.

Please pray about contributing to this fund. Mark checks "for PDF".

Many thanks to those that have contributed to this important mission.

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Community Connections

H.E.L.P. Food Pantry:

There is a great need for all nonperishable food: 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) Crackers boxed potatoes Toilet paper is also needed

canned fruit canned chili canned vegetables canned spaghetti canned soups



The food is delivered to the H.E.L.P. food pantry monthly. Contact: Sherry Moore



Wesley's Pumpkin Patch

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING! Sunday, October 8, 12:00 PM. Please wear comfy clothes if you are available to off-load the truck (following Fellowship refreshments).

This is Wesley's largest fund- raising project of the year! A Sign-up to work the Pumpkin Patch will be available soon. Plan now how you can support this annual event at Wesley!

Contacts: Pat Fitzgerald and Lynnette Scalzi



There are seven www.signupg sunday#/ You can call A

Fellowship Sign up

There are several dates open in October: <u>https://</u> www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4BABAB29A57sunday#/

You can call Anne at 757-630-5860 if you need help signing up.

Contact person, Anne Companion

Blessing of the Animals Saturday, 7 October 2023 at 12:30 AM

Make a date with your animal companions to celebrate with them, thank God for them, and offer a blessing for our connections in daily life. Meet up at the Pump-kin Patch. Bring your friends and neighbors!



Harmony House

Friday, October 13th 7PM

Movie called 'Prodigal'. A modern day depiction of the story Jesus told about the Prodigal Son.

"No one knows when the Stuart family started drifting apart, but it was clear that their American dream was quickly becoming a nightmare. When 21-year-old Greg returned home from his island hideaway, the conflicts became more obvious...and painful.

The Prodigal is the dramatic, true-to-life story of one fami-

ly's struggle to put the pieces back together, a journey that would bring them all home-back to their heavenly Father."







Sages

Sages will meet for lunch on Wednesday, October 25, 12:30 PM. Place to be announced.

UMCOR-Libya Flooding

Please join us in prayer for the people of Libya impacted greatly by the recent severe flooding. More than 2,000 people



are feared dead as whole neighborhoods were swept into the sea by flash floods. Pray also for the safety of first responders and medical personnel working on the front lines of this crisis. UMCOR is coordinating with regional contacts to determine how best to support them. To help those impacted by this and other disasters around the world.

Go to https://advance.umcmission.org/p-641-umcorinternational-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx? fbclid=IwAR3Gp2cT_7aDcu1831vcSo2A2k4Stoy5ZOBdF XJFMs63OWgACs5yr92zDVM



Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents:

Christopher Compton

His work is created from a diverse palette of influences that cross genres and cultures. His distinctive voice and guitar playing draw these threads together into a unique sound and presentation. The subjects he addresses are equally heterogeneous, from the personal to the political, from the Stoic to the spiritual, from the everyday to the extraordinary. In every corner of experience, Christopher seeks the sensibilities that render the individual universal.

His words and music set out to make you feel something. They challenge but carry compassion. They empathies, lament, celebrate and encourage.

From Christopher—My songwriting can broadly be classified as 'acoustic singersongwriter', with influences from the English and American folk traditions. The tapestry of genres and artists that I have absorbed into my musical sensibility is complex, colored and hard to pin down, but there are a handful of musicians who have clearly left their mark. These include James Taylor, Dylan, Richard Thompson, Paul Simon, Mark Knopfler, Ralph McTell and Leonard Cohen.





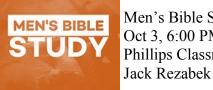


A Night's Welcome will be getting started in about a month; this year it will rotate between five churches in Hampton (schedule to be announced later). Wesley will be providing dinner and breakfasts on the following dates, with some exceptions noted: (November 22 (no breakfast needed Nov 23), December 27-28, January 24-

25, February 29 breakfast only (no dinner needed on February 28). Dinners can be prepared either in advance and brought over to the shelter OR prepared on-site at the shelter location kitchen.

Breakfasts can be prepared in advance and brought over, be completely pre-bagged, or can be a hot prepared meal made at the shelter location kitchen (we will continue to provide pre-bagged breakfasts unless someone really wants to take on making a hot breakfast one day!) From H.E.L.P: To ensure a smooth meal service and cleanup afterward, we recommend planning for at least 3 people for food prep and serving and at least one additional person who can be dedicated to cleaning the dirty dishes as they are made. (Most of our churches have commercial dishwashers so the cleaning process is a bit simpler than sponge and sink). Our goal is to ensure you have a clean kitchen when you start and that you leave us a clean kitchen when you're finished. HELP will provide cleaning products, but does not provide a staff person to clean up after you.

If you would like to assist with preparing and serving a dinner please let Anne Companion know, 757-630-5860. Requests for breakfast items will come out later.



Men's Bible Study: Tuesday, Oct 3, 6:00 PM, in the John Phillips Classroom – Contact:

Men's Bible Study



MLBS Date

Wed, Oct 4 – Amy Stanley's Home At 6:30 PM

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

United Methodist Women News

On October 23rd at 5:30 PM, we will be having a Potluck Dinner. Please bring a dish to share. We will install our officers for 2024.



All are Welcome! We look forward to seeing you at our next UWF meeting.

New Picture Directory

This Fall we will be setting up a time for pictures to be taken for a new Church Directory.

Details to follow.





Counter Schedule for October

October 1–Amy Stanley/Debbie Andersen October 8–Debbie Andersen/Clyde Gumbert October 15–Clyde Gumbert/Zach Eitzen October 22–Zach Eitzen/Amy Stanley October 29–Amy Stanley/Marsha Ames

Contact person, Amy Stanley



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<u>Hispanic Heritage Month</u>

Hispanic Heritage Month is a time when all United Methodists in the United States can celebrate diversity and the positive contributions of their Hispanic/Latino brothers and sisters to their communities and congregations.

During the Sept. 15-Oct. 15 observance, many Hispanic/Latino people are remembering their traditions and celebrating their families' countries of

origin and their independences. It offers an opportunity for all church members to better understand their community and the families in it as the population becomes increasingly diverse. Today, 15% of the U.S. population is of Hispanic heritage, but less than 1% of United Methodist church members are Hispanic.

Hispanic Heritage Month is among the times that congregations that are predominantly of other ethnicities can enrich their ministries as they interact with people whose culture and, perhaps, language are different from theirs. It may be a little uncomfortable at first, but it will become easier as you include and allow the people of that heritage to be a part of the planning and execution. If possible, allow the people of the celebrated culture to lead. They will be the experts.

New Skunk on the Table episode talks disaffiliation, future of the VAUMC

Skunk on the Table is a video, podcast and article series focused on simple and clear conversations about topics of interest to the conference and denomination. In this episode, David Dommisse, Conference Treasurer, answers questions related to disaffiliation in the Virginia Conference and the financial impacts. David shared that "we are still very stable financially,

we are going to lose roughly 11% of the financial capacity of the conference through disaffiliations...that's a significant number, but one we can handle...we've done a good job managing, we will have to make significant changes, but we're coming from a place of relative strength and I believe we will continue to be strong into the future."

Also joining the conversation is Dwayne Stinson, Director of Connectional Ministries for Discipleship and Congregational Vitality, who shares that "the future of the conference is on mission and ministry...I'm hoping we can renew our focus on how we share the Gospel with people in a way that shows them Jesus loves them and invites them to follow the call that God has for them and has equipped [them for]...that's my hope that we can get back to our actual mission as a denomination and [as] Christians."

A Special Annual Conference will be held via Zoom Webinar on Saturday, October 7, 2023, to consider local church disaffiliation under Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline. A Disaffiliation Reporting Guide and more was shared at: https://vaumc.org/ac2023oct/.

Special Called Annual Conference - October 7, 2023

The last Special Called Annual Conference in the Virginia Conference to consider local church disaffiliation under Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 9 a.m. via Zoom webinar. Your Guide to the October 7th Session, 2023 can be found at https://vaumc.org/ac2023oct/







Prayer Concerns

Alan Keithley Amy Stanley's Mom Anna Delancey Anne Companion **Barbie Holland** Barbra Denton Brenda Minter Camille Keough **Debbie** Lewis Donna Kennedy Elliott Mee Eric Bowden Frances Rossi Freta Lamb Gail Hale Hagan Lineberry Homer Lewis Jerry McReynolds Jim and Mary Rezabek Jim McKirdy's relative Jimbo Joseph Schaefer Kory Kirkland Linda Gregory Pam Peggy Carney Phyllis Graham Scott Tommy Blast's mother Tommy Kyle

Glory Sightings

Jerry Sowers-Went to the garage that my son works at and seeing all the different cars being repaired me think of our church and how we are all in different stages of repair. God is always working in our lives to fix and make us better people. Jeanne Lineberry- A hummingbird came up to a red cardinal in my backyard and chased it away. Chris Companion- Joy to see students back at school and ready to learn. Pastor Archana- Talking with my mom on the phone and her telling me that "we are living our good life." She has always wanted us to be content and happy. Abishek is settled in his dorm and ready to start classes. Lynnette Scalzi- Sharing the Children's Message again. Sylvia Krisnow- Today is National Grandparent's Day. Leaving Church one day last week a gentleman came up to me to say he used to attend Wesley. He asked to see the Sanctuary and the rest of the church. He was awed by the changes in the Sanctuary. It was a blessing to see the joy on his face. Becky Morris- Friday night at Harmony House was a wonderful time of sharing the talents of members of our church. Pastor Archana- The conference I attended in Richmond was a wonderful time away. The beautiful campus is filled with nature and brought me closer to God. I had time with old friends and met new ones. David Roane- We birthday. As I watched my wife, son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren I saw all the blessings God had given me sitting right in front of me. It really was a Glory Sighting. Helen Cope- I looked at myself in the mirror - I had just received a letter from Veteran's Affairs telling me that I was deceased! Debra Lynn Manner-We celebrated my dad's (Burrell Taylor) 90th birthday on Friday with family and friends. Pastor Archana-

I am reading Job as part of my personal reading. God spoke to me while I was reading the first chapter. I finally understood what God was saying to me - "sometimes it's good to have hard times so that we can be stronger." Dale Stumpf- The Men's Bible Study is meeting again. We are going to be following the Lectionary to study scripture. Cynthia Campbell- My son is a UPS driver and competed in a driving competition in Christiansburg. Before the competition started all the drivers came together for a time of prayer. It was wonderful to see that God and prayer was important. Pastor Archana- We celebrated Sam's birthday on Saturday. Jeanne Lineberry- I had a high school friend visit with me. It had been several years since we had seen each other and it was good to reconnect. Lynnette Scalzi- I had a special lunch with four of my granddaughters. It was a wonderful time of sharing and being together. Celebrating *Joyce D'Bene's* 80th birthday today with family and friends.

Prayers

Prayers for those in or congregation that are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Prayers for our churches and all the organizations



that help others in times of need. Prayers for all students, teachers and staff as they begin a new school year. Prayers for a person who keeps falling and they will get help. Prayers for all those affected by tragedies around the world. Christians being persecuted for their faith. Be with our youth as they continue to move forward in their faith. Prayers for our country as we remember the events of 9/11. Travel mercies. Prayers for our were at my son's house celebrating a United Methodist Churches, our district and our conference. Prayers for Wesley family and all of our ministries. All who were affected by the weather we had over the weekend. Be with everyone that is helping with the cleanup. Hawaii wild fire families who lost loved ones and also for missing persons, Pakistan Christians persecution and churches attacked, 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.

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	Marie Bard	31	Dale Stumpf

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Our Christian Sympathy goes to the follow-ing families:

The Aurhbach family in the loss of Robert "Pops".

Prayers for the Switzer family on the loss of Ron Switzer.

Prayers for the Ellison family on the loss of their daughter.

Prayers for the family of Stephanie, Mary Bayless's neighbor

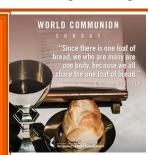
Susan Brookman and family on the death of her cousin Bonnie Rose.

Charles Vasser and Son on the death of Denise Vasser.



With Deepest Sympathy

ectionary Readings



OCTOBER 01 | 18th Sunday After Pentecost; World Communion Sunday (Green) Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Philippi-

ans 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

OCTOBER 08 | 19th Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Lay Servant Training

Saturday, October 14th 8:00 am - 5 pm Ebenezer UMC, Stafford

CLASSES OFFERED:

BASIC Class: Instructor - Pastor Anji Budzynski "This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship."

Leading Bible Study: Instructor - Pastor Don Williams This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation.

Sacraments: Means of Grace: Instructor - Pastor Beth Glass This advanced course offers a unique focus on Baptism and Holy Communion with key insights on our sacramental life:

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP: https://forms.gle/MF2fPQ9fe6f2Dx93A

> OCTOBER 15 | 20th Sunday After Pentecost; Laity Sunday (Green) Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 (UMH 829); Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

> OCTOBER 22 | 21st Sunday After Pentecost (Green) Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 (UMH 819); 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 29 | 22nd Sunday After Pentecost; Reformation Sunday (Green) Deuteronomy 34:1 -12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (UMH 809); 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

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Wesley United Methodist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	2 7:00pm Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	3 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Men's Bible Study - John Phillips Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm AA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	4 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm AA Meeting 6:30pm Mary Levin Bible Study - Location TBD	5 9:30am Chair Yoga 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	6	7 12:30pm Blessing of the Animals
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