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Wesley Tidings

Pastor's Ponderings



PEACE with JUSTICE: A Vision of the Kingdom of God

“Micah 6:8 “God has showed you, O Human, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”

Dear Church family, Greetings in the name of Christ who is our Lord and Savior!

This month I thought to fill you with the thought of what is your understanding of peace and justice and how are you called to live in that vision of God’s kingdom. Doing justice and loving kindness comes out of walking in humility with a consciousness of all the privileges we have that may be given to us to keep in mind all our neighbors near and far who are denied those privileges. In his sermon on “Scriptural Christianity,” John Wesley calls upon Christians filled with the Holy Spirit to practice human solidarity with those who suffer. Wesley writes: “Who cannot suffer one among them to lack anything, but continually give to every person as he/she hath need, who, one and all, have the love of God filling their hearts, and constraining them to love their neighbor as themselves.”

Peace with Justice is a faithful expression of shalom in the Bible. It calls on the church to strengthen its capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. It aims to make shalom (PEACE) visible and active in people’s lives and communities by setting people free from bondage. In Micah 6:8 Doing Justice, Loving Kindness, and Walking humbly is what provided as an overall calling for all of us who receive the love and grace of God.



We call ourselves followers of Christ, in that case, Justice and Peace are not an optional idea to avoid as we do in multiple-choice Q/A. But it is an essential call to undertake in everyday life choices. If you do justice to others and the creation if you provide a platform for others to dwell in a peaceful realm where there is no peace, then you do it with humility. Christ did show us how to do that, he made all his mission and ministry about pronouncing peace but with justice. He took the side of vulnerable, voiceless people and communities during his lifetime. But he loved everyone, he was humble enough to love and save rich and poor, well-educated, and uneducated, men and women, adults and children, and Jesus sought justice with peace. In my view, Justice is more than charity, peace is more than non-violence. In Christ, we received the vision of being the kingdom of God and envision by active engagement to bring forth the kingdom of God.

Think about this, ***HOW GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO JUSTICE WITH PEACE?*** May God bless you with the peace you need to live as Micah 6: 8 says! Have a blessed month ahead!

Rev. Dr. Archana Samuel

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4th of July Potluck Breakfast June 30—9:00 AM

Please bring a breakfast item to share



Fellowship Sign up on SignUp Genius

Do you enjoy having a snack and fellowship with your fellow church members after the worship service? Share the love and sign up to host fellowship one Sunday soon! You can provide a meal or a snack; it doesn't have to be elaborate! Feel

free to ask a friend to co-host with you. Click the link to see the open dates and to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4BABAB29A57-46960460-sunday#/> If you have any trouble signing up contact Anne Companion at 757-630-5860.

THIS SUMMER

STAY CONNECTED. SET UP A RECURRING GIFT!

Stay Connected this Summer!

Remember your gifts to Wesley. Take a few moments to set up online giving with your bank's Bill Pay options. Your tithes and offerings help support all the ministries and missions of Wesley as we journey through the summer months.

Thank you for your covenant of stewardship.



UMW Candle Burning

We burned the candle for 7.6 minutes

Thank you to all that contributed \$457 to support United Methodist Women's worldwide missions!

Virginia Annual Offering Conference

For our Annual Conference offering this year, we are excited to share that we will be supporting two important initiatives who are engaged in the work of mission and service in the world.

Our first one is supporting the ongoing connective work with our VAUMC Partnerships of Hope countries: Brazil, Mozambique, Cambodia, Haiti, Vietnam, and Native American Ministries.



RIP MEDICAL DEBT *Becomes* **UNDUE** Medical Debt

The other half of our offering will be given towards our conference-wide Undue Medical Debt Campaign (formerly RIP Medical Debt) to help eliminate medical debt in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

It is our hope that through this debt campaign, we are able to raise \$390,000 that would help eliminate \$39 million of medical debt that continues to hurt the most vulnerable in Virginia. This campaign will start with the Annual Conference offering and continue through the end of the calendar year.

Upper Room - Accentuated

Explore all the offerings available from The Upper Room. The devotional magazine you love also has a website with loads of resources for your faith journey. There is even a live prayer wall to connect your prayers and pray with others around the world.



Check it out today www.upperroom.org



Hampton—June 20-22nd

Music Ministry

Summer is a time when the music programs take off. We take this time to rejuvenate and refocus on our music Ministry here at Wesley. I encourage each of our musicians to do those very things: rejuvenate and refocus. Spend time with fun music, with good music, with music that speaks to the soul. Once we do this, we can come back in the Fall (late Summer) ready for another season of Music Ministry.

Don't forget to sign up for special music for our summer services on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is on the bullet board outside the choir room.



This is a great time to coordinate a duet, trio, quartet, any type of ensemble possible to use in ministering on Sunday mornings. I am available for assistance when needed.

More information will come in August.—*Jerry Sowers*

Please note that Harmony House and Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music will be break for July and August!

Father's Day Carnations:



There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please annotate how many red and/or white and how many. The cost is \$2.00 each. Please sign up by June 9th.

Contact: Sylvia Krisnow

Inviting all women of the church!

Salad Supper

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 PM

Sponsored by Mary Levin Bible Study and United Women in Faith

Prepare a salad and/or dessert and join the fun at Carol Hale's home.

All are welcome!



Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music

Presents:

Zack Salsberry

Friday, June 28th, 7-9PM

A singer-songwriter from Newport News, VA, Zack performs solo and fronts the Zack Salsberry Trio/ZS3.



Generous donations for performer and snacks appreciated



Harmony House Presents:

Linda Boles

**Friday, June 14, 2024
7 PM**

Linda Boles is an American singer and songwriter in the Contemporary Christian music genre. She shares her original songs via the use of her piano and vocal skills. Look her up on Youtube, I know you will enjoy that before her concert with us.

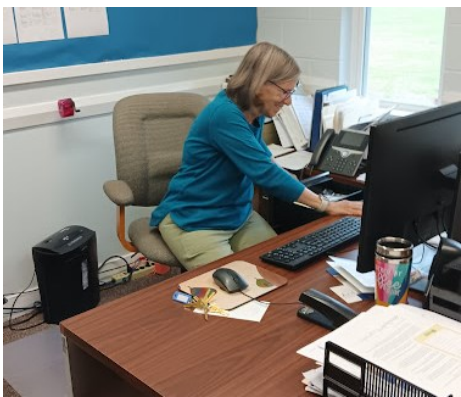
www.lindaboles.com

Generous donations for performers and refreshments appreciated

COUNTER SCHEDULE-JUNE

2—Zach Eitzen/ Clyde Gumbert
9—Clyde Gumbert/Debbie Andersen
16—Debbie Andersen/Stephanie Eitzen
23—Stephanie Eitzen/Amy Stanley
30—Amy Stanley/Pat Fitzgerald

Contact person—Amy Stanley



May 4—Church Clean up day
Many thanks to all that helped!

Also thanks to those who, anonymously,
have been here for any work that needs to
be done at the church (inside or out).





Cinco De Mayo June 5th Potluck and Trivia after the 10AM service

Bottom Right—Mother’s Day Roses





United Women in Faith Spiritual Life Retreat via ZOOM. Wesley hosted 5 other churches to attend in person with refreshments



From the Kitchen crew: Thank you very much for the new knife set and block. We will take good care of it.



Lynnette Scalzi
Reading to the
Mother's Day Out
Children



Right-Pastor Archana and Jean Bowden



Above-Pentecost



Right-Jack Rezabek Adopt-a-Spot

Rise Against Hunger Event at Chestnut Mem UMC May 18th



United Women in Faith—May 20th—
Assembling 50 Hygiene Kits for UMCOR

Kits for Conference—Thank you all for your donations to Hygiene Kits. 50 kits were gathered and put together and will be sent for distribution through United Methodist Committee on Relief mission teams.





Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music May 24th—Ruth Wyland



May 22—Sages at Egghead's Gloucester



Prayer Concerns

Ann Thompson
 Anne Companion
 Barbie Holland
 Beta Lawson
 Beth Francis Lawson
 Bill Mee
 Braylin Lewis
 Burrell Taylor
 Caren Wood Thomas
 Caroline Morris
 Carolyn Ellington
 Daniel Fordham
 Dick Bruce
 Freta Lamb
 Harriette
 Jamie
 Jim McKirdy
 Jim Pugh
 Joey Radford
 Jon Thomson
 Josh
 Josh Worden
 Katrina Collier
 Ken Johnson
 Laurie Doucharme
 Lisa and Sylvia
 Lisa Swiger
 Lucy Trott
 Pat
 Randy
 Richard Cooper
 Rita
 Sean
 Shaunte
 Sheree Yoder
 Steve Lillya
 Glory Sightings

Jeanne Lineberry- While at a program for work about mental health, one of the speakers was asked what she does to stay mentally healthy, she said that she prays every night and every morning. Speaking with

strangers can make everyone feel better about their day. Kathann Montague- It is great to be back after a long trip. I was on a cruise with my brother and sister in the Mediterranean. Seeing the beautiful sunsets and visiting all the beautiful countries. Seeing all the awesomeness that God has created. Seeing so many people in church today. Jack Rezabek- Thanks be to God for keeping me safe on the roads. Sylvia Krisnow- The workday at the church was a great success. A lot of cleaning was done inside and outside. There was plenty of help and lots of fellowship. Joyce D'Bene- On Friday my grandson and granddaughter came to dinner and told me that they are going to name their baby boy Walker Emory D'Bene after Bud. Becky Morris- Celebrating Mexico's freedom from France. Pastor Archana- While attending part of my continuing education program with 28 other clergy from different denominations we were able to learn that we are all called to love and serve God and each other. Even though we are different we can find common ground to celebrate God and serve humanity. David Roane- At Harmony House Mary Beth and I were sitting at a table with a couple we didn't know. During our conversations we discovered that we had bought our house in Riverdale from them. God really brings us together in unexpected ways. Kerry Greenhill- The Holy Spirit was with this year's General Conference. Despite the different views of how the church will move forward, generous hospitality was present for all in attendance. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and women who are important in our lives. Lynnette Scalzi - The District Spiritual Life Retreat was a wonderful experience. Lots of fellowship on Zoom. We had 4 churches join us at Wesley. Sylvia Krisnow - Our grandson, Owen, graduated from college and got engaged the same day. Pat Fitzgerald- The joy of seeing my granddaughter graduate from Arizona State University. Chris Companion - We had 26 people come and donate blood at our blood drive. Pastor Archana- Sam and I are celebrating our 20th wedding anniversary today. We praise and thank God for the wonderful path we have traveled together. Harmony House on Friday night was great. After four years of not being able to come to Wesley Rodney Rittenhouse was finally able to come and share his musical talents and stories of his faith journey with us. Mary Bayless- The beautiful flowers around the church. Pastor Archana- My mom arrived safely on Friday. Thanks for all the travel mercy prayers for her. Kathann Montague- It is wonderful to see Sam and Abishek in church with us today. Donna Turley- Wesley's United Women in Faith complied 50 menstrual kits for Annual Conference. Dale Stumpf- Driving by the church I saw two faithful servants repairing the gutters on the church. Scott Forsyth- My mom is getting a new dog today. Lynnette Scalzi- Seeing Rosemary Bensted and her family visiting church today. Maricel Arus- Praise that our grandson, Aedan, is graduating from high school.



Prayers

Prayer for our Conference (VAUMC) and its Mission and Ministry. Bishop Sue and the Cabinet, DS of all eight Districts. Mission Rivers District, the DS Dr. Charles Bates. Various ministries and leaders at Wesley UMC. For the Pre School and other groups gather at Wesley and for all our congregation—families, youth, and young adults. For Suffering humanity, for comfort, peace, and justice for all. Prayers for all who are attending General Conference. Prayers for those that are burdened by the things in their lives. Let us remember all the joys in our lives and all God has done for us. May the Church continue to do your work to make our world a better place. Jeff and other people in the Houston area that are victims of the flooding there. Neighbors who were scammed out of several thousands of dollars. Travel Mercies for the Forsyth family traveling home from Florida to New Jersey. Prayers for our churches, district and Conference and all the ministries and missions they are involved in. Prayers for all the families at Wesley. Be with all who are going through difficult times, health issues, faith issues, grieving for loved ones. Bring peace, comfort and justice for all those suffering in our world. Prayers for a friend and her son who have serious health issues. Travel mercies for all on the road this weekend. Prayers for all our churches and congregations, their ministries and missions. Prayers for Annual Conference and all who will be attending. Prayers for those who are going through difficult times, health issues, grieving for loved ones and all who are seeking God's guidance in their lives. Prayers for those affected by violence in our world and suffering from injustice. Lord be with the leaders of our nation and the world, our military and their families.

Our Christian Sympathy goes to the following families:

Lynnette Scalzi and family on the death of her brother, Jack Conard.

Heather Blumer and family on the death of her 17yr old son, Savoy Morton.

Jonathan Kelly and family on the death of his grandmother, Sylvia Kellings.

Margie Gates and family on the death of her son, Rusty.



With Deepest Sympathy

Lectio nary Readings

JUNE 02 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854); 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

JUNE 09 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15); Psalm 138 (UMH 853); 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

JUNE 16 | 4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day (Green)

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795); 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13); Mark 4:26-34

JUNE 23 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20 (UMH 744); 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

JUNE 30 | 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130 (UMH 848); 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43



Birthdays

JUNE

3	Debbie Coccimiglio	20	John Taylor
	Ed/Marian Guldner (1967)	21	Josh Fitzgerald
5	Lindsay Warf	23	Jon Morris
	Rosemary Bensted (Williams)		Marty Ammerman
6	Tristan Lutes-Cross	24	Page Goodwin
7	Cecilia Eitzen	25	Joe/Marsha Ames (1983)
	Becky Morris		Bill/Karen McKinney (1988)
11	David/Susan Brookman (1977)	28	Caroline Morris
13	Carl and Patsy Morrison (1981)	29	Ed Boyd
15	Ray/Sylvia Krisnow (1970)		
	Lillian Hale		
17	Jean Bowden		
18	Ann McGrath		
	Skip/Mary Saylor (1977)		
	Ed/Linda Boyd (1960)		



Ft Monroe Music by the Bay Concert Series— Thursdays 7-8 PM

In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Fort Monroe Theatre located at 41 Tidball Road. 7pm-8:00 PM

June 6-Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble
 June 13–Stan’s Big Band
 June 20–US Army TRADOC Band-7 Cities Brass Band
 June 27–The Liberty Dolls
 July 11–Peninsula Concert Band
 July 17–208th Army Band Jazz Ensemble
 July 25–US Army TRADOC Rock Band
 August 8–US Army TRADOC Big Band
 August 15–Chisman Creek Band

Port Warwick Friday Night Concert Series— William Styron Square— 7-8:30 PM

June 7-U.S. Army 249th Birthday Celebration
 June 21-7 Cities Brass Band (rock, pop, funk)
 July 12-The 208th Army Band Jazz Ensemble
 (WWII-era big band and patriotic classics)
 July 26-TRADOC Rock (modern rock n’ roll)
 August 9-TRADOC Big Band (classics swing era)
 August 23-1812 Overture Season Finale

Port Warwick Wednesday Night Concert Series—William Styron Square—6-9 PM

June 5- Girl Can’t Help It-Hits from the 80s
 June 12- Down River -Southern Rock, Country
 June 19 BJ Griffin Band-As seen on America’s
 Got Talent- Mix of Classical, Funk, Jazz, Pop,
 R&B/ Soul, Rock
 June 26-Soul Intent-Funk and Soul Rhythms from
 the 60s and 70s
 July 3-Revelation-Versatile, High Energy Band
 July 10-Blackout-Classic Modern Rock and Party
 July 17-Celeste Kellogg-CMA, Nashville charting
 recording artist – Country, Rock, Pop
 July 24-Phazz II-Smooth and Funky Jazz
 July 31-2nd Wynd Band-Contemporary R&B
 August 7-Wonderland High-energy Party Band
 August 14-Anthony Rosano & the Conqueroos-
 Funk, Rock and Roll
 August 21-USAF Rhythm in Blue-Patriotic, Dy-
 namic Jazz Ensemble
 August 28-Good Shot Judy-Swing and Swagger
 with Classic Vocal Jazz Entertainment

Sounds of Summer Concert Series at Riverwalk Land- ing (Yorktown) 6:30-9PM

Summer 2024 amazing lineup!

June 6 – The Uptown Band
 June 13 – The Main Event Band
 June 20 – The Nashville Nights Band
 June 27 – Blackout
 July 11 – The Gentlemen & Their Lady
 July 18 – The Embers
 July 25 – InsideOut Band
 August 1 – Band of Oz
 August 8 – The Deloreans
 August 15 – Slapnation





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook Live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	27				31	1 Christine Johnson - FH - 1:45-5:00 PM
2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook Live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	3 7:00pm Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	4 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	5 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:00pm UWF/MLBS Salad Supper - Carol Hale's Home	6 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	7	8 10:00am NA Gathering (Women's Wrap) - Fellowship Hall
9 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook Live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	10	11 9:30am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Leadership Board Meeting - John Phillips Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	12 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA)	13 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Girl Scouts	14 7:00pm Harmony House 	15
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23 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook Live 6:00pm Fellowship Dinner and Game Night 7:00pm NA Recovery Group 	24 6:30pm UWF	25 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	26 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline 12:30pm Sages McAllister's Deli 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 	27 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	28 7:00pm Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music - Zack Salsberry 	29
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Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to our Website—<http://www.hamptonwesley.org> For a current calendar.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Prepared with love especially for:



There is a **“Summer Reading Library”** stand for children and adults in the hallway at the entrance of the church. Please take, enjoy and return.

Sunday, 23 June 6:00 PM – **Fellowship Supper Potluck and Game Night**



Sages



Wednesday, 26 June at 12:30 PM – Sages Lunch at McAllister's Deli (near Peninsula Town Center, close to Verizon and next to Chicken Salad Chick) Parking is in the back of the deli. 2862 Kilgore Avenue, Building S.

Contact: Sylvia Krisnow