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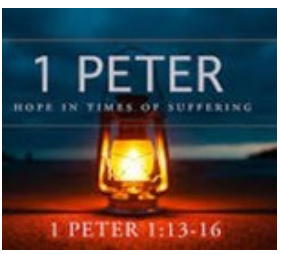
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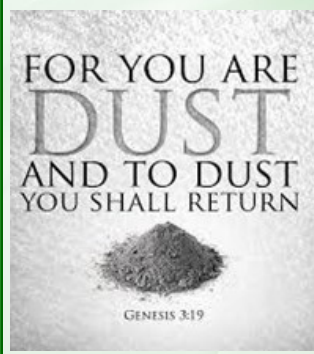
LENT: Grow Deeper: Ashes - Good Friday – Easter

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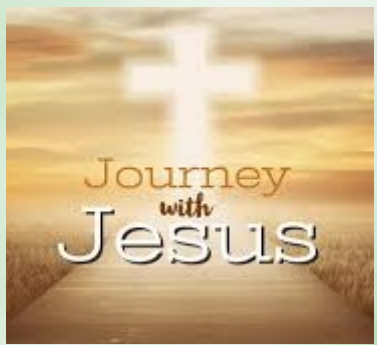
Dear Men and Women of faith,

As we all know and are aware of the Lent season and till March 30th we observe the 40 days of this season, this is an invitation to grow in our faith, love of Christ, and his way of living. Any relationship starts and is sustained by transparency and forgiveness. Unless the two parties have true, intimate conversations, it's hard to grow deeper in any relationship.



It is the same in our discipleship journey too. As we claim to be the followers of Jesus, we need to be intentional about growing deeper in our faith and love of God. I am inviting you all to grow deeper in this season. Ash Wednesday is a reminder of who we are: We are created in the image of God; we are created from the dust, and we shall return to dust. But does this description mean that we are not valuable people? No. This reminds us that we are fragile, and limited people. But as we continue in God's story, God's promises in Christ, God's love for us in Christ is making us people of awareness and conscious disciples.

For Jesus, the journey means all included in the package. Baptism, Wilderness experience, temptations, ministry, making disciples, rejection, people following him, healing, providing, and even raising people from the dead. Jesus' journey is our journey as we follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Let us grow deeper in this Lent season as we journey, Ash Wednesday- Palm Sunday- Maundy Thursday- Good Friday, and Easter. God is calling us to imitate God's holiness in this Lent season.



Blessings and Peace!
Rev. Dr. Archana Samuel, Pastor Wesley UMC

Holy Week

Palm Sunday - March 24—10 AM Worship online and in-person

Maundy Thursday - March 28th—Meet in Fellowship Hall at 7 PM

Good Friday - March 29—no service



Holy Saturday - March 30th—no service

Easter -March 31st

Sunrise Service In-Person. Outside 6:30 AM

In-Person and Online Service of praise and Resurrection 10 AM

Flowering of the cross - all day - Bring clippings and special flowers to witness to new life in Jesus and arrange them in the cross on the front lawn.

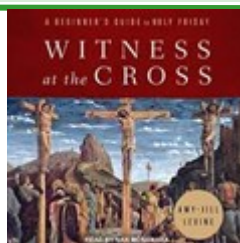
Lent Bible Study

Sunday School

Intergenerational-9AM

WITNESS at the CROSS

Fellowship Hall—Sundays through March 24



In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.



Easter Lilies

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin for Easter Lilies. Please sign up, email or call the church office and I will sign you up. The cost is \$20.00 each. Please mark payments "Easter Lilies". Sign-up deadline is Sunday, March 17th.

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow.

Holy Week House Party 2024

We hope that this resource will provide activities that will bless your entire family this Holy Week and Easter season. This year, families will also gather with their church families to celebrate an Easter egg hunt or observe Holy Week activities. The following is designed for families to provide a continuation of conversations around the events that led up to Easter morning.

https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/holy-week-house-party-2024?mc_cid=6f7be18551&mc_eid=5622b065f6



Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC)

PPCC is a nonprofit that provides evidence-based counseling and mental health services to all who need it in the Virginia Peninsula area.

Wesley is a partnership congregation with the Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center.

They are located at 707 Gum Rock Ct, Newport News, VA 23606

Phone: [\(757\) 873-2273](tel:(757)873-2273)

<https://peninsulapastoral.org/>



Harmony House Presents:



**Friday, March 8—7
PM Fellowship Hall**

Clan MacCool

Clan MacCool is a highly interactive band that specializes in Irish/Scottish traditional music, occasional piracy and constant fun! We offer an array of Celtic traditional (and not so traditional) songs, tunes and reels, and during Pirate season, we'll don our best piratic finery and treat adults and kids alike to a rollicking good time with sea chanties, sword demos and other interactive fun!

Pulling from old Celtic music, sea chanties and our own music over the course of nearly two decades, Clan MacCool continues to entertain, educate and enthrall! Whether Celtic or Maritime music is your fancy, look to Clan MacCool for music, merriment and a bit of mayhem!

<https://www.clanmaccoolbands.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ClanMacCool>

Irish Themed Potluck

Friday March 8th

6PM (before Harmony House)

Please bring an Irish main dish and or dessert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! After enjoying yummy dishes, stay for Harmony House at 7 PM when we be entertained with Irish music and fun.

Robin Welch, Audrey and Nancy Gumbert are a part of this wonderful group!



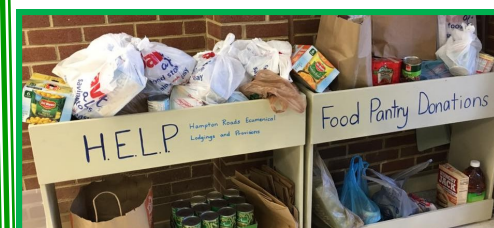
H.E.L.P. Pantry Most Wanted List:

Most needed at the food pantry

Canned Soups
Dry cereal
Spaghetti Sauce
Shelf-stable milk
Canned meat—i.e. Spam, corned beef
Pork and beans
Rice and Flavored Rice
Toilet Paper
Individually Wrapped Bars of Soap

Needed at the Day Care:

- Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants
- Jeans
- Twin sheet sets
- Disposable razors
- Washcloths



Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music

Presents:

Baddadz

March 22, 7 PM

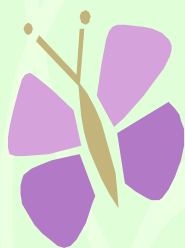
Wesley's Fellowship Hall

Generous Donations for Performers and snacks appreciated

The Baddadz are one of the most talked about bands in the Hampton Roads area. Featuring soaring harmony on classic rock. The Baddadz have built a large following while performing music by artists such as Crosby, Stills and Nash, Toad The Wet Sprocket, The Eagles, The Beatles, Del Amitri, Jackson Browne, Neil Young, The Doobie Bros., & Roy Orbison. The original band was formed in 1989 & now the latest line up includes Johnny Bland, guitar & lead vocals, Dave Greene, bass & vocals, John Fautheree, lead guitar & vocals.

<https://www.facebook.com/the.baddadz>

Contact person, Jerry Sowers



United Women in Faith (UWF)

Join Wesley's United Women Faith March 25th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a program on A Call Prayer and Self-Denial. There will be a love offering to remember that by offering our time, money and actions, we are continuing a legacy of love, justice and stewardship.

Our next meeting will April 29th. Contact Nancy Gumbert for questions or concerns.

May 11 is the Conference UWF Spiritual Life Retreat via Zoom. To register, go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZUoc-CsrjovH9Ztdf45eu-GZFvn0pfXxoeL#/registration>

On March 23, United Women in Faith celebrates a "Day of Giving" to raise funds for The Legacy Endowment Fund

Why March 23? Because on that date in 1869 a group of eight intrepid women founded the **Woman's Foreign Missionary Society**, an organization that was the forerunner of United Women in Faith. To fulfill their vision of creating educational opportunities and providing health care to women in India, these founding women asked others to contribute "their prayers and two pennies." In this way a movement of faith and generosity in action was born.

The Legacy Endowment Fund of United Women in Faith is a permanent endowment that supports the work of the organization on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world. The goal of The Legacy Endowment Fund Campaign is \$60 million. Thousands of generous donors have contributed to date, bringing the campaign close to half of this goal.

The annual Day of Giving on March 23 is the single largest fundraising activity for the Legacy Fund of the year. United Women in Faith members and supporters across the country gather locally and virtually to contribute to and raise funds for the endowment.

For ways to give, go to
<https://uwfaith.org/dayofgiving/>



Fellowship Sign-up Needed

Anne Companion has set up this Sign-up Genius for Fellowship. Please sign-up if you are available.

Sylvia will gladly sign you up if you would like to email or call me. 757-814-0769

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4BABAB29A57-46960460-sunday>

The first Sunday in March is the only one that's been filled; all the rest are open.



Noon Lenten Devotions

Noon Lenten Devotions followed by Soup Lunch: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 – Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

Note: Sages will not meet in March.

Daylight Savings Time Begins: Sunday, 10 March. Don't forget to set your clocks forward before bed on Saturday the 9th!



Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Pastor's Discretionary Fund (PDF): The PDF is running low. Donations to this fund help our local community with utility bills during difficult financial times. Thank you for your generosity to allow this important outreach to continue.



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may 17-18
friday + saturday

the work of the people
rethinking
church culture

a workshop for your church leadership to better understand and develop your community's dna

hosted by bumc edges in blacksburg, va

registration is open!

in partnership with the virginia conference

Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, March 11, 1:00-6:00 PM



Please donate if you can. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin for volunteers to greet donors as they arrive. Contact: The Chris and Anne Companion

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Again this year, to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against child abuse we will participate in *Pinwheels for Prevention*, part of a national movement that focuses on community activities and public policies that prioritize healthy child development from the start so that abuse and neglect never even begin.

In partnership with Healthy Families Inc. and other UM churches in Hampton, we will have a pinwheel garden throughout the month of April.



Mary Levin Bible Study

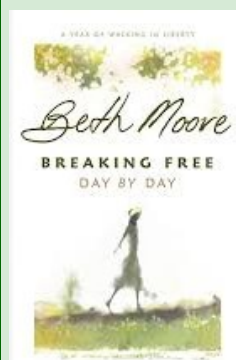
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 PM – Carol Hale's

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 PM – Location TBD

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow.

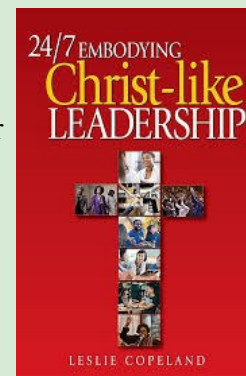


Reading Plans for the Leadership Board



Reading Plans for the Leadership Board (LB) and anyone interested in reading as a Spiritual Discipline (two books): 'Breaking Free: Discover the Victory of Total Surrender' by Beth Moore and '24/7 Embodying Christ-like Leadership' by Leslie Copeland.

These books are in the church office LB mail slot. Please feel free to take, read, and return them.





Above and Left: Girl Scout Sunday and Court of Honor Day.



Right: Judi, Lynnette and Carol-Valentine's Day



Right and Below-Feb 21-Devotions and Soup





Above: Meeting with the Bishop and our MRD Superintendent



Left: Metal Detector Club TFAM-Jackie and Resa



Below: Harmony House Feb 9—Chestnut Circuit Riders





Above: Lynnette Scalzi—
Reading and helping the
Mother's Day Out children
with a craft



February 21—Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper prepared and served by the Seekers Sunday School class.
Donations for Wesley.



February 21—
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake supper Pic-
tures



Amanda
Annie
Barbie Holland
Braylin Lewis
Carol Hale
Cindy Light
Freta Lamb
Jeff Jones
Jim McKirdy
Joey Radford
Joyce D'Bene
Liliana
Linda Stephenson
Mary Beth Roane
Nancy Allen and Anne Smith
Rachel Barrett
Rev. Libby Wright
Rusty Gaits
Savoy Morton



Other Concerns:

Leadership of VAUMC, Bishop Sue and the Cabinet, DS of all eight Districts. Our Mission Rivers District, the DS Dr. Charles Bates, all the lay leaders, clergy leaders, mission, and ministry of all the congregations. Leadership Board team, and sub-groups. Pre-school director, teachers, volunteers, and kids. Wesley families, youth, children, and senior adults, families who are going through difficult times, health issues, faith issues, grieving for loved ones, and all who seek God's guidance in their lives and jobs. For suffering humanity, for comfort, peace, justice for those who seek love and grace from God and fellow human beings. Prayers for all 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 the leaders of our cities, states and our country as well as the leaders of the world. Dr. Rev. Bates - Prayers for Wesley,

Prayer Concerns Concerns

Pastor Archana, and the lay leaders. Prayers for my wife Vicky's mother, she had to have both legs amputated. All those suffering from the violence in our world. Our military and their families.

Glory Sightings

Lynnette Scalzi- Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music on Friday night was wonderful. Hearing Jerry perform music that he wrote was very enjoyable and spoke to many of us there. He is a very gifted storyteller. Jeanne Lineberry – There were 22 people gathered on Saturday to celebrate my mother's birthday. It was so nice to see and be with family and friends. Pastor Archana- Abishek's oral surgery went well and he is recovered and back at school. Sylvia Krisnow- On Saturday Diane, Charis and I went to Ivor. I saw a beautiful eagle sitting up in a tree. It was such a peaceful sight. Jeanne Lineberry- Friday night's Harmony House was wonderful. The Chestnut Circuit Riders' sang songs that they had written and shared their faith testimonies. Pastor Archana- I had sent a text to a friend wishing her a Happy Birthday and told her what a blessing she was in my life. She has been with me on my journey to be ordained. She texted back to say I had been a blessing in her life as well. Nancy Gumbert- My cousin's daughter Sara Birdsall will be married in May. Jack Rezabek - Thanks to you Lord God and the United Methodist Men's Group for helping me through 2 weeks of the upper respiratory virus I had. Jerry Sowers - Arriving on Wednesday for the Ash Wednesday service and having lights in the Choir Loft. Many thanks to Dale Stumpf and David Brookman for replacing the burnt bulbs. Charlie Morris - I attended a Celebration of Life for a friend and the stories told about his life were a true celebration of how he lived as a Christian and a man. Pastor Archana - Sam is here today to worship with me today. Jeanne Lineberry - I gave prayer shawls to Nancy Allen and Amanda. Nancy was so appreciative of her shawl. Mary Bayless- I saw a robin on my walk this morning. David Roane- Mary Beth's sister went to the hospital thinking she had a heart problem, she has COPD and was very worried. We all said prayers for her and after all the tests the doctors found nothing wrong. She believed that all the prayers helped her. Donna Turley- My bouncing baby boy (my son David) is 52 today. Monica Sprague- I attended the Lay Servant class and it was a great experience. God was there with us. Jack Rezabek - I had a wonderful call from the Bible Broadcasting Network. The person I was talking with said a prayer for me and I said one for him. Nancy Gumbert- Donna Turley and I attended the United Women in Faith event on Racial Justice. Lynnette Scalzi- TFAM was great on Friday night. Jackie and Re-sa were very talented and their music powerful with the messages it gave.

Our Christian sympathy goes to the following families:

Kathy Stumpf and family on the death of her father, Thomas Collinsworth. Mark and Amy Stanley on the death of this mother, Janis Kimball. Hannah Smith and family on the death of her mother.

Lectionary Readings

MARCH 03 | 3rd Sunday in Lent (Purple)
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19 (UMH 750); 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

MARCH 10 | 4th Sunday in Lent; Scouting Sunday (Alternate); **UMCOR Sunday** (Purple) Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830); Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

MARCH 17 | 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple)
Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785); Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

MARCH 24 | **Passion/Palm Sunday** (Purple)
Palms Liturgy: Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839); Passion Liturgy: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

MARCH 25 | Monday of Holy Week (Purple or Red)
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11 (UMH 771); Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

MARCH 26 | Tuesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red)
Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14 (UMH 794); 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

MARCH 27 | Wed. of Holy Week (Purple or Red)
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70 (UMH 793); Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

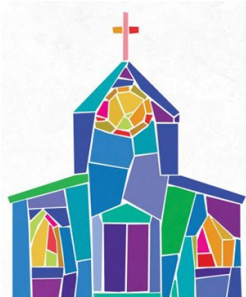
MARCH 28 | **Maundy Thursday** (Purple or Red)
Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MARCH 29 | Good Friday (No Color)
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22 (UMH 752); Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

MARCH 30 | Holy Saturday; Easter Eve Vigil (No Color)
Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 (UMH 764); 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42

MARCH 31 | **Easter Sunday** (White or Gold)
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18 or

Upcoming Safer Sanctuaries Training



**SAFER
SANCTUARIES**
Nurturing Trust within Faith Communities

The Virginia Conference will offer an online Safer Sanctuaries Training on Friday, March 15 from 1:00-3:30pm. This training is for any ministry leaders who would like to receive updated information about the new Safer Sanctuaries resource that was published through the General Board of Discipleship.

In order to receive the zoom link for this training, please be sure to register through this link: https://zoom.us/join/register/tJcvdeqvrjlvGdCNxph_MzqV-vVsIfHj_Jq1

If you are interested in hosting a Safer Sanctuaries training but cannot attend this session, please reach out to your Dis-

#STILLINMISSION

Join us on Thursday, Mar. 7, 7 p.m. ET for conversations with missionaries:

Y. Cho, Central Asia
Minkyu Lee, Fiji
P. Santos, Southeast Asia
D. Yang, Southeast Asia

 **Global Ministries**
The United Methodist Church



For more information, go to:
<https://umcmmission.org/stillinmission/>

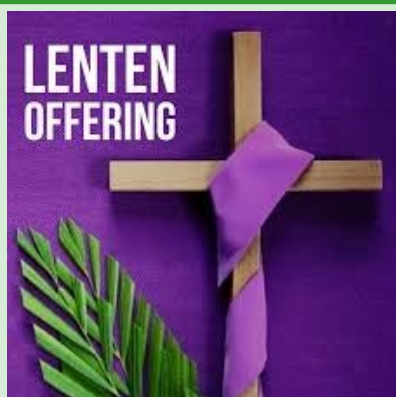
trict Safer Sanctuaries Trainer. Their contact information is available here: <https://vaumc.org/safersanctuaries/>



Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Barbie Holland
 5 Walter Taylor
 6 Joshua Stamey
 7 Mary Bayless
 Chuck/Irene Lutes (1990)
 11 Emily Taylor
 20 Donna Turley

22 Pat Fitzgerald
 Clayton Houston
 Dave/Lori (Page) Roberson
 (2003)
 24 Sam/Nancy McPhail (2007)
 25 Donna Page
 26 Joey Companion
 Don/Donna Ward (1960)
 29 Stephanie Eitzen



Lenten Offering

Dear Wesley church family,

Lent season is here. Lent is an important time in the Christian calendar to prepare our hearts and minds for Jesus. These 40 days of Lent 2024 begin on February 14th, Ash Wednesday, and end on March 30th, the Saturday before Easter. This time represents the forty days Jesus suffered before Easter. This time represents the forty days Jesus suffered in the wilderness, enduring temptations, and remaining close to God through fasting and praying.

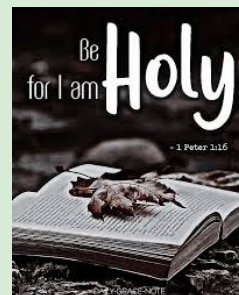
This season is what prepared Jesus to carry out God's purpose and ministry of offering his life for humanity. This season I encourage and invite you to focus on a few spiritual disciplines such as reading and meditating on the Scripture, Lent devotional, prayer, fasting, and giving to church ministries and helping people in need.

Through prayer, introspection, and service, you can also set aside these Lent days to deepen your spiritual life and discern what God asks of you.

The Leadership Board of Wesley church and I encourage you to think about supporting our ministries through Lent offerings. Lent offering is a special offering during this season by sacrificial giving and by self-denial supporting church ministries. You can spread it to all Sunday in Lent, or you can give it as a one-time gift by intentionally reducing some of your wants that are not needed.

Thank you for your generosity! Keep Christ as your focus and offer your best to God! May God Bless your faith and actions in this season!

I Peter 1: 13-16 "Prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope in the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not conform to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as God who called you is holy, be holy in all your conduct, for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."



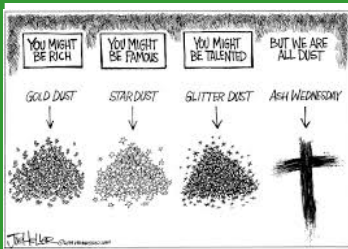
PEACE and BLESSINGS!

Rev., Dr. Archana Samuel, Pastor, Wesley UMC

March 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:00am Combined Lent Sunday School Class 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	26 6:30pm UWF	27 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	28 12:00pm Lenten Devotion and Soup Fellowship 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA)	29 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	1	2
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10 9:00am Combined Lent Sunday School Class 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	11 1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall	12 9:30am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Leadership Board Meeting - John Phillips Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	13 12:00pm Lenten Devotion and Soup Fellowship 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA)	14 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Girl Scouts	15	16
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Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to our website for a current calendar.

<http://www.hamptonwesley.org>



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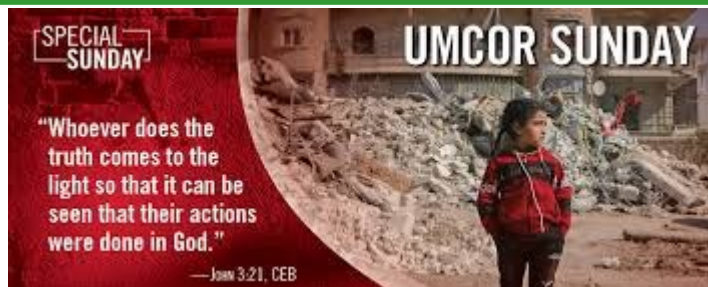
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Pastor: gretchennelson@vacumc.org

WEBSITE: <http://www.hamptonwesley.org>

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Prepared with love especially for:



UMCOR SUNDAY March 10th

On UMCOR Sunday, our special offering directly affects the ability of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to respond immediately to disasters and other calamities.

Did you know that the United Methodist Committee on Relief doesn't receive apportionment funds? Because of gifts received through offerings like UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), UMCOR is able to cover its administrative costs.

When your church joins with other United Methodists to support UMCOR, you equip UMCOR staff to work **globally to alleviate suffering and advance hope and healing**. Through relationships with local organizations and trained community leaders, UMCOR can **activate its network** and provide emergency funds as soon as they know of an urgent need.

UMCOR works with vulnerable communities to strengthen self-sufficiency and encourage partnerships. UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases of poverty, ministers to refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and actively works to reduce hunger.

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