



# Wesley Tidings

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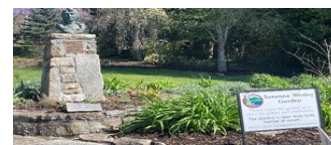
## Pastor's Ponderings

*PRAYER: A Gateway to Become a Holistic Person Matthew 6: 9-13*

**Dear Wesley Church family,**

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Savior, and teacher Jesus Christ who taught us a model prayer named the Lord's Prayer. What is a prayer for you? For me, prayer is a conversation and a way of life. Are we in conversation with God for anything? It may be for direction, it may be for guidance or comfort, or it may be a genuine honest question about life and its purposes, it may be for our church or the world. Prayer is a spiritual discipline and a good practice for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Prayer helps us to become a holistic person who can relate with God, self, and others. They may be our family, friends, church family, or whoever walks with us in this life journey. The Lord's prayer starts with a loving relationship with God. Then acknowledging that God is holy and deserves the honor flows out of our relationship with God. Then it speaks about what is our vision for the world, which is broken, and suffering? Do we desire that God's values, and ethics will rule this world and we will see perfect love here on this earth? This leads us to the next part of the prayer, if God's kingdom and love need to be seen on this earth, then the tool is forgiveness and reconciliation which is a way of life.

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56101> (Suzanna Wesley Prayer Graden)  
Artist Name: Blunden, Anna E., 1829-1915 (Junaluska Lake, NC)



The measure of forgiveness is compared with God's forgiveness to us. Can we reach that standard? Prayer is about striving to have a way of life where we become a better person and disciples of Christ. Finally, the temptation is giving in to the evil of neglecting this kind of prayer as a way of life. And taking a route to live as fragmented persons rather than holistic persons who deeply communicate with God who can teach us and guide us to live this model of prayer as our aspiration and vision. Dear church family, are you praying? Please read this Lord's prayer again and again, then examine how, why, when, for whom, or for what are your prayers. Prayer is a gateway to being and becoming a holistic person. As your pastor, I exhort you to pray for this world and for our church where this model prayer will be our vision and lead our life to relate with God and others. I pray for all of you that you will enter this gate of prayer to commune with God.

I conclude with this prayer: "You, O Lord, have called us to watch and pray. Therefore, whatever may be the sin against which we pray, make us careful to watch against it, and so have reason to expect that our prayers will be answered. To perform this duty right, grant us grace to preserve a sober, equal temper, and sincerity to pray for your assistance." Amen! (SUSANNA WESLEY, ENGLAND, 18TH CENT., ALT.)



Many Blessings and Peace! - Rev. Dr. Archana Samuel

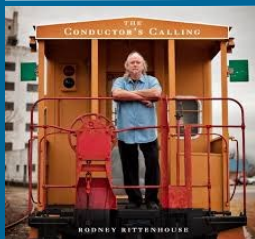


## Blood Drive

**Monday, May 6th**

**1:00-6:00 PM**

We will have a sign-up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary for those who are able to volunteer. We hope you will give blood if you are able and let folks know about the drive. If you would like to sign up please visit [red-crossblood.org](http://red-crossblood.org) and use sponsor code: WUMC



## Harmony House Presents:

**Rodney Rittenhouse**

**May 10 at 7 PM**

One of his favorite things to do, besides writing music, is taking others' songs and playing them in the style the Lord has blessed him with. With his rich voice and guitar, he has performed in many places, from the White house lawn to campgrounds, and from large church settings to bible studies. No venue is too large or too small. When the Lord calls him to an open door, he is there to serve. He currently leads worship at Higher Life Ministries in Chesapeake, VA, and plays at as many churches, Christian coffeehouses, festivals and events as he can.

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

## Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents:

**Ruth Wyand**

**May 24th at 7PM**

Generous donation for performers  
Snacks available for donations



Ruth Wyand has achieved a level of diversity that has exceeded the expectations of audiences around the world. Her guitar virtuosity is demonstrated by dynamic fingerpicking, bottleneck slide and a warm alto voice. She plays a mix of Americana, jazz, blues, folk, country augmented by Piedmont and bluegrass clawhammer fingerpicking.

Her songwriting is universal, timeless, relatable, emotionally resonant, sometimes witty, sometimes serious but always human and genuine. She displays a sense of humor that ranges from the rather subtle to practically in your face. She will bring a smile to your face or a tear to your eye if you focus on the lyrics.—Contact person, Jerry Sowers

## Counter Schedule for May/June

### May

5—Pat Fitzgerald/Renee Arnold  
12—Renee Arnold/Marsha Ames  
19—Marsha Ames/Amy Stanley  
26—Amy Stanley/Zach Eitzen



### 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

## Rise Against Hunger Event

**Saturday, May 18th**

**10 AM-2 PM**

Rise Against Hunger event at Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church, 1024 Harpersville Rd, Newport News. The event starts at 10:00 AM. Lunch will be served. Children have enjoyed this in the past. There is something for all ages.

From Sunday, May 5th, until May 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be an opportunity to donate to this community event. If you would like to contribute to Rise Against Hunger, please make your check out to Wesley UMC and annotate "Rise Against Hunger". We will also have a basket in the Fellowship Hall during fellowship time.

On May 18th, a check will be given to Chestnut Memorial for Rise Against Hunger. You do not have to donate in order to help bag the meals. Invite your family and friends!

[www.riseagainsthunger.org](http://www.riseagainsthunger.org)

At the event, we will package food bags that have rice, vegs and vitamins. Each bag holds 6 servings. We plan to do 5000 bags to make 30,000 meals. So we need people to fill the bags, weigh and seal them....put them in boxes to ship. It's a well organized process.

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



### Mother's Day Roses

**Mother's Day Roses will be available on Mother's Day for the cost of \$4 each.**

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

**Please contact the church office to signup. Sign up deadline is May 5th.**

**Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow**



**Sunday, May 5  
Immediately Following Worship,  
in the Fellowship Hall!**

### Cinco de Mayo Potluck

Join us for a potluck featuring Mexican food on Sunday, May 5th following the 10 AM service. Bring a main dish or dessert to share. Cinco de Mayo trivia game will test your knowledge of what this day means.

Contact person, Nancy Gumbert

### H.E.L.P. Food Pantry:

There is a great need for all nonperishable food:

pasta and spaghetti sauce seems to be the biggest need currently, but rice, peanut butter, boxed instant potatoes, 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. The food is delivered to the H.E.L.P. food pantry monthly. Toilet paper is also needed.

Contact: Sherry Moore



**Food Pantry**

From our



Finance Chair

### New Air Conditioners

The church recently repaired the air conditioner that services the office area. Total cost was \$8975. We received a grant from the Mission

Rivers District for \$4300 to help offset the cost. Thanks to our District for their generosity and the continuing gifts from Wesley's congregation. We truly are a connectional church.

Thank you,  
David Brookman, Finance Chair

### Church Clean-up Day

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, will be a clean-up day at Wesley! Supplies: Windex, cleaners, gloves, cleaning rags and paper towels will be provided.

If you have tools you would like to bring, that will be great (especially a drill).

Lunch will be provided. If you would like to bring a bag lunch, please do.

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

# Church Cleanup



### Mary Levin Bible Study

Wed, May 1st – Carol Hale's home

Wed, May 15th – Monica Sprague's home

Wed, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM – UWF/  
Mary Levin Bible Study Salad Supper, Carol Hale's home

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow



## Annual Conference 2024 Volunteers needed

As you know, Mission Rivers District is hosting Annual Conference 2024 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton from June 20 -22. That gives us just over two months to prepare to welcome the Virginia Conference to our district.

We want to put our very best face forward in June! That will require many lay volunteers from throughout the district to help welcome everyone to Hampton.

There are several areas where volunteers will be needed. We are asking you to prayerfully consider participation. Remember these ministry opportunities are for everyone, not just members to Annual Conference. Members are required to attend the business sessions which means that we have a great need for other laity to be involved as well.

We have created Volunteer Sign Up forms on SignUp Genius.

Golf carts: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFA923A5F94-48914211-2024#/>

Registration: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFA923A5F94-48913646-annual#/>

Ushers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054CAFA923A5F94-48914918-2024#/>

## Spiritual Revitalization and Healing

United Women in Faith Spiritual Life Retreat

May 11, 2024

9:00 am.-12:30 pm.

—VIRTUAL—

Guest Speaker

Karla Kurt

Registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUoc-CsrjovH9Ztdf45eu-GZFvn0pfXxoel>



Above: Azalea's by the church office.



Left: A thank you basket from Girl Scout Troop 1027

Right: April is Child Abuse Awareness Month



## Wesley's United Methodist Women

Wesley's UWF will be meeting for their regular meeting on Monday, May 20th at 6:30 PM in the double class room. All women are welcome. Details to follow.

The United Women in Faith and MLBS will be meeting for a **salad supper** on Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00 PM at Carol Hale's. Please bring a salad and/or dessert to share.



The United Women in Faith will be collecting **Feminine Hygiene Kits** for VA Annual Conference. Our goal is 50 kits.

There is a box under the coat rack outside the church office for donations. You can also write a check to cover shipping of these kits. The kits cost \$2.00 each to ship. Please mark your checks "Kits for Conference". The United Women in Faith (UWF) will assemble the kits at the monthly meeting on May 20th. Thank you, in advance, for your support of this very important outreach to those in need.

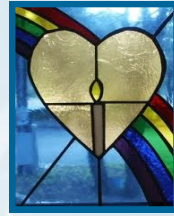
### Items:

- \*Gallon Size Zip Lock bags (50 needed) **collected**
- \*4 gallon trash bags (189 needed)
- \*2oz bottles of Hand Sanitizer (65 needed)
- \*Tampons (regular and super absorbency) **unscented (500 needed) collected**
- \*Sanitary Napkins (long, super, ultra thin) unscented (500 needed)
- \*Bath sized soap (3oz or larger)-no ivory or Jergen's soap, don't remove packaging-34 needed
- \*Travel pack of wet ones (49 needed)
- \*Flushable wipes (42 count-unscented) (need 50)
- \*~~Laundry Detergent sheets~~ **collected**

NOTE: You can also donate money to help purchase items for the kits as well. If you would like to contribute, please mark contributions "Kits for Conference".

**UWF is still collecting used shoes for Thrive. Please place them in the bin outside the church office.**

**Contact person: Nancy Gumbert**



## United Women in Faith Candle Burning

On Sunday, May 12th, the United Women in faith will conduct a "Candle Burning" during both the morning worship services. We will burn a candle *in honor or to remember* family, friends, special events, or special groups.

The candle will burn for as many seconds as we have pledged. The money pledged in support of UWF Worldwide undesignated missions. The \$.60 represents the amount of money needed to support the many worldwide mission projects of the UMW for one second. Anyone can support this project by filling out the form found at the usher stand and placing in the offering plate or in the UMW box in the office. **Please return by May 5th.**

*60 cents*

Please make out checks payable to:

**Wesley United Methodist Women or UMW**

*Contact Person, Nancy Gumbert*

## CANDLE BURNING REQUEST FORM

I WISH TO BURN THE CANDLE FOR \_\_\_\_ SECONDS

TO HONOR: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

TO REMEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

GIVEN BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

\$.60 = 1 second; \$3.00 = 5 seconds; \$6.00 = 10 seconds; \$12.00 = 20 seconds; \$36.00 = 1 minute, etc.



Ariel Arus', mother  
 Barbie Holland  
 Becky Morris  
 Beth Francis Lawson  
 Bill Mee  
 Braylin Lewis (5 years old)  
 Carol  
 Daniel Fordham  
 Freta Lamb  
 Irma, Elton, and Isaiah  
 Jerry Sowers' brother  
 Jim McKirdy  
 Joey Radford,  
 Josh Worden  
 Ken Johnson  
 Laurie Doucharme  
 Lin Leggum  
 Lisa Swiger  
 Richard Cooper  
 Savoy Morton  
 Steve Lillya  
 Sylvia Altuz

### ***Glory Sightings***

David Roane- Thanks be to God that our son made it through his heart surgery. The surgeons made sure to get all the blockages in his heart and put in a stent. Many thanks for all the calls and prayers for Mary Beth, myself and especially for our son. Scott Forsyth- Prayers that my mom is doing better. The doctors have found a blood pressure medication that is helping. She is still in the hospital but is feeling much better. Jeanne Lineberry- The beauty of nature all around us. Watching a beautiful butterfly going from flower to flower in my backyard. A friend sent me a picture of a rainbow. Playing chauffeur for my Mom and her friends as

they celebrated a birthday together. Anne Companion- Traveling to Ohio to experience and photograph the total eclipse. Caroline Morris- I was at a Kingsman's concert and really felt God's presence in the music they played. Sylvia Krisnow- The two young ladies and the beautiful harp music they played this morning. Judi Hine- Lily Caroline was born last night, our new granddaughter. Jim McKirdy- I had my CT scan on my lungs and the test came back with good results. I had a great conversation with a man that covered several topics about art and ended with talking about our faith. He was also a United Methodist. Pastor Archana- My time at Lake Junaluska last week was my Glory Sighting. There was a small place with a statue of Susanna Wesley that was a perfect peaceful place to pray and be in God's presence. Lynnette Scalzi- David Roane gave me a beautiful picture of a water pump and a poem that he wrote about it. The picture brought back memories of my own experiences with water.

### ***Other Concerns:***

Prayer for our Conference (VAUMC) and all the congregations in our Conference and their ministry and mission. 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. Ministry at Wesley and all the lay leaders and those who are in charge of various ministry/mission, Leadership Board team, and sub-groups. Preschool di-

rector, 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 everyone having tests, surgeries and are recovering. Prayers for our Native American communities and all gifts and contributions they have made to our Church and society. Prayers for our District leaders and our Conference. Be with all who are preparing for General Conference and Virginia Annual Conference. Lord be with those suffering from war, violence and injustice. Let us bring hope and light to others of the world. Prayers for our earth and all creation that live here. Prayers for our congregation and the missions of Wesley, our district, conference and all its leaders. Prayers for comfort, peace and justice for all those suffering in our world, for families going through difficult times, health issues, faith issues, grieving the loss of loved ones and all who are seeking God's guidance in their lives. Prayers for a mother with a broken leg. Travel mercies for Lynnette's daughter and granddaughter when they travel to Kentucky for her college orientation.

### ***Our Christian Sympathy goes to:***

The Connor family on the loss of a loved one.  
 Emma on the loss of her mother.  
 DS Ledlum-Bates and his family and the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rachel L. Koffa.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

# Prayer Concerns



## Mother's Day and Festival of the Christian Home—May 12th

Did you know that Mother's Day is the 3rd highest attended day in the church calendar year after Christmas Eve being 1st, and Easter being 2nd? Mother's day is a very Methodist thing. After all, it was founded by a Methodist and the first celebration was in a Methodist church.

United Methodists have grown to understand Mother's Day as the "Festival of the Christian Home," which is a beautiful way to consider the inclusiveness of this particular day. This is a United Methodist term, and our tradition believes that we can use this as an opportunity to strengthen our homes as a place for living justly, celebrating the fullness of our creation as individuals and families of all compositions.

Consider the impact of our Church Family. When we seek to love in the ways that God has loved us, we find ourselves in a community of prayer, love, and forgiveness. It's contagious and it spreads from one place to the next. It's important to know that the place we call home, and the people who are there, is what shapes and forms us into who we are.

2	William Blocker	29	Charlie/Becky Morris (1966)
6	Quincy Fotis	30	Dale/Kathy Stumpf (1987)
15	Pauline Blocker	31	Rosemary Adriany
17	Jerry Sowers		
18	Kim Frost		
	Kenley Taylor		
20	Lynnette Scalzi		
21	Skylar Johnson		
22	Jeff/Tracy (Krisnow) Jones (1993)		
25	Dave/Cathy Williamson (1974)		
26	Susan Brookman		
	Chuck Lutes		
	Suzie Walters		
	Helen Cope		
	Sherry Moore		
27	Clyde/Nancy Gumbert (1995)		



## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Lectio Readings

**MAY 05** | 6th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold)  
Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 (UMH 818); 1 John 5:1-5; John 15:9-17

**MAY 12** | 7th Sunday of Easter; **Ascension Sunday; Mother's Day; Festival of the Christian Home** (White or Gold)  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1 (UMH 738); 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

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

**MAY 19** | **Pentecost Heritage Sunday** (Red)  
Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826); Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**MAY 26** | **Trinity Sunday; Peace with Justice Sunday** (White or Gold)  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29 (UMH 761); Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



LECTIONARY  
READINGS

## General Conference of the United Methodist Church

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is meeting Tuesday, April 23 through Friday, May 3, 2024, in Charlotte, NC.

Opening worship begins at 2 p.m. Tuesday. The Call to Order is at 3:50 p.m.

Follow livestream: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream>

Find schedule of General Conference: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/schedule-general-conference>

Stay up to date with the latest news, decisions and celebrations from this global gathering with UM News Service: <https://www.resourceumc.org/.../general-conference-2020/news>

The VAUMC Communications Office will be following up with the VA Delegation later this week. [#UMCGC](#)



## All God's Children Camp



Hi Friends, We are gearing up for All God's Children camp and have openings for program leadership.

Bible Time leader at Westview on the James in Goochland, June 9-14. This is much like VBS and you would teach 3 groups the same lesson each morning.

Craft Time leadership at Chanco Camp and Retreat center in Surry, June 16-20. You would lead the craft session to three small groups each morning.

A ministry of the Virginia Annual Conference, All God's Children Camp is a weeklong overnight camp for children ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated parent. Campers have an opportunity to participate in all the physical activities the camp has to offer such as boating, swimming, hiking, archery, music, crafts, and Bible study, along with a conflict resolution/self-esteem-building class. AGCC is built on the basis of a one-to-one mentoring program where campers have an adult who walks alongside them for the week cheering them on, building them up, and encouraging them daily.

Partnering with Virginia United Methodist camps and other ACA camps across the state, All God's Children Camp provides a week of sanctuary for children who face so many challenges in their lives such as economic poverty, temporary living conditions, loneliness, low self-esteem, violence and drugs while working to break the cycle of incarceration.

All God's Children Camp is a place where children learn they are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God and they are truly 'somebody'!

Contact me for more information!

Beth Christian (804)347-5999





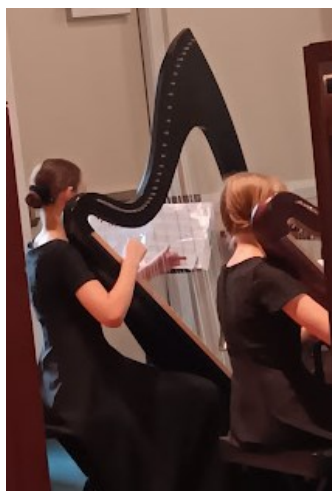
Easter SonRise  
Service  
March 31  
6:30 AM







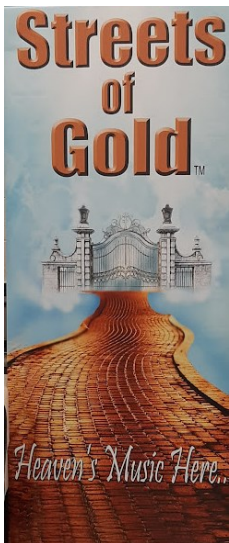
Sages at the Vineyard in Yorktown.  
Our waiter's name was Wesley lol



Cynthia Campbell's Students  
blessed our worship







Above: TFAM  
Lana and Kim  
April 26

Right: Harmony  
House-Streets of  
Gold



Potluck and Game night—April 21st







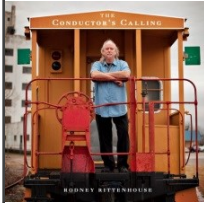









Wesley's 61st Anniversary Breakfast Potluck April 7th





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm MLBS - Carol Hale's Home	<b>2</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00am Church Clean-up Day! Lunch provided 
<b>5</b>  Sunday, May 5 Immediately Following Worship, in the Fellowship Hall 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live 11:00am Fellowship Time - Cinco de mayo - Trivia Game and bring Mexican Food 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall 	<b>7</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA)	<b>9</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Harmony House - Rodney Rittenhouse 	<b>11</b> 9:00am Virginia Conference UWF Spiritual Life retreat via Zoom  May 11, 2024 9:00 am - 12:30 pm - VIRTUAL - Guest Speaker Karla Kurt Registration link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82260404000">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82260404000</a> Call: 855-251-8884
 <b>12</b> Mother's Day 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am UWF Candle burning 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	<b>13</b> 7:00pm Metal Detector Club - Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Leadership Board Meeting - John Phillips Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	<b>15</b> 6:00pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:30pm MLBS - Monica Sprague's home	<b>16</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00am Rise Against Hunger Event at Chestnut Memorial 11:00am NA Lunch in the Fellowship Hall
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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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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Prepared with love especially for:



The people of The United Methodist Church\*



## WHAT IS PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY?

This Special Sunday on April 27th is a denomination wide celebration intended to raise awareness that even in a world plagued by war and terror, violence and destruction, people of faith have a clear call to build peace with justice. As United Methodists, our yearning for peace must move us to act.

The United Methodist Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

The United Methodist Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, can and should provide leadership to this social transformation. The General Board of Church and Society Church holds a non-governmental, consultative status with the United Nations. This status allows us to participate in UN meetings, consultations and conferences. We recognize and renew our call for social transformation, for the quest to open the doors of opportunity for all, to distribute resources more equitably, and to provide better care for persons in need. Churches are encouraged to donate through their local churches or give online.

An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Last year, your generosity delivered \$144 thousand.

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