

February 2019

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Pastor's Ponderings

Winter for me is a paradox. It is has some of the richest natural beauty and some of the bleakest, dreary days. There is the least sunlight and some of the most brilliant of suns. It includes a celebrate of new beginnings as we turn the calendar. It holds the brightness of Epiphany as we celebrate the Light of all lights. Winter is also full of long, dark nights when often the moon cannot even pierce the dimness.

There is an intensity to this season which opens a space for centering prayer, thoughtful reflection on God's word, rich spiritual conversation around table fellowship, and a search to fill the longing of our soul with the wonders of God's love.

There is a quietness that speaks of hope. In these long nights many cultures encourage the gathering of friends, family, neighbors for hours of music, storytelling, games, and fellowship. Times to build relationships and spend quality moments growing together.

This winter, may we look at the world around us and see possibility, grace, splendor. In the gray may we be open to see reflections of all the colors of Jesus' loving presence. This winter, let us be shining lights of courage and companionship, living as disciples carrying the good news into all the corners of this world. Let us dive deep into the wonders of God as we connect with one another. May we follow in Jesus example, walk his path...

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

With all the love of Christ, Pastor Gretchen

Welcome to all the people of Aldersgate UMC as you enter into the fellowship of Wesley UMC. You are surrounded in prayers in grieving the closing of your home place of worship and Christian formation. You are gather in love as you continue a life journey of discipleship. You are our brothers and sisters in Christ; it is an honor to welcome you as we sojourn in faith together.

Wesley would like to officially welcome and honor your arrival with a special lunch on Sunday, Feb 10th at 12:15PM.

Pastor Gretchen

Wesley In the Community Event February 15th—7:00-8:00 PM

We are looking for a few "good" or even "not -so-good" Holy Bowlers to form 3 or 4 (or more) friendly competitive bowling teams for a "Wesley Out- In-Our-Community Event". For those who may not be aware, Wesley first began meeting many years ago at the Spare Time Bowling Alley just



down the street from our church. No, the charter members were not a bunch of bowling league members who wanted a bowling church service! They were a group of faithful Methodist who recognized the need to establish a new church in their growing community. Spare Time just happened to be the space available for worship until a permanent church could be built.

So-- in honor of our founding fathers and mothers the Board thought it would be fun to return to our roots and show that we Methodist (United Methodist now) are still present in the community. How about it! Who is willing to commit to an hour of fun and fellowship with family and friends from 7 until 8 pm on February 15th? Talk it over and form a team of 4 or 5 to share in a little exercise and fun with your church family! The cost will be \$7 per person. We are asking for a commitment and payment by February 3rd so lanes can be reserved in advance.

See either Board member Greg Paxton or Pat Fitzgerald to reserve your spot! Then prepare for a bowling good time!



Wesley Prayer Shawl Fellowship

February 16, 2019 10 AM to 2PM

Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn? Join us on February 16 to join in this powerful ministry of touching others with God's loving Presence.

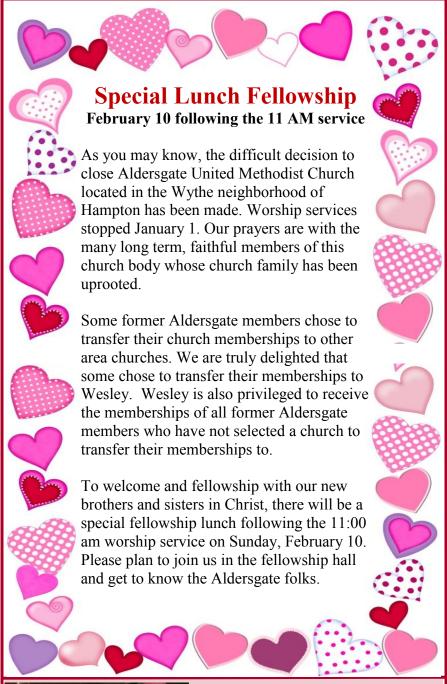
Come ready to knit and crochet, celebrating in gourmet fun and fellowship. Bring your project, or start something new. We have a great stash of yarn available. For beginners, we will have all the needed supplies, personal instruction, and help you may need.

<u>Complimentary</u> lunch will be provided. <u>Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 13</u> to Judi at 757-592-5633 8364 (call or text, please include your name) or by e-mail (judihines@gmail.com).

Be a part of this amazing ministry! Looking forward to a great time. Feel free to bring a Friend! Blessings! Judi Hines

P.S. Not interested in knitting or crocheting? There are other ways you can help! Contact me for details.

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Wesley Vehicle Decals for sale!

Amy Stanley designed decals to display on our vehicles or in our homes. They are in envelopes in the church

office with a display board to show how they look when on glass.

The cost is \$5.00 each. Additional donations are welcome! The proceeds will go toward church expenses. Please make checks out to Wesley UMC and annotate "Decals".

Sages

The Sages will be meeting on Feb 27th at Schooners—12567

Warwick Blvd, Newport News at noon.

Contact person, Mary Bayless.



Mobile Food Pantry

February 21, will be the monthly Mobile Food Pantry at Machen Elementary. Please come by and help download the truck at 1:30 and/or help with set-up and distribution at around 2:15. We work until 4:00, so if you can stop by and help out, we would really appreciate it.

Here is the link if you would like to sign up (details on how, below): http://signup.com/go/V5VgQy

Thank you for your support with this important ministry!

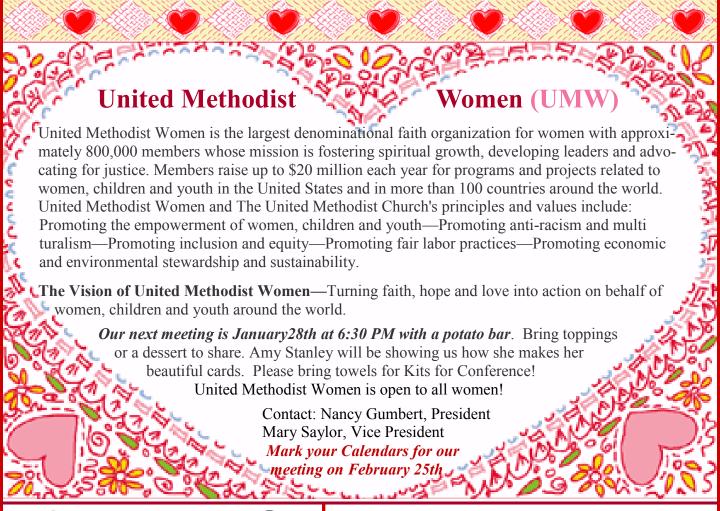
We're using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

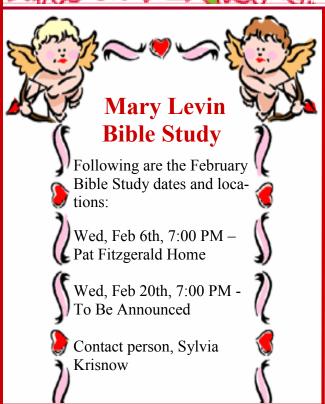
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: http://signup.com/go/V5VgQy
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone.

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Wesley's Leadership Board

Please take a moment each month to read the minutes from the Leadership Board. They are posted across from the Secretary's office by the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

The Leadership Board is made up of 11 members that are coordinating the business of the church and often forms short term subgroups to assist in accomplishing specific projects. We usually meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact Mary Saylor or Pastor Gretchen if you have questions or need more information.





Harmony House Presents: Annual Open Mic!

Share your talent—Singing, Instruments,
Dancing, Poetry, Drama
Friday, February 8, 2019
7 PM-9 PM

Contact person, Jerry Sowers

Tidewater Friends of Acoustic Music Presents: Robbie House and Michael Monahan



Friday, February 22, 2019 @ 7:00 pm Wesley United Methodist Church 2510 N. Armistead Ave. Hampton, VA 23666

Admission is by donation (\$5 suggested) Refreshments will be provided for sale.



The Down East Boys

The Down East Boys (Southern Gospel Quartet) will have a concert at Emmaus Baptist Church in Poquoson, Friday, February 1st at 7:30 PM. They are an excellent group that had a #1 hit on the gospel charts in 2018.

Some people from Wesley are planning to have dinner at the Poquoson Diner around 6 PM and then go to the concert.

A sign-up sheet for those interested in attending will be posted on the church bulletin board in January. If you want more details about this worship event, contact Charlie Morris (757-897-7715).



Heart Havens

Havens is a Virginia Conference Advance Special mission that provides residential support to adults with a developmental disability, but it's so much more than just providing a house. Heart Havens em-

powers people to discover what it is they love and then pursue it.

No matter what the goal is, Heart Havens is all about helping the people they support find a way to make their dreams a reality. For your social media: These suggested messages may be paired with one of our shareable images (available for download at http://www.hearthavens.org/resources/worship-resources/.) When posting about Heart Havens on Facebook, please be sure to tag us! On Twitter, we are @HeartHavens.

We also have videos available on our YouTube channel that you are welcome to link to. Suggested Facebook posts: February is Heart Havens Month! Learn more about this wonderful opportunity to show support for adults with a developmental disability here: www.hearthavens.org

There is space for everyone in our church and community. Please help Heart Havens continue to empower adults with a developmental disability to be full participants both at church and in their communities by making a donation- contact the church office or visit www.hearthavens.org for more information. All God's children bring different gifts to the body of Christ! Check out Ronnie and some other Heart Havens residents singing "Jesus Loves Me", and be sure to support Heart Havens during Heart Havens Month! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCA2ByIxFOs Suggested Tweets: February is @HeartHavens Month! Learn more about how to get involved here: http://bit.ly/2ggX2rH #HHMonth2019 #vaumc @VAUMC Will you make space? Help @HeartHavens

http://www.hearthavens.org/media/1286/heart-havens-month-2019-communication-resources.pdf



Basic Early Response Team Training

Saturday, February 9, 2019 9:00 to 5:00 PM Wellspring United Methodist Church 4871 Longhill Road, Williamsburg, Virginia

What are Early Response Teams?

Early Response Teams (ERTs) are part of the vision of the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. ERTs fill a specific need in the early days after a disaster to clean out flood-damaged homes, remove debris, place tarps on homes, and otherwise help to prevent further damage, while providing a caring Christian presence. ERTs are not a first-response group of emergency workers, nor are they recovery, rebuild, or repair teams. Under very specific guidelines, ERTs assist survivors, without causing further harm or being a burden to the affected community. ERTs require an invitation to travel to another district, conference, or jurisdiction. *Joining an Early Response Team requires special training and certification*.

What is Basic ERT training?

Participants learn the basics of disaster response, including how to stabilize and secure homes safely, and how to work effectively with survivors and others on the response team. This standardized class is required for the basic ERT UMCOR identification badge.

Training fee: \$35 (includes sub sandwich lunch)—Payment can be made the day of the training Checks are to be made payable to the Virginia Annual Conference

ADVANCED REGISTRATION IS NEEDED BY FEB. 5TH

To register: contact Rev. Kirk Culpepper at 757-434-0078

or email: disasterinfo@vaumc.org

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Marge Edwards and Skip Saylor celebrate their 80th Birthdays on Jan.13th







Left Top: Open House at the Parsonage on Jan. 6th

Above: Fox and Bear at Harmony House January 11th

Left: Kids Nite Out on Jan.18-Candyland Special Event



A TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY: The Fifty Plus (senior) group at First United Methodist Church Fox Hill has seats available on their spring trip to Lancaster, PA & Washington, DC, April 30 – May 4, 2019. Don't miss the incredible performance of *Jesus* at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, PA. Enjoy some great sights and locations in Washington

DC. Tour and attend a service at the Washington National Cathedral, tour the Museum of the Bible, experience a dinner-theatre musical performance of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, tour the White House and Mount Vernon, visit numerous museums, take a Potomac River cruise and eat at some great restaurants. With transportation, lodging, admissions, and most meals included, this nearly all-inclusive five-day trip is just \$1195 per person, double occupancy. **Sign-ups should occur before Jan 27, 2019 to guarantee space.** For detailed information or to make your reservations, contact Anne and Bill Bryan at 851-0748 or by e-mail to abandbb1@cox.net.



Bishop Lewis appeals conference for disaster recovery in Danville

Bishop Lewis shared an appeal for aid to the city of Danville following historic flooding in the city in from September 2018 to October 2018. Contributions can be sent to the conference Treasurer's office with the reference "Conference Disaster"

Response Fund #5037." January 2019 -- Bishop Sharma D. Lewis has issued an appeal addressing disaster recovery from historic flooding in Danville in 2018. A pdf copy of the letter is attached or can be downloaded from the conference website at www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/Disaster/

AppealforDisasterRecoveryDanvilleJan2019.pdf

For more information contact the Rev. Glenn Rowley at (804) 521-1143 or email GlennRowley@vaumc.org























Candy Land Special Event January 18th—Thanks to all the volunteers that made it a fun time for all the kids!







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Choir Party at Cynthia Campbell's on Jan. 12









Harmony House on Jan. 11 Fox and Bear Performed











Open House at the Parsonage—Jan 6th



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Prayer Concerns



Our Hearts Lewis go out to... Asher

Dennis Rosier Jim Anderson Mary O'Donnell Gerlyn Stephen

Brenda Harkness Fran Ben Stanley

Tony Flore

Ava

Taylor Jones

Cindy Krantz

Mary Lineberry

Tammie Johnson Camille Keough

David Lively

Candi

Jim Rowe

Rachel Hale

Becky Morris Bill Warrick

Jo and Buddy Carlile **Bud Curtis** Nancy Bellan Pam Cutshaw Diane Fennell

Nina Winfree Fred Hemmerly

Clayton Houston

Susan Nichols



Other Concerns: The tragedies occurring in our country and around the world; 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.

Our Christian Sympathy goes to Jeanne and family on the death of her Aunt, Pearl Lineberry and Maricel Arus and family on the death of her Mother, Mery.



A Call to Prayer for Bishop Lewis

Please continue to pray for Bishop Lewis as she continues to have an infection related to her hip surgery in December. She had surgery January 25th for her surgeon to assess the infection, and she will remain in the hospital through the weekend while her surgeon consults with the infectious disease.

February 3, 2019 4th Sunday after the Epiphany Green Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 (*UMH* 794); 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

February is Black History Month

February 10, 2019 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Green Isaiah 6:1-8; Ps 138:9-13 (*UMH* 853); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 **Scouting Ministries Sunday**

February 17, 2019 6th Sunday after the Epiphany Green Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1 (UMH 738); 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

Feb. 18: Presidents Day (USA)

Called General Conference Feb 23-26, St. Louis, MO

February 24, 2019 7th Sunday after the Epiphany Green

Genesis 45:3-11,15; Ps 37:1-11, 39-40 (*UMH* 772): 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38 March 2: World Day of Prayer

READ THE BIBLE FOR Listen. Understand. Respond.



York River District Lay **Servants Gathering**

Purpose: To celebrate the Lay Servants Ministry and to have conversations with District Superintendent

Date and Time:

Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Chestnut Memorial UMC

Invitees: YRD Lay Servants, Pastors and anyone in-

terested in the Lay Servants Ministry This event does not require registration.



Our Lenten Journey begins Ash Wednesday, March 6th with a Service of prayer and contempla-CLOSER TO JESUS tion with imposition of ashes.

Wednesday prayer and contemplation 12-12:30PM throughout Lent. Watch for information on Bible Study after Ash Wed.

Make plans to spend time growing in grace together throughout the season of reflection.

Flower Calendar Signup

There are openings on the Flower Calendar for the following dates:



June 9, 23 July 14,21,28

August 18, Sep 15, October 27 and Dec 8th If you would like to sign up for flowers on any of these dates, please e-mail or call Sylvia Krisnow.

Souper Bowl Sunday February 3rd



Please bring cans of Soup to support the hungry



The Hampton Ecumenical Lodging and Provisions (H.E.L.P) Food Pantry is in need of nonperishable food.

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

- Canned meats (tuna, Spam, etc.)
- Canned vegetables
- Cereal (Hot or Cold)
- 1 pound bags of rice
- Powdered milk
- Peanut butter
- Jam or Jelly (any flavor)
- Jell-O
- Corn muffin mix
- Beefaroni
- Soups
- Canned Stews
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Assorted crackers
- Fruit or vegetable juice
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Gallon Zip-lock bags
- Bleach





February

- 3 Joyce Wentz
- 4 Katie Boutwell Bill McKinnev
- 7 **Chuck Porter** Kathy Stumpf
- 8 Gail Clinch
- 10 Mike/Debi McNichol (1979) Kimberly Morris
- Sylvia Krisnow 13
- Irene Lutes 15
- 17 Debi McNichol
- 19 David Williamson
- 26 Jacob Levy





Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 5:15 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. They start with a meal and fellowship. After the meal, they meet in the double classroom for bible study. They are currently studying the book of Luke. Contact person, Dave Williamson.



Called General Conference February 23-26 St. Lois, Missouri

This month the United Methodists will gather for a special called session of our top policy -making body. This session is designated to discern together in faith our path for future mission and ministry. With many differences in thought and understanding around the topic of human sexuality, the people who gather will engage in prayer, worship, and open dialogue around more than 70 proposed resolutions. Please remain in covenant prayer

with all those who will gather as delegates and guests. For more information please talk with Pastor Gretchen.

To keep up with the news and proceedings visit:

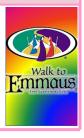
http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The General Conference 2020 will take place May 5-15, 2020, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus will be meeting at Bethany UM Church on MMAUS 23 February. Agape workshop is at 4:30 pm., potluck meal at 5:30 and worship our Lord at 6:30 mm. worship our Lord at 6:30 pm.

PR Emmaus is planning a 'Walk' this Spring, looking for pilgrims and people to serve on a team. For dates and more information contact Tom Fickett.





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Our Calendar is updated daily! Please go to http//www.HAMPTONWESLEY.ORG for a current calendar.							

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Prepared with love especially for:



The York River District—Dinner Church Encounter

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St Luke's UMC, Yorktown.

The York River District will host a *Dinner Church Encounter* event to learn a new way to share God's love with new people in new places. I invite you to join me for this special occasion. Dinner Church is a form of Fresh Expressions and it is an exciting way to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

For details about the event and registration, use the following link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-church-encounter-yorktown-va-tickets-54503618791 To learn about the Fresh Expressions, use the following link: https://freshexpressionsus.org

Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches

Both workshops are identical.

Workshop 1

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 28, 2019

Location: Urbanna UMC, 221 Marston Ave., Urbanna, VA

Workshop 2

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019

Registration Deadline: Monday, March 11, 2019

Location: Mathews Chapel UMC, 4185 Buckley Hall Rd., Cobbs

Creek, VA

The cost to attend the workshop is \$25 (Participant's Workbook - \$15 and Lunch - \$10)

NOTE: Please register by sending your payment to the York River District Office by the deadline of the workshop you plan to attend.

