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Wesley Tidings

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PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Friends in Christ,

September is here, and students of all ages are going back to school, along with teachers, bus drivers, school staff, and other folks important in the field of education. It may not feel like fall for a few weeks yet, but this time of year often has a certain energy as the program year begins for many of our ministries, from midweek Bible studies to Mother's Day Out. It's a good time to think about how we want to continue learning and growing, whatever age we happen to be. What are your hopes or goals for your own continuing education and growth?

Last year, the bishops of The United Methodist Church released a new vision statement for the church that reflects the Church's deep commitment to embodying God's dream for the world. The vision states: "The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections." This vision statement complements the Church's longstanding mission statement, inspired by Matthew 28:18-20: "The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." (adapted from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/miracle-sunday-worship-study-resources>)

This month, we will begin a six-week worship series on "Bold Discipleship" that takes a closer look at this vision and how God might be inviting us to live it out as disciples of Jesus Christ in this time and place, including how we practice generosity and stewardship of our resources. We will also be learning about a denomination-wide effort to raise funds for seminary scholarships for pastors and lay leaders in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines. We will take an offering for this campaign on October 11, which the Virginia Conference has chosen to be our "Miracle Sunday." I hope you will prayerfully consider contributing to this important undertaking to support faithful leaders in the Wesleyan tradition around the world.

Wesley UMC has a beautiful tradition of supporting Christian education and in our own congregation, outreach in our community, and missionaries in other parts of the world. Together, we can help spread the good news of God's love, and invite more people to follow Christ and grow as disciples each day. Let us pray that God will show us how God desires us to reach out in faith and love to others in this season.

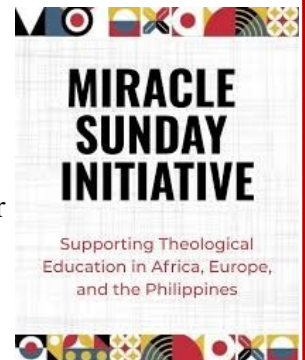
Grace and peace in Christ,



Pastor Kerry

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DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE
NAME OF THE FATHER AND
OF THE SON AND OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT,

■ MATTHEW 28:19



Hampton United Methodist Churches—Connectional Cookout

Saturday, September 19th—Noon

All members of United Methodist Churches in Hampton are invited to our **2nd annual Connectional Cookout, at Sandy Bottom Nature Park starting at 12pm on September 19th.** Last year we had about 60 people from 6 different churches, and it was a great chance to get to know some new people.

The pastors are providing burgers, hot dogs, drinks, and paper products. You are welcome to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert if you would like - but trust that there will be plenty of food if all you bring is yourself! I hope you will join us if you're available that day.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Kerry



Mother's Day Out Sub Needed



As you know, we have a wonderful Mother's Day Out program that has been a ministry of Wesley UMC for over 50 years. For the past several weeks, we have been working on hiring a new teacher as well as a occasional sub for days when either Laurie or the other teacher need to be out. Hiring for the teacher position is in process. So we are seeking 1-2 people from the congregation who can go through the background check process now and potentially be available to sub on an occasional, emergency basis. There is funding to pay you (\$14/hour) for the days you work.

If you enjoy working with young children and might have occasional availability to help in this way, please let me or Laurie Burt, MDO Director, know (wesleyhptmdo@gmail.com). We can also answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration, and please continue to pray for our program, our staff, and the families that rely on us for safe and loving care.

Grace and peace, Pastor Kerry

Counter Schedule



September

6—Stephanie Eitzen/Renee Arnold
13—Renee Arnold/Marsha Ames
20—Marsha Ames/Pat Fitzgerald
27—Pat Fitzgerald/Amy Stanley teaching Monica Sprague

October

4—Amy Stanley/Debbie Andersen
11—Debbie Andersen/Zach Eitzen
18—Zach Eitzen/Clyde Gumbert
25—Clyde Gumbert/Renee Arnold

Contact person, Amy Stanley



**The Church Office
will be closed in
observation of
Labor Day
September 7th**



**Red Cross Blood Drive
Sept 14th 1:00-6:00 PM**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for people to volunteer to be at Wesley to give blood and to assist with signing in blood donors.

To sign up please visit: redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: WUMC

Contact persons: Chris/Anne Companion

Harmony House

September 11 - Open Mic. 7:00 - 9:00PM

Please come early at 6:30PM to sign up to perform. We will be welcoming singers, instrumentalists, poets, dramatists, mouth harps and even accordion players. Banjo players will have to audition (just joking). Tell your musical friends to come and share their songs of faith with us. We are an equal opportunity open mic.



We are starting out 24th year of Harmony House!!

For any questions, please contact Jerry Sowers.

CPR/First Aid/AED Training

FIRST AID /CPR/AED



September 4, at 9am, a CPR/First Aid/AED training will be held at Wesley UMC. This was scheduled mainly for the Mother's Day Out staff, but it is open to any other interested church members also.

The cost is \$55 per person, which is significantly less than what the Red Cross usually charges. Those who complete the 2- to 3-hour training will be certified in CPR, First Aid, and AED for two years.



If you are interested, RSVP to Laurie Burt at wesleyhptmdo@gmail.com by Tuesday, September 1.

Sages

Wednesday, September 23, 12:30 PM



Sages Lunch at Stuft, 241 Mallory Street, Hampton. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. You can also email or call me and I will sign you up! Contact: Sylvia Krisnow



H.E.L.P. Food Pantry:

Most needed at the clinic/food pantry:

The H.E.L.P. Food Pantry needs all non-perishable food for the pantry:

Rice	crackers
Canned Vegetables	shelf stable milk
Powdered milk	cereal
canned fruit	soups
canned meals (spaghetti, ravioli, beef stew, canned ham, Vienna sausage, etc.)	

Toilet paper and soap are also requested. The food is taken to the pantry once a month. NOTE: Please leave only nonperishable food. Other than



United Women in Faith News

Wesley's United Women In Faith will meet Monday, September 28th in the fellowship hall. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Our Program will be our Pledge Service titled "Carrying Our Faith Forward," which uses water as a central symbol to explore the connection between generous giving and faith.

Contact: Nancy Gumbert



Mission Giving Pledge Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Pledge: _____

For the coming year, I pledge \$ _____

To be paid: ☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ other _____

United Women in Faith Mission: Please fill out and return this card to your local treasurer.

As a member of United Women in Faith, I celebrate and commit to supporting United Women in Faith's local, national and global outreach. Mission Giving Makes Mission Happen!

 United Women in Faith



Mission Rivers District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

September 26

Williamsburg UMC

500 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg VA 23185

Registration and Refreshments starts at 9 a.m.

Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.



Speaker: Renee Foster, an ordained minister is the founder and president of Hampton Roads Urban Agriculture. She has worked with Wesley Community Service Center.

All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93549327655>

Virginia Conference United Women in Faith Young Women's event

The registrar is **Melissa White**, she is ready to answer your questions, so contact her for help (info below)!

Either [register](#) and [Pay Online](#)

OR print this registration and mail with a check made payable to **VA Conference United Women in Faith** by September 8, 2026 to:

Melissa White
109 Dawson Crescent
Seaford, VA 23696

Phone: 757-218-7092 Email: mel49white@yahoo.com

Scholarships - You are invited by the VAUWF Conference Treasurer to apply for an official scholarship using this application:

[Event Scholarships.pdf](#)



**"UNITING WOMEN IN FAITH:
EXPLORING OUR HISTORY TO INSPIRE TODAY!"**

Virginia Conference United Women in Faith
Young Women's Event

September 18-19, 2026

You are invited to spend from
6pm Friday to 4pm Saturday
finding fellowship & spiritual refreshment at

Blessings Lodge, Camp Overlook
3014 Camp Overlook Lane,
Keezletown, VA 22832



United
Women
in Faith



**PASTOR: Rev.
Meredith Webb**

Meet Our Speaker:

Meredith Webb serves as Associate Pastor at Calvary UMC in Stuarts Draft, VA in the Valley Ridge District. Meredith will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder and begins her third year of pastoral ministry at Calvary this summer. Meredith is passionate about christian community, sharing God's love and spiritual care. During our time together, we are going to explore the stories of women in methodism from Susannah Wesley to the first woman to be ordained in celebration of women's ordination and beyond.

Pumpkin Patch 2026

Summer is almost over! Fall is growing near! The children are back in school and pumpkins are ripening in the fields in New Mexico. Wesley's pumpkins are scheduled to arrive on Saturday, October 3rd at 9 am! Please put this date and time on your calendar!! It takes a dedicated team to off load half a semi-truck of gourds and pumpkins! So please mark your calendar and plan to join in the fun! You have about a month to exercise and prepare your muscles for this annual event! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to participate, too!

The fun does not end once the truck is unloaded. Wesley's annual Pumpkin Patch is a wonderful opportunity for us to be church to our neighbors and all who visit the "patch"! We have hosted this event every year (except for 2020) since 2007! Many in the community anxiously await this annual event. So plan to volunteer often at the Pumpkin Patch until all pumpkins are sold or Halloween has arrived, whichever comes first!

Please share with Lynnette Scalzi or Pat Fitzgerald any suggestions or ideas you might have on how to improve the "patch" so we can make this the best year ever!



Fellowship Sign-up

Fellowship after worship is a wonderful way to connect with each other.

If you are able to provide fellowship with a friend, please go the following link:
www.tinyurl.com/wesleyumcfellowship.

If you have trouble signing up contact Anne Companion or Sylvia Krisnow.



Realm

Please note when using Realm for with your phone:

Messages and data rates may apply.
Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

Contact person, Kathann Montage



Flower Calendar

The 2026 Flower Calendar is on the wall in the hall-way outside the Sanctuary. if you would like to provide flowers, please sign up on the flower calendar or email/call me and I will sign you up. The cost is \$46.00 each.

Contact person, Sylvia Krisnow

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is used to assist the local families in need of help with their utilities.

If you would like to contribute, please mark checks and envelopes "for Pastor's Discretionary Fund" or "PDF".





Thank you so much! These are very much in need right now. We appreciate your support! I'll be sure to plug you guys in for a thankful Thursday post soon!

Jen Mills, Community Engagement Manager
THRIVE Peninsula, Inc.

Above: UWF prepared grocery bags for Thrive. Thanks to all that donated bags!

Right: Teacher Breakfast at Machen Elementary School. Thank you for donations!

Below: Sages at Napoli Italian Restaurant in Carrollton August 26th



Season of Creation starts September 1

Celebrate a new Holy Day for the Christian Year with Creation in Christ (to be celebrated September 1 or the first Sunday following September 1). Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0NdarXfRF4>. This day is being added to the Lectionary this year during a time of crisis for the environment and a crisis all of us who depend on it for life. (The Consultation on Common Texts which produces the Revised Common Lectionary. Despite the fears we have about the change in the atmosphere that is changing patterns of storms, fires, precipitation, forests and ocean currents and the way that we grow food and raise families, we find ways to adapt and to lessen our part in the change.

This Holy Celebration has ancient roots. The Eastern Orthodox Church is credited with originating the day God began creating the Cosmos and the beginning of time itself in the 7th century. The date of September 1 was chosen to coincide with the Eastern Orthodox celebration.

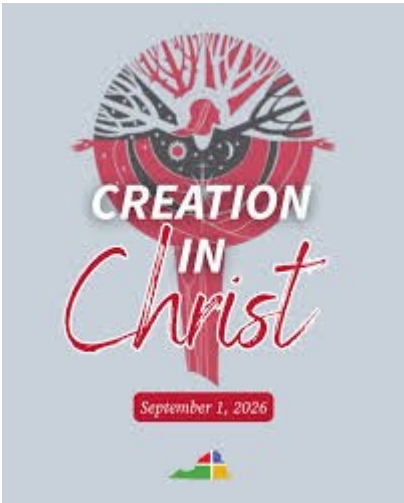
The Worship Team of the United Methodist National Creation Justice Movement has been writing comprehensive Sermon and Liturgical resources, not just for Creation in Christ Sunday, but also for a 4 week worship series, Season of Creation (using Year A Scripture texts.) They have also written an additional 6 week Adult Study to complement the worship resources.

Theme for 2026: Salt +Soil+ Seawater.

- Week 1 Look to Jesus
- Week 2 God’s Breath
- Week 3 The Cosmic Dance of Creation and Our Place Within It
- Week 4 The One in Whom We Live and Have Our Being

Plan to celebrate this new Holy Day, Creation in Christ Sunday, and the Season of Creation this September, 2026!

Check out the resources available to you for no cost.
<https://vaumc.org/creationjustice/>



Birthdays
and Anniversaries

1	Eddie Page	18	Carolyn Gallaer
3	Joe/Debbie Coccimiglio (1988)	20	Don Ward
5	Ariel/Maricel Arus (1987)	22	Casey Taylor
	Clyde Gumbert		Carl Morrison
7	Emily Winn (Stumpf)	23	Sam Samuel
	Christopher Stumpf	26	Jeanne Lineberry
	Riley Companion		Jullian Lutes
9	Doug/Carolyn Gallaer (1972)	27	Joyce D’Bene
13	Brenda Baynham		Ted Sprague
	Joey Scalzi	29	Debra Lynn Manner
15	Burrell Taylor	30	Anne Companion
16	David Roane		
16	Zach Ames		
17	Lori Roberson		

Prayer Concerns

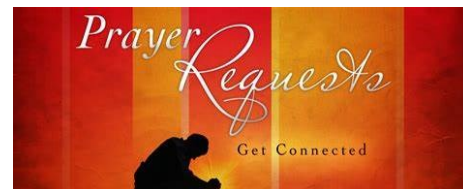
Baby Sylvia
Barbie Holland
Beth
Beth Bristow
Brent and Gail Hale
Caren Thomas
Cat Koch
Charles F
Darlene Backer
Don Holloman
Dorothy Bird
Freta Lamb
Heather Livingston
James Woodall
Jennifer Thomas
Jerry McReynolds
Joey Boskon

Joey Radford
Joseph Gilday
Julia
Kathy Wetzler
Katie Page Goodwin
Kaylin
Ken Johnson
Kris Keyes
Larry Marks
Lauryn Schifffrin
Lillian Hale
Mark Odekirk
Marley
Mike Mee
Missy Jones
Nancy Bisacre
Nancy Gumbert

Nancy Shorter
Naomi Araya
Nick Heath
Pam
Pete Stone
Portia
Rick Wille
Scarlet Stiteler
Shan Rufer
Sharon Benson
Sharyn
Ted Sprague
Vicky Moyer

People fighting addictions

Our Christian Sympathy goes to:
The family of David Pierpont



UMM Spiritual Retreat



Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center
712 Massanetta Springs Road
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



REGISTER

The VA Conference UMM Spiritual Retreat is back and will be held on Friday, September 18 through Saturday, September 19 at Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA. The theme is "B1, Inspire1 - Men of Faith, Sharing their Faith." Rev. Dr. Clarence Brown will be our keynote speaker. Topics include discipleship, mentoring, and prayer life. There will be breakout sessions, fellowship time, and gospel singing. All men of the VA Conference and beyond are invited. Check in begins at 3:00 PM on September 18 and the retreat concludes at 3:00 PM on September 19. All registrations include dinner, breakfast, and lunch: \$150 registration with overnight lodging, \$65 without overnight lodging. Looking forward to a great time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! UMM Spiritual Retreat Sign Up... <https://vaumc.org/ummretreat/>

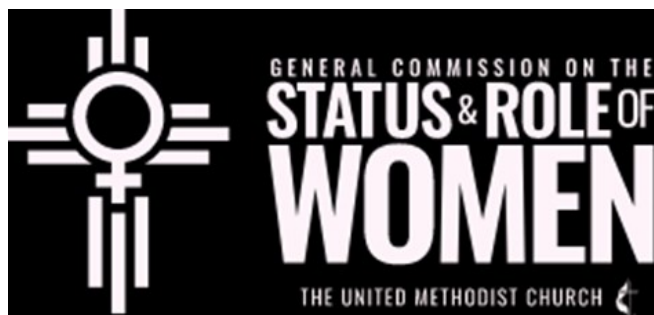


The Wonder Summit: Reimagining Congregational Worship & Prayer with Children

SEJ Pastors, Youth & Children's Leaders, you are invited to The Wonder Summit! Come explore new possibilities for engaging children as full participants in the worshipping life of the church!

Congregational leaders from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church will gather at Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center on November 4–6, 2026, for The Wonder Summit — hosted by the Western North Carolina Conference's Cultivate Grant and Lake Junaluska.

Through keynotes, interactive workshops, collaborative conversations, and hands-on experiences, participants will dig into theology, practical ideas, and contextual application — discovering approaches that invite people of every age to encounter God through worship that is meaningful, participatory, and experiential. Learn more and register: thewondersummit.org



Do No Harm

This November, GCSRW (General Commission on the Status & Role of Women) invites the whole connection to Do No Harm — a virtual conference equipping individuals and the Church to prevent sexual harm and foster trauma-informed care.

For the first time since its inception in 2006, the gathering is fully online. Thursday and Friday offer professional development for those who lead prevention, response, and training; Saturday is a public witness for everyone, centered on truth-telling, healing, and solidarity, offered on a sliding scale.



Ashley Judd and



Rachael Denhollander headline. November 12–14, 2026.

Register at <https://gcsr.org/do-no-harm/>.

Breakthrough Prayer: An Intentional Congregational Prayer Practice

Is your church discerning its future or struggling to imagine what God may be calling it next? Has your attendance declined or has a ministry lost momentum? In times like these, it is easy to jump quickly into forming a committee and planning a strategy or brainstorming solutions. While these things are helpful, what if our first response to challenges is prayer? Breakthrough Prayer is a simple, intentional congregational practice that invites a church to name the places where it needs God to make a way forward—and then consistently pray for that breakthrough.



Read more... <https://vaumc.org/breakthrough-prayer-an-intentional-congregational-prayer-practice/>

Lectio Readings



September 06 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149 or 48 (UMH 861); Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 13 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

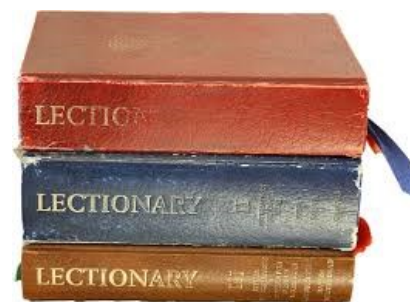
Exodus 14:19-31 and Psalm 114; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 20 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 16:2-25; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, or Psalm 78 (UMH 799); Acts 1:14-21, 33-35; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27 | 18th Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Acts 3:1-19; Matthew 21:23-32



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Charge Conference-Cluster 9

Sunday, November 1

4:00—5:30 PM

St. James UMC

1533 W Queen's St, Hampton



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	31	1 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Men's Bible Study - John Phillips Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	2 MLBS - Pat Fitzgerald's home 5:30pm Big Book Topic Group (AA)	3 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	4	5
6 Miracle Sunday Study Begins 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live-BOLD Discipleship 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	7 Labor Day - Office Closed 7:00pm Metal Detector Meeting - Fellowship Hall	8 9:30am Chair Yoga 5:00pm Leadership Board Meeting - Double Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	9 5:30pm Big Book Topic Group (AA)	10 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	11 7:00pm Harmony House-Open Mic Night 	12 12:00pm 2nd Annual Connectional Cookout
13 Miracle Sunday Study 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service In-person and Facebook live-BOLD Discipleship 7:00pm NA Recovery Group	14 1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive - Fellowship Hall 	15 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Men's Bible Study - John Phillips Classroom 6:30pm NA Meeting 7:00pm SAA Meeting - Double Classroom	16 5:30pm Big Book Topic Group (AA) 6:00pm Mary Levin Bible Study - Location TBD	17 9:30am Chair Yoga 6:00pm Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Group 7:00pm Choir Practice 7:00pm Girl Scouts	18	19 10:00am N/A Event - Fellowship Hall
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