

Susanna Wesley UMC

3900 George Washington Memorial Hwy.
Ordinary, VA 23131

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 39
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Sunday Services

Traditional at 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary at 10:30 a.m.

**In-Service, Facebook Live
Drive-In Worship 101.7 FM**

February 15, 2023



A Mid-Month Update on the Activities of SWUMC

February Mid-Month

A note from Pastor Tom

We are a blessed community. I say this because of all that is taking place in our community. Just look around.

- In our traditional worship service, we are witnessing new voices joining with Barbara leading us in song.
- In our contemporary service, we have been blessed with Crystal's leadership and gifts as she leads and inspires others to join our Praise Team.
- Our Food Pantry ministry is growing. Yes, the need is growing but also our ability to provide for those who are experiencing food insecurity. We added a new freezer to store frozen meats. But the greatest joy was a small chest freezer which was donated right behind it to store the WAWA donations we receive weekly freeing up freezer space in the kitchen freezer.
- We have established a Mission Outreach Room (read more on page 5).
- A deep cleaning of the church will take place on this Saturday (see page 3).
- We have scheduled our first work day since the pandemic (see page 3).
- Our membership is growing and attendance is up.
- Our Leadership Board has set a series of goals for this year that are being worked upon as we set a new vision for our community. Learn more about the upcoming Town Hall Meeting on page 2.
- We are seeing a renewed interest in our spiritual development – Women's Bible Study, Small Groups and a future Pastor Bible Study.
- We have been blessed by the hiring of our new Administrative Assistant Rita Gary (not Gray – it seems I keep transposing the a and r). Rita is assisting me as we work on updating our community communications.

This just a tiny bit of what is taking place. The Holy Spirit is working within our community as we build His kingdom. Grounded in love for God and one another He is with us. So, the message I want to share is for us to look around and take notice of the blessings God has done in your life. We all have challenges – just look at ours: sound system hiccups, storage and growth needs. But in the midst of our own problems, whether health, financial, family or other challenges, God is with us.

Pastor Tom



Our first Town Hall Meeting
Sunday, April 30th
9:30 a.m.
Combined Service
followed by a Fellowship Meal

We will have the first annual Town Hall Meeting and Worship Service on Sunday, April 30th. So, what's a Town Hall Meeting and why are we having one? We have moved to a Simplified Accountable Structure of our church leadership. We have a Leadership Board and as part of this transition, we will be holding our first Town Hall Meeting followed by a Fellowship Meal. We plan on having a Town Hall at least once a year to inform our community on the happenings and vision we have for our community.

So, on Sunday April 30th in the combined worship service, we will gather, sing and share in communion. Pastor Tom and members of the Leadership Board will share a message about our mission, vision and the goals that we have set forth for the coming year. You will learn how our leadership board operates, the goal of our teams the steps we are making to continue our growth. They are grounded in the teachings of our Lord. As a body of believers with intimate spiritual communion and participative sharing in a commitment to work together as we seek to fulfill our mission we want everyone to be able to ask questions and learn and join together in our commitment to fulfil the Gospel message.

Most all you will learn what your Board already knows. We are blessed community doing God's work. It will be a joyous morning of celebration and fellowship.

As part of the service we do something many have not seen in a while or maybe ever. We will commission our Leadership Board in service. This is

Your 2023 Leadership Board

(The members of the Leadership Board are the voting Members of the church who set the direction of the Susanna Wesley and approve budgets, expenditures, etc.)

Class of 2023

Randy Fary
Vicki Barnes
Shirley Fanton

Class of 2024

Marsha Germek
Mike Hensley
Carol Steele

Class of 2025

Judy Core
Debbie Huff
Jackie Turlington

After the service, we will move to Atrium for a Fellowship Meal where you may ask questions and share in fellowship with one another. We will provide the fried chicken and drinks. Plan on bringing a side dish or dessert to share. Most of all, pray for an exceptionally beautiful and warm day for this day of learning and fellowship.





Saturday **March 4th** **8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Outside

Yes, we're having a workday to clean-up around the outside of the church. There are several projects we are working.

- Playground – removal of concrete at base of each swing, removal of broken tops
- Clean-up of bushes on kitchen side and removal of the roots and stumps left from the bushes and trees on the rear driveway side
- Clean-up of branches on the large cedar tree at the education wing side door to give clearance for security cameras
- Preparation of a prayer garden using native plants in the rear of our property
- Removal of the Holy Trees at the front in preparation of the planned landscaping of the front area
- Possible painting of our speed bumps on the side road
- There will be many small and large tasks, so come and help as long as you are able

What about the inside?

Yes, with volunteers, we need to organize and declutter. The good news is we are having a deep cleaning of the church this Saturday. Shepherd Cleaning Services, who did a deep clean when we first reopened during the pandemic, will be here this Saturday at 8 a.m. They are cleaning the windows, carpets, floors, bathrooms, and a deep clean of the kitchen.



There is still time to sign up to go on the

**Red Bird Mission Trip
@ the Workcamp
July 9th, 2023**

We have **18** members of our community going and we have room for more.
But you need to act now before March 10th

We will depart early Sunday, July 9th, arriving between 3 and 5 p.m. for check in at the Work Camp to begin our week. *(It will be a 9½-hour drive with a stop for lunch, etc.)*

Have questions? Check out the information on the Red Bird Mission Trip on the Welcome tables in the Atrium!

You will find

- Red Bird Mission Work Camp brochures
- A Sample Schedule
- The Work Camp Map
- The Work Camp Leader Guide
- Questions and Answers
- And applications to include the Medical and Emergency Information Forms

Want to know more about where we are going?

Go to: <http://rbmission.org/work-camp/>

Red Bird Mission Work Camp - 70 Queensdale Center, Beverly, KY 40913

Total price per person is:

Adults (ages 10-100) \$425.00 (\$50 deposit plus two payments of \$187.50)

Youth (ages 6-9) \$212.50 (\$50 deposit plus two payments of \$81.25)

Children (ages 0-5) FREE

Scholarship Assistance Available

**For those who have made their deposit,
the 2nd installment is due March 10th**

\$187.50 for Adults (0 to 100)

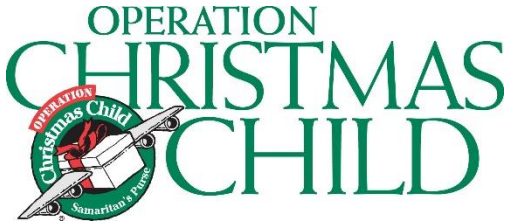
Or \$81.25 for Youth (ages 6-9)

Scholarship Assistance is available

See Phyllis Russell or Pastor Tom

Mission Outreach Room

We know have a room dedicated to mission outreach. You may remember Room 3 (our former Youth Room before the pandemic) has been used as a temporary storage room. Well thanks to the efforts of volunteers, it has been cleaned out and shelves and cabinets moved in to create a place to store supplies for the shoe box ministry and other activities. We have moved the storage containers from the rear of the community room and relocated everything to Room 3. There is room for a table(s) for meetings, work projects and, if needed, for a small group meeting.



2023 Objective *200 Boxes!*

Boxes will be available for individuals to pack throughout the year. Each box should contain a wow item such as dolls, trucks, balls with air pumps, musical instrument, personal care items, a clothing item, accessories, and craft items. If you would like to learn more we suggest going to:

samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/

This is a wonderful website that gives suggestions by age and category.

Our 2023 budget is \$242,630

January Giving Report

Budget for January \$20,220 (monthly)

Received - \$30,379.59

Above Budget this month: \$10,159.99



HVAC Systems Replacement Loan Status

Loan balance as of end of month before additional donations:

\$15,492.26

To Activate the Prayer Chain:

Step 1: Call any of the individuals listed during the time indicated.

Step 2: Please leave a message if your call is not answered before calling another member of the prayer chain.

Step 3: Pray as the prayer chain prays for your need

You may also place your written requests in the drop box at the front door or email you prayer request to:

Prayers@susannawesleyumc.org

*How can I join the prayer chain?
Call the office: 804-642-7551*

DAYTIME: 7AM – 5PM

- Phyllis Russell (540) 903-2817
- Joyce Neville (804) 815-2089
- Louise Quinn (804) 693-2192
- Julia Scarborough (804) 642-4525
- Deborah Wilson (757) 784-2451

EVENINGS: 5PM – 11PM

- Vicki Barnes (757) 592-4489
- Barbara McGlohn (804) 384-1693
- Goldie Rowe (804) 824-7377

NIGHTTIME: 11PM – 7AM

- Phyllis Russell (540) 903-2817
- Sonnie Leonard (804) 815-2864
- Marsha Germek (804) 815-3639

Church Office: (804) 642-7551
Pastor Tom Tipton: (703) 307-6892

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:

Contact Pastor Tom or the church office - 804-642-7551 to add people to or remove people from the prayer list.

- Our brothers and sisters in Christ with unspoken prayers
- Those who have COVID, Flu, RSV or are caring for loved ones
- Those who struggle with unseen addiction, health and mental health issues
- Those with cancer and other health conditions for healing and strength
- Our Food Pantry and the increasing need we are experiencing
- E.C.H.O. Ministry
- G.U.E.S.T Program
- Vicki Barnes
- Clifford Beach
- Raymond & Judy Church
- Sondra Colbert's mother
- Diane Cox—has breast cancer
- Gary Creighton—medical tests
- Marvin Fanton
- Nancy Fanton—cancer has returned
- Lynda Fairchild—continued recovery from mini-stroke
- Jim Germek's family
- Ben Gibbs—loss of his mother
- Jim Hansen (Mike Hansen's father—stroke & blood clots)
- Karen Peabody (Mike Hansen's sister)
- Mike Hansen—loss of his mother (Ann)
- Patty Hanson for the loss of her father
- Louis Hensley & David Tipton as they heal and gain mobility from knee replacement
- Keith Hoban
- Jimmy Huff
- Angela Jenkins
- Jeff & Scott Leiffer
- Rev. Gary Livermon
- Barbara Lyon
- Phil Lyliston (Pastor Tom watches over him)
- People of Ukraine
- Sara—has cancer
- Susie Price—has Pulmonary Fibrosis and has had a hard time breathing the past month
- Mark & Curtis Rice
- Betty Roan & her son who has cancer
- Anita Robbins
- Charles Rowe
- Goldie Rowe—awaiting test results
- Diane Schultz—healing from kidney cancer
- Linda Triolet & family
- Don & Deborah Wilson
- Lorrie Wolstoncraft

There is a community of people that consistently pray over this list, so be encouraged!



Virginia Annual Conference News

<https://vaumc.org/>



Pray for Turkey and Syria

The 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck southern Turkey and North Syria at 4:17 a.m. on Monday, February 6, 2023, resulted in thousands of deaths and many more families displaced. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) partnered with International Blue Crescent (IBC) to provide shelters and much-needed assistance for people who experienced displacement. To read more of UMCOR's response, [visit their webpage](#).

Churches of the Virginia Conference are asked to join in prayer for the people experiencing despair and to join collective giving through our connectional system. Join in giving to [UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery fund online](#) or by sending your donations to the Virginia Conference Business Office (P.O. Box 5606 Glen Allen, VA 23058).

Ukraine Response Update:

Since the February 2022 invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces, The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has acted on behalf of The United Methodist Church to provide aid and assistance. Grants for immediate relief have been given to trusted partners – United Methodist churches in surrounding countries, ecumenical partners and non-governmental organizations – to provide direct aid inside Ukraine as well as help for those who have fled to surrounding countries.

As the conflict continues, UMCOR will be there, faithfully working on your behalf to bring hope and healing to the people of Ukraine. UMCOR's work in Ukraine is funded with gifts to [Advance #982450, International Disaster Response and Recovery](#). 100% of donations to UMCOR goes to its intended purpose.

DONATIONS TO UMCOR'S UKRAINE RESPONSE SO FAR:

- More than \$24 million USD raised to date from individuals and churches,
- Nearly \$18 million USD in aid/support approved or in process for the people of Ukraine, and
- An estimated more than 392,000 Ukrainians helped.

RANGE OF SUPPORT

- Transportation, food, water, clothing, medication, and safe shelters for displaced families, women, children and those with disabilities;
- Urgently needed medical supplies to hospitals to help doctors and nurses care for the sick and injured;
- Legal assistance, counseling and social support for those who have lost their homes, belongings and livelihoods;
- Winterization and repairs at shelters, as well as construction on longer-term lodging for those displaced by the war;
- Repairs on homes as people return to communities impacted by months of warfare, and;
- Explosive removal and mine education throughout the country to reduce risks to those returning to their homes and communities.

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.”

God's Top Ten

1. Put God First

2. Worship Him Only

3. No Bad Words

4. Work 6 Rest 1

5. Obey Your Parents

6. Harm No One

7. Don't Cheat

8. If It's Not Yours,
Don't Take It

9. Tell the Truth

10. Don't Be Jealous of
Other People's Stuff

