

Susanna Wesley UMC

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Sunday Services

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Contemporary at 10:30 a.m.

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October Newsletter

A Message from Lay Leader, Marsha Germek

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing in pre-celebration of all as we will recognize Laity Sunday on Sunday, October 16, 2022 in the United Methodist Church. This is our opportunity to be visible in leading worship and sharing our gifts and talents with the congregation here at Susanna Wesley UMC and with our on-line followers, and within our community. Laity, as defined by the UMC is simply those who are not clergy, ordained for ministry. I think some other words better describe us such as believers, worshipers, church member, laymen (women) or simply lay people, flock and I would add another: Doers, the hands, and feet of Jesus the Christ. Since joining with Susanna Wesley, I have been amazed at how everyone steps in, simply and most often silently going about serving the body of Christ. If something needs attention, then attention is given. If someone needs a meal, one is provided. If someone needs prayer, oh my what wonderful prayer warriors you are. Doers of the faith we share. I want to share a little more of my "church" background, as I have answered God's calling on my heart to serve in Lay Servant Ministry. In 2003 at Church Conference, the District Superintendent asked what are you going to do in the church? I piped up with, I am going into ministry. Well, a pin could be heard dropping, so much silence. And immediately everyone, including my pastor, assumed this was a call to be a Lay Pastor. So, I took the next step, what has been called the purple book and dived in learning and learning and learning. I had the opportunity to serve as a Lay Speaker under another Pastor who had 4 churches. I alternated Sundays, 2 one Sunday, the other 2 the next, and I had to write a sermon (no easy thing) and lead worship and preach. For eight months I served in this capacity until the Pastor went on Sabbatical and my lay speaking duties were over. I learned so much, I learned that while I am passionate about leading worship and being an active part of the service, sermons are hard. I am very conscious of speaking the Word of God, so much so that my mouth becomes a cotton gin. I have learned that my preaching style is sharing how I relate to the word of God through my life experiences. I have learned that it does not matter if there is only one person or 100 people, the one who hears is the one whom God is talking to.

I have taken the opportunities available to Laity, to learn more about Methodism, and grow in my faith and service. I have attended several courses over the years to obtain the status of a Certified Lay Servant and as a Certified Lay Speaker. This is my Joy and my passion. I welcome any opportunity to share with you some of what I have experienced throughout this Journey and provide any information on courses available to all. I am truly blessed to be in ministry with all of you and look forward to engaging in future missions as we serve our risen Lord and Savior.

In His Service,

Marsha K. Germek, CLS/Asst. Lay Leader

Upcoming Messages

Sunday, October 2nd

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Message:

Not Ashamed:
Rekindle the Gift

Sunday, October 9th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Message:

Not Ashamed:
Present Yourself to God

Sunday, October 16th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5

Message:

Not Ashamed:
Itching Ears

Sunday, October 23rd

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

Message:

Not Ashamed:
Poured Out

October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Charge Conference 2:30 p.m. ZOOM
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Sunday Services Traditional 8:15 a.m. Small Groups 9:30 a.m. Contemporary 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:45 a.m.	9-4 office hours 10 a.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. District Conference 7:15 p.m. Mission Outreach	9-4 office hours 10 a.m. Heart of Christianity Book Study & 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	9-4 office hours Food Pantry 9:30 - 12 p.m.		Youth Worship 5- 7 p.m.	8:30 a.m. -4 p.m. Women's Fellowship Simulcast - Bridgepoint Church, Harcum
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Laity Sunday, October 16th



Methodism, in all its roots, has a long history celebrating and recognizing the ministry of the laity. In the early days of American Methodism, the laity served and maintained congregations between visits of the circuit riders. Today, lay people are the front line of daily ministry at the workplace, in the home and within the community. Laity Sunday is a time to recognize the work and mission of all laity — not only within the walls of the church but in everyday lives.

We will be inviting you as lay members to lead in worship and provide updates on the mission's activities of our church on a Sunday set aside to praise God and the joys of service and ministry together.



Monday, October 31st

All Hallow's Eve leading to All Saint's Day on November 1st

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Church Parking Lot

Come and open your trunk and decorate as we provide a safe space for the children of the community to receive the blessings of treats. From simple decorations to an all-out theme with costumes will make this a joyous time for the children. Remember, nothing scary!





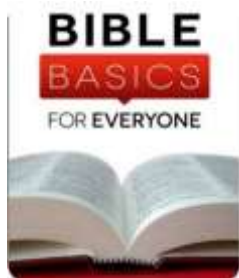
Sunday Mornings after first service

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Social time, Classes start at 9:30

Bible Basics

Community Room (Room 4)

Led by Karl Miller



Join our **Adult Small Group** as we explore the **Gospel of Mark**. We meet in person or you can join this via ZOOM send request for invitation to puzzles4you@hotmail.com

Lively discussion guaranteed: comfortable, & prayer-driven

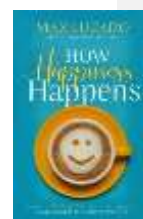
Bible Explorers! **Room 7**

Led by: Kim Tipton



Join our **Adult Small Group** as we explore Max Lucado's newest book *How Happiness Happens*. Max Lucado explores passages of Scripture - explaining how practical acts of generosity can produce a life of

satisfaction and moments of true joy. In a world searching for happiness, bestselling author Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus' teaching and modern research.





Young Adults
Decision Room
Room 3

Led by: Pastor Tom
A 12-week study on the Gospel of John - pick-up a copy of the study in our room on the credenza under the TV.



Youth Group Faith Discussions
Youth Room (Room 5)

Led by Sebastian Brock and Joanne Fary
The youth are invited for a lively discussion of topics that relate to the challenges of life and our faith.

Children’s Church



During 2nd Service
Room 2

Led by a team of facilitators on a rotating basis



Youth Bible Study
Tuesdays
6 – 7 p.m.
Youth Room (Room 5)

Youth Worship
Fridays
5 – 7 p.m.
Worship Center

Women's Fellowship



The Women's Fellowship will be on the 18th this month following the Heart of Christianity Book study (11:30 a.m.). We are asking people to bring finger foods to share, a favorite recipe that can be copied, and either a dish towel, pot holder or oven mitt for the kitchen. We are looking at cleaning the kitchen at a later date and supplying what might be needed.



Fish Fry Fundraiser
Saturday, October 15th
4:30-6:30 p.m.
Eat-In or Take-Out
\$12 adults/\$8 children 11 & under

Mark your calendar for our next Fish Fry! Fried fish, hush puppies, baked beans, desserts, hot dogs for kids (if they prefer). Come one, come all to partake in what we believe is our World-Famous Fish Fry Dinner! Bring a side or dessert!

Charlotte's Annual Toy Drive

Charlotte Kirby is continuing her annual toy drive this year to benefit the children & youth (0-19) of the area during the upcoming holiday season. Please drop off new & unwrapped items at Susanna Wesley UMC. More drop-off locations & details coming soon!





Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry

Christmas is still a few months off, but Operation Christmas Child's deadline will be here before we know it! We continue to receive generous donations; & already, the community room is

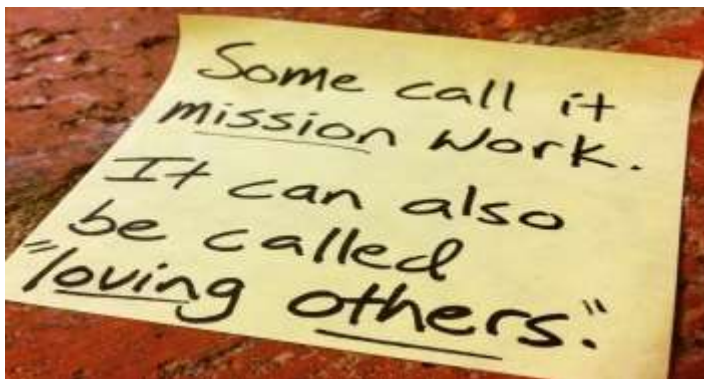
filling up with boxes of joy for children. Please remember that you can support this ministry with prayers, \$donations\$, & material items...or take a box home & fill it with love. **'The Packing of the Boxes'** will be in late October. **OCTOBER NEEDS:**

Reusable water bottles, plastic bowls & utensils, small first aid kits, Band-Aids, etc., NO OINTMENT!

UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS



The Mission Outreach Team has funded the creation of 20 flood buckets for UMCOR. UMCOR distributes these to families in flood ravaged areas. We are ordering the items that make up the buckets. Join us after services and before our Fellowship Meal on Sunday, October 30th to assemble them.





How you can help?

Food Pantry

Everyday

Bring in or drop off your food donations at the door
Bring in your Brown Paper Bags for use in distributing

Tuesdays

Volunteer to help prepare the bags for distribution

Wednesdays

Help welcome and load the bagged food and vegetables into the cars of those who are in need

- **Boxed Meals**
- Canned Vegetables
 - Corn
 - Green Beans
 - Peas
 - Beans
- Canned Meats
 - Spam
 - Ham
 - Chicken & Tuna
- Rice (Small bags)
- Dried Beans (Small bags)
- Breakfast Bars
- Granola Bars
- Diapers (adult, infant)
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Dry (Powered) Milk
- Boxed (Shelf Stable) Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Condensed Milk
- Canned Fruit
- Snack Pack Fruit
- Dried Fruit
 - Raisins
 - Craisins
- Soups
- Stews
- Ramen Noodles
- Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, etc.)
- Feminine products
- Jelly/Preserves
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Corn Bread (Jiffy)
- Stuffing Mix
- Cake Mix
- Cereal - Cheerios, Honey Nut, Wheaties, Corn Flakes, Chex
- Personal Cleaning Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Toilet paper

NOTE: The food pantry is open to all who are in need. If you or someone you know needs food, please call 804-642-7551 on Monday to be put on the list for food pickup at SWUMC on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - noon. Tell them our volunteers will bring their bag(s) (grocery, fresh vegetables, frozen items) to their vehicle.



Fishes and Loaves

(In September we provided 61 meals)

Volunteer to help once a month with Fishes and Loaves

- Help with preparing the meal
- Package the meal for delivery
- Deliver the hot meals to those who need them most – a kind word and smile when delivering can change the day and week for the person who receiving the meal



Birthdays

Oct 2 nd	Judd Albright
Oct 5 th	Leslie Thompson
Oct 6 th	Gary Crayton
Oct 10 th	Mike Damato
Oct 11 th	Alissa Damato
Oct 13 th	Karl Miller
Oct 14 th	Leslie Smith, Jackie Turlington
Oct 15 th	Jacqueline Martin
Oct 25 th	Samantha Lindemann
Oct 26 th	Homer Bolton
Oct 27 th	Robyn Bolton

Anniversaries

Oct 16 th	Rusty & Susie Phaup
Oct 21 st	Tom & Sarah Lindemann



Creating Safe Spaces: Children, Youth, & Vulnerable Adults Online October 24-28, 2022

As more congregations move into hybrid forms of worship and study – in person and online – it is time to review risk reduction policies. These policies ensure that children, youth, vulnerable adults – the staff and volunteer workers with those groups – and the entire congregation are free from abuse, false accusations of abuse, and the associated costs.

This one-week course is a condensed version of both prior courses (Children/Youth and Vulnerable Adults). It focuses on the basics, but many additional resources will be available. The instructor will also be available by email for another week after the course ends.

The price is \$60 and 0.5 CEU is available. (Pastor Tom has funds if you want to take this course)

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

This information is also available on the Virginia Conference website at <https://vaumc.org/safesanctuaries/>

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 your prayer request to:

Prayers@susannawesleyumc.org

How can I join the prayer chain?

Call the office: 804-642-7551

- 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

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

- For our brothers and sisters in Christ with unspoken prayers.
- For those who have COVID or are caring for loved ones with COVID. Prayers for healing and no long-lasting effects.
 - Raymond Church for healing and strength along with Judy for pain relief in her shoulder and strength.
 - Don Wilson & Deborah Wilson.
 - Ann Hansen (Mike Hansen's mother) as begins a journey with Alzheimer's and for her family along with his Dad as they adjust to their new assisted living home.
 - Karen Peabody (Mike Hansen's sister) for healing and strength.
 - Jeff Leiffer (Linda Fletcher) in his hospitalization and relief from the pain he is enduring.
 - Sally who is caring for her 96-year-old sister as she managed her own health problems. Prayers other family members will step up to help.
 - Goldie Rowe as she heals from surgery.
 - Carrie, a friend of Deborah Wilson, who broke her neck in an auto accident.
 - Keith Hoban as he applies for VA benefits.
 - Shirley Fanton's daughter, Michelle Grover, as she reintroduces foods into her nutritional spectrum.
 - Linda Triolet and her family as they care for her mom.
 - Charles Rowe, continued prayers for healing and strength. • Rev. Gary Livermon for continued healing and strength as he settles in his new home and enjoys retirement.
 - Seema Tipton, praises as she completes her treatments to remain cancer free.
 - Sondra Colbert's mother.
 - Phil Lyliston (Pastor Tom watches over him) for blessings and joy in his current home in Norfolk. Prayers that Jewish services can find a place for him in Newport News.
 - Vicki Barnes, prayers for healing as she continues treatment.
 - "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4
 - For the family of Billy Hill in his passing.
 - For the family of Betty Anderson, Keith Hoban's aunt in her passing.
 - For Jim Germek's family in the passing of his mother.
 - For all who have lost loved ones, we miss them and praise God for they are with Him.

Monday Morning Prayer Monday Morning Prayer Ministry



Jesus challenged his disciples not just to do the work but also pray for workers. As disciples we are called to pray earnestly for new workers. The gospel is a sent message that starts with mobilized people who are committed to pray. Prayer is essential for any movement. Join us Mondays at 10 a.m. as we take time to pray for one another and our community.

Pick up a Prayer Guide in the Lobby



Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

The Shepherds' Visit

F F H R P H U U B I S A N F W V L N S R
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TRIBE OF JUDAH

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MESSENGER
BETHLEHEM
ISRAELITE
YAHWEH

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