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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

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A Mid-Month Update on the Activities of SWUMC



June

Mid-Month Update

Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 26th
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Luke 9: 51-62

Message:

Living the Spirit Life:
Brought Home in the Spirit Series

Sunday, July 3rd

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

2 Kings 5:1-14

Message:

Wash and Be Clean
Prophet Masters Sermon Series

Sunday, July 10th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Carol Bookwalter

Sunday, July 17th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Amos 8:1-17

Message:

Living a Better Day
Prophet Masters Sermon Series

Your newsletter is late I know. I've been behind as we prepared for Annual Conference and have been working to complete our efforts to complete the conversion of our classrooms from preschool to small group gathering rooms.

This year's annual conference theme was United One in Worship. I'm happy to report, though our denomination has many challenges ahead and as much as we struggled in session to keep on task, we were truly united when we came together. As your pastor, I was blessed to see many of my fellow pastors and friends I have not seen in two to three years. We shared the struggles of COVID and the challenges we are all facing as we rebuild our ministries. A majority of the pastors and laity I spoke with shared a deep desire in their congregations to just be a church and the community of believers called to share the message of God's love in this broken world.

We are a: Committed People of God

At our best, we are the spirit-filled, resilient, connected, missional, faithful, diverse, deeply rooted, committed, disciple-making, Jesus-seeking, generous, justice-seeking, world-changing people of God called The United Methodist Church. In the Virginia Conference, we are:

1,146 churches
308,490 members
1,895 clergy

Our domestic and international mission reaches over 1,400,000 people.

The greatest joy of this conference came at the end when the Joshua, a Wesley Foundation pastor working with our college students spoke up. He requested that \$50,000 be reallocated

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Church Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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in our conference budget towards Children and Youth Ministries. He worked and persisted through the parliamentary procedures and the road blocks to accomplishing this, but it was too late to make this change. However, those present heard his call. “The children and Youth are our future and we need to allocate funds for projects and ministries to meet their need”. Rev. David Magruder and I approached him to tell him to allow the Holy Spirit to be present. He was worried it couldn't be done. We said wait, and one by one, Pastors and laity from congregations came to the microphone to pledge monies for this coming year. Over \$66,000 was raised and more will come in. We are working with the Conference Treasurer office to set up a designated fund with clear guidelines for their use so the Campus Ministers can use these funds to reach and provide programs.-

This is a conference initiative that is important to all of us: our children and youth. We are blessed to have Sebastian leading our Youth program along with Sarah who is leading our Children's Worship. But our programs are lacking. My question for everyone, “is this something we need to focus on?”

The challenge of summer is upon us and our thoughts focus on vacations, weekends at the beach or on the water, or maybe a trip to the mountains? What can we be doing and what steps should we take is a question I leave with you.

Just a thought - Pastor Tom

Food for Thought

We Need a vibrant Children's Ministry Because Children Matter to God

Jesus made it quite clear that children—*all children*—matter to God. He values them not only for what they will become in the future but for who they are today. Jesus even recommended to His grown-up, self-important disciples that to understand God's Kingdom, they needed to observe, learn from, and imitate young children.

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

We Need a vibrant Children's Ministry Because Children Need to Learn About God

We all agree that children need to learn about God. That's the stated purpose of children's ministry! However, for children to learn about God effectively, they may not necessarily need more information or newer programs. The most effective way for any child to learn about God is through example. The attitudes and actions of a person who is willing to live as an example for him or her is important. For every child—from an infant to the oldest child in your ministry—relationship matters.

A relationship with a living, breathing Christian who cares about him or her is the cornerstone of learning about God

What should we do?

THIS SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH

Vacation Bible School

Planning Meeting (w/lunch!)
Sunday, June 26, 2022
12:00 Noon



We are working to put together a shortened version of a typical week long VBS program.

Pray about becoming part of this team.

For two or more to join together to lead the team

**Vicky Barnes has stepped up to plan our program
Barbara McGlohn will lead the music and help with activities**

For those who have gifts to teach, to help, to lead craft or sport activities and those who can prepare food are welcome to step up!

One idea for a shortened version would be to host a Studio VBS – Come and hear the ideas

Creating a Studio atmosphere would be easy using colors and decorations from Oriental Trading Company. We can purchase crafts, coloring pages and DIY instruments for the children to make. Others could prepare yummy snacks for the kids to share. There will never be a dull moment!

How much fun could we have singing and playing the DIY instruments, along with games, art projects and crafts?

Go on a Mission Trip
There's still time to sign-up for
Red Bird Mission Workcamp
July 9th 2023

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 9 ½ hour drive with a stop for lunch, etc.)

Check out the Red Bird Mission Table in the Atrium!

- Red Bird Mission Work Camp Brochures
- Sample Schedule
- Work Camp Map
- Work Camp Leader Guide
- Questions and Answers
- Applications – Medical and Emergency Information Forms

Where are we going?

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

This is a year-round work opportunity for volunteers in mission and service-minded groups. Work Camp strives to provide home repair for low-income community residents and maintenance for Mission buildings and grounds. Some examples of work projects are roof replacement, small room additions, painting, building porches or ramps, and grounds keeping. Other light duty work is available such as cutting soup upc's, office work, craft and community store helpers, and recycling. A single fee covers the cost of each person's lodging, meals, and materials used. Cost & construction experience is not an issue.

How much will it cost?

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

Stay after service – get to know your neighbor
For a cup of coffee or planning to come for the next

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal

Sunday, July 31st, 12:00 Noon in the Atrium

Support your community through financial gifts

May Giving Report

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We are blessed as we tithe as a community supporting the missions of Susanna Wesley. Serving our community locally, nationally and internationally.

2022 Budget for May - \$19,264.00
Tithes/Offerings Received - \$19,037.88
Below Budget - \$226.12
SWUMC Mission Outreach Tithe - \$1,903.78

As we come out of the pandemic our expenses are increasing as we host more activities. Pray about catching up if you are behind.

Go above and beyond with a 2nd Mile Gift to replace out HVAC systems



In your 2021 January 15th Midmonth Newsletter we announced a **2nd Mile Giving Opportunity**. We shared that our church budget included monies to replace our 34-year-old heat pumps based on a \$52,000 (revised estimate), 10-year loan with an estimated payment of \$650 per month (Note: in the May mid-month we reported this to be \$700 which was an error). Many of you have stepped forward with 2nd mile gifts and we have passed the monies needed for the first two units located in the Worship Center and are continuing our efforts towards raising the monies for the Education Wing units. We celebrate the gifts received and ask for continued prayers as we praise God from whom all blessings flow while we continue to give. We are closing in on our goal as seen in the Fund-Raising Thermometer.

“When a man becomes a Christian, he becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that man, when he gets all he can and saves all he can, does not give all he can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that man!”

John Wesley—

Pray, pray and pray again. Talk to God and share your concerns and the concerns of others. Most of all thank God for His presence in your life.

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 (804) 684-5143
- 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 (804) 684-5143
- Sonnie Leonard (804) 815-2864

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.

- For our brothers and sisters in Christ with unspoken prayers
- Goldie Rowe as she heals from surgery
- The family of Isabella Wheat (Marsha Germek's sister) as they mourn her loss.
- Louise Quinn and Virginia Meyer as they enjoy new friendships and visitors in their new home.
- For all who have lost loved ones. For blessings in warm memories and joys of remembrance as they mourn their loss and find joy in the blessing they are with Christ.
- Gary Crayton for healing from his fall
- Keith Hoban for healing and strength from his accident
- Shirley Fanton's daughter, Michelle Grover, for continued healing from her surgery
- Harry Leonard for healing of his knee
- Linda Triolet and her family as they care for her mom
- Charles Rowe continued prayers for healing and strength
- The Leonard family, prayers for healing
- Rev. Gary Livermon for continued healing and strength as he settles in his new home and enjoys retirement.
- Seema Tipton as she continues treatment for breast cancer
- Don Wilson & Deborah Wilson
- Robbie Hansford, prayers for healing
- Sondra Colbert's mother
- Vicki Barnes, prayers for healing as she continues treatment
- Prayers for safe travels for those going away this summer
- For those who have personal prayer needs

Mark your calendar with the upcoming events

Upcoming Events

- *Mission Outreach – Monday, July 11th 7:15 p.m.*
- *Leadership Board – Wednesday, July 20th 7 p.m. (Zoom & in-person)*
- *Women's Fellowship – on Summer Hiatus*
- *Fishes & Loaves – Saturday, July 30th 3-5 p.m. (Church Kitchen)*
- *5th Sunday Luncheon – Sunday, July 31st 12:00 Noon (Atrium)*

Food Pantry

How you can help?

Food Pantry

- Bring in or drop off your food donations at the door
 - We encourage you to bring items highlighted below
 - All donations help those in need
- Volunteer to help with the Food Pantry

Fishes and Loaves

- 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

Boxed Meals

- Canned Vegetables
 - Corn
 - Green Beans
 - Peas
 - Beans

Canned Meats

- Tuna
- Spam
- Ham
- Chicken

- Rice (Small bags)

- Dried Beans (Small bags)

Breakfast Bars

Granola Bars

- Diapers (adult, infant)

- Pasta

- 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

- Pasta Sauce

- Jelly/Preserves - When you visit the food pantry you will see an abundance of peanut butter and jelly

- Macaroni & Cheese

- Corn Bread (Jiffy)

- Stuffing Mix

- Cake Mix

- Cereal - Cheerios, Honey Nut, Wheaties, Corn Flakes, Chex

- Personal Cleaning Wipes

- Paper Towels

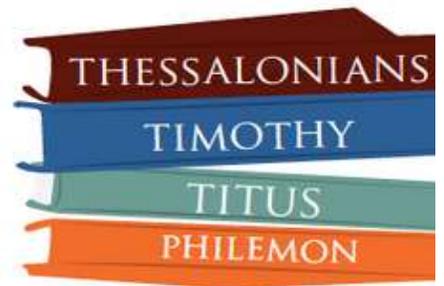
- Toilet paper

NOTE: The food pantry is open to all who are 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-noon. Tell them our volunteers will bring their bag(s) (grocery, fresh vegetables) to their vehicle.

We are always in need of brown paper grocery bags!

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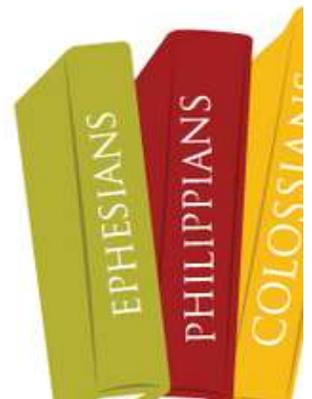
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 Timothy
 Titus
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 James
 Peter

Johns
 Jude
 Revelation



Articles and Ministry updates for submission in the Monthly newsletter are due by the 25th of the month. Mid-Month submissions are by the 10th of the current month.