

Susanna Wesley UMC

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Sunday Services

Traditional at 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary at 10:30 a.m.

April
2023



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From the Pastor

Holy week begins this Sunday with the waving of the palm fronds during our celebration of Palm Sunday. It's a week of great anticipation, fear, sadness, reflection and joy that takes place on Easter morning. Peter writes to the communities of faith in his letter to the church,

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade." 1 Peter 1:3.

This gift was given for all. Easter morning is a day we all cherish. But it is also a day of renewal and recommittal to the life of a disciple Jesus calls us to. Peter, the Rock, challenges us in his letter to go deeper in our journey. He is writing to a group of followers who are suffering in their faith. He is counseling them to keep looking to Christ for courage. He himself understood the challenge from his own journey. He advises them to be "holy" or "set apart", to live in submission to God.

"And this is the word that was preached to you. Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." 1 Peter 1:25b-2:1-3

As we enter April and approach Holy Week, take time to reflect on your own journey. How close or how far are you from Him? Make time to pray and confront your own challenges to faith and set yourself apart once again from this world. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. After all, this week is about His love for the world and everyone in it. Trust Him as we welcome those who seek him to our community.

Pastor Tom

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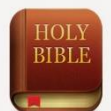
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Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday (April 2nd)



Worship Services

8:15 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Maundy Thursday (April 6th)

6:30 p.m. Service



Good Friday (April 7th)



Prayer Stations

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday (April 9th)



SonRise Service

Gloucester Point Beach @ VMS Library
6:30 a.m. (Sunrise 6:40 a.m.)

Easter SonRise Breakfast

@ Bethany UMC

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Worship Services

8:15 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Easter Egg Hunt

11:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
for the children





SUSANNA WESLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter EGG HUNT

Join us for family fun as we search for colorful Easter eggs hidden throughout the playground. With hundreds of eggs to find, the hunt is on for the most eggs and the famous chocolate eggs!

APRIL 9TH
11:45 AM

3900 George Washington Memorial Highway
Ordinary, VA, 23231
804-642-7551



Upcoming Services

Sunday, April 16th
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Message
Fullness of Joy
A Living Hope

Sunday, April 23rd
8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Scripture: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Message
Loosening the Bonds
A Living Hope

Sunday, April 30th
9:30 a.m.
Town Hall Meeting
Joint Service

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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PALM SUNDAY 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 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Chair Yoga 9:30 am Prayer Team 10:30 a.m. Mission Outreach Team Mtg. 7 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Student Ministry Bible Study 6-7 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Food Pantry Pick-up 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 p.m. service	GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH OPEN 9 a.m.-6 a.m. Stations of Cross w/Prayer Stations Student Ministry Worship 6-8 p.m.	
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EASTER SUNDAY Sunday Services SonRise Service 6:30 a.m. Breakfast 7-8 a.m. Traditional 8:15 a.m. Small Groups 9:30 a.m. Contemporary 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 11:45 a.m.	EASTER MONDAY 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Chair Yoga 9:30 a.m. Prayer Team 10:30a.m. Pastor Off	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Student Ministry Bible Study 6-7 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Food Pantry Pick-up 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Leadership Board 7 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours Grief Share 6:30 p.m.	Student Ministry Worship 6-8 p.m.	Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
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30						
Sunday Services Town Hall Meeting Joint Service 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Meal 11:00 a.m.						

John 15:12: My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you

The church office hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Need help or have questions?

Please contact: Rita Gary our Administrative Assistant

office@susannawesleyunc.org

804-642-7551

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MISSIONS AND OUTREACH



This year UMCOR is asking for three specific kits: Cleaning Kits, Hygiene Kits, and the newest kits, Menstrual Hygiene Kits. Information on the Kits is located in the Atrium on the Welcome tables or you may access the following links



Flood Bucket Cleaning Kit
<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>

Hygiene Kit
<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-hygiene-kit/>

Menstrual Hygiene Kit
<https://umcmmission.org/umcor-menstrual-hygiene-kit/>



Feeding Ministries Update

Food Pantry

The need continues to increase and we are grateful for our volunteers and those who donate to the Food Pantry. The Peninsula Food Bank is struggling with the increased demand as the safety net programs created during the COVID pandemic are dropped. We have been blessed with a steady supply of frozen meats. But have had to restock our shelves at Food Lion for specific items such as spaghetti which is a staple in our weekly provisions.

For the month of March 2023

Amount of Food

Received and Distributed

Number of pounds of food received:

622.6 lbs.

Number of pounds of food distributed:

2,684 lbs.

Number of Individuals Served

31 Children (0-17)

36 Adults (18-64)

46 Seniors (60+)

5 of whom are Veterans

Fishes and Loaves

Working with Bay Aging we come together on the 4th Saturday of the month to prepare and deliver hot meals as part of the Meals on Wheels program.

Number of Individuals Served

68 Seniors (60+) received a hot meal

Food provided for **95 Seniors (60+)** to receive a meal delivered outside our community



Food Pantry Needs>>> - We Need your help

- Feminine products, wipes
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Spam, etc.)
- Rice
- Breakfast Bars/Granola
- Diapers, formula, etc.
- Pasta
- Dry/Boxed/Canned Milk
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Soups/Stews/Ramen
- Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Jelly/Preserves
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Beans
- Paper Towels/toilet paper

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 from 9:30-noon. The volunteers will bring your bag to your vehicle.

NOTICE

Susanna Wesley is now an official partner with the Peninsula Food Bank. This has allowed us to purchase many of the basic need items at a lower cost. **It does not eliminate the need for support.** The Food Bank is not able to provide all the food items we need. Please continue to support our food bank as we highlight the items we cannot obtain.

Thank you and blessings, Bobby Scarborough

Prayer Chain >>>

To Activate the Prayer Chain:

Call any of the individuals listed during the time indicated. The first person to get the prayer request will call the Pastor and the next person in line. If no answer, the first person will continue down the list until actual contact is made with a prayer chain team member. The second person will contact the next person in line until all prayer chain team members have been contacted and the chain is complete.

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 (804) 642-0760
- 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 in your prayers:

• 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 • People of Ukraine • Praise Team • Red Bird Mission Trip • Vicki Barnes • Clifford Beach • Tanya Bray—for her mom's surgery (recover, heal quickly & give her drive to get back to normal) and for her ex-husband to go to rehab and get his life straight • Kent Carr—gastro problems • Raymond & Judy Church • Sondra Colbert's mother • Diane Cox—has breast cancer • Gary Crayton • Moody Crowder—heart attack (in hospital) • Bunnie & Mike Ekdahl—travel mercies • Marvin Fanton • Nancy Fanton—cancer has returned • Jim Germek's family • Marsha Germek—cardiac catherization on Friday • Ben Gibbs—loss of his mother • Mike Hansen—loss of his parents (Ann and Jim) • Patti Hansen for the loss of her father • Debbie's family • Karen Peabody (Mike Hansen's sister) • Keith Hoban • Soni James (Sonnie's cousin)—peace and comfort after death of her son • Sebastin (and Bella) • Danielle Holloway—find a place to live really soon • Angela Jenkins • Kami Kirby—strep throat • Jeff & Scott Leiffer • Sonnie Leonard—tests • Barbara Lyon • Phil Lyliston (Pastor Tom watches over him) • Patsy Matheny (Traci Noah's cousin), who is recovering from brain surgery • Donna Mills—beginning cancer treatment • Marie Lou Muncy—hip replacement • Donnie Pearson (friend of Kenny Forstmann's)—congestive heart failure • Tinker Perry—cancer & heart • Sara—has cancer • Heather Pluim—52-year-old cousin died suddenly • Michelle Pluim—31-year-old brother died suddenly • 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 • Melisha Robbins—diagnosed with breast cancer • Charles Rowe • Diane Schultz—healing from kidney cancer • Dot Slack (Ginny & Karl's sister-in-law)—has lung cancer and given 3-6 months to live • Linda Triolet & family • Carol Weakley—stomach problems • Don & Deborah Wilson • Deborah Wilson's Aunt Marilyn—severe shortness of breath (likely heart disease) • Vicki Wolz—painful shingles on right eye, forehead and head

If you have a need, feel free to fill out our request

form. You can also leave prayer requests by calling or emailing your Prayer Team at prayer@susannawesleyumc.org, or contact the church office at (804) 642-7551.



Worship Service Updates



Traditional Worship Service 8:15 a.m.

Our group of singers is growing. Barbara has been over joyed and our services are being blessed with their voices. We're on our way towards trio or quartet, and then larger for special occasions. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Contemporary Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Join our Praise Team



Practice Wednesday's 6:30 p.m.

Are being blessed with
the voices of our children

For more information
Contact: Crystal Tucker-Oberlin
Director of Contemporary Music
Cell: 804-824-8939 (phone or text)

Proverbs 17:17: A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity



Sunday Mornings after first service

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

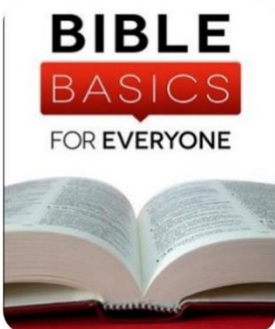
Bible Basics

Community Room (Room 4)

Led by: Karl Miller

Join our **Adult Small Group** as we explore the Book of Genesis

Lively discussion guaranteed: comfortable, & prayer-driven

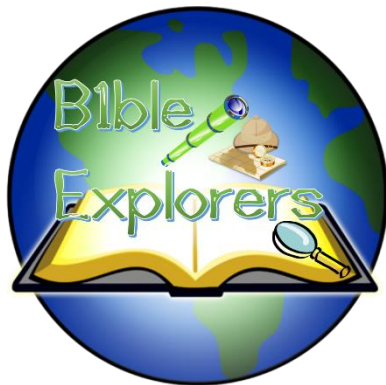
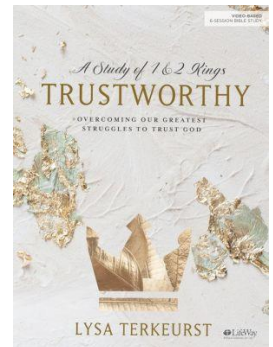


Bible Explorers!

Room 7

Led by: Kim Tipton

Join our Adult Small Group as we begin our exploration after a delay of the 6-session study of 1 & 2 Kings. Lysa Terkeurst the author will guide us from Israel as she honestly reveals the places of distrust in her own heart while exploring the deeply applicable Scriptures that will teach us how to truly trust God.



Young Adults

Decision Room (Room 3)

Led by: Pastor Tom

Join Pastor Tom as we read James letter to the church and discuss its implications on our lives.





Student Ministry

Small Group

(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

Weekday Small Groups and Gatherings

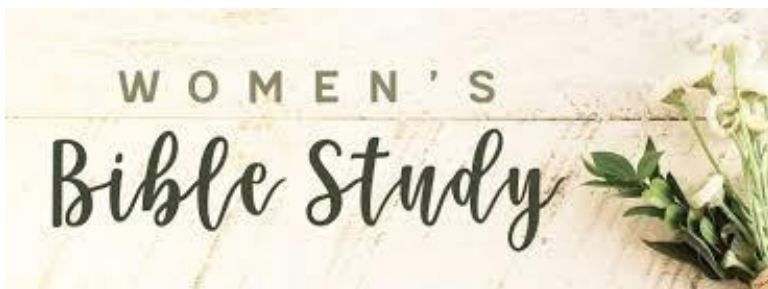


Bible Study

Tuesday's
6–7 p.m.

Student Ministry Worship

Worship Center
Friday's
6–8 p.m.



with Rev. Carol Bookwalter

3rd Saturday of the month
9 a.m.–Noon in the Community Room



“

Lord, we lift our hearts to you.

As the dawn breaks, may we carry the
unity we share into every moment knowing
that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sun rises, may
this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for
the beautiful colors of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew
air falls, may we breathe this morning in and
know that like the earth, you sustain us,
keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history,
when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness
and bathed the world in stunning resurrection
light. May we ever live to praise you!

Amen.”

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