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### **Sunday Services**

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

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# August Newsletter

SUMMER

## *From the Pastor*

I have to be honest with everyone, I've been restless and struggling to some extent. I have been losing my passion, my fervor, my zeal, my gusto and my zing so to speak. I need it to drive me every day to do God's work. It's hard work serving our Lord, being a pastor, a servant techie and servant in life in a world that is divided over everything. I am blessed as we are a community seeking to work together, but that hasn't always been the way for our community and the entirety of the church of Jesus the Christ, our Lord.

We've survived the COVID pandemic and we are entering our future. A future filled and guided by the COVID endemic ("meaning COVID is still around but that it's at a level that is not causing significant disruption in our daily lives, or at least not as disruptive as it has been over the past two years). This is not to forget we still have the FLU endemic whose season we will enter this fall. We will also be living with new viruses (e.g. Monkey Pox). They will disrupt our lives to some extent. It's the new normal.

This coupled with our journey to incorporate new technologies along with the transformation of our facility for the future can and has been overwhelming. We have transitioned from a preschool-centered community to the challenges of growing through small groups, youth and children programs. This has created a new normal that is not always comfortable or easy. Our online worship, our desire to transition back towards some of the ways we had pre-pandemic in our contemporary worship service, along with a transition towards a new future is challenging. We're building on our love of God, our desire for unity in love along with a foundational desire to welcome new families to our community.

When I struggle I know its time to pull back, to take some vacation, just like many of you are doing this summer. Over the past several weeks I have taken time away, first with Kim's brother and family as they visited from California. Then this past week with our grandsons (maybe I need a vacation from the vacation with them – I now understand a new type of tired – grandparent tired!).

I came into to church on Monday with the candle lit so to speak. A renewed spirt but one that is guarded as we continue this journey. We're getting closer to finishing so many projects, though we still have a few big challenges in the future that will need the help of volunteers, such as running new speaker lines, installing the new speakers and subwoofers, and running lines to the classrooms with an eye towards future upgrades in our lighting, classroom connectivity and facility. For me I can see a new hope to move from the techie pastor I have become to returning to parish ministry pastor I desire. To have time to be out in community. More importantly, to be able to visit and interact with you outside of church. To accomplish this, I need everyone to think about our future.

For me when I think about our future John Wesley comes to mind. He had a clarity of mission for the movement he led (Note: he didn't have to think about buildings, HVAC systems, cameras, signage and technology). In his charge to newly commissioned circuit riders, Wesley said:

*You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore, spend and be spent in this work. And go not only to those that need you, but to those that need you most...It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance.*

John Wesley had a vision, a clarity of mission. So how does his charge guide me and us? John Wesley clearly understood and passed on to his leadership a fine distinction between mission and strategy. Surely, the strategy of preaching and caring for the community of faith (church) was excellent, but they were not an end in and of themselves.

Saving souls was Wesley's mission. As I have been thinking about this, a question comes to mind. What is our mission? In an article I recently read, another Methodist Pastor shared from his research 64% of the laity in his church had no vision for their life. To be honest, he suspected the problem wasn't that they had no vision, but that they had so many competing visions they have no idea which one to select.

Let's face it. In America, especially suburbia (yep, Gloucester is becoming suburbia), the country life has left with Green Acres. His church was very much like ours. The abundance of life options surrounding us is mind-numbing. It's for us like being children in a candy store. We are tempted to think that we need to make our church about 10,000 things instead of focusing on the one thing that is needed.

Mission statements that aren't etched into our hearts go un-lived and untried, while clear and memorable words filled with emotion have a chance of being spread from person to person. When Wesley sent Coke and Whatcoat off to America, Wesley once again clarified the mission and said, "Offer them Christ!" He never wavered in mission and we can't either.

That's my challenge to you, to our leadership and for myself. How do we clarify our Vision? As we make this enormous step we will be setting a new future for a new community known as Susanna Wesley. I want to leave you with some ideas to help us take this next step that will ignite the Holy Spirit within us, renew us, challenge us, transform us and fill us with excitement and possibilities, like that of the community that was first formed 30-plus years ago. That energy will attract others who want a relationship with a God that loves them. We can be a church different from the others – not just welcoming, but transforming. This will require us to think outside the box.

The first step will be for us to identify the one big idea that sits in the intersection of our passions, our abilities, and the needs and resources of our context. This will require us to relook our old mission statement, taking this big idea and wordsmith it into a new mission statement.

The second step will require us to identify and live into a set of unique values that will exemplify our one big idea in everything we do.

The third step requires us to describe the desired outcome of our ministry in simple and measurable ways. This will be a challenge for each one of us and for our Leadership Board. We will begin this next year with Goals and Objectives that come from each one of us unified together.

The fourth step will be for us to create a strategy that will direct everything we do to achieve that end. This will allow us to finally dream big and pray large about the impact of vision on the world over time!

John Wesley's vision changed his world because it was clear. It impacted England, America, and the entire world because it was duplicatable. Once we have a renewed clarity of vision, we will find ways to make it transferable to the next generation. This is how we will spread revival to our land and surrounding community. We have spent two years laying a foundation. Tomorrow we build the kingdom.

## Upcoming Services

**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

**Message:**

Prophet Margins: Learn to Do Good

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**VBS finale w/luncheon to follow**

**Scripture:**

Isaiah 5: 1-7

**Message:**

Prophet Margins: Yielding Wild Grapes

**Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

**Message:**

Prophet Margins: I Knew You

**Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:**

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

**Message:**

Prophet Margins: Cracked Cisterns

Just a thought, Pastor Tom

# August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-12  VBS Planning 6:30p.m.			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Sunday Services</b> VBS Planning after 10:30 service w/lunch  <b>Youth Movie Night</b> 6:00 p.m. "I Still Believe" 			Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.- 12 p.m.	<b>VBS</b> Family Movie Night 'Sing' 6-8 p.m. 	<b>VBS</b> Instrument Night 6-8 p.m.	<b>VBS</b> Crafts, Activities, Singing 9:30 a.m. – 1.p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Sunday Services</b> <b>VBS Finale</b> & Luncheon 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.			Food Pantry 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Sunday Services</b>			Food Pantry 9:30 a.m. -12 p.m.		Family Movie Night 6:00 p.m. 	Fishes and Loaves 3 – 5 p.m. Church Kitchen
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Sunday Services</b>			Food Pantry 9:30 a.m.-12p.m.			

## August Event Highlights

### Movie Night – Youth Event August 7<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m.

'*I Still Believe*' is based on the life of American contemporary Christian music singer-songwriter Jeremy Camp and his first wife, Melissa Lynn Henning-Camp, who was diagnosed with ovarian cancer shortly before they married. Camp's song "I Still Believe" is the film's namesake.



### Vacation Bible School – August 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>



- **MOVIE NIGHT** - Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m. **SING**
- **INSTRUMENT NIGHT** – Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 6-8 p.m.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **VBS FINALE** – Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. service with Fellowship Meal to follow



### Family Movie Night – August 26<sup>th</sup> – *War Room*

With great jobs, a beautiful daughter (Alena Pitts) and a dream house, the Jordan's seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony (T.C. Stallings) flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth (Priscilla Shirer) becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer



# August Birthday's and Anniversary's

## Birthday's



August 1<sup>st</sup>  
August 4<sup>th</sup>  
August 5<sup>th</sup>  
August 9<sup>th</sup>  
August 14<sup>th</sup>  
August 16<sup>th</sup>

August 19<sup>th</sup>  
August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August 26<sup>th</sup>

August 31<sup>st</sup>

Carol Steele  
Bobby Scarborough  
Susie Phaup  
Drew Thompson  
Trevor Varnell  
Randy Boone  
Amber Goodrich,  
Sarah Thompson  
Roxanne McNamara  
Joanne Fary  
Allison Noa  
Jonathan Finley  
Donna Milby  
Paulette Insley

## Anniversary's

August 6<sup>th</sup> John & Britinie Jordan  
August 8<sup>th</sup> Heather & West Patton  
August 21<sup>st</sup> Raymond & Dawn Church  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> Roy & Paulette Insley  
August 23<sup>rd</sup> Doug & Brenda Fairbanks  
August 28<sup>th</sup> Karl & Ginny Miller





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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ALL  
EVENTS ARE  
**FREE!**

# YOUTH SUMMER EVENTS



GET READY FOR A FUN-PACKED SUMMER

## JULY

JULY 8TH-9TH

MOVIE NIGHT + LOCK IN  
"HEAVEN IS FOR REAL"

JULY 17

BOWLING @ AMF YORKTOWN  
6PM

## AUGUST

AUGUST 8TH

MOVIE NIGHT  
"I STILL BELIEVE"  
6PM

AUGUST

ROLLER SKATING  
DATE TBD

CONTACT SEBASTIAN BROCK WITH ANY  
QUESTIONS

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## 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](mailto: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) 642-4961
- 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 pray for these parishioners & families:

**Contact the church office at 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 the family of Billy Hill in his passing
- Ann Hansen (Mike Hansen's mother) as begins a journey with Alzheimer's and for her family along with his Dad
- 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
- The family of Isabella Wheat (Marsha Germek's sister) as they mourn her loss.
- Germek family as they mourn their beloved dog Sammy
- Judy and Ray Church for continued healing and strength
- 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 from COVID
- 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
- Sondra Colbert's mother
- Vicki Barnes, prayers for healing as she continues treatment
- Prayers for safe travels for those going away this summer

**PRAISE:** Deborah Wilson's grandsons, Brooks and Bennett have recovered from their illnesses. Thank you for your prayers.

## Monday Morning Prayer Ministry

**When:** 10 am every Monday (except Holidays)

**Where:** Classroom 7 in our Education Wing.

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 as we take time to pray for one another and our community.

**Pick up a Prayer Guide in the Lobby**

## 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.

More info is coming soon!

**AUGUST** – pens, pencils, small notebooks, pencil sharpeners, pencil cases, calculators



# Food Pantry

## How you can help?

### Food Pantry

- Bring in or drop off your food donations at the door
- 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Boxed Meals</b></li><li>• Canned Vegetables<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Corn</li><li>○ Green Beans</li><li>○ Peas</li><li>○ Beans</li></ul></li><li>• Canned Meats<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Spam</li><li>○ Ham</li><li>○ <b>Chicken</b> &amp; Tuna</li></ul></li><li>• Rice (Small bags)</li><li>• Dried Beans (Small bags)</li><li>• Breakfast Bars</li><li>• Granola Bars</li><li>• <b>Diapers</b> (adult, <b>infant</b>)</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pasta</li><li>• <b>Dry (Powered) Milk</b></li><li>• Boxed (Shelf Stable) Milk</li><li>• Evaporated Milk</li><li>• Condensed Milk</li><li>• <b>Canned Fruit</b></li><li>• <b>Snack Pack Fruit</b></li><li>• Dried Fruit<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Raisins</li><li>○ Craisins</li></ul></li><li>• Soups</li><li>• Stews</li><li>• Ramen Noodles</li><li>• Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, etc.)</li><li>• Feminine products</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pasta Sauce</li><li>• <b>Jelly/Preserves</b> - When you visit the food pantry you will see an abundance of peanut butter and jelly</li><li>• Macaroni &amp; Cheese</li><li>• Corn Bread (Jiffy)</li><li>• Stuffing Mix</li><li>• Cake Mix</li><li>• Cereal - Cheerios, Honey Nut, Wheaties, Corn Flakes, Chex</li><li>• <b>Personal Cleaning Wipes</b></li><li>• Paper Towels</li><li>• Toilet paper</li></ul> |
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**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 a.m. - noon. Tell them our volunteers will bring their bag(s) (grocery, fresh vegetables, frozen items) to their vehicle.

## Looking for a Bible Study/Small Group

### Sunday Morning

Join the **Adult Small Group** which meets in person in our community room at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. You can also join this group via ZOOM

send request for invitation to [puzzles4you@hotmail.com](mailto:puzzles4you@hotmail.com)

Lively discussion guaranteed: comfortable, & prayer-driven

### Youth Sunday Small Group at 9:30 a.m

### Sunday Morning Explorers!

Join the **Explorers** at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings  
Led by: Kim Tipton



## Armor Of God Word Search



Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

S C S A L V A T I O N I U R  
W T E N S C R I P T U R E I  
O L I P U J N S H I E L D G  
R O E D H L E G O D F T Q H  
D I H G E E G A S P I R I T  
A R M O R E S S L J K T E E  
S U H S L D I I E A L O V O  
L U L P G G R F A I T H U U  
W N T E U A T H N N G R I S  
O H E L M E T J A S S I T N  
R U L L A M J K C P E A C E  
D O E D O L B E L T F R S S  
B R E A S T P L A T E R I S  
S A N D A L S H T R U T H K

ARMOR  
BELT  
BREASTPLATE  
EPHESIANS  
FAITH

GOD  
GOSPEL  
HELMET  
PEACE  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

SALVATION  
SANDALS  
SHIELD  
SCRIPTURE  
SPIRIT

WORD  
TRUTH