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May Newsletter

From the Pastor

Spring has sprung along with Easter morning. A beautiful morning if I say so myself. It began with our first sunrise service in two years at Gloucester Point Beach. For many, Easter has come and gone. But it has only begun.

The difficulty we have is how do we keep the feeling we experience as the sun rises and we rejoice in celebrating the risen Christ? It's more than a feeling; it's the knowledge that Jesus the Christ is risen, risen indeed. 'Up from the grave he arose with a mighty triumph o'er his foes' we sing. His triumph is our triumph, his resurrection strengthens us in the knowledge of our own forgiveness, redemption and everlasting life.

So where am I going with this? How do we keep this feeling, experience and message alive not only for us but for the many in our community who celebrate this day away from a community of believers like ours? On Easter morning, the message is "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Easter morning, we move from just believing to trusting that these words are true. We rejoice because we are freed from the power of death and sin.

Christ came for each one of us and inspired a community over thirty-plus years ago to come together and spread this message of hope and love. We are that community and we are being challenged once again to rise up in a divided world to share this message. Our community was started to share this message to many who did not fit in a world of old-time religion. We were different, we didn't have pews, we focused on the children. We started a pre-school and grew rapidly.

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Upcoming Services

Sunday, May 1

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)

Message:

Who Are You, Lord?

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Carol Bookwalter

Scripture:

Ephesians 2: 4-6

Message:

The Open-Door Policy

Sunday, May 15th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Acts 11: 1-18

Message:

What God Called Clean

Sunday, May 22nd

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Acts 16: 9-15

Message:

Opened the Heart

Sunday, May 29th

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Scripture:

Acts 16: 16-34

Message:

Disturbing the City

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Over the years many things happened, good and bad. We grew and shrunk and faced one challenge after another. But we never lost our ability to share the message of God's love and forgiveness. We became the hospital God has called us to become sharing the message of his love to the world.

So, this is where I'm going with this thought. Our world has forgotten the second part of John's message. "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." So, my challenge is how can we recapture that excitement of that first gathering of our community. To reach those who have fallen away because of the divisions and judgmental nature we have witnessed in our world.

We have accomplished a lot since my arrival as your pastor. We have grieved over the loss of our preschool, healed from conflict, and drawn together in love as we survived the challenges of the continuing pandemic. We have worked hard to lay a foundation once again to build upon. So many changes in our campus along with a thousand blessings. Those blessings are continuing.

We are growing once again, but we need to find that purpose once again: that inspiration, the excitement, the joy we once had in coming together as a community. Inviting and building a community of hope and love. To invite others to hear the "voice [that] came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." And we are listening to him. Jesus came not only to reconcile us with the Father but to bring the Father's message into the world. A world that truly needs a hospital to help others to heal from the brokenness and divisions being sown. A hospital that invites those who want to heal and grow stronger, that is free of condemnation. A place that not only hears but lives out Christ's commandment to "Love each other in the same way [he has] loved you."

Just a Thought, **Pastor Tom**

Vacation Bible School

Do we need it?

Why does VBS matter?

Or to put it another way:

If VBS was cancelled how would your church miss out?



If your answer is, "Yes we need it!" Why? Because it matters not just to us but to the children in our community. They need to hear the message of God's love. Most of all we would miss the blessing we all feel when we share this message and witness the joy in the children along with their parents in witnessing them jumping with joy, singing with gusto and laughing and smiling as they learn about Christ and His love for them.

To make this happen we need to organize a VBS Team to select the program, finalize a date and time and organize our community.

Over the next few weeks we are asking everyone to pray about becoming part of this team.

For two or more to join together to lead the team

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fish Fry Fundraiser

Saturday, May 21st 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Eat-In or Take-Out

\$12 adults/\$8 children 11 & under

We're having our first Fish Fry fundraiser for the Red Bird Mission Trip. Fried fish, hush puppies, baked beans, desserts, hot dogs for kids (if they prefer). Come one, come all to partake of what we believe is our World-Famous Fish Fry Dinner!



Fifth Sunday Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, May 29th at noon

We're beginning to hold hands at the close of service, singing Bind us Together! Yeah, Yippee, Hoorah. But, we are still using hand wipes or hand sanitizer as we depart. We've learned a lot over the past two years and doing the things to protect one another is something that for many has become part of our daily life. So, we've learned how to be with one another, protecting, caring for and loving one another following all the guidelines. Now is the time to take what we have learned and come together as a church.

It's time we bring back a community event where we can sit down with one another to break bread - a fellowship luncheon. So, mark your calendars and share the news as we continue the journey of opening up our church. Welcoming, loving and caring for those seeking a community that makes a difference. Start planning what you will bring!

Bring a side dish or a dessert as we rekindle our connections with one another.

The church will provide fried chicken, baked beans, and salad.



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) 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 (804) 684-5143
- 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.

- Louise Quinn as she settles into her new home
- 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
- Virginia Meyer for continued healing and blessings in her new home
- Sebastian Brock as begins his ministry with our youth and as he opens his new store in the Williamsburg Outlet Mall.
- 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 takes medical leave before retiring
- Seema Tipton as she continues treatment for breast cancer
- Don Wilson & Deborah Wilson
- Robbie Hansford, prayers for healing
- Sondra Colbert's mother
- Goldie Rowe, prayers for peace and strength
- Vicki Barnes, prayers for healing as she continues treatment
- For those who have personal prayer needs

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. Part of every disciple's job is 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. This goes without saying, but sadly it is often neglected. We want to change that. We trust you do as well. Join us Mondays as we take time to pray for one another and our community.

Pick up a Prayer Guide in the Lobby

New and Member Change of Address

We are working on a new updated directory which will include pictures. We are cleaning up our current directory by adding new members, updating address, email and phone numbers & we want to keep you informed of those who have moved.

Keith W. Hoban

98 Huber Rd

Newport News, VA 23601

Cell: 757-449-9352

Email: keith62@cox.net

Paul and Sabrina Jensen

(April and Elizabeth Jensen)

4028 Shelly Road

Hayes, VA 23072

psjensen@aol.com

Louise Quinn

7407 Walker Ave

Room 104B

Gloucester, VA 23061

Home: (804) 642-4961

Shoe Box Ministry



MAY – small stuffed animals, plastic animals (horses, pigs, cows, jungle cats, etc. small hand games, other toys. (NO toy soldiers or toys that represent violence.

JUNE – children’s sunglasses, flipflops, bandanas, hats

Look for the donation box under the Giving Table which is the table closest to the worship/fellowship center entrance with the seasonal tree.

YOUTH Activities

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt



May Youth Activities

Youth Group: 4 – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 8, 15, 22,
(NO meeting 29th – Memorial Day

Bible Study: 6 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24

God bless,
Sebastian Brock | Youth Director

Upcoming Events

- **Women's Fellowship – Tuesday, May 17th 9:30 a.m. (Worship Center)**
- **Leadership Board – Wednesday, May 18th 7:00 p.m. (In person & ZOOM)**
- **Fish Fry – Saturday, May 21st 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. (eat-in or take-out)**
- **Fishes & Loaves – Saturday, May 28th 3-5:00 p.m. (Church Kitchen)**
- **Fellowship Meal – Sunday, May 29th 12:00 Noon (Atrium)**

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

- **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
- 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 a.m. - noon. Tell them our volunteers will bring their bag(s) (grocery, fresh vegetables, frozen items) to their vehicle.



May 6th
 May 12th
 May 14th
 May 21st
 May 28th
 May 30th
 May 31st

Joyce Neville
 Pat Coleman, Jayden Jones
 Patti Hansen, Mark Tartaglia
 Jean Steele
 Bunny Ekdahl
 Ethan Provensen
 Debbie Huff

May 20 Mike & Bunny Ekdahl
 May 25 Rev. Tom & Kim Tipton
 May 28 Homer & Ginny Bolton



Looking for a Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Study

Next Book Study

The Heart of Christianity

Books available for \$4.00 in Church Office
 (1st Part - 5-week study – Seeing the Christian Tradition Again)

Begins Tuesday May 17th

12:00 Noon (Evening Class to be determined by interest)

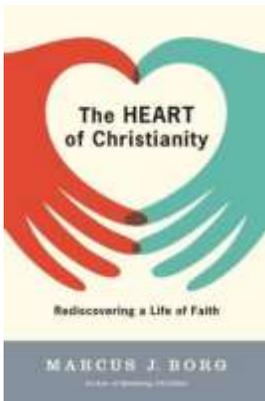
Where/How: In-person in classroom 7 and via ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82454292793?pwd=ZFJTM1BOZWFLToNLN2trdWlZOUZMz09>

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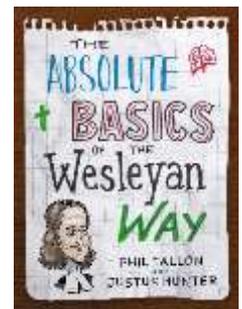


Young Adult/New Member Class/Confirmation

Decision Room

Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way

We are working towards a June 1st completion date of our new Young Adult Classroom. The couches are ready, the TV is arriving the 2nd week of May. Pictures and final set up are in the works. Pastor Tom has found the first study, "The Absolute Basics of the Wesleyan Way"



Sunday Morning

Join the Adult Sunday School class meeting in person (community room at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday) & on ZOOM send request for invitation to puzzles4you@hotmail.com

Lively discussion guaranteed: comfortable, & prayer-driven

Youth Sunday

School at 9:30 a.m.

Youth Bible Study

Tuesdays

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Morning Explorers!

Join the Explorers at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings to study the

Wired Word

Relevant Lessons pulled from this week's news

For more information contact Kim Tipton 757-813-9764

How are United Methodists present in Ukraine?

Members of the Ukrainian community and supporters gather for a peace vigil on the steps of the Tennessee State Capitol in Nashville on Feb. 25. Photo by Mike DuBose.

United Methodists have both congregations and mission partners on the ground in Ukraine, offering hope, support and aid in every way they can.

The nation of Ukraine is included, with Moldova, in the Ukraine-Moldova Provisional Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, part of the [Eurasia Episcopal Area](#), led by [Bishop Eduard Khegay](#).

This episcopal area also includes the Central Russia Conference, Eastern Russia and Central Asia Provisional Annual Conference, Northwest Russia Provisional Annual Conference and Southern Russia Provisional Annual Conference. These include the nations of Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. There were 1123 professing members recorded across these conferences in 2017.

Methodism in Eurasia began with a missionary pastor from Sweden, Carl Lindborg, in 1882. He founded the first Russian Methodist congregation in St. Petersburg in 1889. A few congregations were planted in Ukraine prior to the first World War, notably near Uzhgorod and Ternopil, but of these, all but the community in Uzhgorod were shuttered during the Soviet era. The outreach that would lead to the current churches in Ukraine began after the end of the Soviet Union, which brought an influx and spread of United Methodist missionaries from the United States, Germany, and Liberia into many of the newly independent nations in the 1990s.

While numbers of United Methodists in the Ukraine-Moldova Provisional Annual Conference are small (351 total across six congregations based on 2017 data), the congregations are strategically located in or near larger cities, including Kharkiv, Kyiv, Poltova and Chernivtsi, as well as the two breakaway areas recognized by Russia in



Donetzk and Luhansk. This means that they are well positioned for outreach across the whole of the country and that several of their cities are among those most under attack at this time. Indeed, many in the church at Luhansk had previously fled in 2020 because of attacks by pro-Russian insurgents that hit their church building.

Global Ministries encourages United Methodists to give generously to UMCOR's [International Disaster and Recovery fund](#) to enable United Methodists and other mission partners on the ground to deliver support where it can do the most good.

We pray with the people of Ukraine and all those affected by this campaign of war against its sovereignty within its own borders, joining the words of Bishop Khegay, who published [this prayer for peace in Russian](#) on his episcopal area website:

Lord we know that it shouldn't be.
People should not bear death.
People should not be killed.
People should not lose their loved ones on the
battlefields.

Cities and villages should not be turned into a war
zone, children should not be victims, and war
should not be a means to achieve peace.

Lord, we need a new heaven and a new earth.
We remember the world that You gave us,
and mourn that we have lost it.

We all want to be safe.
But our security is not in force.
Spare us the ravages of war.
Teach us the ways of peace.

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Over \$5,000,000 has been raised by United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country through contribution to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery Fund. This fund is providing direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Recipe for Southern Holy Living

Workin' out your salvation is as easy as 1-2-3!



Trash What's Expired

Who are you really hurting by not forgiving?



Watch Your Sharp Stuff

Will THAT post really change half the world's mind?



Fair Trade Ingredients

Your convenience can't be worth their pain

Do No Harm

Do Good



Anything Worth Eatin's Worth Sharing

Yes, conservatives, you have to meet the physical needs of the poor



It's Called SOUL Food For A Reason

Yes, liberals, you have to talk about Jesus with them, too

Abide



Meats Are Best Enjoyed Together

What's butter than gathering 'round the table with family?



Read the Cookbook & Talk to the Head Chef

How you gonna know if there's enough Mayo unless you've been samplin' the goods?

John Wesley's
3 Gen'l Rules
for Happiness thru Holiness

I thought we were supposed to be all about GRACE, not RULES?!

Brother, followin' th' recipe should be almost as rewarding as tasin' th' dish.



Mothers of the Bible

Find the mothers of the Bible in the word search from the list below.

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