

## Susanna Wesley UMC

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## Sunday Services

Traditional at 8:15 a.m.

Contemporary at 10:30 a.m.

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*From the Pastor*

Well it seems we're a little late with our newsletter this month. This is due to a variety of factors, but no excuse is worthier than asking for your grace. It is with grace we seek to following in the footsteps of our Lord, grace that saves us, and from time to time it is something I struggle to give myself. You too may struggle in the same way. But grace is the heart of our faith witnessed in the unconditional love our Lord.

John Wesley defined grace as God's "bounty, or favour: his free, undeserved favour, ... man having no claim to the least of his mercies. It was free grace that 'formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into him a living soul,' and stamped on that soul the image of God, and 'put all things under his feet.' ... For there is nothing we are, or have, or do, which can deserve the least thing at God's hand."

Grace is what the world needs and is something all of us seek. It is the foundation of our community and is represented in our welcoming nature to all who seek Him. There is a saying that goes something like this:

***"The church is not a museum of saints,  
but a hospital for sinners."***

This saying has been around for a long time and has been attributed to host of individuals who continue to wordsmith it to make it their own. It is drawn from scripture and can be traced back to Saint Augustine who lived from 354-430 BCE. Church should be a place for all, sinners and those who believe they are saints. So, when you hear those who believe we should exclude, think about God's grace that has been given to you and the members of your family.

The Apostle Paul says it best in his letter to the church in Rome. "I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So, you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin." God's grace is for all, and that includes me.

Blessings and grace to all... Pastor Tom

## Upcoming Services

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

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Message**

**Like Living Stones**

A Living Hope

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

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Mother's Day**

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

**Message**

**Always Be Ready**

A Living Hope

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

8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Ascension Sunday**

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

**Message**

**Casting Your Cares**

A Living Hope

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

8:15 & 10:30am

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-21

**Message**

**He Breathed on Them**

When God Came Down Like Fire

# May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Sunday Services</b> Town Hall Meeting Joint Service 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Meal 11 a.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Chair Yoga</b> 9:30 am <b>Prayer Team</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Mission Outreach Team Meeting</b> 7 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>York River Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons Meeting</b> 10 a.m.-12 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Food Pantry Pick-up</b> 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 6:30-7:30 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Grief Share</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Student Ministry Worship</b> 6-8 p.m.	
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Sunday Services</b> 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 <b>Prayer Team</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>Red Bird Missionary Team</b> 7 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Food Pantry Pick-up</b> 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 6:30-7:30 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Grief Share</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Student Ministry Worship</b> 6-8 p.m.	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Mother's Day Sunday Services</b> 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 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Prayer Team</b> 10:30a.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Women's Fellowship</b> 2-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Food Pantry Pick-up</b> 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 6:30-7:30 p.m. <b>Leadership Board</b> 7-8 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Grief Share</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Student Ministry Worship</b> 6-8 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> 9-10 a.m. <b>Fish Fry</b> 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Ascension Sunday Sunday Services</b> 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 <b>Chair Yoga</b> 9:30 am <b>Prayer Team</b> 10:30 a.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Food Pantry Pick-up</b> 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 6:30-7:30 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Grief Share</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Student Ministry Worship</b> 6-8 p.m.	<b>Fishes and Loaves</b> 3-5 p.m.
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Pentacost Sunday Sunday Services</b> Traditional 8:15 a.m. Small Groups 9:30 a.m. Contemporary 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:45 a.m.	<b>Memorial Day</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED HOLIDAY</b>	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Food Pantry Pick-up</b> 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>Praise Team Practice</b> 6:30-7:30 p.m.	9 a.m.-2 p.m. Office Hours <b>Grief Share</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m. <b>Pastor Tom &amp; Kim Vacation June 1-6, 2023</b>	<b>Student Ministry Worship</b> 6-8 p.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.

# Fish Fry Fundraiser



**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

We're having a third Fish Fry fundraiser for the Red Bird Mission Trip. Let your friends and neighbors know we will offer pick-up and eat-in at the church. Come one, come all to partake of what we believe is our World-Famous Fish Fry Dinner.

**Adults: \$14.00**  
(13 and above)

**Children: \$8.00**  
(6 to 12)

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# 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 April 2023

#### Amount of Food

#### Received and Distributed

Number of pounds of food received:

**718.2 lbs.**

Number of pounds of food distributed:

**1,202.5 lbs.**

#### Number of Individuals Served

Children (0-17) - 43

Adults (18-64) - 44

Seniors (60+) - 94

of whom are Veterans - 8



## Fishes and Loaves

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

#### Number of Individuals Served

**55** Seniors (60+) received a hot meal

## 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: 5 – 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:

### Praises

- Ms. Charlotte (4-year-old) came through heart surgery at Bella Beach well and is at home

### Community Prayer Concerns

- 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 • 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 • For all in our greater community with cancer and other health conditions for healing and strength • Annual Conference in Roanoke June 16-18, 2023

### Individual Prayer Concerns

- Patti Ashworth (Harry & Sonnie's daughter)—had ablation procedure on back and pray it relieves her pain • Vicki Barnes—not feeling well • Clifford Beach • Tanya Bray—for her mom's surgery (recover, heal quickly & get back to normal) and her ex-husband to go to rehab • Sebastian Brock—upcoming knee surgery (both knees) • Raymond & Judy Church • Donna Clark—health issues • Diane Cox—has breast cancer • Gary Crayton • Moody Crowder—heart attack (in hospital) • Marvin Fanton • Nancy Fanton—cancer has returned • Rachel Finch—breast cancer • Jim & Marsha Germek—health concerns • Mary Galloway (Shirley's sister-in-law)—issues with heart • Karley Gibson—personal prayer • Peggy Gillette • Goldie—not feeling well • Sue Grytebust—Stage 4 cancer • Tay Elwood Henderson • Keith Hoban • Scott Hutcheson's wife, Michel, has shingles • Angela Jenkins • Jeff & Scott Leiffer • Sonnie Leonard—relief of her plantar fasciitis • Barbara Lyon • Phil Lyliston (Pastor Tom watches over him) • Patsy Matheny (Traci Noah's cousin) who is recovering from brain surgery • Donna Mills—cancer treatment • Marilyn Morris—personal prayer • Mary Lou Muncy—hip replacement • Karen Peabody (Mike Hansen's sister) • Donnie Pearson (friend of Kenny Forstmann's)—congestive heart failure • Tinker Perry—cancer & heart • Sara—has cancer • Frank Phillips—medical procedure for heart problems • Janet Reed—health concerns • Mark & Curtis Rice • Betty Roan & her son who has cancer • Anita Robbins • Melisha Robbins—breast cancer • Charles Rowe • Phyllis Russell—not feeling well • Diane Schultz—healing kidney cancer • Dot Slack (Ginny & Karl's sister-in-law)—lung cancer and given 3-6 months to live • Sandy Sowash—in ICU in Ohio with heart problems • Marsha Stone—seizures resolved (now in preparation for surgery) • John Sturm—continued improvement regarding health concerns • Technical person to help Pastor Tom finish projects • Linda Triolet & family • Carol Weakley—stomach problems • Mary West (Goldie's sister-in-law)—Parkinson's • Kelly Whalin—trailer caught fire last week in VA Beach (she's fine, but lost everything) • Don & Deborah Wilson

### For those grieving

- *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."* (Matthew 5:4)
- Christina Bebe—passed away April 21st; Jim Germek and family for the loss of his mother • Ben Gibbs—loss of his mother • Family of Jimmy Green—passed away week of April 30th • Mike Hansen—loss of his parents (Ann and Jim) • Patti Hansen for the loss of her father • Family of Scott Hutcheson (passed away from brain tumor week of April 30th) (neighbor of Ginny & Karl Miller) • Soni James (Sonnie's cousin)—peace and comfort after death of her son • Jackie Turlington—death of her cousin, William Kenton ("Kent") Carr • For all who are grieving and those who attending Grief Share

### *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](mailto:prayer@susannawesleyumc.org), or contact the church office at (804) 642-7551. *There is a community of people that consistently pray over this list, so be encouraged!*



# CELEBRATE WONDER

## Volunteers Needed



We cherish the chance to be able to help our children grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord. More than simply entertaining, we seek to engage our children in their faith through songs, group activities, and a lesson from God's Word. We need volunteers to guide and lead our children through preplanned material by Celebrate Wonder. Talk with Kim Tipton or email her at [kimbo0712@yahoo.com](mailto:kimbo0712@yahoo.com) to say, "I want to volunteer!"