

# Susanna Wesley UMC

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## Sunday Services

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

November  
2022



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# November Newsletter

## A Message from Pastor Tom

I know your newsletter is late and for good reason. It all began with the Saturday before last. Your Leadership Board participated in a retreat (a day away) to begin the process of defining our core values, setting a vision for our community and creating SMARTER Goals. Our transition to this new Leadership structure has been a challenge, but the fruit it will bear for our community is laying a foundation for our growth and renewal. On that Saturday, your pastor served as the guide as we learned more about our new Leadership Board structure. We have moved from the typical administrative board structure of the past. The typical administrative board structure is where structure drives the mission to one where mission will drive the structure. This concept challenges the board to develop a vision based upon our core values. Though the list is from complete and will require further refinement we came up with we value: Honesty, My Church, Confidence, Belief, Compassion, the love of others, Fellowship, Love one another, Welcoming/Inviting, Mission Oriented, Encouraging others, Acceptance, Growth Children & Young People, Families, Serving and Inclusiveness.

We discussed our mission statement – *“The mission of Susanna Wesley UMC is to make Disciples of Christ through loving, serving, encouraging, and growing together.”* Learning that *“Every church should have a mission statement and a vision statement. The two are inextricably related but clearly distinct. Mission precedes vision, but without vision, it is empty and incomplete”* George Barna, *The Power of Vision*. So, the challenge has become as we continue to define our core values (think about the last newsletter and #Be UMC core value). We are beginning the work to set a vision for Susanna Wesley just as it was done when the community was first formed. There is so much more and over the next few months you will learn more. Why are we doing this? To recreate Susanna Wesley as vital congregation for the transformation of the community and world for Jesus Christ.

Pastor Tom



The "Giving Table" is set up in the sanctuary ready to receive food donations for the holidays. Look for the table with the cornucopia or horn of plenty—a reminder that God has blessed us with abundance. May we pass this blessing on to others.

## Upcoming Services

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**All Saints' Day** is a day of remembrance for the saints, meaning all Christian people of every time & place.

**Place candles on the alter for those who have passed**

**All Saints' Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
(daylight savings ends)  
**Guest Speaker – Marsha Germek**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10 a.m.  
**Scripture**  
Luke 21: 5-19  
**Message**  
Face to Face with Jesus:  
Itching Ears

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
**Scripture**  
Luke 23: 33-43  
**Message**  
Face to Face with Jesus:  
Scoffers on a Hill

# November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		'Heart of Christianity' Book Study 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. & ZOOM Youth Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	UMCOR Cleaning Kit packing 12:30 p.m.		Pastor Tom w/Kim @50 <sup>th</sup> HS reunion through Sunday	Women's Bible Study 9 – 1 p.m. UMCOR Bucket community drop-off 9 - noon
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Sunday Services – Guest Speaker Marsha Gernek</b> Daylight savings ends Traditional 8:15 a.m. Small Groups 9:30 a.m. Contemporary 10:30 a.m. Children's Church 10:45 a.m. Pack Shoeboxes after 2 <sup>nd</sup> service	9-4 office hours 10 a.m. Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Mission Outreach	9-4 office hours Youth Bible Study 6-8 p.m.	9-4 office hours Food Pantry 9:30 – 12 p.m.		Veteran's Day  <b>THANK YOU !</b> Youth Worship 6-8 p.m.	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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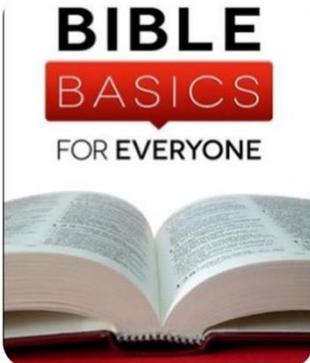
**Sunday Mornings after first service**

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

**Bible Basics**

**Community Room (Room 4)**

Led by Karl Miller



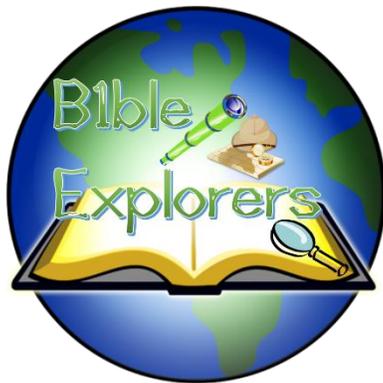
Join our **Adult Small Group** as we explore the **Gospel of Mark**. We meet in person or you can join this via ZOOM send request for invitation to **puzzles4you@hotmail.com**

Lively discussion guaranteed: comfortable, & prayer-driven

**Bible Explorers!**

**Room 7**

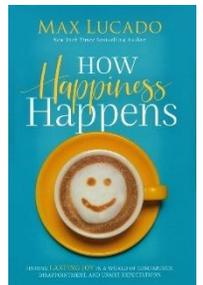
Led by: Kim Tipton



Join our **Adult Small Group** as we explore Max Lucado's newest book *How Happiness Happens*.

Max Lucado explores passages of Scripture - explaining how practical acts of generosity can produce a life of satisfaction and moments of true joy. In a world

searching for happiness, bestselling author Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus' teaching and modern research.





**Young Adults**  
**Decision Room**  
**Room 3**

Led by: Pastor Tom

A 12-week study on the Gospel of John - pick-up a copy of the study in our room on the credenza under the TV.

**Youth Group Faith Discussions**  
**Youth Room (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.



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## Children's Church



**During 2<sup>nd</sup> Service**  
**Room 2**

*Led by a team of facilitators  
on a rotating basis*



**Youth Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays**  
**6 – 7 p.m.**  
**Youth Room (Room 5)**

**Youth Worship**  
**Fridays**  
**6 – 8 p.m.**  
**Worship Center**



## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will be on the 15th this month (10:30 a.m.). We are asking people to bring finger foods to share, a favorite recipe that can be copied, and either a dish towel, pot holder or oven mitt for the kitchen. We are looking at cleaning the kitchen at a later date and supplying what might be needed.



## Charlotte's Annual Toy Drive

Charlotte Kirby is continuing her annual toy drive this year to benefit the children & youth (0-19) of the area during the upcoming holiday season. Please drop off new & unwrapped items at Susanna Wesley UMC. More drop-off locations & details coming soon



## Christmas Child Shoe Box Ministry



This is a recent message from a father in Burundi to Amy Ashberry who is the Mathews Shoebox coordinator. As we approach the last weeks before our boxes are blessed and move forward please continue to pray for the Shoebox Ministry and if you are so led join in packing boxes on November 6<sup>th</sup> after the second service. – Ginny Miller

“God is so amazing, y'all. A few days ago, I received a phone call from the father of these children in Burundi, east Africa. His children received some of our shoeboxes this past week. "You can't imagine Amy... Last week my son was struggling to find a pencil, then after opening this box and finding pencils inside, I said to myself, God is good surely." He also expressed what an amazing gift a toothbrush was. After a few minutes the connection wasn't the greatest...I mean, after all, we were talking literally across the world from Virginia to Africa! I'm just in awe that technology made this conversation possible, and of what such a simple gift can mean, and at the unbelievable ways God works.” He told me I could share this photo. Simply amazing. Will you please consider packing a shoebox this season?? – Amy Ashberry, Shoebox Coordinator, Mathews, VA



# UMCOR Flood Buckets



The Sunday before last after our Fellowship Meal we assembled 40 flood buckets for UMCOR. Susanna Wesley is a collection point for our



area and this coming Sunday you will see more buckets added by our sister communities of faith in the Gloucester area. The Virginia Conference has set a goal of 4,677 Flood Bucket Cleaning Kits to help families affected by floods. Each flood bucket is valued at \$75.00 making our contribution worth \$3,000.00

## Office Help Needed

We are currently without an administrative assistant. In the interim as we advertise for a new assistant we are asking for volunteers for office duty. Answering the phone and helping where you can will be greatly appreciated. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the office if you are interested in helping. 804.642.7551.

A Day in the Life of an **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

- Computer and software skills
- Manage church calendar, food pantry calls, church statistics, create weekly bulletins, etc.
- Clear, friendly verbal and written communication
- Extreme attention to detail

An illustration of a woman with glasses and a pink shirt sitting at a desk. She is talking on a telephone and looking at a folder. The desk has a computer monitor and a chair. There is a small plant on the desk.



## How Can You Help?

The **Food Pantry** is serving record numbers of clients every week this fall & the pantry shelves show it. Dwindling supplies are in desperate need of replenishment. Please donate UNEXPIRED items listed below & pray about serving this valuable ministry.

### Everyday

Bring in or drop off your donations at the door  
Bring in your Brown Paper Bags for use in distributing

### Tuesdays

Volunteer to help prepare the bags for distribution

### Wednesdays

Help welcome and load the bagged food and vegetables into the cars of those who are in need

- 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
- Peanut Butter
- 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 in 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.



## Fishes and Loaves

(In October we provided 68 meals)

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



## Birthdays

Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Scarlett Jeffrey
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bucher	Damon Chowning, Kimm Dellinger, Chuck & Judy
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shirley Fanton
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bonnie Williams
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Cheryl Jones
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Julia Barnes
Nov 10 <sup>th</sup>	Seth Bucher
Nov 13 <sup>th</sup>	Raymond Church
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie Outten
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Cameron Ahrens
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mercedes Boone, Bobby McGlohn
Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>	Michele Tartaglia
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Abbe Provensen
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	Alexis Church

## Anniversaries

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck & Judy Bucher



## We welcome our new Bishop

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson was assigned to the Virginia Conference (Richmond Episcopal Area) during the morning business session on November 4, 2022 during the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Bishop Hauptert-Johnson was elected bishop by the 2016 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the North Georgia Conference.

For more information about our new Bishop go to the Virginia Conference Website at <https://vaumc.org/bishop-sue-hauptert-johnson-assigned-to-virginia/>



## 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) 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 (540) 903-2817
- Sonnie Leonard (804) 815-2864
- Marsha Germek (804) 815-3639

**Church Office:** (804) 642-7551

**Pastor Tom Tipton:** (703) 307-6892

### Contact the Church Office @

804-642-7551 or send an email to [prayer@susannawesleyumc.org](mailto:prayer@susannawesleyumc.org) to add people to or remove people from the prayer list.

- For our brothers and sisters in Christ with unspoken prayers.
- For those who have COVID or the Flue and are caring for loved ones with COVID. Prayers for healing and no long-lasting effects.
- SWUMC Food Pantry as the need increases
- G.U.E.S.T. Programs
- ECHO Ministry
- Clifford Beach for healing
- Lois Hensley as she heals from knee replacement
- Lori Wolstoncraft
- People affected by Hurricane IAN
- Jimmy Huff for continued healing and strength
- Michael, Ralph, C.K., Kimber Lee and Katherine Williams
- Traci Noah's nephew J.P. for healing, peace and strength
- For the people in Ukraine
- Dillon and Britney Kim for forgiveness and peace
- Lisa Scarborough Kim for strength and peace
- Raymond Church for healing, strength and days filled with blessings along with Judy for pain relief in her shoulder and strength.
- Don Wilson & Deborah Wilson.
- Jim & Ann Hansen (Mike Hansen's mother) for peace, healing and strength
- Karen Peabody (Mike Hansen's sister) for healing and strength.
- Jeff & Scott Leiffer who both have multiple myeloma.
- Keith Hoban as he heals from surgery and awaits help with his VA benefits.
- Linda Triolet and her family as they care for her mom.
- Charles Rowe, continued prayers for healing and strength.
- Rev. Gary Livermon for continued healing and strength
- Sondra Colbert's mother.
- Phil Lyliston (Pastor Tom watches over him) a place in Newport News to become available for him.
- Vicki Barnes, prayers for healing as she continues treatment.

### • **“Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.” Matthew 5:4**

- Danny Carey's family in the passing of his brother
- For Jim Germek's family in the passing of his mother.
- For all who have lost loved ones, we miss them and praise



## Monday Morning Prayer Ministry

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 at 10 a.m. as we take time to pray for one another and our community.

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



# YOUNG JESUS

Discover the hidden words.



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## Word Bank

HEART

NAZARETH

TWELVE

JERUSALEM

JESUS

YOUNG

MARY

JOSEPH

TEMPLE

SLAVERY

PASSOVER

FESTIVAL

ShareFaith

