



The Tabernacle United Methodist Church

April / May 2019



From the Pastor

Last newsletter I left us with a “cliff-hanger” concerning the special General Conference held February 23-26, 2019, in St. Louis.

What happened...?

The General Conference did meet and did vote on the issues

impacting The United Methodist Church. The total voting delegation was made up of 864 delegates: 504 (58%) from the USA; 260 (30%) from Africa; 50 (6%) from the Philippines; 40 (5%) from Europe and Eurasia; and 10 (1%) from “concordat” (“churches with which the UMC has special partnership”).¹ In the end, the “Traditional Plan” passed by a vote of 438 in favor to 384 opposed (53% to 47%). The “One Church Plan” was defeated each time it was presented.

The “Traditional Plan” maintains and clarifies the current language in The Book of Discipline concerning The United Methodist Church’s language on human sexuality; its stance on same sex marriages; and ordination. For more details, please go to: <https://www.vaumc.org/> and click on “General Conference 2019”.

The good news is that the “cliff-hanger” is over for another year. The bad news is that the saga continues in The United Methodist Church and we remain a dysfunctional and divided church with no real unity over the issues that divide us.

So, what do we do now? In the words of our own Bishop Sharma Lewis – three things:

1) Be restorative in our care for one another, and “*lead with a non-anxious presence*”. 2) Engage in action “*beneficial to glorify our Lord and Savior.*” 3) Still pursue the UMC’s mission to “*make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*”

She reminded us that there are still 2 billion people in the world who have never heard the salvation message. So let’s get back to our main task of offering the world the saving grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

And this really is the best “cliff-hanger” in all of history – even all eternity! Jesus was nailed to a cross and crucified on a Friday. Everyone knew he was dead and it was over; including his own disciples.

But it wasn’t over! On Sunday morning “*God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.*” (Acts 2:24) And now “*repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations... You are witnesses of these things.*” (Luke 24:47-48)

Our celebrations on Easter witness to the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and God’s offer of grace and forgiveness to all who repent of their sins and confess Jesus Christ as Lord; “*for ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’*” (Romans 10:9-13)

What will happen to The United Methodist Church? Only God knows. What will happen to Tabernacle Church? We will continue to proclaim the good news of the saving grace of God though the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord...

Come join us.

Grace & Peace,
Jack

¹<http://www.vaumc.org/ncfilerepository/GeneralConference/GC%202019%20Power%20Point%20Presentation%20For%20Distribution.pptx>



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News you can Use. . .



There is **NO Easter Egg Hunt** on **Easter Sunday** after church this year. **But – there will be an EASTER EGG HUNT** at the **SPRING “EGGSTRAVAGANZA”** on **Saturday, April 6, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** (See Flyer later in the newsletter!)

TABERNACLE will be hosting the **CLUSTER LENTEN SERVICE** on **Sunday, April 7**. Rev. Diana Johnson from Knotts Island UMC will be preaching. We are responsible for the refreshments for the fellowship time at 5:00 p.m. If you are able, please donate any “finger food” you would like to bring to the refreshment time.

Pastor Jack Davis will be preaching at the Cluster Lenten Service on **April 14**, at Back Bay Christian.

HOLY WEEK begins with **Palm Sunday** on **April 14**. During the **11:00 a.m.** worship service the children will process in with palm branches to begin the service. Parents, please bring your children to the Church Parlor behind the sanctuary before the service. This service will also include the reading of the passion story of Jesus from the gospel of Luke, and the stripping of the altar and draping it in black in remembrance of our Lord’s death.



HOLY THURSDAY (Maundy Thursday) **SERVICE** will be held on **Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Church Parlor**. This service commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples when he gave us the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will share in this sacrament together. All are welcome.

EASTER SUNRISE

SERVICE will be held on **Sunday, April 21st**, at **Little Island Park** at the south end of Sandbridge Beach at **6:00 A.M.** (The sun will rise at 6:22am.) Pastor Mary Sullivan-Trent from Sandbridge Community Chapel UMC will be preaching this year. Please come, dress warm, and bring a friend.



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES on **Sunday, April 21st** will be celebrated at their normal times of **8:30 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** Come and celebrate our Lord’s resurrection! And bring a friend. Please remember to bring **FRESH CUT FLOWERS** for the **Easter Flower Cross**.

MEN’S BREAKFAST INVITES THE LADIES to join on **Saturday, May 4**, in honor of Mother’s Day. We meet at the **Golden Corral** at Red Mill at **8 a.m.**

Campus Outreach is a ministry to college students in colleges across the east coast of the United States. Every spring they have a three-week intensive discipleship course for those students who want to deepen their faith. Last year, and again this year, they will rent houses in Sandbridge to stay in. They will be using our Fellowship Hall for their class time. From May 13-31, there will be about 180 students using our church facilities. Pray for them as they seek the Lord. Thank you for letting us share our building with them.

Rudy Tucker is Retiring this year at the Virginia Annual Conference in Roanoke. If you would like to honor him by sending him a card with a story or two, please address these to:

Grace United Methodist Church
9750 Wellington Road
Manassas, VA 20110

I know he would be blessed to hear from you.

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REVIVAL IS COMING TO PUNGO!

Charity UMC, in cooperation with the Princess Anne Cluster Clergy, is planning a three-night revival meeting on the weekend of **September 13-15** in Pungo.



What can you do? Pray for it! Plan to come. Participate as a volunteer. We need help from all the churches.

Several churches on the original Princess Anne Charge – including: Charity, Tabernacle, Knotts Island, Bethel, and Salem – were established in 1789. This year we are celebrating 230 years in ministry. What better way to celebrate than to have a good ol’ fashioned revival and prayer for the rekindled fire of the Holy Spirit in us and our community.

Mark your calendars now. You’ll hear more about it in the coming days.

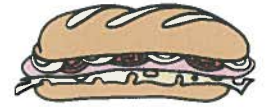
EMMAUS:



The deadline for the spring walks is fast approaching. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tommy Moore, Jack Davis or anyone who has attended a weekend. The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day experience intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The spring walks will be April 25-28 for the men and May 2-5 for the women.

(www.tidewateremmaus.org).

PiN Lunch Prep – Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come help prepare lunch bags for the homeless in our community.



Employment Opportunity

Virginia Beach commercial laundry seeks workers for afternoon shift beginning mid-April. Shifts are 6 hours, six days per week. Weekend work required with day off during the week. Starting pay is \$9.00 per hour, more for verifiable laundry experience. Work references required. Laundry campus is tobacco free. Seasonal employment – April through October. Excellent for college students or retirees. Call Teresa Cox at 252-402-5882 for interview appointment.



Foundations in Faith

Praying for Wisdom

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, it will be given to you. James 1:5



Having wisdom in making good choices goes hand-in-hand. When we make bad choices we can dig ourselves into a deep hole that can be very difficult to dig ourselves out of, but if we pray for wisdom daily God can lead us in the right direction and eventually on the right path. Making one or two good choices won't put us on the right path. It may help but it takes self-discipline and daily prayer for the wisdom to make Godly choices and put us on the right path to God's glory. God wants his people to be happy and thrive in this world but without daily prayer and requesting wisdom it is hard to stay on the right path. It is very easy to do what is pleasing to the flesh.

As I have matured and grown over the past years I've had to make some tough choices and without God I become very anxious and unsure, but when I pray for wisdom God takes away the anxiety. He gives me the confidence to get me through the day, and the wisdom to make the right choices.

Blessings,
Craig Zeigler, Lay Leader

How Many Times

So many times
You've brought me through,
The storms of life
To bow to You.

How many times
I've failed to see,
The awesome power
Of Your majesty.

I've failed You Lord
So much in life,
My pride, my stubbornness,
All things that cause strife.

How many times
Must I fail to be free?
How many times
Will I refuse to bend my knee?

My heart and mind
Know what to do.
How many times then
Will I turn from you?

Please forgive me Father
For my sinful ways,
Put my feet on Your path,
And never let me stray.

How many times
Must I make this plea?
Here I am again
On bended knee?

Shane J. Lussier

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Jesus Offers Love Today

Spring

CHRYSALIS: This year's Chrysalis weekend was postponed. Next January, we will have an opportunity to participate again. If you are in high school (or college), the three-day experience is a terrific opportunity for teens to learn more about faith, experience Christian love, and develop a closer relationship with Christ.

DNOW 19: The Discipleship Now weekend retreat brought together youth from six local churches to share fellowship. College leaders and musicians fostered a weekend filled with teenagers experiencing a weekend of Christ-centered activity, including local mission work. Thanks to everyone who volunteered (Host homes, drivers, small group leaders and food preparation) to make the weekend a success!

AUCTION

Silent Auction: Do you have an old Tabernacle keepsake (plates, memorabilia,

pictures) in your attic or closet? Do you know some business which would be willing to donate a card or gift certificate? Our Silent Auction will be held on April 28th. It is a great opportunity to pick up some interesting gifts, and an awesome opportunity to donate some of your hidden/forgotten treasures. Please let Kay, Ronda or Tommy know. All proceeds will go toward this year's mission trips.

Mission Trip planning: We are heading to Carlisle, PA and will be staying at the Second Presbyterian Church of Carlisle. Although the details are still being worked, it is going to be a great trip. There is room for lots of participants, so please consider coming with us this year. We need lots of chaperones and drivers. The trip is tentatively planned for late June (22-28th). If you are interested in going, please let Tommy or Mary Hall know. More details to follow. We are also returning to North Carolina in August with our middle school students.

Tabernacle Talent Show:

Share your talent with everyone. Singing, dancing, comedy, drama, duck calls, or any talent you are willing to share; we would love to give you that opportunity. June 2nd, we will cook some burgers and enjoy the fellowship and talents of our local church community. Please let Sharon know what talent you would like to share.



30-Hour Famine: Coming in May, we will again take time to learn about and help eradicate world hunger. The weekend allows our students to feel what going hungry really feels like. You can help by sponsoring a youth for the weekend. More information will be coming soon.

Youth Bible Study: continues on Wednesdays. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 in the sanctuary. There is always good fellowship and fun. Bring a friend!

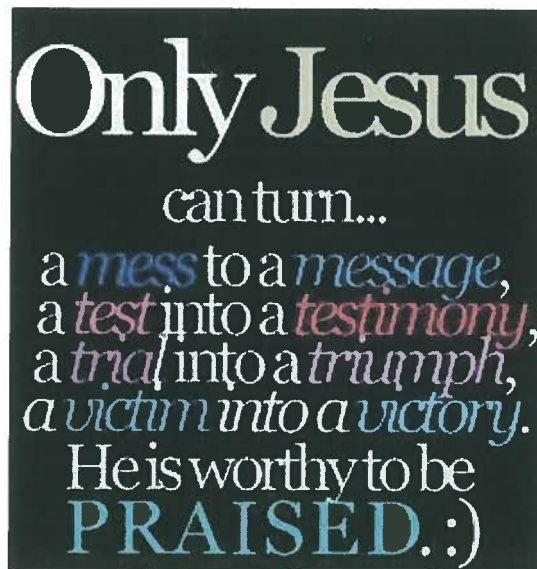
If you have an idea for a fun youth event, please let Tommy know!!

God Moments!

If you are like me...you are looking for God Moments daily. I *expect* to see God shine through my circumstance and reveal His love for me and others. Pretty much every moment can be a God Moment...at least He wants all our moments to be centered around Him. But often we are so “not in the moment” that we miss His revelation of goodness and grace.

I would like to encourage each of us to be more intentional looking for God Moments. Wake up expecting to see God revealing Himself throughout our day. Seek God first and submit to His sovereignty as we make plans, choices and decisions.

One of the best ways to see God is to praise Him. Psalm 34:1-3 says, “I will praise the Lord no matter what happens. I will constantly speak of his glories and grace. I will boast of all his kindness to me. Let all who are discouraged take heart. Let us praise the Lord together and exalt his name.”



I want to hear your God Moments! We all do! Please contact the church office, tabernacleoffice@aol.com, to share your God Moments in April and May. We all need to be encouraged that God is with us and working among us!

I have a card framed by my desk that reads....

"My deepest vocation is to be a witness to the glimpses of God I have been allowed to catch."

Please share your glimpses of God! God Bless You!

Shine On!

Sharon Davis



Jump into Spring at our Eggstravaganza

We will have

Easter Egg Hunt (at 4:30pm) , Games, Easter Egg Decorating Contest
Face Painting, Chalk area, Bubbles, Mini Pony on site (closed toed shoes)

Plus more at

Tabernacle United Methodist Church
1265 Sandbridge Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 3:30-5:30pm





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



April

Karsen, Evan	4/1
Hardwick, Patrick	4/1
Campbell, Fred	4/3
Fraley, John James	4/3
Kraft, Hallie	4/4
Sanders, Kevin	4/5
Woodward, Kerri	4/7
Williams, Ginger	4/8
Lanning, Deana	4/8
Chalk, Katelyn	4/9
Sorrells, Jack	4/9
Reese, Jamee	4/9
Early, Janet	4/10
Raehl, Matthew	4/11
Dankmyer, Debbie	4/11
Brickhouse, Marlane	4/12
Habit, April	4/14
Sostak, Glenn	4/15
Brooks, Claudia	4/15
Raehl, Becca	4/16
Chalk, Kimberlyn	4/21
Willett, Eliza	4/22
Lannom, Sara	4/22
Jennings, Cameron	4/23
Thomas, Laura	4/24
Pearson, Wilma	4/25
Sharp, Jeff	4/25
Devine, Shaun	4/27
Riggs, Richard Sr.	4/27
Kwiatkowski, Brian	4/29
Smith, Jane	4/29

May

Hester, Sarah	5/2
Turner, Cheryl	5/5
Hughes, Josh	5/9
Eldredge, Matt	5/10
Eldredge, Colton	5/11
Almberg, Shannon	5/15
Cassidy, Doug	5/15
Zimmerman, Janet	5/15
Foy, Michael	5/16
Brunelle, Tanner	5/16
Miller, Dave	5/17
Dorsey, Sloane	5/17
Ackiss, Eddie	5/19
Raehl, Bryan	5/19
Windsor, Jeffrey	5/21
Raehl, Melissa	5/21
Lanning, Mike	5/22
Zeltmann, Ellen	5/22
Hopkins, Kristine	5/22
Durkee, Neal	5/23
Land, Lynn	5/24
Davis, Jack	5/25
Burns, Drake	5/25
Jennings, Kathy	5/26
Inderlied, Matt	5/28
Saunders, Austin	5/30
Kirby, Jaxon	5/30



Volunteers

Ushers

April

- 7 *Wes Senti & Vince Heivilin*
- 14 *Brent Loftis & Brandon Woodward*
- 21 *Bob Hall & Jim Shuffler*
- 28 *Rick Norton & Shelby Nelson*

May

- 5 *Mike Garcia & Scott Willett*
- 12 *Shane Lussier & Craig Zeigler*
- 19 *Roy Rechkemmer & Mark Cayo*
- 26 *Tommy Moore & Scott Hardwick*

Acolytes

April

- 7 *Elisha Hester*
- 14 *Charlotte Shuffler*
- 21 *Logen Hallford*
- 28 *Nick Windsor*

May

- 5 *Martha Hester*
- 12 *Elisha Hester*
- 19 *Charlotte Shuffler*
- 26 *Logen Hallford*

Children's Church Helpers

(Leader: Jill Norton)

Families worship together first Sundays

April

- 14 *Luke Moore*
- 21 *Lily Moore*
- 28 *Megan Reese*

Children's Church Helpers continued...

May

- 12 *Rachael Strong*
- 19 *Carmen Everett*
- 26 *Ryder Sanders*

Helping Hands (Nursery)

April

- 7 *Sydney Lussier*
- 14 *Jeffrey Windsor*
- 21 *Desiree Zeigler*
- 28 *Emery Moore*

May

- 5 *Eliza Willett*
- 12 *Sydney Lussier*
- 19 *Jeffrey Windsor*
- 26 *Desiree Zeigler*

Counters

April

- 7 *Sue Senti & Roy Rechkemmer*
- 14 *Ann Henley & Paul Russell*
- 21 *Brandon Woodward & Jordan Dorsey*
- 28 *Marlane Brickhouse & Ann Lovelace*

May

- 5 *Ronda Loftis & Roy Rechkemmer*
- 12 *Brandon Woodward & Sue Senti*
- 19 *Ann Henley & Jordan Dorsey*
- 26 *Paul Russell & Craig Zeigler*

Please notify Jamy Cassidy two weeks in advance if you cannot help on your scheduled date.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 6:30 Choir 7:00 Council on Ministries	3 5 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study & Pioneer Club	4	5	6 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast Golden Corral 3:30 - "EGGstravaganza"
7 Worship 8:30/11:00 Sunday School 9:45	8	9 6:30 Choir 7:00 Trustees	10 5 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study & Pioneer Club	11	12	13
14 Worship 8:30/11:00 Sunday School 9:45 PALM SUNDAY	15	16 6:30 Choir	17 5 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	18	19	20
21 Worship 8:30/11:00 Sunday School 9:45 EASTER!	22	23 6:30 Choir	24 5 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	25	26	27
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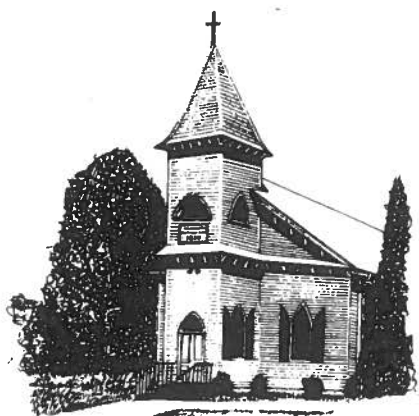
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12 Worship 8:30/11:00 Sunday School 9:45	13	14 6:00 Finance 6:30 Choir 7:00 Admin. Board	15 5 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	16	17	18 10:00 PIN Lunches prep for homeless
19 Worship 8:30/11:00 Sunday School 9:45	20	21 6:30 Choir	22 5 a.m. Morning Prayer 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	23	24	25
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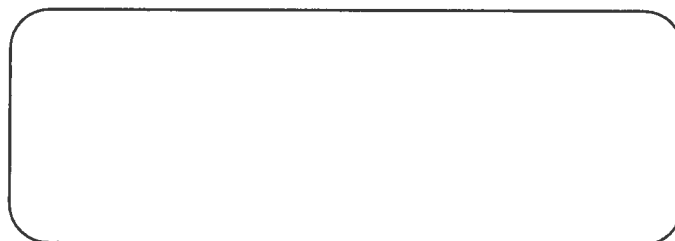
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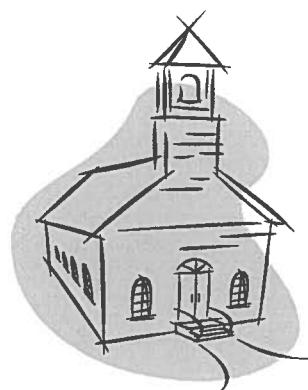


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*Where faith can be found
and
friends become family!*

Worship Hours

8:30am Contemporary Service
9:30am Sunday School
11:00am Traditional Service



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