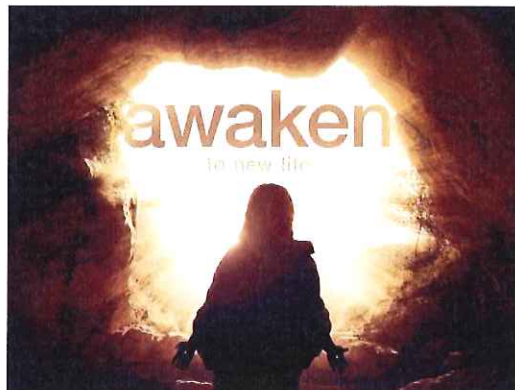


Memorial Methodist Messenger

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Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ

SEPTEMBER 2019



REACHING OUT WITH RUSSELL... on Facing Change

*"[The Lord] will be your sure foundation providing a rich store of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.
The fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure."*

Isaiah 33:6 (NLT)

Whether we like it or resist it, everything is being changed up or down – and this especially includes men and women. Of all the commonly accepted statements about people, one of the most widely accepted is: "Human nature never changes." This is completely false! It is the nature of human beings to change. So it really is not a question of whether you and I want to change or don't want to change; we are being changed for better or for worse.

E. Stanley Jones writes, "The life forces which flow from you and through you are transforming you into a pattern. Even if you apparently do not decide anything, but allow those life forces to reign, yet in not deciding you decide not to decide. Everything is being transformed into something else and every person into someone else."

Alabama author and speaker, Mary Patterson, wrote an article a few months back for The Upper Room that I cut out and saved because it encouraged hope in me as I face life's changes.

The day was hot, but inside my heart felt cold and fragile. Tears streaked down my face as my twin boys headed off to college, my day-to-day mothering came to a screeching halt that morning, leaving me to face an empty nest.

Later that week, a pair of doves built a nest on my trellis. When their babies hatched, the nest hummed with activity. The parents worked constantly to feed the hungry chicks. The babies grew quickly, and soon the nest became too crowded. One morning, I noticed that the nest was empty. The doves – not just the chicks, but the parents as well – had moved on.

The birds taught me that God designed our lives to have changing roles and seasons. As I watched the birds, God prompted me to seek a new role for my new season – in this case a second career as a writer.

As we face the changing seasons of our lives, we can go to God for stability, wisdom, and knowledge. Thankfully, God weaves blessing into each season of life.

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 13:9: "Our greatest wish and prayer is that you will become mature Christians." The more mature we become, the more abundant and joyful the Christian life is.

God is in the business of changing people. His "grace is sufficient" to meet all our changing needs. His power is mighty, like that which raised Jesus Christ from the dead... this is the power that works in us (Ephesians 1:19-20). As we daily accept that God wants to change us and as we trust in His changing power, we can relax and enjoy the surprises He is bringing about.

Praise the Lord!

Pastor Russell

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MUMC SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

September 1

"Re-thinking Our Mission"

Luke 4:1, 7-14

Holy Communion

Jesus' radical teaching to the Church is to reach out to people who cannot repay your goodness to them. The Church does not exist to benefit its own members, but we are to reach out to those outside with needs--- which is never an easy task.

September 8

"I'm Home!"

Matthew 22:34-40

Homecoming, 11:00 AM Service only

Pastor Dr. Michael D. Ruttlen, Sr. Preaching
Pickett-Rucker United Methodist Church, Lebanon, Tennessee

MUMC REVIVAL SERVICES

September 8-11

Revival Series: "Stirring Up the Gift"

2 Timothy 1:6-8

7:00 PM

Pastor Mike Ruttlen

Isaiah 43:18-19

September 15

"Thank God We Can Change"

1 Timothy 1:12-17

The only constant in life is change which can be fearful. But when Paul's life changed upside down through surrender to Jesus Christ, he gave thanks to God. Paul's transformation came through receiving personal forgiveness and giving God liberty to make those changes.

September 22

"The Lost and Found Collection"

Luke 15:1-7

Jesus said that everybody is in one of two categories: lost or found. The lost are those who have not yet responded to receive God's message of love through Jesus. The found are those who have responded. Have you responded and trusted Christ as your Savior and Lord?

September 29

"Oops! I Didn't See You"

Luke 16:19-31

Are there people in your world that you don't ever see? Needy people, hurting people, people who need your attention? When we are walking in love, we see the needy and our hearts urge us to help and heal.

Women's 10 Week Bible Study

"God Of Creation"

By Jen Wilkin

Exploring Genesis Chapters 1-11
beginning every Thursday, September, 19th
through Thursday, November 21st
at 7:00 pm upstairs in Legacy Hall

I'm so excited to begin this Bible Study with you in September! Most are familiar with the Bible stories of Genesis since childhood.

However, in this study we are going to challenge our basic knowledge of the Old Testament to discover deeper meanings in the text.

In John 5:46, Jesus says, "For if you believed in Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me." In the beginning lines of Moses's book of Genesis, we will see Jesus Christ and understand how the themes and narrative of Genesis set the stage for the New Testament.

If you are interested in participating in this study, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Old Sunday school building. I have ordered 12 workbooks which are \$14.73 each. All checks can be made payable to MUMC. Please try and secure your book from me before the first meeting, as there may be homework prior to class.

BIBLE STUDY

Rodney Deaner will be leading Life Lessons from John, written by Max Lucado, a bible study covering 12 lessons from the life of Jesus. Through the pen of John and the reflections of Max Lucado we will explore the book of John.

12 Lessons over 7 Sunday evenings
starting September 15th and 29th, Oct.
6th and 20th, Nov. 3rd and 17th and Dec.
1st from 7:00 to 8:30.

Contact Rodney by email
rdeaner@jetbroadband.com or cell phone
(434) 664-7831.

Memorial United Methodist Church
invites everyone to our
HOMECOMING & REVIVAL

Sun thru Wed, Sept 8-11, 2019

Pastor Dr. Michael Ruttlen, Sr.

Sunday, 9/08

10 AM - Sunday School for All Ages

11 AM - Homecoming Celebration
& Worship Service

Sermon: "I'm Home" Matt 22:34-40

Noon: Covered Dish Luncheon
(Chicken provided, bring side to share)

REVIVAL

SERMON TOPIC: "Stirring Up the Gift"

2 Tim 1:6-8, Isaiah 43:18-19

7 PM - Special Music MUMC Hand Bells

Monday, 9/09

7 PM - Special Music Norman Ramsey

Tuesday, 9/10

7 PM - Special Music "The Golden
Stars" (Shirley Walker & band)

Wednesday, 9/11

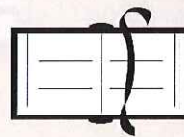
7 PM - Special Music

Janet & Richard Hawkins

Childcare provided



**Pastor, Pickett-Rucker UMC
Lebanon, Tennessee**



Lunchtime Bible Study
Mon, Tues, Wed

@ Noon in Legacy Hall

Bring a bag lunch!

Topic: "Bring it to the Table"

Psalms 23:5



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See our Facebook Page

SAFETY UPDATE: Per the recommendation from our State Police safety inspection, your safety team decided to only unlock 2 doors each Sunday morning: 1) the main Legacy Hall door in the back, and 2) the main front door to the Sanctuary. Effective September 15, we will take that one step further. Shortly after the 11:00 service starts, the back Legacy Hall door will be locked. To enter, you can use the code (if you know it), try ringing the bell (if anyone will hear it), or use the front door into the Sanctuary. After announcements are made during the 11:00 service, the main front door to the Sanctuary will be locked. The head usher (or his appointee) will be in the Narthex to let latecomers inside. Locking the doors prevents people from coming in but does NOT hinder exiting. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Eggleston, Safety Team Chairman. (434-664-7325)

Transformation in Christian Community

By Garry Ingraham

As a man who once fully identified with the LGBTQ+ community and embraced homosexuality as an identity I have also experienced the power of a God who never gives up and a God who insists on working through His imperfect sons and daughters to love powerfully, restoring all kinds of broken boundaries, broken relationships, broken people, and identities.

Sexual sins, relational fractures, and hidden struggles are very common in the church universal, and The United Methodist Church is no exception. In fact, it has been our lack of lovingly and clearly addressing sexual sin and addiction that has harmed our witness. Many churches fail to offer, with integrity, a life-giving and hope-filled way for addressing sexual brokenness. This has had a devastating impact on the church's witness in the wider culture. They see one-half of the church capitulating to the wider culture's sexual mores, and the other half only prepared to say what it will not stand for. What is lost is the hope of transformation found in the redemptive cross of Christ.

People in the LGBTQ+ community should not be singled out as uniquely flawed and somehow further from the grace and mercy of God. On the other hand, it is neither loving nor just to give people in the LGBTQ+ community a "pass" on repentance and God's call for holiness. A pass might seem gracious in the short-term, but it has devastating eternal consequences for those who allow their sexuality and sense of identity to define who they are in relationship to Christ and their brothers and sisters in the faith.

Rather, people in the LGBTQ+ community, no less than others, should be warmly invited into the journey of sanctification as the church forthrightly and honestly contends with sexual struggles and sexual sins. It would help everyone if the Body of Christ could start speaking the truth of what are common human struggles – Christian or not.

From my perspective as a once-gay man, what people in the LGBTQ+ community need is to hear Christ followers transparently testify to their hard-won victories over porn addiction, sexual impurity, or adultery. They need to hear faithful disciples be real and transparent about those sins Jesus has liberated them from. And they need to hear from us a warm, humble, and non-judgmental invitation to join us on the journey to Christian maturity.

People in the LGBTQ+ community need to hear from those of us who take seriously the spiritual gifts of hospitality, encouragement and exhortation. They need far more than a Sunday morning service once a week, they need spiritual family – homes where they are welcome with all their questions, doubts, fears, loneliness and frustrations. They need what everyone needs, but few truly experience, they need a sense of belonging. Yet, in many churches this need to belong has been confused with acceptance and celebration of sin and personal identity that sets itself up against the clear teachings of scripture.

I am so thankful for the group of Christian men that God worked through to bless the true man in me; I wish it were a more common experience for people who come to our churches. I'm so thankful my friends did not affirm me in my sin or bless a broken "gay-Christian" identity. Rather, they saw me as a man among men. They believed God could restore what the enemy had stolen. In many ways, God used this company of men to re-father and restore me to an authentic sense of self and re-envision an understanding of who I was and am as a man and son of God.

While I still experience same-sex attraction, the power and intensity of those attractions have greatly diminished. I no longer define myself as LGBTQ+ or conflate a gay identity with who I am in Christ. Instead, I am simply a man made in the image of God, a Christ follower, who experiences temptation toward a variety of sin, but of course freedom isn't the absence of temptation or struggle, it's the ability to yield to God's design and purposes.

I have been married to my wife, Melissa, for nearly twelve years now. We have two boys who are seven and nine; I love being a husband to Melissa and a father to them. This would have never happened had God not intervened through His church to begin a gradual process of transformation of my life. Truly, with God, all things are possible.

Melissa and I know hundreds of men and women who have decided to follow Jesus out of LGBTQ+ identity. Some have married and now have families of their own. Some have remained single. The power of the Gospel and the grace of God to radically transform lives does not surrender its potency at the threshold of the LGBTQ+ community. God is still at work.

With all the UM Church has experienced in its long debate regarding its sexual ethics, my hope is that it would become a vibrant place of intentional healing and transformation. My prayer and work within the UM Church through [Transforming Congregations](#) is to equip leaders, pastors and congregations to offer real hope and authentic love to those who struggle with sexual sin, pornography addiction, and unwanted LGBTQ+ feelings and identity.

We must do more than stand on the fringe of one of the most divisive issues of our time. We have to do more than either bless sin or only stand against it. As the church we must offer more than, "Just say no." We need to offer real Gospel hope, a place of belonging, and a chance to be loved well enough to experience the transforming power of God in each of our lives.

SEPTEMBER



SUPER SENIORS NEWS:

Have you heard what a good time the MUMC Super Seniors had at the inside picnic at Grace Hills? The delicious burgers, hot dogs, and homemade ice cream; the happy conversations; and the wonderful musical performance of McKinley Cardwell were enjoyed by everyone.



A Senior Affair

(sponsored by The Good Neighbor and Help Center)
will be held September 23 at Appomattox Inn and Suites.

Because of limited seating, those who registered by August 25 will hear Dr. Valentine, cardiologist, and other professionals speak on keeping your heart and mind healthy.

**NO First Friday in September - so sorry to our regulars, but Beverly and Susie will be away and will have to cancel this month's First Friday.
Look forward to seeing everyone on October 4th.**

2019/ 2020
Jesus Center
Feeding Schedule:

September 18th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th
January 8th
February 5th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th



Look Out for Club & Campaigner's to be starting soon!
Coming Up, Inflatables will be back this year on Rail Road Saturday!

PRAY!!!

...for All Kids that will be participating in YoungLife!
...for All Leaders, Committee & Staff!

Operation Christmas Child: SOCCER BALL DEAL!!!



If you are interested in putting a soccer ball kit into your Christmas Child box this year, we have the opportunity to get them for \$3.50 a kit! The kit includes the ball, 2 filler needles & the pump! But orders must be in soon b/c this deal is only available if the person ordering can get 1,200 orders before 9/15/19. If you want soccer balls for you OCC gift, or for yourself/ other reasons (not OCC specific), please call the church office at 352-5705 to place your order.

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER WILL BE SEPTEMBER 20TH. THE NEWSLETTER MAILING TEAMS
WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 9 AM IN LEGACY HALL.**

Celebration Women Conference Saturday, Sept 28, 2019 * 9:30-Noon

Evergreen Baptist Church
472 White Pine Drive, Appomattox

FOOD * FELLOWSHIP * MUSIC * WORSHIP

Special Guest Speaker

Wendy Stallings Lewis



With Appomattox roots, raised in NC, and now living in Corpus Christi, Texas, Wendy is a dynamic speaker, teacher, and worship leader.

WENDY will challenge you to see the **EXTRAORDINARY GOD** moments in your everyday life.

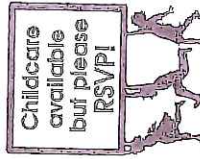
RSVP to our FB Event,
call 434-352-5705 or email
appomattox.celebration@gmail.com

Free event!
Love Offering



ALL ARE WELCOME! BRING FRIENDS!

Open the eyes of my heart, LORD!



What is Young Life? What is Wyld Life?

Come and see
what is happening with our
young people in Appomattox!

SEPTEMBER 5TH

7:00 pm | 316 Virginia Ave
Appomattox

Home of Pastor Russell & Julie Cheatham

Desserts will be served!

WHO SHOULD COME?
ANYONE WITH ANY TYPE OF
CONNECTION TO MIDDLE &
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



YL young life.
YL wyld life.



You Too! Me Too!

At the weekly CR meeting, in the bulletin, you will find a quote from C.S. Lewis, "What you too! I thought I was the only one!" Frequently people say, "I'd go to CR except I don't want people to know I have struggles." Implying they are the only one with a struggle; see if you can find a person with a hurt, habit, or hang-up similar to yours ...

I married a wonderful woman who I know God made just for me. But when she needed me most, when she was faced directly with a dilemma, I did not come to her rescue. I was not the man God made me to be for her. I feel overwhelming guilt. Adam

I have a great husband, and we had two children, two boys. They were very different, but we loved them both. We brought them up to love the Lord. We did not deal with their sibling rivalry, and a Mother's worst nightmare happened. My eldest son murdered his brother, and now he has been sent away. I will never see him again. My grief is overwhelming at times. Eve

I love the Lord and always tried to do precisely what he told me to do, even when it seemed crazy. But, I have a ruinous alcohol problem. I got so drunk my kids found me passed out and naked. Now I can't even face my kids. Noah

I was adopted, although I knew my biological mother. I have a bad temper, and because of my anger, I killed a man. I have low self-esteem, continue to struggle with who I am and what I can do. Moses

My brother is a great preacher/leader, and I enjoy being his right-hand person. But, I have such a problem with being a people pleaser that when he was away from the ministry, I let, and actually lead, the congregation into heresy. Aaron

Everyone thinks I'm a great guy, and it seems that I have unbelievable success. But at times, my depression gets the best of me, and I find myself asking to die. Elijah

I struggle with co-dependency. I know when I should say no, but I can't help myself. I go along with the things my husband asks of me that I know are not fair or safe. Sarah

My Mom was a great Godly woman. I was raised to know better, but I married a non-believer, and now I am struggling with being unequally yoked. Samson

As a young boy, I spent my time outside, praising God. My life changed, and I found myself on top of the world. I had it all, but I spent too much time looking around at what my neighbor had. I used all my power to get what he had. Now I have to deal with the death of my son. Thank goodness, God forgave me. David

My marriage is a disaster. Hosea

I don't have any self-confidence, and I doubt everything, I find it impossible to trust. Thomas

I am so co-dependent that I spend my day worried about making sure that I do everything to make everyone happy and get everything done. Because of my co-dependency and anxiety, I don't make good decisions. Martha

I had the best biblical training from the best teacher! But I still make bad choices. You may not believe this, but I actually denied my Christianity three times. Peter

Yes, I'm still a work in process. At one point, I adamantly denied Jesus and was even part of a group actively fighting Christianity. Now, I have accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I am in full-time Christian Ministry, although I still have struggles. I don't know why, but I continue to do what I know I should not do. Paul

What mask are you wearing? How is that mask affecting your life? CR is a place where we, all, have struggles, and we, all, rely on God's healing power.

"Come, let's talk this over, says the Lord; no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you white as wool!"

Isaiah 1:18

Help a Family in Appomattox, VA

https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-a-family-in-appomattox?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

A family in Appomattox needs our help. **A team of your neighbors at Memorial United Methodist Church is raising money to help this family in need.** Dad is disabled and in the hospital. Mom is left at home to take care of 5 children. The children range in age from 17 to 3. And it is school time. Any donation will help make an impact on their lives.

She needs help with school supplies, clothes and meeting monthly expenses.

They live in a very old mobile home and their home is in need of repairs.

This including

- a new roof,
- new skirting
- additional insulation
- and new flooring on the inside.

Your contribution will be used to help meet these needs. We have a team in place who is helping them with the challenges they face. Mary Main is handling the allocation of funds received to maximize the effective use of those funds. Her phone is 434-352-1015, She would love to talk to you about their needs.

We have already received donations of a window air conditioner, a used Van, lawn equipment, a small pool, and many other in-kind donations. Join us in making a difference for a family in Appomattox, Virginia! Thanks in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to us.

Mercy to the needy is a loan to God, and God pays back those loans in full. Proverbs 19:17 *The Message*



Labors of love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, "It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God." As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer's end but in celebrating the ways nearly all "duties and labors of life" can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they'll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in "spiritual union with God": cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 2, 2019*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 8, 2019*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2019*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, 2019*
- First day of autumn, *September 23, 2019*





MISSIONS CORNER

SEPTEMBER



Mission SPOTLIGHT

APPOMATTOX JESUS CENTER

Have you ever wanted to do "something" at church, but wanted it to be easy, simple, fun? No meetings, no stress? Then come join our Jesus Center ministry! Once a month, beginning in September, we, at MUMC, go to the Jesus Center and cook a simple meal and serve it to some pretty grateful kids! It takes no more than a half an hour too! Quick, easy and totally stress free! Please consider joining our team this year. I do most of the cooking and you would be putting chicken nuggets on each child's plate. You can do this. And I truly need hands to serve so please consider my proposal. Our first night will be September 18 (because I'm out of town on our regular night). If you're interested, please either call, text (434-610-3509) or email me at: kt.dickerson@yahoo.com or you can even call the church office. All help and any donations are always appreciated! Thank you.



August Communion Rail Offering

for Missions was \$206.00

to Park View Community Missions.

Our Next MUMC Missions Meeting will be

Thursday, September 26th @ 7pm in upstairs LH.

The Missions committee of Memorial United Methodist Church exists to reach out to the needy and to spread the gospel. Its main focus is to involve the congregation in Missions. It is equally committed to local, national, and international needs. If you want to experience the joy of spreading the gospel and helping the needy, join us in one of our hands on Missions Opportunity! If you are interested in finding out more information or giving ideas on missions opportunities, please contact the church office at 434-352-5705 or email memorialumc5705@gmail.com.

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

FALL 2019 MISSION TRIP

FRIENDS OF THE EDISTO

The Friends of the Edisto, the Farmville District's UMWIM team, in mission with the Edisto Indian Tribe in Ridgeville, South Carolina will be making its Fall trip the week of 13-19 October. We will be staying in the cabins at the Givhan's Ferry State Park near the work sites. An advance party will be going down on 12 October to meet with the tribal representatives on 13 October to get work assignments. The cost of the trip to participants will be \$200.00 per person. This will cover food and lodging for the week. The team will assemble at the Givhan's Ferry State Park, so members are responsible for their own transportation to the site. If you need a ride, we will help arrange one for you. For information and registration forms contact Ollie Wright at e-mail address olwright3@meckcom.net or phone 434-696-3140. Completed forms and registration fees need to be received by September 12, 2019. We look forward to having you participate in this worthy and rewarding mission opportunity. Any donations to this Native American Ministry mission can be sent to "Friends of the Edisto", C/C Ollie Wright, 3265 Hardy Road, Keysville, VA. 23947. 100% of all donations will go to help the Edisto Tribe.

The Friends of the Edisto Mission Team

In the late 1980s the Farmville District established a covenant relationship with the Edisto Indian Tribe in Ridgeville, South Carolina. Subsequently, mission teams have been making at least two week-long mission trips per year. The teams do maintenance, repair and rehabilitation on the dwellings of elderly, handicapped and disabled tribe members. The teams operate in conjunction with the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission organization. This mission has provided long-term and persistent assistance to the tribe. We have established a good working relationship with the tribal council. They have a committee that works with us to determine the people and places we provide assistance to. We have established a family-like relationship with many of the tribe members. When we told the chief that we were going to call our mission teams "The Friends of the Edisto", He said "You could call yourselves the brothers of the Edisto". We took that as a sign we were doing the mission the way it should be done. We consider ourselves to be in mission WITH the Edisto and not in mission TO the Edisto. We strive to serve the Edisto as they actually need to be served and not as we THINK they need to be served.

The Farmville District has been generous in support of this continuing mission. We are supported by District apportionments and contributions from churches and individuals. The money that is contributed to the mission ALL goes to help the tribe members. The cost of transportation, housing and feeding the mission teams is borne by the team members themselves. The numbers of team members have ranged from a high of 22 to a low of 2. No matter how many people go on a trip, good work is done to help tribe members in the name of Christ.

In addition to the Edisto Tribe, the mission teams have established a close relationship with the Ridgeville Charge of the United Methodist Church. The three churches of the Charge have welcomed the teams to their church family and have provide spiritual and moral support over the years. They have also provided some sumptuous meals. We thank the members of the Farmville District for the consistent support of this worthy and long-running mission. We feel that we are acting in the spirit of Matthew 25:40 where Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Yours in Christ, Ollie Wright, Edisto Team Co-Leader



Guatemala 2020 Guatemala Mission Trip January 3rd-11th

Trip Cost: \$1,900

\$640.00 deposit due by **September 28, 2019**

\$640.00 deposit due by **November 2, 2019**

\$620.00 final payment by **December 7, 2019**

Trip Insurance is not included - Price includes airfare (taxes and fees), transportation in Guatemala, lodging, meals at HOL, medical mission/evacuation insurance, activity fee and mission t-shirt. Transportation to/from Richmond **not** included/provided. **All payments non-refundable.**

We would love for you to come and join us in Guatemala. Come spread the love of Jesus Christ and be a part of the transformation that is happening at Hope of Life International and in the community of Esperanza de Vida/Causelife village tucked in the mountains of Guatemala. Join us and allow the Lord to transform your life through His love and the love of these wonderful people.

Tentative Itinerary includes: Multiple opportunities to share the love of Christ through Worship and Ministry. Pack and Distribute Christmas Gifts. Participate in Youth Ministry. Spend a few days building a home for a family in need. Opportunities to visit the babies in the nutrition center and elderly in the elderly home.

Friday January 10th we will spend the day and night in beautiful Antigua Guatemala.

If you would like to join us, please send your \$640.00 deposit to Chris McNutt, 445 Abbitt Branch Road, Appomattox, VA, 24522, no later than **September 28th, 2019**. Please make checks **Payable To: Mt. Comfort UMC Guatemala Missions** and please write in the memo "**mission trip**".

If you do not have a current passport, you will want to pursue this quickly. **It can take up to a month to obtain. It must be valid for six months past your trip exit date.**



Mount Comfort
Guatemala Missions

We look forward to serving with you!!

**For questions, please
contact us at:**

passion4guatemala@aol.com

Saturday, September 21, 2019
Trinity UMC
903 Forest Ave.
Richmond, VA 23229

Both laity and clergy are invited to attend (450 limit).
 Registration Cost: (\$10 – includes lunch)
 Registrations will be received at
<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/bishopsconvo19>
 Deadline is **September 13**
 Contact: TedSmith@vaumc.org



SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30 Gathering
 9:30 - 11:00 Plenary
 11:00 - 11:15 Break
 11:15 - 12:30 Workshop Groups
 12:30 - 1:15 Lunch
 1:15 - 2:30 Workshop Groups
 2:30 - 2:45 Break
 2:45 - 3:30 Worship with Eucharist

BISHOP'S CONVOCAATION ON PRAYER



Dr. Terry Tekyl

as KSBJ. For eight years, they have been inviting listeners to pray the Lord's Prayer at noon. Dr. Tekyl is encouraging each local church in every time zone to pray in the same manner. He has taught hundreds of workshops helping people and local churches to pray more effectively. His thesis is that if we find God's presence then the unchurched will look for us. Early in his ministry he grew a church from 8 to 2,000 in attendance and received 5,000 professions of faith through this prayer practice.

Dr. Terry Tekyl is currently a prayer pastor for FaithBridge United Methodist Church in Spring, Texas and serves as chaplain for a Christian radio station known

Dr. Terry Tekyl will be the plenary speaker. There will also be small group learning opportunities in the areas of prayer and Wesleyan spiritual disciplines.

Dr. Tekyl has written fifteen books on prayer. Included in these books are *Acts 29, How to Pray After You Have Kicked the Dog, Praying Grace, Preyed On or Prayed For, Presence Based Church, The Most Wanted List, Outside the Camp, My Healing Devotional, My Financial Devotional* and *Praying the Lord's Prayer at Noon*. He has distributed over a million prayer helps like *Keys for the Kingdom* and *Public Prayer Boxes* and an array of prayer guides for praying the Bible in all situations of life.

Pray the Price

Prayer provides what money, effort, or work cannot. Dr. Tekyl will teach from Luke 11:1-13 and Luke 18:1-8 to help

participants pray more effectively and without ceasing, receiving the promises of Scripture in times of uncertainty. We can pray with "shameless audacity" knowing if God said it, then that settles it. Dr. Tekyl will focus on praying with confidence; principles of prevailing prayer; and how we can rely on the Holy Spirit to help and inspire us to pray without wavering. How can we as United Methodists apply the power of prayer to stay united and passionate about the cause of Jesus Christ for General Conference 2020 and beyond?



If Prayer Can Help You Find Your Lost Keys, Could It Possibly Help You Find the Lost People in Your City?

Dr. Terry Tekyl

This workshop is about developing a theology for prayer-evangelism. How can we marry the best of prayer and evangelism to have children of regeneration? What would happen if we regularly prayed through the Book of Acts inviting the Holy Spirit to write chapter 29 in our midst? There is power in praying the name of Jesus. This workshop will offer several practical ideas that would work in any size church to pray and win people to Jesus.

In heaven we will see Jesus and He will say, "I am glad you are here, who did you bring with you?"

The Power of a Praying Woman

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis

This workshop will give women tools on how to pray fervently and effectively.

Too Busy to Pray?

Rev. Keith Lee

Brother Lawrence in *The Practice of the Presence of God* introduced prayer as communication with the Divine integrated into the very fabric of life. His teaching brought awareness of God in the most common and ordinary situations such as cleaning and cooking. I will present his teachings as well as my reflections to assist busy individuals experiencing God in seemingly mundane activities. Moreover, the workshop will explore practicing silence, mindful breathing, redirecting internal dialogue, and observing God in creation as means of prayer.

Convocation participants may attend two of these workshops.

Please indicate workshop preferences with registration.



Praying the Psalms

Rev. Teresa Smith

Release and Reset. Carry your heart emotions and gut reactions to God. Learn to pray the ancient Psalms in new ways. Be drawn into deeper relationship with our Creator, receive the Holy Spirit – the Spirit of Truth and Jesus' gift of peace that passes all understanding. An experiential workshop.

Prayerful Music

Mr. George Darko-Boateng

Prayer is silent, prayer is vocal, prayer is meditative, prayer is deeply spiritual, and we are reminded that Prayer is Musical! This interactive workshop will model, teach and demonstrate with instruments various ways of praying that include soul stirring sounds and making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Modern Connections for Prayer

Rev. DeLishia Davis

This workshop will provide information and prayer strategies involving the use of technology to reach an audience outside of the church building. Topics will include virtual prayer groups, prayer calls and blogging for ministries.

Praying With: Teaching the Next Generation to Pray

Rev. Sarah Payne

The next generation hasn't got a prayer, and they won't unless we pray with them. During this workshop, we will look at how by praying with them we practice what we teach. And, what we seek to teach is one of life's most valuable lessons: God works through prayer in profound ways.

Sacred Circle Dance

Ms. Joan Tipton, Ms. Tammy Tipton-Nay

Sacred Circle Dance is one of the most ancient forms of meditative prayer and dance. The dances are simple gentle dances that have special meditative qualities and ancient roots in music and dance from around the world.

Praying at Every Turn: Journeying Through the Prayer Labyrinth

Rev. Sylvia Meadows

Labyrinths have been used for centuries to facilitate prayer and meditation. This workshop will offer a brief introduction to labyrinths and how they may be used to facilitate your relationship with loving God and your neighbors. You will also have an opportunity to silently walk and pray a labyrinth together in the group setting.



EW Leaders



September 1	Tori Rothgeb, Dawn Elliott	Carrie Lewis
September 8	Melanie Reel, LeeAnn Robinson	Nate Dillon
September 15	Debbie, Ginny, & Delia Baine, Sam Morton	Carrie Lewis
September 22	Shannah Wilbun, Beth Frady	Zach Dillon
September 29	Sara Slayton, Lisa Smith	Jimmie Wells

9/1 Dan Turner
 Communion Assistants:
 Doug & Sheila Webb
 9/8 Nathan Putney
 9/15 Victor Vernon
 9/22 Doug Webb
 9/29 Dan Turner



9/1 Mitch Eggleston
 Communion Assistants: Dow & Penny Mongold
 9/8 Steve Nadolson
 9/15 Rodney Deaner
 9/22 Tori Rothgeb
 9/29 Sue Eggleston



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 9/8 Gail Bruhnsen
 9/15 Brennan & Lexi Ranson
 9/22 Betsy Ranson
 9/29 Lexi Ranson & Hannah Lee Baine



9/1 Doug & Sheila Webb
 9/8 Barry & Debra Jones
 9/15 Tom & Lin Maxwell
 9/22 Chris Woodall, Victor Vernon
 9/29 Dan Turner, James Garrison



9/1 Dow Mongold, Harry White
 9/8 Lisa & Blair Smith
 9/15 Debbie & Baxter Parris
 9/22 Joanne & Bill Burger
 9/29 Penny Mongold, Jenny Steadman



9/1 Tori Rothgeb
 9/8 Joe Davis
 9/15 Skeeter Armstrong
 9/22 Justin Rothgeb
 9/29 Sam Morton



Early Worship:	11:00 Worship:
9/1 Mary Turner	Joe Davis
9/8 Mary Turner	Eddie Wells
9/15 Kathy Dickerson	Skeeter Armstrong
9/22 Joe Davis	Joe Davis
9/29 Skeeter Armstrong	Eddie Wells

1 Sept Bethany Wilbun
 2 Sept. Jimmie Wells
 2 Sept. Sara Baine
 2 Sept. Brody Ranson
 3 Sept. Kathy Harris
 3 Sept. Devin Bagby
 4 Sept. Lin Maxwell
 4 Sept. Jack Evans
 4 Sept. JR Elliott
 6 Sept. Betty Guthrie
 7 Sept. Dale Weakley
 8 Sept. Sheila Webb
 10 Sept. Melissa Doss
 12 Sept. Brian Robinson
 14 Sept. Peggy Lotts
 14 Sept. Anne Robinson
 15 Sept. Eddie Wells, Jr.
 18 Sept. Sue Eggleston
 18 Sept. Megan Henderson
 19 Sept. Dorothy van Opstal
 19 Sept. John Morton
 20 Sept. Rodney Deaner
 20 Sept. April Mullins Mela
 25 Sept. Tom Jolly



4 Sept Lin and Tom Maxwell
 11 Sept Chris and Charles Wilbun
 11 Sept. Phil & Connie Bass
 17 Sept. Janet and Benny Drinkard
 17 Sept. Kathy & David Harris
 20 Sept. Bob & Gail Bruhnsen





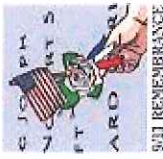


Early Worship

9/1 Brenda & Nathan Putney
 9/8 Cindy Ranson & Victor Vernon
 9/15 Joan Holt & Julie Cheatham
 9/22 Brenda & Nathan Putney
 9/29 Julie Cheatham & Sheila Webb

11:00 Worship

9/1 Steve Nadolson & Rodney Deaner
 9/8 Skeeter & Betty Armstrong
 9/15 Janet Nonle & Marie Milton
 9/22 Anne Robinson & Penny Mongold
 9/29 Sue & Mitch Eggleston

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship 1:30 PM – Homebound Communion 5:30-7:30 PM – Youth United	2  LABOR DAY	3 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery	4 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Pray, Parlor 6:30 PM- Safety Team Meeting 7:30 PM – P & G	5 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 6-7 PM – Ready, Set, Grow 7:00 PM- YoungLife Dessert information gathering, parsonage	6	7
8  10:00 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship Covered Dish following Worship 5:30-7:30 PM – Youth United 7:00 PM – Revival Service	9 12 Noon – Revival Bible Study, Legacy Hall 7:00 PM – Revival Service	10 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 12 Noon – Revival Bible Study, Legacy Hall 7:00 PM – Revival Service	11 PATRIOT DAY 12 Noon – Revival Bible Study, Legacy Hall 7:00 PM – Revival Service 	12 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH	13	14 5-9 PM - Kids Night Out, Legacy Hall
15 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship 5:30-7:30 PM – Youth United 7:00- 8:30 PM- Bible Study, LH	16 7:00 PM – Young Life Committee Meeting, Baine's Books & Coffee	17 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:30 PM – Finance Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery	18 4:45-5:30 – Feeding children at the Jesus Center 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Pray, Parlor 7:30 PM – Church Council Meeting	19 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 1:30- 3:30 PM – Mission Opportunity at Gleaning for the World 7:00 PM- Women's Bible Study "God of Creation", LH	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 Bishop's Convocation on Prayer, Trinity UMC 903 Forest Ave. Richmond, VA 23229
22 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship 5:30-7:30 PM – Youth United	23 SUPER SENIORS: A Senior Affair, Appomattox Inn & Suites 	24 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery	25 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Pray, Parlor 7:30 PM – Worship	26 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 7:00 PM- Missions Team Meeting, upstairs LH 7:00 PM- Women's Bible Study "God of Creation", LH	27 9:00 AM – Newsletter Mailing Team	28 9:30-Noon – Celebration Women Conference, Evergreen Baptist Church
29 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 11:00 AM – Worship 5:30-7:30 PM – Youth United 7:00- 8:30 PM- Bible Study, LH	30					

PRAYER CONCERNS:

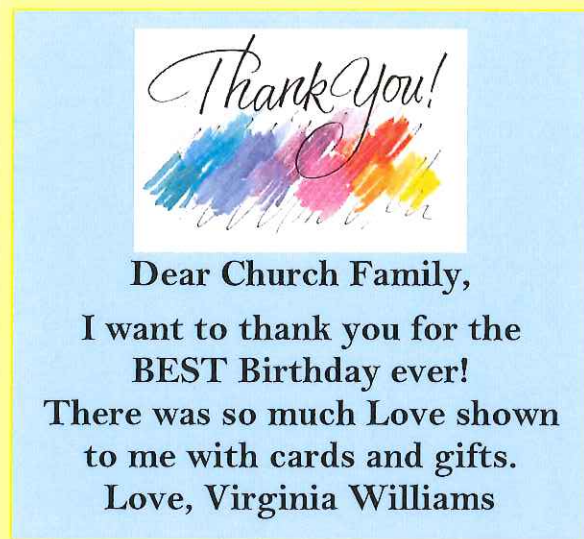
Recent Prayer Needs:

Family of Wanda Gafford
 Benny Harvey
 Don Keesler (Parsons' friend – chronic pain)
 Julie Cheatham
 Cheryl Skipper
 Daphne Jackson
 Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)
 Rev. Ohhwan Freedman Kim family in car accident
 Dianne Marsh (stroke, Loretta Layne caretaker/ Cindi Williams' aunt)
 Doug Howard (Relative of Pastor Russell)
 Robert Krebs (car accident, broken neck, Trafton McDowell's nephew)
 Sheri Anderson & Family recovering from accident
 Lisa & baby Colton (he needs a kidney transplant, friend of Cheathams)
 Buck Saunders (Cheryl Skipper friend, battling cancer)
 Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' Aunt)
 Cathy Bates (Breast Cancer diagnosis)
 Janet Lowery (Skeeter & Betty Armstrong's niece)
 Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)
 Linda Thomas Turner (Beverly Thomas' cousin)
 Walter David Jr. (Betty Guthrie's brother)
 Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)
 Judy Ferguson (aunt of Dawn Elliott)
 Vicky Jones (Stroke- Peg Lawson niece)
 Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)
 Jimmie Ramsey (Carolyn Jolly's Brother)
 Roger Stiggins (Becky Henderson's cousin)
 Jim Parsons (relative of Parsons/heart trouble)
 Sarah Evans (Jack Evans' mother)
 Edna Harris (friend of Victor Vernon)
 Susan Booker (awaiting lung transplant)
 Shirley Shirey family (under Hospice care)
 Mary Walker (battling cancer)
 Brian and Heather Angstadt
 Tyler Peterson
 Sharee Whitmer
 Sara Baine
 Doug Doss
 Tom Conrad
 Hazel Thomas
 Caden Bradford
 Gary Lindsey (Stage 4 colon cancer)
 Kathy Wallace (April Mela's Family)
 Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)
 Loretta Howard (battling cancer)
 Bud Letterman (uncle of Debbie Reyes)
 Betty Armstrong
 Maxine Hollinger
 Bishop Lewis
 Connie & Phil Bass

September 2019



Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to the Family of Rev. Joe Lotts. Joe went home to be with his Lord and Savior on August 4, 2019. Please continue to pray for Peggy and family during their time of grief.



Continuing Concerns:

-Babcock Manor: Anne Weakley & Margaret Wilson & Lorene Lucado & Estaline McCraw
 -Valley View Retirement Community: Mary Martin 301A
 -Bentley Commons: Daphne Jackson
 -Heritage Green Assisted Living, Rm. 101: Elizabeth Jamerson
 -St. Joseph's Home: Frances Rogers
 Margaret Moon, Victor & Susan Vernon, Neola Smith, Manning & Myrt Harrell, Hazel Thomas
 VA Conference Bishop Sharma D. Lewis & Bishop Peter (Pete) D. Weaver, District Superintendent
 Denies Bates, Pastor Russell & MUMC Leaders, Youth United, Members of our Armed Services
 stationed overseas and here at home, Police Force & Special Agencies, President Trump/World leaders/
 The United States of America. All Refugees

Our Missionary Partners:

YoungLife (Appomattox, VA) Central Virginia VA27, P.O. Box 3543 Lynchburg, VA 24503-0543; (giving.younglife.org)
 The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA) P.O. Box 322 Appomattox, VA 24522
 Clara Biswas, Street Children Ministries (Cambodia) clarabiswas@online.com.kh (advance.umcmmission.org/p-1509-biswas-clara-mridula.aspx)
 Chris & Paula McNutt, Hope of Life, Mt. Comfort (Guatemala) 445 Abbitt Branch Rd. Appomattox, VA 24522 (passion4guatemala.com)
 Charles & Becky Jackson, Generous Hands (Philippines) charlesbeckyjackson@msn.com
 Emi Monges, Ambassadors for Christ (Paraguay) eminonges@hotmail.com <https://afciworld.org/what-we-do/focus-on-the-heart/>
 The Mathers, Stepping Forward Ministries (Romania) Stepping Forward Ministries, PO Box 20065, Salem, Oregon 07307

Our Ministry of Prayer: Anyone wishing to receive prayer requests for our church and community send your email address to Marie Milton at mcmorgan112@gmail.com. If you would like a name on our printed bulletin Prayer list, please contact the church office at 352-5705. At the end of each month the Prayer List will be purged. Your help in removing names (when appropriate) and giving updates is greatly appreciated.



Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday:

8:30 AM – Early Worship

9:30 AM – “Holy” Grounds Breakfast

9:45 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Worship

5:30 PM- Youth United

Tuesday:

6:45 PM- Celebrate Recovery

*Look inside for more events
happening at Memorial
United Methodist Church!*

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invites everyone to our

REVIVAL

Sun thru Wed, Sept 8-11, 2019

Pastor Dr. Michael Ruttlen, Sr.

SERMON TOPIC: "Stirring Up the Gift"
2 Tim 1:6-8, Isaiah 43:18-19

Sunday, 9/08

7 PM - Special Music MUMC Hand Bells

Monday, 9/09

7 PM - Special Music Norman Ramsey

Tuesday, 9/10

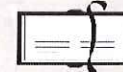
7 PM - Special Music
"The Golden Stars"
(Shirley Walker & band)

Wednesday, 9/11

7 PM - Special Music
Janet & Richard Hawkins



Pastor of Pickett-Rucker UMC
Lebanon, Tennessee



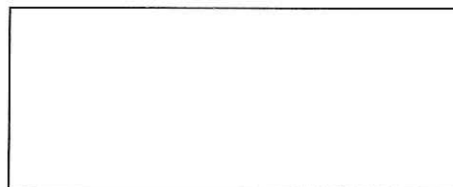
Lunchtime Bible Study
Mon, Tues, Wed
@ Noon In Legacy Hall
Bring a bag lunch!
Topic: "Bring It to the Table"
Psalm 23:5



Childcare provided

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