

Memorial Methodist Messenger

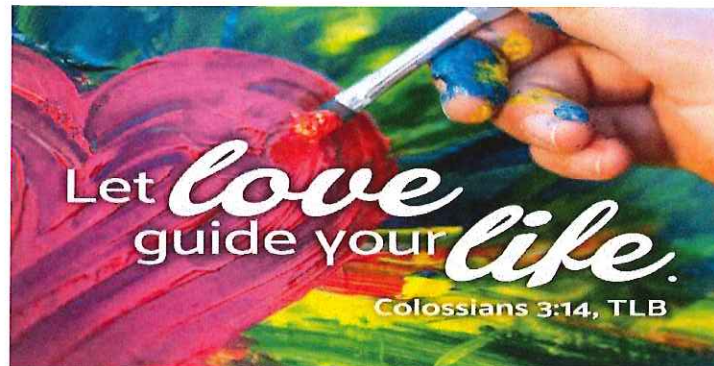
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Our Mission is to help others grow in the love and joy of Jesus Christ

MARCH 2020



Reaching Out with Russell... Above all, Love

"Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

Above all, love.

We recognize Christians by their unselfish love. Yet sometimes one of the most difficult things we do as Christians is to love! How easily I find myself offended---even by people who barely know me. Other times, there are persons---even those with whom I may feel the closest, who deliberately hurt me. To constantly offer forgiveness to those who hurt us is always a gift of love, inspired and made possible only by God Himself. Above all, love.

Love is a great key of the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 16:19). Loving God and loving one another are the "greatest commandments," and the fulfillment of "all the law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37-40). Love is at the heart of our Heavenly Father, and love is to be at our hearts for Him and for one another. "Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love" (1 John 4:7-8).

Our journey of faith through the challenges of this broken and fallen world is to learn to love and to conform us into the image of God's love. Through all we face with every injustice we see, and every wrong we endure to the ways of God in our world, God is there teaching us and empowering us to overcome in the power of His grace and to grow in the power of His love.

In all the ways that we could never live out with our human wills in strength or even our human desires, God rises up by His Spirit within us to love through no matter what comes against us, so that by His power alone we can obey His command to "love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who abuse us" (Luke 6:27-28). We are completely unable to do anything apart from Him. But we can praise the Lord that we are never apart from Him and His Spirit is always within us to love through us in the resurrection power of His never failing love.

We know that surrendering to the Lord Jesus in obedience to His truth and yielding to His heart and His will makes us more like Jesus who is love. 1 Peter 1:22 promises when we "have purified our souls by our obedience to the truth, we will have genuine mutual love and we will love one another deeply from the heart.

Jesus' call daily is for us to open our hearts to Him as His is open to us. "We love because You first loved us" (1 John 4:19). As we do, this love flows through us empowering you and me to love and learn to love deeply from our hearts just as He loves us deeply from His heart.

So let's be encouraged! Let's allow God to be in control at all times in all of our relationships. May we be willing today to be filled with God's love and learn to grow in love as we allow His love to powerfully pour out of us to everyone, not just those who please us. Above all, love.

Praise the Lord!

Pastor Russell



Update on the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation

Dear Virginia Annual Conference,

On January 3, 2020, the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation (the "Protocol") was released. You can find [the document](#) on the conference website. It is important to emphasize that the Protocol does not mean the future of our denomination has been agreed upon. The Protocol is one of several plans for the General Conference to consider from May 5-15, 2020.

The level of anxiety and stress for bishops, clergy and laity is high as we approach the General Conference. There is a deep collective longing to resolve our human sexuality disagreement in a way that provides everyone with grace and hope.

In this journey to resolve our disagreement, I hope you can hear and understand my vow to continue to live out my episcopal consecration. On July 15, 2016, I made a solemn covenant to uphold the *Book of Discipline*. I did not enter into this covenant lightly. I pledged my commitment to God and the denomination to honor my consecration covenant through each passage of Church law enacted at every General Conference.

Our Church law governs our denomination and it provides the processes we as United Methodists agreed to follow. However, I am sensitive to the views of those who do not agree with the *Book of Discipline* or the legislation passed at the 2019 Special Session of General Conference as it relates to human sexuality. Therefore, it is crucial that we pray for our Virginia Conference delegation and the 862 delegates from all over the world that will be discerning God's will for the future of our denomination in May 2020.

I have been asked by many whether I will implement the request in the Protocol that bishops put in abeyance any complaints filed against clergy who are self-avowed practicing homosexuals or who preside over same-sex weddings. I respectfully ask that the Virginia Conference clergy do not perform same-sex weddings, keeping to our sacred vow in the *Book of Discipline*. However, if clergy preside over same-sex weddings and a complaint is filed about such conduct, I will process the complaint by the 2016 *Book of Discipline* and the legislation that was passed at the 2019 Special Session of General Conference.

On May 15, 2019, Interim Bishop Pete Weaver provided wise counsel when he sent a letter to all Virginia Conference clergy specifying how they can participate in same-sex weddings without violating the sacred covenant of the *Book of Discipline*. I fully agree with, and support, Bishop Weaver's letter.

Please pray for our denomination daily. Prayer is a powerful discipline and I believe we can get through anything if we trust in God and seek God's wisdom. These are trying times in The United Methodist Church, but I am confident that we will emerge stronger in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Peace and Blessings,

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis



From the
Bishop

AN INVITATION TO STOP FIGHTING AND HEAL OUR SOULS

By Jeff Greenway



When “The Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation” was released earlier this month it generated a wave of reactions across The United Methodist Church. I have not been surprised by the varied responses. It has been my experience that each step in the process toward some form of amicable separation brings with it another segment of our connection that becomes aware of the issues that divide us and the depth of our brokenness.

While I have already worked through my personal grief over what I believe is our inevitable and necessary separation, many people are just becoming aware of the prospect for the very first time. Consequently, a whole new segment of the church has greeted the announcement of a mediated separation agreement with surprise or numbed disbelief.

I have heard and read the following questions: “How can this be happening?” “Why didn’t anyone tell me?” and “Who do *they* think they are?” These initial reactions are often followed by anger and distrust captured in comments like: “I wasn’t in the room, so they don’t speak for me!” “I could have done better!” “I can’t support this! *They* gave away the store!” Or “We need to renegotiate this whole thing!” It can be disconcerting and depressing when we feel powerless over what is happening in our church.

To those who are relatively new to efforts to address the deep divide in our church, I certainly understand the surprise and angst over a proposal for separation. You are grieving. I have been where you are: shocked, angry, or depressed, or maybe all three. And in those moments I was certain I knew *who* to blame, *what* should be done to correct the situation, and *how* to get it done. When my efforts proved futile, I also knew how to wallow in the depression of my denominational angst. It was not helpful. I learned it is important to begin to work through the rest of the grief process and come to a place of acceptance of the new normal so I could build *hope* for the *future*. I encourage you to do the same.

That said, I write to share that I support the protocol. I am not supportive because it is perfect; it is not. There are several things I believe could be perfected if we lived in a perfect church; we do not. We are an imperfect church led by imperfect people attempting to serve a perfect Savior. The theological and ethical rift between those of us in the UM Church is too great for us to repair. We need the opportunity to shape our different understandings of the church’s core theological teaching, its ethical values, and its mission without constantly fighting with one another. The protocol provides that opportunity.

I am not supportive of the protocol because “my side wins.” It does not. The agreement is the result of an intense mediation process designed not to have winners and losers. Besides, we have done the “winner take all” thing for 48 years and it has only deepened the conflict.

Einstein’s definition of insanity is “to continue to do the same thing over and over again expecting different results.” The protocol gives an opportunity to stop the insanity.

I am not supportive of the protocol because I agree with everything in it; I do not. However, I do believe it provides the least harmful way to do a difficult thing. Over the years we have collectively damaged our witness to the world. The protocol agreement, I believe, offers us an opportunity to serve as a sign to the world that Christians of good conscience can find a way to resolve their differences amicably among themselves without resorting to the civil courts.

I am not supportive because it will be easy; it will not. The decision to end decades of fighting over the presenting issue of human sexuality (and the deeper theological issues it exposes like the nature and authority of scripture, the doctrines of sin, salvation and sanctification) will not be easy. It will take discipline and humility to disengage and lay down the weapons we have developed to fight our ecclesiastical wars, but I cannot wait to see what will happen when we traditionalist pour our energy into our shared mission. The protocol is a pathway to peace that liberates us to fulfill our mission as we understand it.

The main reason I support the protocol is because I am tired and weary of a dead-end battle that harms people across our connection. Contending for the faith, as we understand it, is certainly a noble and necessary calling, but 48 years of constant fighting has not been good for our souls, let alone our witness. I believe we have come to the place where, for the sake of the mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” as we understand it, we need to find a way to bless, send, and multiply our movement. It is time to stop fighting for the good of our souls. The protocol provides a pathway to peace between us.

During my life, I have learned there are times when even though I have had every right to fight and contend for what I believe is right, the healthiest decision can be to stop fighting because it is better for my soul. I have a friend who wisely advises: “When you are tempted to get the last word—don’t!” Continuous fighting is often fueled by our need to get the last word. When we keep fighting it locks us into a life-diminishing, soul-harming cycle that sours our heart and cripples our soul. But when we choose to stop fighting, the Spirit has room to move, peace returns to our heart and joy restores our soul. When I choose to stop fighting it is often good for my soul.

I support the protocol because I believe the souls of many people are at stake. We have many years honing weapons used to fight one another and cause harm. We have spent years between each General Conference restocking and reloading for the next fight. Last spring, our denominational fight exploded on the front pages of newspapers and in the months have followed our witness was damaged. If we do not find a way to stop fighting we will do even more harm to our souls.

The protocol provides a gracious way forward that enables us to bless one another and go forward in peace. For many years we have been honing weapons to fight one another and in doing so we have caused harm.

The Rev. Dr. Jeff Greenway is the senior pastor at Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg, Ohio and the chairman of the Wesleyan Covenant Association Council.

LISTENING POSTS COMMUNICATION

Join us for Christian Conversation regarding the
Protocol of Grace and Reconciliation Through Separation
at Listening Posts/Information Sessions to be held on the Farmville
District.

All of the events will **start at 6:30 PM.**

Monday, March 9, 2020,
South Hill United Methodist Church
105 Franklin Street, South Hill, VA 23970

Wednesday, March 11, 2020,
Mt. Laurel United Methodist Church
8077 Newbill School Road, Clover, VA 24534

Everyone is welcome to come
The Protocol is available via this link

<https://www.vaumc.org/SeparationAgreement>

additional information available at the Conference website www.vaumc.org

or via United Methodist News Service www.umnews.org

MUMC SERMONS FOR MARCH 2020

March 1

Love Offering will be taken

"Seeing the Harvest!"

Guatemala Missions Ministry Update

Cindi Williams Preaching

Galatians 6:7-10

10,000 Reasons to Praise the Lord! 10,000 Reasons quickly became the theme of our January 2020 Guatemala Missions trip! Come, hear, celebrate, and worship the Lord as Cindi gives an update on the Ministry of Mt. Comfort Guatemala Missions.

March 8

"On Having the Right Credentials"

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Holy Communion, *Communion Rail Offering will go to the Pastor Discretionary Fund*

If our witness for Christ is to be believed and accepted by others, we each need the right credentials. Credentials promote confidence. As Christians our credentials are our calling by God, our changed life and strong character, and our faithful commitment to Jesus Christ.

March 15

"The Joyful Mystery of the Trinity"

Romans 5:1-11

God strengthens and comforts us as we address and meditate on the treasured Christian doctrine of the Trinity in the Persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

March 22

Love Offering will be taken

"One Man's Healing Miracle"

Pastor Kenny Newsome Preaching

Pastor Russell's friend and associate, Pastor Kenny Newsome, will share with us his miracle testimony of having been healed after experiencing two strokes and having lost his voice for seven months.

March 29

"Be Careful How You Walk"

Ephesians 5:8-14

In order to maintain vibrant, joyful Christian discipleship, we must always be looking out to avoid foolishness. We need to keep open hearts to one another in Christian fellowship and never neglect developing a gratitude attitude.



THE NEW PASTOR FOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL BE REV. NORMAN RAMSEY! HE IS A NATIVE OF OUR AREA & MANY OF US RECOGNIZE HIM FROM HIS MUSICAL TALENT AND WORSHIP CD'S.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER DONNA IRVINE

Praise the Lord



To the Members of MUMC,

Thanks for the prayers and concerns after my accident. The Good Lord and great doctors have me on the mend. Remember, you can't stop a rolling pickup truck with your leg!

George Bergdoll



Expect a Miracle



Anyone looking for a Sunday school Class? You are welcome to join the Genesis Class led by Mitch Eggleston, upstairs room BESIDE the elevator.

Sunday 2/16 we started a 6-week study called "The Last Days of Jesus" by Matt Williams.

Bring your bibles and come join in!

Grace and Peace,
Mitch

WORSHIP WITH KENNY NEWSOME

MARCH 22ND at 8:30 & 11am Service

Kenny is a Pastor in the VA Conference (on Disability at the present time), a former Pastor of Sara & Rena Baine and attended Oral Roberts University, School of Theology and Ministry with Pastor Russell!

Kenny will be sharing about his Healing Testimony. Here is a little snap shot of his story...

"Last year I had 2 strokes and lost my voice for 7 months. However, praise God he touched me and gave me my speech back. Since then I have been traveling to various churches and giving God glory through my healing miracle!"

—Kenny Newsome



GUATEMALA MISSIONS MINISTRY UPDATE:

March 1st Cindi Williams will be our Guest Speaker sharing and giving updates on the Mt. Comfort Guatemala Missions Ministry Team and their recent January 2020 trip!



If you are interested in learning more visit passion4guatemala.com

Or we would love for you to join us on our next Missions Trip! Dates vary but trip are usually around the beginning of July and January and the cost range is usually around \$1,500 (see passion4guatemala.com/Mission-Trips).

**Church Council Minutes
Memorial United Methodist Church
Wednesday, February 19, 2020**

Ministry Reports

Sue Eggleston (CC Chair).....announced that Sue Waddell will head up the Missions Committee, and that Tom Hall is the Trustees chairman. Also, a request was made from Tori Rothgeb to use the church parking lot for Relay for Life event on Saturday, 6/6, 4-11 pm. This was approved by consensus.

Kinckle Robinson (Finance).....January was a good month. Let Nancy Dawson know if you'd like to see the report.

Doug Webb (SPRC).....Margie Hatcher has been hired to head the nursery on Sundays. Hours will be 8:15 to 12:15. Carolyn Bergdoll will play piano only at the 11:00 service (prelude). Our new pastor will be announced this Sunday!

Dawn Elliott (Children's Council).....Safe Sanctuary training will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 9-noon. Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 5th following the 11:00 service. VBS is May 26th-29th, 9 to noon, and the theme is "Answers: Mystery Island-Tracking Down the One True God."

Donna Deaner (SS Superintendent).....most recent Safe Sanctuaries copy is from 2006, needs to be updated. Task Force will meet to work on this and revise policies where needed. Still in search of a senior high SS teacher.

Sheila Webb (Worship).....there are two events coming up at MUMC. First is the 40 Days of Lent Prayer Event which starts next Thursday and runs until Easter. Second is homecoming, which is scheduled for Sunday 9/13 along with revival the nights of 9/13-9/16. Pastor Mike Ruttlen will be the speaker.

Cindy Ranson (Day Care).....a stomach bug is hitting the Day Care hard, children and staff.

Cindy Ranson (P & G).....reporting for Dan Turner, cameras for Day Care classrooms, Legacy Hall door to sanctuary camera, wide view camera for playground, and 2 new DVR recorders from Epitome Networks will cost \$7918.23. This was approved by consensus. Legacy Hall columns have been painted with a more durable and cleanable paint. Parsonage renovations are upcoming. We have had a few issues with sharing the dumpster at Grace Hills church, but those issues seemed to have been worked out.

Joan Holt (Super Seniors).....met in Legacy Hall with Hebron and Grace Hills seniors for a soup lunch and Hearts game on 2/17. Next event will be a dutch treat breakfast at Rail Yard on March 17th, 9 am.

Steve Nadolson (Evangelism).....Ready-Set -Grow committee reports we have had lots of visitors the last few weeks. SS signs are still a work in process. Kids Night Out had 20 children in January and 17 in February. A welcome brochure will be created to go in the pews. "New Member" bags were offered for sale to the congregation for \$20, as a way to help get the church name exposure in the community (sold 7 this past Sunday).

Harry White (UMM).....UMM has been asked to help set-up stage, tables and chairs on 2/28 for the Celebration Womens event the next day. Pancake supper fundraiser will be March 13th from 5-7 pm. Gleaning for the World work day is Thursday from 1:30 to 4:00. The UMM will be sponsoring and staffing the Blood Drive canteen on April 27th.

Marie Milton (Prayer).....40 Days of Prayer event will run 2/27 through 4/11. The church will be available for anyone to come and pray between 5-7 pm in the sanctuary. Communion and prayer will be available from prayer ushers, or people can pray alone. Reading materials will be available for all.

Rodney Deaner (Discipleship).....Lent devotionals will be available this Sunday.

Pastor Russell....Confirmation class has 8 students, who will be traveling to Lake Junaluska with 2 sponsors and Pastor Russell. Ash Wednesday service is 2/26 at 7:30. Communion in March will be on the second Sunday.

Pastor Russell Cheatham closed with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

40 days of Prayer

Pray with us during Lent

February 26 Ash Wednesday Service

February 27 starts open prayer

5 to 7 PM

Monday thru Saturday till Easter Eve

Open Prayer, Communion

All Are Invited

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www.memumc.org Facebook @mumcj316

God is honored when we come to Him,
He's honored when we talk to Him, and
He is willing to hear and answer our Prayers!
Charles Stanley

40 Days of Prayer at MUMC

All are invited!! 40 days of prayer during Lent! Each night, Monday through Saturday, from 5 - 7 pm, during Lent, our sanctuary will be open for people, anyone and everyone, to come for prayer, quiet time, and/or communion. Open to the community! Forty nights! The Ash Wednesday service begins our Lenten season on February 26 with the open prayer time beginning the following night, February 27. Candles will light the sidewalk for you to enter, candles will glow in the windows of the church as well as on the altar. Light! Christ came into the world to bring light to us all!

As you enter the narthex through the front door, a church member will greet you and offer you devotional readings which you can read as you sit in the sanctuary. Your prayer time can be quietly on your own while sitting in the pew or kneeling at the communion railing. Also prayer ushers will be available in the front of the church to pray with you if you wish. Holy Communion will also be available for those who wish to partake. As Pastor Russell says, "This is your time with the Lord" ...a time to pray, a time to reflect on God's love for you, a time to be blessed ..."Your time with the Lord".

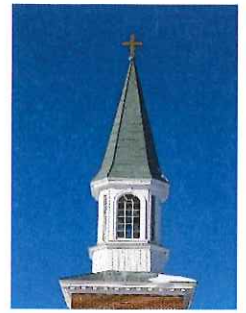
And...we ask everyone to pray each night during Lent even if you cannot come to pray at church. Maybe set an alarm each evening between 5 and 7 pm to remind you to pray!



The Power of the Cross

Followers of the Way boldly proclaim:

"Because He Lives, I Can Face Tomorrow."



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Luminaries will light the pathway to the church. As we worshippers come, we will see old wooden crosses- one on each side of the modern glass front doors- to remind us of our need for forgiveness. Wait.... Weren't there three crosses? During Lent and our 40 days of Prayer, there is visible to all the, the third cross- up on the steeple.

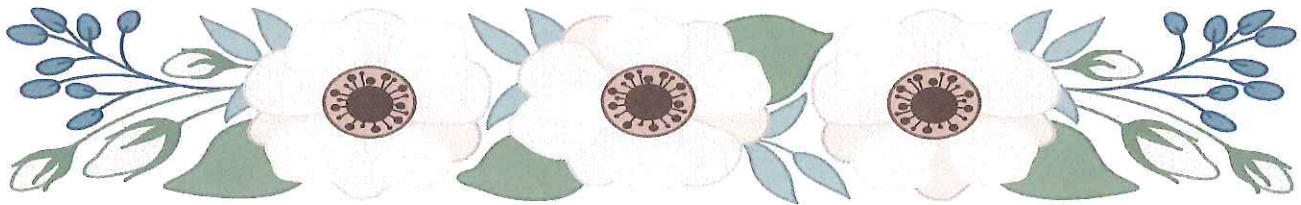
As we journey to pray, to meditate, and to take Holy Communion, let us pray that all who see the cross will seek to grow close to Christ. Michelle J. Morris, writer of Adult Bible Studies, stated that the cross should remind us of the people we are and the people we are called to be.

It is our prayer that the crosses and the lighted walkway will encourage passersby to join us in the sanctuary for a Holy encounter with the Living Lord, preparing all to sing on Easter Morning, "Hallelujah, He is Risen!"

Anne Robinson

Flower Committee Chairperson

Member of 40 Days of Prayer Team



You may contribute to the beauty of our sanctuary during the Lenten and Easter seasons by making a donation to the Flower Fund. There will be special flowers for Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday services. Palms will decorate our altar area on Palm Sunday. Easter Services will be beautiful with Easter lilies in the sanctuary areas.

Please fill out the form and make your check payable to Memorial United Methodist Church (Lenten/ Easter Decorations). These must be submitted by April 5th to be included in our Easter Sunday bulletin.

Your Name: _____

Your Contribution: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

The CR Quiz

Dennis likes to start our Sunday School class with a quiz. Following suit, here is your CR quiz, classwork, and homework for March.

Answer Yes or No to the following questions:

1. It is up to me to make others happy
2. No one knows how I feel
3. I wish I didn't act this way, but I don't know how to change
4. If people see me acting right, I'll be right
5. I'll be fine on my own
6. When I think about what I have done in the past, I get sick and can't forgive myself
7. I fear the future
8. I worry about people finding out about the real me
9. I can change on my own; I don't need help
10. Compared to others, my problems are small
11. I HAVE forgiven, I just cannot let go
12. I am not like THOSE people
13. My marriage needs help, but I don't want anyone to know
14. Some days I just stay in bed to avoid the issues in my life
15. I ignore what is hurting because in time it will go away

Grade the Test Number of Yes's

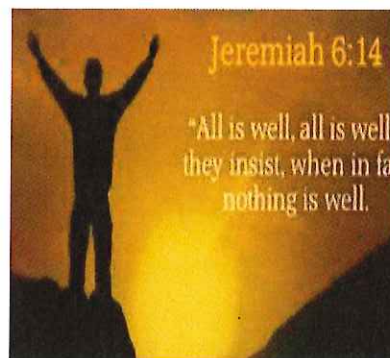
Number of No's

If you answered yes, to the questions above, you are in what we lovingly call – DENIAL. Don't be upset; we've all been there. In fact, recognizing your denial is the first step in finding help.

Remediation Assignment

Think about the 8 Principles of C/R

- Admitting Need
- Getting Help
- Getting Honest
- Making Changes
- Repairing Relationships
- Maintaining Momentum
- Recycling to Help Others in Pain



Homework Assignment

Pray

Lord, I'm so grateful that my Christian life is not a DIY project. I don't have to fix myself on my own. Thank You that you are at work in me and in my life to help me break my old patterns of thoughts and to change my actions. Thank You for creating within me the yearning to do what you have asked me to do. Thank You that your power is at work within me!

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen

C/R

Try C/R Tuesday nights; it's a place for you to find a Christ-centered, confidential group that will help you recover from life's hurts, hang-ups, and harmful habits.



March:

Safe Sanctuary Training

will be held on Saturday, March 21st 9am- Noon. The goal of SS is to make all spaces where we gather to Worship & Serve God, a place of trust. The class is open to all parents, grandparents and all who work with our children and youth.

Childcare will be provided if needed. Please contact Donna Deaner by March 18th w/ childcare needs. 434-664-9929 or ddeaner120@aol.com

SUPER SENIOR NEWS:



We had a fun time playing Hearts with Grace Hills' and Hebron's seniors at our annual soup luncheon February 17. Our next event will be a Dutch treat breakfast at Rail Yard Restaurant Tuesday, March 17, at 9 a.m.



First Friday Game Night

March 6th @ 7 PM



CARD GAMES

We will gather to play card games, board games or just to sit and engage in conversation.

We bring snacks to share and beverages are provided.

Consider joining us 😊

~Fellowship Committee

UMM Annual

Pancake Fundraiser

will be March 13th from 5-7pm in Legacy Hall

Plan to come & enjoy this fun time!



WALK WITH A DOC PROGRAM... here in Legacy Hall!!!

March 21st 9:30- 10:30 AM
3rd Saturday of Every Month
(Winter Nov-March inside @ MUMC LH!)



Walk with a Doc is a walking program for everyone interested in taking steps for a healthier lifestyle. What better way to start your weekend than on your feet making strides to help your heart and improving your general health to live longer! While you walk at your own pace, you'll have the opportunity to have questions answered by local physicians. This program was started in Columbus, OH in April of 2005 by Dr. David Sabgir and has now expanded throughout the country. You don't need any special gear and there are no special rules. Just put on a pair of comfortable shoes and walk alone, with friends, a partner or family or with a group. It's a personal preference.

<http://walkwithadoc.org/our-locations/appomattox-va/> Or find on Facebook Walk with a Doc Appomattox.



"A church that is not a missionary church is contradicting itself and quenching the Spirit." – Lausanne Covenant

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 mission's opportunities, please contact the church office at 434-352-5705.



Young Life invites you to be a part of how God is changing the hearts and lives of our teenagers in Appomattox.

Join us for our annual
Appomattox Young Life Fundraiser Dinner
an evening of delicious food served by awesome teenagers
and the opportunity to learn more about Young Life.

6 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2020
Memorial United Methodist Church Legacy Hall
403 Court Street, Appomattox, VA

Young Life invites teenagers to follow Christ
and loves them regardless of their response.

Seating is limited - Cost \$25 per person
Table Sponsor \$200 for a table of eight
Reserve your ticket today by contacting:
Cindy Ranson at 434-665-8837 or rranson@jetbroadband.com
[Make checks payable to Young Life of Central Virginia](#)

ABOUT YOUNG LIFE:

Young Life is a worldwide organization for adolescents that focuses on meeting them where they are. Our staff and volunteers enter the world of teens, focusing on what matters to them — fun, adventure, friendship and a sense of significance. In doing so, we earn the right to listen to whatever they have to say in hopes of earning the privilege of talking to them about something that we think matters most of all — the truth about Jesus Christ and His love for them.

We started an YL chapter here in Appomattox about 3^{1/2} years ago and it's going great! Our current focus is on raising money for their summer camp at Lake Champion in NY. This has been known to many kids as "THE BEST WEEK OF THEIR LIFE!"!!! Please share about YoungLife and Summer Camp with any high schooler you know & who'd be interested. You can find Appomattox Young Life on Facebook (Appomattox YoungLife), Snapchat (@appoyl), and Instagram (@appoyl) or at Baine's Books and Coffee Shop, Main Street, Appomattox on Monday's at 7:27pm!

There are many ways to serve in Appomattox Young Life- join the YL Committee (contact Donna Deaner Ddeaner120@gmail.com), sign up to serve breakfast at their Campaigner's group on Wednesday mornings (contact Tori Rothgeb vew221@gmail.com), or become a Young Life Leader yourself!!! :) Contact Area Director Allen Miller (ylamill@gmail.com) or Tori Rothgeb with any questions!

Save the Date

•**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT**- Sunday, April 5th following 11am Worship Service

*If you feel lead to contribute individually wrapped candy there will be a basket in Narthex. Candy will be collected through March 22nd.

•**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**- Children 4 years- 6th grade plan to join us!! Tuesday, May 26th- Friday, May 29th from 9AM- Noon.



Memorial United Methodist Church- Property & Grounds 2020 Information for all Church Members:

Maintaining and operating our church buildings, property, and parsonage is a complex process considering we have 27,000 square feet of conditioned space, 12 bathrooms, 12 heating/cooling systems, 4 acres of land, a parsonage home, storage building, and playground. This is a clear testament to our commitment to serve the community and our church family with lots of space for our programs and ministries. Our buildings are well used in God's service which is great. It still takes effort to keep everything smoothly running and can be a challenge for the P & G committee at times. The committee has decided to try to make handling of our major areas of work more efficient when someone sees an issue or needs help with something. We have made some distinct work area separations and a lead person for that work area. If you as a church member need assistance or have a question, please contact the person listed for that work area. I have listed the work area below with a close description of the work area and the contact person.

1. Heating, Cooling, Lighting, Plumbing, Electrical: **Dan Turner 434-414-2607**
2. Day Care related things: **Cindy Ranson 434-665-8837**
3. Cleaning of church buildings: **Sue Eggleston 434-664-7325**
4. Exterior grounds, landscaping, Playground, Snow removal: **Jack Evans 434-547-2950**
5. Parsonage: **Ken Milton 434-660-5140**
6. Security Teams: **Dan Turner 434-414-2607**

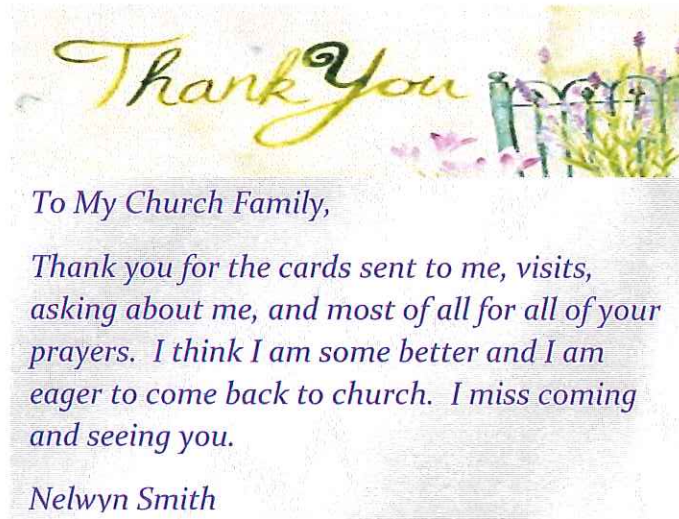
The P & G committee functions as a team and we always have backups in place if I am away or other members are away. We strive to be as responsive as possible when issues occur. We have a good group of properly licensed and insured contractors that handle our technical repairs, do the cleaning and grass cutting. We also have a group of volunteer skilled individuals that help with building repairs as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact me or any P & G member. -Dan Turner, Chairman



Since assuming the position of Communion Stewards, Sue Waddell and I have been very concerned about the state of the carpet on the altar. Every time we would move the altar down for communion, the carpet took a beating! It's like ski moguls up there! Which is why you have been seeing different tables in the altar area on Communion Sundays. We want to prevent the carpet from lifting up any more. To that end, I presented our dilemma to Dan Turner. I asked if he would make us a smaller, more easily transported, table for communion, and I was going to find the money, somehow. Well, not only could he make the table, but he had one of our old church pews and he DONATED that table to MUMC!! Please notice the beautiful table sitting outside the Sanctuary awaiting each Communion Sunday! Dan made the table and, furthermore, to protect the table, Keith Martin of Appomattox Glass donated the plexiglass to cover it! We are blessed to have such generous souls in our church and community. Sue and I would like to send a huge shout of THANKS! to both Dan and Keith! Please be sure to thank them as well!

Kathy Dickerson & Sue Waddell
Communion Stewards



Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for the love and kindness shown to me by our Pastor and congregation at Memorial since my fall. You are such a blessing to me.

Betty Rosser





THANK YOU

Many thanks to all of you for the many kindnesses you have shown Skeeter and me during my ongoing health challenges. You have loved us, fed us, prayed for us and there just aren't enough words to say how much we have appreciated your care and concern. You're the best!

Betty Armstrong

MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship 1:30 PM – Homebound Communion 5:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United	2 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball 7:00 PM – Worship Committee Meeting 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	3 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	4 4:45-5:30 – Feeding children at the Jesus Center 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Prayer 7:30 PM – P & G 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	5 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 6-7 PM – Ready, Set, Grow 7 PM – Genesis Bible Study, upstairs, LH 7 PM – Bible Study for 2020 Israel Trip 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	6 7 PM – First Friday, Legacy Hall 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	7 Set clocks one hour ahead.  5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary
8 2nd Sunday of Lent w/ Holy Communion Daylight Savings Time Begins! 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship 5:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United	9 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer	10 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	11 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Prayer, Parlor 7:30 PM – UMM Meeting 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	12 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 7 PM – Genesis Bible Study, upstairs, Legacy Hall 7 PM – Bible Study for 2020 Israel Trip 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	13 5-7 PM – UMM Pancake Fundraiser, LH 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	14 4-8 PM – Kids Night Out 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer
15 3rd Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship 5:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United	16 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer	17 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9 AM – Super Seniors' Dutch-treat breakfast, Rail Yard 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:30 PM – Finance 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	18 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Prayer, Parlor 7:30 PM – Church Council 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	19 8:30 AM – Exercise Class, LH 1:30-3:30 PM – Mission Opportunity at Gleaning 7 PM – Genesis Bible Study, upstairs, LH 7 PM – Bible Study for 2020 Israel Trip 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer	21 9 AM- 12 Noon – Safe Sanctuary Training Walk with the Doc Community Program, Legacy Hall 9:30- 10:30am 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary
22 4th Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship 5:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United	23 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball 7:00 PM – Younglife Committee Meeting, Baine's 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	24 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting Committee Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	25 5:30 PM – Handbells 6:30 PM – Choir Practice 6:30 PM – Enter to Prayer, Parlor 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	26 8:30 AM – Exercise 7:00 PM – Missions Committee Meeting 7 PM – Genesis Bible Study, upstairs, LH 7 PM – Bible Study for 2020 Israel Trip 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer	27 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	28 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary open for Communion & Prayer 6 PM- YOUNGLIFE FUNDRAISER DINNER, Legacy Hall
29 5th Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM – Early Worship 9:30 AM – Holy Grounds 9:45 AM – Sunday School 9:45 AM – Confirmation Class 11:00 AM – Worship 3-4:30 PM – Mother/Daughter Tea, Liberty Baptist Church, CW Event 5:00 PM – Bible Study 5:30-7:00 PM – Youth United	30 9:00 AM – Newsletter Mailing Team 6:30 PM – Men's Basketball 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary	31 8:30 AM – Exercise Class 9:30 AM – Church Office Staff Meeting 6:45 PM – Celebrate Recovery 5-7 PM – 40 Days of Prayer, Sanctuary				



MARCH

Nursery Helpers

Children's Church




EW Leaders

March 1 J.R. Elliott
 March 8 LeeAnn Robinson
 March 15 Donna Irvine
 March 22 Debbie & Delia Baine
 March 29 Tori Rothgeb

Carrie Lewis
 Jimmie Wells
 Zach Dillon
 Gail Bruhnsen
 Debby Long

3/1 Dan Turner
 3/8 Nathan Putney
 Communion Assistants:
 Tom Hall & James Garrison
 3/15 Victor Vernon
 3/22 Doug Webb
 3/29 Bobby Waddell



Worship Assistants

3/1 Blair Smith
 3/8 Mitch Eggleston
 Communion Assistants: Debby & Richard Long
 3/15 Rodney Deaner
 3/22 Bear Nadolson
 3/29 Mary Main



Acolytes

3/1 Lexi Ranson & Brennan Ranson
 3/8 Susie Barbour
 3/15 Izzie Wells & Lexi Ranson
 3/22 Sue Eggleston
 3/29 Lexi Ranson & Hannah Lee Baine



Greeters

For 11:00 Service:
 The Ronnie Henderson Family
 & Virginia Williams



3/1 Bob & Joan Holt
 3/8 Tom Hall, James Garrison
 3/15 Dan Turner, Jean Garrison
 3/22 Chris Woodall, Victor Vernon
 3/29 Dennis & Cheryl Gowin



SERVICE BUILDERS

3/1 Justin Rothgeb
 3/8 Chris Dillon
 3/15 Tori Rothgeb
 3/22 Skeeter Armstrong
 3/29 Justin Rothgeb



3 March..... Chris Dillon
 4 March..... Kaitlyn Amos
 4 March..... Kelly Coles
 4 March..... Zach Dillon
 4 March..... Damon Patterson
 5 March..... River McDowell
 6 March..... Matthew Messner
 9 March..... Rena Baine
 9 March..... Blair Smith
 12 March..... Betsy Bowman
 13 March..... Ashley Hall
 13 March..... Jean Garrison
 15 March..... Dicky Lawson
 16 March..... Peggy Guill
 17 March..... Frances Rogers
 17 March..... Sarah Slayton
 17 March..... James Bohannon
 19 March..... Nate Dillon (2005)
 20 March..... Charlene Lawson
 22 March..... Trey Eggleston
 24 March..... Jonathan Bowman
 24 March..... Doreen Parsons
 25 March..... Gordon Baine
 25 March..... Kinckle Robinson
 26 March..... Sophia Romano
 30 March..... Debbie Gilliam
 31 March..... David Leckrone



Monitor Operators

	Early Worship:	11:00 Worship:
3/1	Mary Turner	Joe Davis
3/8	Mary Turner	Eddie Wells
3/15	Mary Turner	Skeeter Armstrong
3/22	Mary Turner	Joe Davis
3/29	Mary Turner	Eddie Wells



19 March..... Susan and Rick Book
 Debra and Barry Jones
 26 March..... Jeanne and Jim Amos
 31 March..... Greg and Lisa Romano



Early Worship
 3/1 Cindy Ranson & Sheila Webb
 3/8 Brenda & Nathan Putney
 3/15 Joan Holt & Julie Cheatham
 3/22 Sheila Webb & Joan Holt
 3/29 Brenda & Nathan Putney

11:00 Worship
 3/1 Steve Nadolson & Rodney Deaner
 3/8 Janet Noble & Marie Milton
 3/15 Mitch & Sue Eggleston
 3/22 Anne Robinson & Penny Mongold
 3/29 Steve Nadolson & Rodney Deaner

PRAYER REQUEST:

Recent Prayer Needs:

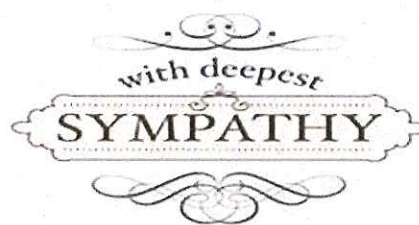
Darlene Clark (Gerald Wilbun's cousin) heart attack, in LGH ICU.
Betty Ramsey (broken hip, surgery was 2-7)
Bethany Nadolson and family (Bear & Mary's sister)
Tori and Everleigh Kidd, the Kidd & Parson Families & Friends
Charlotte Fenchum (Butch Thomas' girlfriend)
George Bergdoll (healing in his leg)
MUMC Pastor Search
Kash Lucado (Joan Holt's nephew's baby) healing from surgeries
Pastor Russell & Julie's upcoming retirement season
MUMC 2020 Confirmation Class
Tommy Bryant (Beverly Davidson's brother-in-law), back surgery
Tony Freedman (UM Rev. Freedman Kim's son)
Doug Doss Jr. (Father of Melissa Doss)
Jean Johnson (Joe Davis' mother-in-law)
Nancy Horton (stroke, fall – relative of Mindy Blake)
Shawn & Jennifer Walsh (Jean Walsh's son & daughter-in-law)
John Kinnard (David Leckrone's friend)
Ethan Nadolson (Steve Nadolson's son)
Janet Lowery (Skeeter & Betty Armstrong's niece)
Carrie B. Lloyd (Rick & Mindy Blake's daughter)
Linda Thomas Turner (Beverly Thomas' cousin)
Robin Parsons (daughter of the Parsons- cancer)
Vicky Jones (Stroke- Peg Lawson's niece)
Timothy Lloyd (Skeeter & Betty's Grandson)
Frances Parsons (Bob Parson's mother)
Dianne Marsh (stroke, heart surgery)
Doug Howard (cousin of Pastor Russell)
Patricia Wallace (Melissa Doss' aunt)
Michelle Denis (Hospice, friend of Parson's)
Judy Ferguson & family (aunt of Dawn Elliott)
Cayden Walsh (Walsh's grandson)
Betty Armstrong
Brandon Coles (Kelly Coles' brother)
Denise Bates (Breast Cancer)
Sharee Whitmer
Gary Lindsey
Billy Guthrie
Nelwyn Smith
Cassidy Richardson
Rick Blake
Cathy Bates
Adele Richardson
Phil Bass

Our Missionary Partners:

Young Life (Appomattox & Central VA),
The Jesus Center (Appomattox, VA),
Clara Biswas, (Cambodia),
Chris & Paula McNutt, (Guatemala),
Emi Monges, (Paraguay),
The Mathers, (Romania)

Continuing Concerns:

-Babcock Manor: Anne Weakley & Margaret Wilson &
Lorene Lucado & Estaline McCraw
-Valley View Retirement Community: Mary Martin 401A
-Bentley Commons: Daphne Jackson
-Heritage Green Assisted Living, Rm. 101: Elizabeth Jamerson
-St. Joseph's Home: Frances Rogers
Margaret Moon, Victor & Susan Vernon, Manning & Myrt Harrell, Hazel Thomas,
Sara Baine, Myrtle White
United Methodist Church, VA Conference Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, District
Superintendent Denies Bates, Pastor Russell & MUMC Leaders, 2020 UM
Conference, 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 Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of Steve Blevins, Husband of Valarie Blevins, and Eva Gray Guill's Son-n-Law. Steve went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Let us lift the family up in prayer during this difficult time.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of Michael James Day, Mitch (&Sue) Eggleston's brother-in-law. Michael went to be with the Lord on January 28, 2020. He is the Husband to Sharon Eggleston Day. Please lift the family in prayer during this difficult time.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family of Charles Crews. Charles went home to be with the Lord on February 22, 2020. He is the brother of Jenny Steadman. Please keep the family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Praises:

Our Church Family has new babies!!!

Sam and John and JR Morton welcomed Ignatius Lloyd Morton to the world today! "Iggy" was born at 9:37 on 2/18/20, weighing 7 lbs 8 oz and 20.5 inches long! Mom and baby are doing well!!

&

Blair and Lisa are grandparents once again! Lisa's son, Vann, and his wife, Sierra, have a big baby boy-8 lbs 10 oz, born 2/14/20! His name is Kameron. Lisa is asking us to pray for Vann and Sierra during their transition to parenthood!

BABIES are
GOD'S WAY OF GIVING
the **WORLD** more **LOVE**.
CONGRATULATIONS

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.



MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to Help People Grow in the Love and Joy of Jesus Christ

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday:

8:30 AM – Early Worship

9:30 AM – “Holy” Grounds Breakfast

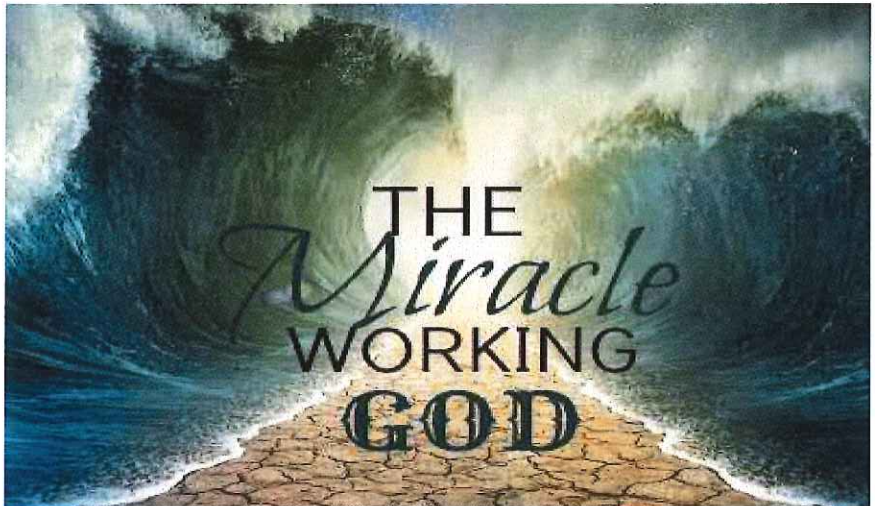
9:45 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Worship

5:30 PM- Youth United

Tuesday:

6:45 PM- Celebrate Recovery



Celebration Women Mother/Daughter Event

Easter Tea

Sunday, March 29, 3-4:30 PM
Liberty Baptist Church

For girls ages
4 years to
5th grade.

You are invited to
wear Easter dresses!

* Easter Story * Interpretive Dance

* Photo Ops (bring your camera)

* Music * Snacks * Crafts * Harp

FREE if you register by March 22.
\$1 per person at the door.

Register by calling (434)352-5705 or email
appomattox.celebration@gmail.com
with name, # adults, # and ages of children.

