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JUNE 2019

The Messenger

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The Coming Season...

Reflecting on the turning points that often come to us in June, church musician and music educator, Ashley Danyew (ashleydanyew.com) offers help for thinking about where we are in this season. She asks us about the nature of the season are we in:

A season for going and a season for staying. A season for moving and a season for standing still. There's a season for creating and a season for taking it all in. A season for leading and a season for following. A season for singing and a season for listening. It can be subtle, that line in between. Is this a season of leading or one of following? Are we creating or recreating? Are we moving or standing still, with the world spinning around us? It's hard to tell, sometimes.

With echoes from Ecclesiastes, her question invites us to think how we plan to experience the next steps in our life together with God.

There is a lot in front of us for sure. The 9th of June is Pentecost Sunday, a day of drama, wearing the colors of flame, and a remembrance of just how wild and unpredictably the Holy Spirit draws us to gather and meets our needs as seen in the book of Acts. The day we call the 'birthday of the church' saw many changes that resulted in the tiny faith to spread and bloom around the world, through billions of lives and in places just like St. Matthias.

Through the summer months and into the fall, the church calendar holds a season some call the 'Sundays after Pentecost', or 'ordinary time.' You may have heard someone call it that or read it on a bulletin. There are reasons for these names of course, but to me it always seemed a little puzzling and awkwardly formal.

What helped me was when someone explained this as a season with a particular purpose: developing a deeper understanding of Christian discipleship. This summer into fall time is a season of nurture and growth. A time for the seeds that have been planted, even if scattered a long time ago, to have a chance to take root and bloom. Or, more mature plants get the tending that they need as well. Indeed, you will soon see the sanctuary colors changing to green for this very reason. A season for your spirit to grow.

So, how will you experience this season? Will this be a time of going or staying, moving or standing still, creating or taking it all in? My prayer for our life together is that we will honor what God is calling us to, individually and together, but that we will also find that growth and fruit springs up all around us.

So, may we warm our faces in whatever form we might bloom. May we come to know rich fertilizer for our spiritual life together. And may the spirit breath peace on our hearts.

Pastor Bert

FLOWERBED

WEEDING THE FLOWERBED

Tired of seeing the weeds in the flowerbeds? Feel free to pull them out, at your convenience! You don't even need to ask permission; you already have it! Thanks!

LOVE & LAUNDRY

LOVE & LAUNDRY will resume as soon as we have enough money in the SDA to fund it; hopefully by sometime in June. And anyone interested in helping with the spreading of the blessings at the Laundromat should contact Mary Ella Fuquay. Thanks, everyone!

FAREWELL CELEBRATION

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT TRANSITION FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR REV. TED SMITH

Saturday, June 30
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church
8063 Ladysmith Road
Ruther Glen, VA

MESSY CHURCH

MESSY CHURCH EVENT - FRIDAY, JUNE 7 @ 6:00 PM

Messy Church is in need of the following donations:

Funds for pizza
Fruit tray(s)
Veggie tray(s)
Bottled water
Sweet treats
Graham crackers
Blue icing (3)
BLUE solo style cups

HELPERS NEEDED! If you are interested in helping with Messy Church, please contact Jamie Gardner: jandcgardner@yahoo.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS IS COMING!!

To Mars And Beyond!
July 22-26

*5:00-8:00 PM (evening hours)

"Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us." Ephesians 3:20

*Please note, VBS will be in the evening this year.

Maybe you've wanted to volunteer your talents and love with the children who attend VBS, but have not been able to because of your job. I hope you will consider this new opportunity to come join in the fun and help us build a firm foundation of faith in our youngest disciples. Mark your calendars for the last planning meeting....

Saturday, June 29 @ 9:30 a.m.

Our VBS Decorating Days will be **July 19** at 6:00 pm and, if needed, July 20 at 9:30 am. I'm excited to reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God!! Won't you join me!?!

POC: Liz Morris, (540) 226-5133 or momx3gnmad@verizon.net

LADIES EXERCISE CLASS

Ladies Exercise Class
Tuesday Mornings @ 8:00 a.m.

A new exercise session just began and we would love for you to join us! Our certified instructor, Maria, combines low-impact aerobics with light stretching and strengthening exercises. You can try the first few classes for free! Please join us for a fun time of fellowship, fun and fitness. Please call Susan in the church office for more information: 540-373-8759.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

OPPORTUNITIES FROM GOD

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

Thus did Paul write to the Philippians, urging them to care for one another and help one another to bear life's burdens. Here at St. Matthias, we have great opportunities from God to do Paul's bidding and to lovingly care for one another.

A congregational care team is being formed, to share in the ministry of visiting those of our church family who are ill, or homebound, or hospitalized; to give a break to exhausted caregivers; to place a phone call to a member not seen for a while; to take Holy Communion to one who cannot make it to church; in short, to look lovingly to the interests of each other, as God calls us to do.

If this sounds like a ministry you'd like to know more about, let us know! We'll soon be having an informational meeting to talk about the various kinds of caring we can provide, as well as the types of training needed. The goal is to create a care team with enough members to be effective, without burning out few enthusiastic “careers.”

Interested? Call or email Mary Ella Fuquay at 540-479-8265 or mefuquay@gmail.com, or Pastor Bert at the church office.

BISHOP LEWIS PRAYER VIGIL

Prayer Vigil for Bishop Lewis

The Board of Discipleship is planning a prayer vigil for Bishop Lewis' surgery scheduled June 6. It will be a conference wide prayer vigil with individuals and churches sharing a time to pray from 6 PM on June 5 through 6 PM June 7. The opportunities will be to pray for one hour and a prayer schedule is posted. If you desire a time on the prayer vigil for you and/or your church, please use the sign up Genius to schedule your time at www.signupgenius.com/go/904044AA8AE2EA46-bishop. More than one person and/or church can fill the same time. We do not know the exact time of her surgery on June 6.

SHARED PRAYER TIME: 6PM JUNE 5 – 6 PM JUNE 7

Bishop Lewis' Surgery Scheduled June 6

We are asking all persons in the conference to take a moment at 8 AM on June 6 and pray the following prayer:

Dear Lord, We know you to be the great physician as we call upon you for healing and restoration of Bishop Sharma Lewis. We pray for a successful surgery, your will be done, for her doctors, nurses and staff. We pray for a quick and successful recovery and healing. We know O Lord, that you alone fill our spirits and that through you all things are possible. Hear our prayer, O Lord. AMEN!

LAY SERVANT TRAINING

We are pleased to share that one CEU has been approved for those clergy taking a 10-hour course at the 40th Anniversary Lay Servant Academy at Randolph-Macon College August 2-4, 2019. These courses are scheduled Friday night and all day Saturday or all day Saturday and Sunday morning. For detailed course descriptions and/or to register, please go to www.vaumc.org and click on the Lay Servant Academy link on the Conference Calendar for August 2019. Questions? Contact David Bailey, Registrar, dw.bailey@comcast.net, 804-338-3168

WORSHIP

Just because Easter is over, does not mean that the activities in our Worship services are!

- † We are starting off the month of June with a bang! **Youth Sunday** is June 2nd and Erin and the youth always provide us with a wonderful, meaningful service! I would love to tell you what they have planned, but it's top secret. You will have to come and find out. As always on the first Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating communion.
- † The fun doesn't end there; June 9th is **Pentecost!** You know, the birthday of the church...the RED day! The sanctuary will be all decked out and we will all wear red!
- † June 16th is the day when we celebrate the fathers we have on earth and also the Father we have in heaven. Help us honor this **Father's Day** by bringing your father or by inviting a father to worship with you. Let's make this part of our "Outreach" program and not forget all the Dad's in the world!
- † We are not slowing down! June 23rd is **Music Ministries Celebration!** This Sunday it will be all about the noise! Between Carole's beautiful playing, the bells lovely dings, the praise band's joyous clapping of hands or the soloist's wonderful gifts to God, we are blessed with sounds of praise and thanksgiving. *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1*
- † June 30th is a fifth Sunday and that means food after the service! Stay after the eleven o'clock service and help raise funds for Rise Against Hunger.

See you all the Sundays of June--*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16 EST*

Immediate Help Needed

The Altar Guild is in immediate need of help and there are two things you need to know before you say yes:

#1 – You only need to know how to set a table! Lay out napkins, wrap up bread, fill cups with juice and put oil in candles. You do **not need to make displays** or be artsy. The big displays are usually done by the whole group.

#2 – You will **never have to work alone!** I will be right with you until you are comfortable and then you will be paired up with a friend.

This is a "Guild"; we are supposed to be many. Please consider joining our group! POC: Erica Murray
540-907-3263

Desperate Help Needed

Projection is in desperate need of volunteers. We currently only have two persons running projection during the 8:45 service.

It only takes a little training to learn how to set up the system, access the Power Point and then use your ability to listen and click a mouse. If you are willing to serve one Sunday each month, please contact Rosemary Balgavy as soon as possible!

540-371-1562.

VIRGINIA TO MAINE – ST. MATTHIAS TO SHOREY CHAPEL WINTER WEAR MISSION

ITEM	WOMENS	MENS	CHILDS
COAT	45	29	12 (boys) 14 (girls)
SWEATER	43	9	
FLEECE JACKET	6	1	
VEST	3	4	
SWEATSHIRT	14	15	5
SWEAT SUIT	2		
SHIRTS	9	14	
PANTS		17	
SNOWMOBILE SUIT		1	

HATS 15, SCARVES 33, GLOVES 19, MITTENS 2, EAR MUFFS 6, MISCELLANEOUS 12

TOTAL ITEMS COLLECTED: 340

THANK YOU, ALL, WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference, June 20-22 in Roanoke

The 2019 session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held*June 20-22*at the Berglund Center, in Roanoke, VA . The theme is Moving Forward in God’s Mission, and the focus scripture is Matthew 28:18-20: 18And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Virginia Conference will elect 22 delegates to the 2020 General Conference (11 clergy and 11 laity), an additional 11 clergy, and 11 laity to join the General Conference delegates for the 2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. Also, last year the 2018 Virginia Annual Conference approved that resolutions no longer be part of the annual conference business, but these may still come from the floor.

Pastor Bert will attend as a clergy member of the conference, and Matt McBride will serve as St. Matthias’ Lay Delegate. Mary Ella Fuquay will also attend as an At-Large District Delegate, and Danielle Cloud will attend as a District Youth Delegate.

News and information about Annual Conference can be found at vaumc.org/AC2019

MEMBER CARE

Sick? Going to Hospital?

If you are hospitalized, planning surgery, or have become ill, please contact the church office at (540) 373-8759 or by emailing office@stmatthiasumc.org If you have an urgent situation and need to reach Pastor Bert, please call (540) 373-8759 and select option 2. If you are going to the hospital, please let us know the date, time, and hospital where you will be receiving care. Due to HIPAA regulations, the hospital will not automatically inform the church of your hospitalization.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Leadership Transitions

Citing a need to refocus and renew, Ben Wood (Lay Leader), Brenda Wood (Thurman Brisben coordinator) and Judy Cover (Worship Committee Chair) recently stepped away from their positions. We are very thankful for their faithful service and will miss them. The Leadership Development/ Nominations team will be working to recommend replacements to the administrative council. Please join in praying for Ben, Brenda and Judy; their successors, and our church family.

JUNE 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00 PLAM 9:30 Prayer
2 5:00 Praise Band Practice 5:45 Evening Worship	3 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	4 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	5 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 6:30 p.m. G.S.	6 6:30 a.m. Micah Breakfast 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 AI Anon 7:00 Trustees	7 6:00 p.m. Messy Church	8 FELLOWSHIP HALL FLOORS WAXED 7:00 PLAM 8:00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 Prayer
9 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	10 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	11 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 p.m. God Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	12 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Finance	13 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 AI Anon 7:00 p.m. Admin Council	14	15 7:00 a.m. PLAM 9:30 Prayer
Annual Conference – Off Site						
16 7:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast 9:45 Third Sunday Fellowship 5:00 Praise Band 5:45 Evening Worship	17 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	18 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	19 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	20 11:00 a.m. Retired Teacher's Luncheon 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 AI Anon	21	22 7:00 PLAM 9:30 Prayer 10:00 a.m. Honduras Packing @ Peg Jones' House
23 HONDURAS COMMISSIONING 5:00 p.m. Praise Band Practice	24 9-11 Food Pantry 10:00 am Prayer 5:30 p.m. Upper Room	25 7:45 a.m. Exercise 1:00 God's Celebrators 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 WBB	26 10:00 a.m. UMW Crafts 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	27 6:00 p.m. UR 7:00 AI Anon	28	29 HONDURAS MISSION TRIP 7:00 a.m. PLAM 9:30 Prayer 9:30 a.m. VBS Planning Meeting
30 2:00 Praise Band Practice 3:00 District Farewell to Ted Smith						

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

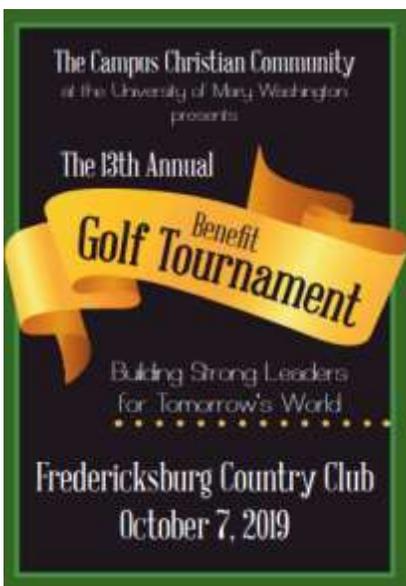
6/1 SHELBY POWERS
6/1 SUSAN MILLER
6/4 BARBARA KNUTSON
6/5 DIANNE MOORE
6/6 A.C. GLOVER
6/6 SPENCER COURTNEY
6/6 SUSAN COURTNEY
6/7 PAULA MCCLURE
6/9 PETE JERMAN
6/10 BRAELYN DRINKS
6/12 CATHY KAUFMANN
6/13 BECKY HUBBARD
6/16 GREGG ORTO
6/17 PAUL HASELBUSH
6/23 RON HALL
6/24 BETH MCBRIDE
6/24 JESSE STONE
6/24 TAMMI ELLIS
6/25 LURA HILL
6/26 CLIFF ELLIS
6/28 DORIS SHEFFER
6/29 MATT MCBRIDE

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6/1 DAVE & TRUDY MONROE
6/3 RON & CAROLE HALL
6/6 BUTCH & JUDY COVER
6/9 PAUL & MARTHA HASELBUSH
6/10 BEN & BRENDA WOOD
6/14 ANDREW & MICHELLE HUTCHINSON
6/16 MARY ELLA & HAROLD FUQUAY
6/17 DON & DARLENE SHELTON
6/19 ROSEMARY & PAUL BALGAVY
6/20 GENE & LINDA BAILEY
6/25 DAVID & CATHY HAWKINS
6/28 COLLINS & ERIN WETZEL

St. Matthias Softball Schedule

Friday, June 7	7:30-9:30 p.m.	Melchers Complex
Friday, June 14	8:30-10:30 p.m.	Melchers Complex

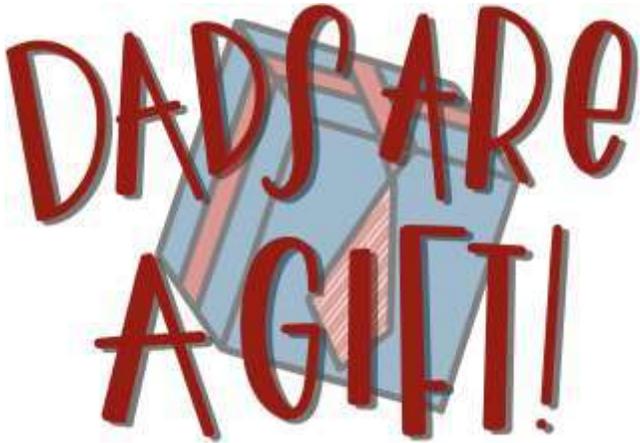


The Campus Christian Community at UMW will be hosting its 13th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament on Monday, October 7, 2019! We would love to see as many of you as possible come out and support the tournament. The start time is earlier in the day year with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9:30. Our updated brochure with information, costs, and times can be found on our website at: www.campuschristiancommunity.com. Please call the CCC office with any questions at 540-373-9255 or email Marlene Kindred at mkindred@umw.edu. We look forward to seeing you in October!!

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Worship:

Sundays: 8:45 & 11:00 | Nursery for infants to 5 yrs
Kids Own Worship (pre -5th grade): 11 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 1st & 3rd Sundays @ 5:45 p.m.

Pastor:

Rev. Bert Cloud

540-373-8759 (option 2) | pastorbert@stmatthiasumc.org

Office:

Ms. Susan Courtney

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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