

The Big Picture – An Invitation to Pay Attention

In September, we begin a new study called *The Big Picture; Seeing God's Dream for Your Life* (I hope MANY of you will join the study!). In the book, Pastors Jevon and Nicole Caldwell-Gross focus on the story of Joseph, and encourage us to see how God puts pieces of seemingly 'random dots' and works through our lives, even when we do not 'see' it at the time.

They write: *Life can often feel like a scattering of random events. The various choices, opportunities, or even pain we experience seem to have no real purpose or connection. But if we pay attention to God's work, our lives tell a different story.*

That 'paying attention' is the hard part! I am not sure about you, but I tend to keep my focus on one thing and overlook everything else God is doing in my life. It sure is a spiritual exercise to open our hearts and pay attention!

God seems to speak to our hearts through many ways – through prayers, scripture readings, through friends and fellow brothers/sisters in faith, even through 'random' strangers or events! Indeed, it is an ongoing learning and growing to take notice on God's presence and wondrous works in our lives. Through this study opportunity, may we learn and grown in faith together!

See you in worship/study! Keiko



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Joint Outdoor Worship



September 11, 10:00 am (note the time- rain or shine!)

Jim Barnett Park, Rotary Shelter

**** Potluck will follow – Bring food to share**

**** Park Cleaning after the potluck – join us!**



Starting September 18

The Big Picture

Seeing God's Dream for Your Life

Classes Offered: Sunday mornings at 9:15m

Sunday evenings (Zoom) at 7:00 pm

Tuesday mornings (In-person) 10:00 am at Greenwood

** Copies of the books are available (\$13) – Contact the Church Office!

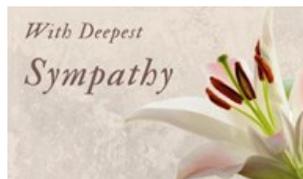


Deepest Sympathy

Jennifer Martin's mother, Carolyn Livingston, passed away in Florida on August 14.

The memorial service is scheduled in September.

Condolences may be sent to:
Jennifer Martin
125 Pintail way
Lake Frederick, VA 22630



Charles Birkhimer, Lisa Martinson's father, passed away in Florida on August 23. His service took place on August 29.

Condolences may be sent to:
Lisa Martinson
112 Fenwick Ct. Winchester VA 22602
Shirley Birkhimer
205 Spanish Oak Rd, Stephens City VA 22655



Our dear Dorothy Randolph went to be with the Lord on August 30, 2022.

Her service will be on Tuesday, September 6, 3:00 pm at Market Street. Reception in the Fellowship Hall is to follow.



Apple Gleaning Season Continues!

September 10, 17, 24

9:00 am at Marker-Miller

If you are able, please contact
wincgleaning@endhunger.org

Society of St. Andrew



Waiver can be found at Society of St. Andrew at endhunger.org

Lay Servant Training Opportunities—September 2022

September 24 – Grottes UMC (300 4th Street, Grottes 24441)

Classes Offered: Basic course, Leading Prayer

\$25 per student. Contact Joe Amend (joe.amend3@gmail.com, 301-741-7633)



Virginia Conference ERT (Early Response Team) Training

The Virginia Conference Disaster Response Coordinator is receiving requests to help neighboring conferences in their efforts of recovery. The Virginia Conference Disaster Response team is hosting two ERT certifications on September 10, 2022.

Culpeper UMC, 1233 Oaklawn Dr, Culpeper, VA 22701 8 am - 4 pm

Aldersgate UMC(Norfolk) 5767 Sellger Dr, Norfolk VA 23502 9 am - 4 pm

Register at <https://vaumc.org/ert-certificate-training/>



Church Leaders – Mark Your Calendar NOW!

Sunday, November 6th – 3:00 p.m.

In-Person Charge Conference at (Place – TBA)

All churches in our district will convene together at one time in one place. Lay leaders are requested to attend to approve your charge conference documents.

Market Street hosts WATTS November 12 – 19, 2022



There are many ways YOU can help!

Enjoy preparing a large meal?

→ You may provide meals (breakfast/dinner) to our guests!

Night Owl? → You can serve as “late-night” volunteer (stay until 11pm)

Neither? → You may purchase & bring the items (items are listed below)

Questions? Contact the Church Office/Mark Keithley (mark.t.keithley@gmail.com)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Items Needed for WATTS:

Individual packs of Hot chocolate, snacks (pretzel, fruit snacks, crackers, cookies)

Powder coffee creamers

Sugar (2.5lb bags)

Fruit cups, pudding, applesauce cups

Fruits (apples, bags of cuties)

Instant lemonade (in cans)

Tea bags

Cold breakfast items

Hand & toe warmers



Mark Your Calendar NOW!

**Updated Information Session on Market
Street Commons/Family Promise
Sunday, September 25 after church**

Please come to hear the latest update on our dream!



Worship by United Women in Faith—August 28

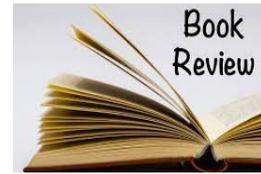


Blessing of the Backpacks – August 14



United
Women in Faith

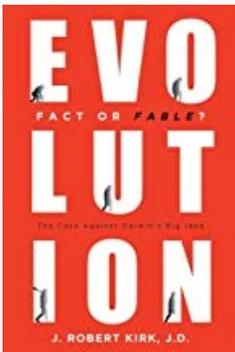




Read any school biology text and the concept of evolution will be taught as “gospel”. It’s just assumed that Darwin had it right, and the rest of us have no idea what we are talking about. However, Darwin’s theory of evolution is full of holes and “well just can’t explain why that happened”. Darwin admits this himself. But it is taught at all levels in school, college, graduate school, and PhDs involved in research talk about evolution as if yes we did indeed become the upright bipedal humans through the process of evolution. A series of events through the process of Natural Selection was certainly responsible for our complex body over the course of millions or billions of years. Or was it?

A gentleman who lives in Hampshire County, J. Robert Kirk, J.D. recently published a book titled *EVOLUTION FACT OR FABLE*. He is a retired trial attorney who presents the evidence through his 25 years of researching this topic to you, the jury. He lays out the facts in his book and lets you decide. He makes his case as if he is in a courtroom and needs to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that evolution is not “the way it happened”.

An example is the complex process of blood clotting. How could the process of blood clotting evolve? Wouldn’t an organism that requires blood die if the process wasn’t already in place? If cut, the blood needs to clot, but still allow blood to flow. If blood flow were entirely cut off by the clot it's curtains. And if it doesn’t clot enough to stop the flow of blood from the wound the outcome is death. How could that process "evolve" through billions of years without the species dying off? The cellular cascade involved in blood clotting has to work perfectly. Each and every step has to happen at just the right time or the blood doesn’t clot and the bleeding doesn’t stop. This is just one example in the book that really makes you think. This member of the jury doesn’t think the evidence is “without a reasonable doubt.” We know how it happened! It was put in place by our creator from the get-go!



I highly recommend the book. As usual, you can get it on Amazon and support a local author who deserves recognition for an excellent read.

See ya all in church, Jeff.

Jeff Swift is a member of Market Street. He is a physical therapist at Hampshire Hospital.



FALL: What does that mean to you? Back to School, football games, a chill in the air? While all of that is true, God is also quite involved with the season. On a sunny afternoon, sit outside and enjoy the changing colors of the trees. It really is a miracle.

Enjoy this time of year, because winter will be here before we know it. But that’s another miracle of God.

Students try to divide your time between Studies, Social, and God time.

Donna B Dailey Lay Leader



United Women in Faith



United Women in Faith

Sisters in Christ Circle: September 6, 2022 Making a basket for pets for silent auction for WATTS. We will meet at the church.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Will meet Sept 12, 2022 at 1pm at Joyce McKay's 419 Mosby St. Winchester.

United Methodist Men (UMM) –Meet the second Sat of the month at Rock Harbor Golf course. 8 am. All Men are welcome!

Happy Birthday

September

- Cookie Oates 9/3
- Isaiah Campbell 9/5
- Macy Ward 9/6
- Katie Freeland 9/7
- Janet Moore 9/9
- Sophia Swift 9/12
- Franklin Moore 9/12
- Robert Hart 9/16
- Frank Jr. Moore 9/19
- Linda Campbell 9/22
- Judy Hagan 9/23
- Jean Stewart 9/25

A Fall Reflection

*In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays*

We see the Creator's hand.

*In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss*

We see the Creator's hand.

- Unknown



Let us Continue to Pray:

- All who are under medical care (and those who provide care)
- All persons who serve others in various capacities
- All victim of war, violence and other crises
- All children and families (especially those who are traveling)
- All who are lonely, needing a community to belong



September Anniversaries

- 9/15 Archie & Freddi Castle
- 9/17 Steve & Cathy Sowers
- 9/29 Kelly & Scott Boyd



WE NEED MORE PEOPLE!!!

Weekly Prayer Group — Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

Judy Hagan will contact you with Zoom link.

Prayers for Our friends & family at Market Street

Lisa Martinson's Family, Jenifer Martin's Family, Fran Ballance, Karen Hinkle, Kevin (Kathy and Katie) Freeland, Adrian O'Connor, Faye & Julius Armel, Dick Carpenter, Ed Henshaw, Joe & Betty Lausier, Brian Aronhalt, Larry Whitehead, Ben & Jane Mathis, Mable Carter, Chris Sweeney II, Janet & Frank Moore, Tom Dickinson, Brenda Sine, Pearl Ebert, Norma Fries, Betty Hess, Donna Patterson, Joan Christiansen, Gloria Austin, Pastor Jean McDonald-Walker, Bob McDonald Walker, Spike Hosey, Market Street Church, Market Street Commons (Family Promise), The United Methodist Church

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TO:

Sunday School—9:15 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
In-person or via Facebook Live/YouTube
<https://www.facebook.com/marketstreetumc/>
(You do NOT need to have Facebook account to watch!)
Market Street United Methodist Church - YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAKQ2HQcXqdkg1W0gBS5y8w>

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Mission Statement of Market Street United Methodist Church:

Our mission is to nurture persons of all ages in their spiritual growth, to reach out with compassion to identify and address the needs of others, to boldly share our faith and invite all to become part of our church family.