

COUMC MARKET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH February 2023

Remember Who We Are

Through having a conversation with newly-joining persons (yay!), I had a chance to remember why I chose to become a part of the United Methodist Church. **Theology of grace** ---- John Wesley, founder of Methodist movement, defined grace as "undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit." God loves us, not because we have done anything worthy, but God chooses to love us regardless of who we are. I experienced God's prevenient grace firsthand...God loved me long before I recognized it.

Weslevan understanding of justification and sanctification --- Wesley believed that recognizing God's grace (when a person is 'justified') is not the end. We will continue on a journey toward sanctification and eventually Christian perfection. I believe that our faith is a lifelong journey to learn, grow, and strive to embody Christ through kindness and compassion.

Wesleyan "Quadrilateral" --- we believe that there are four elements for us to grow in faith: Scripture (the most important!), Tradition, Experience, and Reason. I really appreciate reason as a part of the quadrilateral, because I believe we can only grow by asking questions and struggling with the scripture.

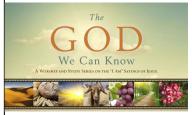
Emphasis of Mission --- From Wesley's time, people called Methodists always showed their love through serving others. Even today, an organization such as UMCOR

strives to empower people who are refugees, those who are lacking necessities, people who live in war-torn or disaster-stricken areas. In a local level, we are to do the same – we are to serve God and others in any way we are able.

Our "Connectional" system --- We are the connectional church in many levels. For me, too, I have a clergy support group. When I need prayers, clergypersons throughout the connection surround me. I offer my support, too (For example, I am currently reading a paper for a colleague who's in the ordination process) We hold each other accountable, so we may grow into the people we are called to be. Hope his helps to remember who we are! I thank YOU for being on a journey with me! Keiko

> Joint Ash Wednesday Worship—February 22, 7:00 pm at Greenwood UMC

Lenten Study 2023 The God We Can Know By Rob Fuguay



Classes offered (tentative): Sunday morning at 9:15 am Sunday evening at 7:00 pm (ZOOM) Tuesday morning at 10:00 am (at Greenwood) Contact vamarketst@gmail.com for Zoom link



Our Staff Pastor Rev. Keiko Foster Admin. Assistant Kathy Freeland Director of Music Dr. Steve *Jennings* Church Musician Connor Crotzer Custodian Linda Campbell

Our Leadership Administrative Council Chair Kathy Freeland Lay Leader Toni O'Connor Finance Chair Lisa Martinson Treasurer Judy Hagan Staff Parish **Relations** Chair Busey Ward Trustee Chair Tom Sine



In Sympathy



Adrian O'Connor, who was a good friend of Market Street family, passed away on January 16, 2023. His funeral was taken place on January 24 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

Please continue to keep Toni and family in your prayers.



Happy New Year Market Street!! This month's Health Minute is probably the shortest one I've ever written but may be one of the

most important. I would like to encourage all of you to get into your Doctor for your annual physical exam, and get all of your screening tests scheduled and

DONE!!!! Do this for yourself AND for all those who love you. It's all about prevention and early detection. That's it. Just DO IT!! Don't put it off. With that, I wish you all a HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

If you have a topic of particular interest for the monthly Health Minute please let me know. See ya all in church! Jeff



Attention Youth & Parents!

Mark Your Calendar NOW—Youth Mission Encounter, March 4 at SU

Those who previously expressed an interest in attending were registered and paid for. Contact Pastor Keiko for questions.

Lay Servant Academy February 17-18, 2023

Lay Servant Academy will feature the Rev. Dr. Michael Beck (Fresh Expressions), as well as a host of gifted teachers for the spring LSA. Format: In person only Cost: \$35 (\$25 for CLM orientation) Register: <u>https://na.eventscloud.com/726483</u>

Location: Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111





Bishop Sue talks about this year's appointment. Check out this 5minute video! https://youtu.be/ ROSJc1_h7r8

Please support KITCHEN OF HOPE



Kitchen of Hope is a ministry of Market Street that continues over 20 years. Please continue to support this needed ministry. You may write a check to MSUMC (Memo line: KOH) or give online at marketst.org, "Give now."



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean up the greens!







<u>Sisters in Christ Circle</u> Will February 7 at 6pm, at the Church. <u>Susanna Wesley Circle</u> Will meet on February 6th, at 1pm at the home of Donna Dailey, to wrap utensils for KOH.



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

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u> FEBRUARY

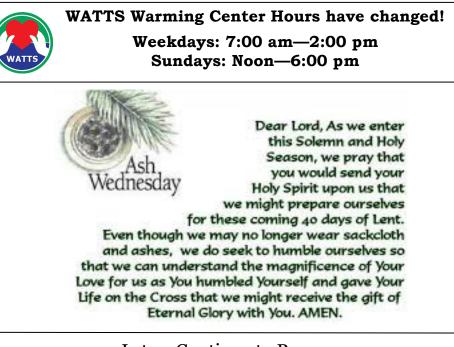


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FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY

2/17 Charles & Alice Robertson



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 natural disasters All children and families (especially those who are traveling) All who are lonely, needing a community to belong



WE NEED MORE PEOPLE!!! Weekly Prayer Group — Wednesdays at 1:30 pm via Zoom

Judy Hagan will contact you with Zoom link.

Prayers for Our friends & family at Market Street

Emery Childers, Fran Ballance, Karen Hinkle, Freeland family (Kathy, Kevin and Katie), Toni 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, Cookie Oates, Market Street Church, Market Street Commons/ Family Promise, The United Methodist Church Market Street United Methodist Church (540) 662-6709 Office Office Hours: 9am-Noon (540)662-7623 Fax 131 S. Cameron Street Winchester, VA 22601 vamarketst@gmail.com www.marketst.org



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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.

FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Zoom Prayer Group 1:30pm	Kitchen of Hope 5:30pm		
			Choir Practice 6pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship 10:30 am	Susanna Wesley Circle at the Donna Dailey at 1 pm	Sisters in Christ6pm at the church	Zoom Prayer Group 1:30pm	Kitchen of Hope 5:30pm		
NOANDA 7pm			Choir Practice 6pm			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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NOANDA 7pm			Ash Wednes- day, 7:00pm at Greenwood			
26	27	28				
Worship 10:30 am	21	20				
NOANDA 7pm						

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22