MARKET STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MAY 2021

Change is Here

We have been through a lot in the last 15 months. You might have been frustrated, uncertain, fearful, or even helpless. At April 26's webinar, the Virginia Conference announced some upcoming changes, including the formation of PRG (Post-Covid Re-entry Group), its launch seminars and the new guidelines that becomes available.

I appreciate Donna's words (page 3) and I believe she is correct. We just cannot go back to what it was before. While we are not through with this pandemic, we must envision what post-Covid ministries and the future of Market Street may look like. There may be changes you may not like. However, we must adapt in this changing world, so Market Street will continue to serve and invite more, new people, while nurturing all of you in your faith journeys.

Peter said that he could not keep quiet about what we've seen and heard (cf.Acts 4:20). May we too have the same call and excitement in sharing Christ, both in our words and actions. My prayer is that we would always be the people of grace, people of hope, and the people of peace. Keiko

2021 Virginia Annual Conference
United as One
June 18 & 19 (virtual)
More info can be found at vaumc.org/ac2021/

Robert's last Sunday will be May 23.

Please pray for him as he moves into the new chapter of life!

Attention Ministry/Worship Leaders! Two Special Events

1. ***FREE Webinar w/ Jason Moore: Both/And: Maximizing Hybrid Worship Experiences For Online and In-Person Audiences***
   Monday, May 10 9:30am

Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bothand-maximizing-hybrid-worship-experiences-tickets-150775875703

[About the Workshop]
It will delve into strategies for how to create powerful transformative worship where no one feels like they're an afterthought. It will explore:

- Re-imagining worship for both/and
- How to create interactive both/and experiences
- Bringing at home and in-person audiences together in real time… and more

2. ***Leadership Meeting with Rev. Carol Rhan***
   Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Our Staff

Pastor
Rev. Keiko Foster
Admin. Assistant
Kathy Freeland
Director of Music
Dr. Steve Jennings
Church Musician
Robert Lewis
Connor Crotzer
Youth Director
TBA
Custodian
Linda Campbell

Our Leadership

Administrative Council Chair
Wilma Jennings
Lay Leader
Donna Dailey
Finance Chair
Roddy Annan
Treasurer
Judy Hagan
Staff Parish Relations Chair
Toni O'Connor
Trustee Chair
Ed Henshaw
Children's Choir Director
Linda Hart

News from the Virginia Annual Conference
Post-Covid Re-Entry Group – PRG – is forming soon!

At the Virginia Conference webinar, several announcements were made.
Conference Level: As of May 1, there will be a Post-Covid Re-entry Group (PRG) will convene, led by the Rev. RJ Jun.

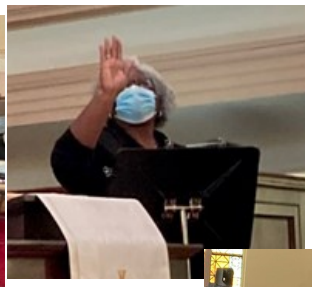
Local Church Level: Our HCT (Healthy Church Team) will come to a close, while Post-Covid Re-entry Group (PRG) will be formed. A new, much reduced document will replace current Technical Assistance Manual (TAM).

As of July 1, major decision-making on Covid-mitigation will revert to the church's PRG with DS's review.

Indoor singing Guidelines— Fully vaccinated persons may sing in sotto (soft) voice, with well-fitting masks, with total of 5 minutes (2 hymns). Participants should be informed beforehand.

You can learn more or watch April 26 webinar at vaumc.org/prg

In person Worship Services

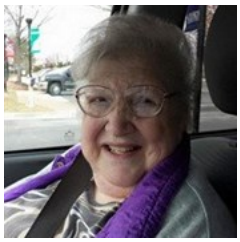


Market Street Commons Update

Our leaders continue to seek ways for our Education Building to be utilized for our community – We are looking into both short term and long term possibilities.

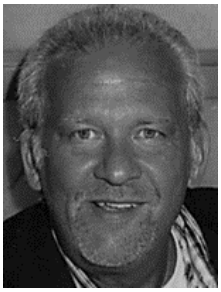
Market Street COMMONS
Where Community Comes Together

Remembering Our Friends



Betty Shackelford
who passed away on March 24. Condolences may be sent to: Janet Moore, 1019 Opequon Ave. Winchester 22601

Mary Grim
who passed away on April 3



Jack Lake
who passed away on April 8
Condolences may be sent to: Mary Lake, 107 Laredo Ct. Stephens City, 22655

Ralph Grady
who passed away on April 12
Condolences may be sent to: Judy Grady, 567 Whitacre St. Winchester, 22601
A Memorial Service is tentatively scheduled on May 22 at 1pm (More info is to come)

A letter from our Lay Leader, Donna Dailey

Market Street Family,

Wasn't it great to be able to attend church again, and see many we had not seen for over a year?We know things are not the same as before, but they may never be the same. Be prepared for the New "Normal".

We greatly appreciate your accepting the changes. Distance seating, requiring that we may have to sit in a different location, not being able to hug, etc. By blocking some areas, this alleviates having to have the entire room completely sanitized. Much more required than before.

We realize some people may never come back to the building, but are joining us online and we ask everyone to reach out to those that may be home bound.

We are still Market Street and We Love You.

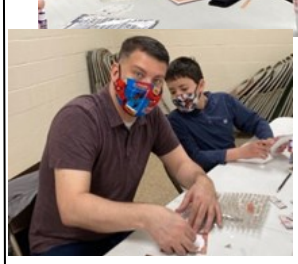
Hope to see you soon.

Donna Dailey , Market Street Lay Leader

CCAP Needs Volunteers
Could it be YOU?

Church Teams – 5-10 volunteers who would be on call to work big events (such as CCAP Benefit Bike Ride, Holiday Food Distributions, etc.)

Volunteers on those positions
Door Greeters
Receptionists (Computer Skills needed)
Answering Phones (Script provided)
Pantry Workers (stocking shelves & distribute food to clients)
Clothing Shop Helpers
Drivers (picking up food donations from stores)
Contact Andrea Cosans (ccapexdir@gmail.com) or Becky Rockwell, Market Street CCAP liaison (540-662-8959)



Students/Family Event
"Card-Making Party", April 25

Thanks to Rev. Carol Rhan for leading this event! We had a nice time!

Health Minute

Jeff Swift

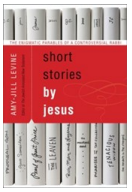
With permission from Pastor Keiko, I'm taking a break from my usual health topic and will share an experience I've had sponsoring a child through Compassion International. I sponsored a child in Ecuador when he was five or 6 years old. Sponsoring a child pays for their basic health care, school, and meals, all of which are done in a Christ-centered atmosphere. At around 15 or 16 they are done with school and the sponsorship basically ends. I really didn't know what happened to Antonio until he found me on Facebook and we were able to reconnect. He now has a family of his own. He drives a produce truck in Ecuador for a living. He and his family are regular churchgoers. We communicate back and forth on Facebook. With the internet, it is much easier to communicate with people all over the globe. I would like to think my sponsorship gave him a head start in life. I do think I made a difference in his life, otherwise, I don't think he would have bothered to find me on Facebook. We are sponsoring a little boy in Rwanda now. I would like to encourage you to consider sponsoring a child through Compassion International or another organization of your choice. God uses people as answers to prayers. Who knows what kind of impact a child that is sponsored can have on their community, country, and God's kingdom. A little hope can be all it takes for that child to grow up and move mountains!

Great to be back in church!! Jeff

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

SUNDAY GATHERING

The Sunday Gathering Class continues to meet at 9:15 am before church



For the month of May, they are looking at "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine.

May 2: The Mustard Seed
(It is not the smallest seed & it doesn't grow into a Tree)
May 9: Mother's Day – no class
May 16: The Laborers in the Vineyard (What are the economics of this story?)
May 23: The Widow and the Judge (Is she seeking justice or revenge?)
May 30: the start of the video series "Walking the Bible Lands"

If you want to join or have questions, contact Judy Hagan 540-533-4821

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ARE DOING HEALTH & SCHOOL KITS and CANNED GOODS

Contact the church office if you would like to make a couple of kits and the information will be sent to you.
Canned goods can be left in the parlor.
vamarketst@gmail.com 540-662-6709

All kits and canned goods will be used in **OUR AREA for CCAP** and **Bright Futures.**

The UMW is in the process of reorganizing. Day circle will meet on May 3rd at 11:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The night circle will meet on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
All women are asked to attend one or both of the meetings to help us move forward. We need to know your desire to remain a member or not

Weekly Prayer Group

Join us Wednesdays at 1:30 pm Contact the Church Office if interested in joining… Judy Hagan, our leader, will contact you.

Martha Downes	5/8
Kathy Freeland	5/10
Lemony Hagan	5/11
Joyce McKay	5/13
Alexander Harmon	5/16
Timothy High	5/16
Donnie Oates	5/16
Becky Rockwell	5/18
Jim Bynog	5/18
Steve Jennings	5/19
Dorothy Randolph	5/21
Kevin Freeland	5/22
Whitney Craig	5/22

5/10 Scott & Amy Mathis
5/28 Pam & John Castle
5/29 James & Jennifer Martin

Attention Lay Servants!
Lay Servant Zoom Training Session

May 1, 8, and 15 8:30 am –Noon
Class offered: Basic, United Methodist Polity, Leading Worship
Please contact Pastor Kevin Elmore

Let us Pray for On Another…

For the world in the face of COVID-19 Pandemic
All those who are under medical care, recovering, or quarantined
All those who are mourning the death of loved ones
All Children, Families, Schools, Medical and Health Professionals
All who are serving others (First responders, those who provide necessary services, volunteers, etc.)
All divisions, unrest, injustices

Please Also Pray for Valley Health!
Melanie Lewis, lead chaplain at Valley Health, is asking for prayers for patients and staff daily at:
7:00 am / noon / 7:00 pm / Midnight

In this way, staff can remember that they are always being prayed for, as they do the important work they do for our patients. Patients would also be told that the community is praying for their recovery.

Prayers for Our friends & family at Market Street:

Family of Ralph Grady, Adrian O'Connor, Faye & Julius Armel, Dick Carpenter, Ed Henshaw, Family of Betty Shackleford, Joe & Betty Lausier, Brian Aronhalt, Virginia Saunders, Larry Whitehead, John Castle, Lee Harris, Ben Mathis, Mable Carter, Chris Sweeney, Janet Moore, Tom Dickinson, Family of Jack Lake, Pat Jenck, Brenda Sine, Gloria Ann Trent, Pearl Ebert, Norma Fries, Betty Hess, Linda Bynog, Donna Patterson, Joan Christiansen, Walt Cunningham, Gloria Austin, Pastor Jean McDonald Walker, Market Street Church, Market Street Commons, United Methodist Church

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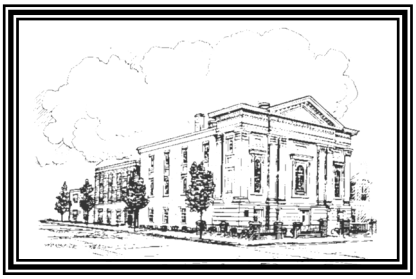

TO:

Sunday School—9:15 am via Zoom

Sunday Worship Service In-person or via Facebook Live 10:30 am (or anytime later)

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.