



“Launching toward a New Year”

*“When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars
which thou has established;*

*What is man that thou art mindful of him,
And the son of man that thou dost care for him.*

Psalm 8:3-4

*“For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Paul, Romans 8:38-39

The enthusiasm for the early Mercury space program for grade schools kids was the foundation for our optimism for the progress of the nation. From kindergarten through elementary school many of us sought to be astronauts. Even before the days of Star Trek, I remember watching the science fiction movies of the 1950s. I recall the Cape Canaveral set I got one Christmas. It had a mock up of the launch gantry including a spring-loaded firing mechanism that allowed my Mercury-Redstone 3 rocket to be propelled into the ceiling of the house. There was the GI Joe Mercury Capsule that I flew through the living room. There was the space station lunch box I carried to While Away Kindergarten in Newport News. It carried images of a wheeled space station with rockets and floating astronauts in space.

The NASA space program held a great attraction to all of us because we saw hope for the future. It exemplified scientific achievement and exploration. In many ways, we connected space exploration with the European exploration that led to the discovery of the Americas.

We held that hope even in the turmoil of 1960s America. In spite of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the growing involvement in Southeast Asia, we held hope. In those early days we did not fall into depression. We were excited about the prospect of moving towards the stars which in our upbringing would benefit the larger society.

As 2019 dawns upon us I pray that we reclaim that positive hope in the future. Indeed, that hope seems fighting against a full gale of cynicism, anger and despair. However, if the nation and world move from fear to a positive outlook towards the future we can stifle if not smother those traits within the human condition that seek to derail progress and hope.

Saint Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that nothing separates us from the love and presence of Christ. We should take seriously the focus on Paul’s testimony of hope. That hope serves a defense against the evil powers of this world that seek to dampen our spirit to explore ourselves, our planet and the worlds beyond. ~ Pastor Bart

Worship Themes for January

January 6

Communion

First Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1-6
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 2: 1-12
 Sermon: "Living in Darkness and
 Reject ing the Light"

January 13

First Lesson: Isaiah 43: 1-7
 Second Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7
 Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22
 Sermon: "And So It Begins"

January 20

First Lesson: Isaiah 62: 1-5
 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12: 1-11
 Gospel Lesson: John 2: 1-11
 Sermon: "It's Party Time"

January 27

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8: 1-6, 8-10
 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 12: 12-30
 Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21
 Sermon: "The Study of Scripture"

~ Pastor Bart

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Grover Jones	January 1
Christina King	January 1
Ana Stacia King	January 1
Victoria King	January 1
William Hollandsworth	January 3
Wayne Byrum	January 4
Donna Eder	January 4
Charles Landis	January 5
Kathyanne Runniger	January 8
James Belote	January 9
Lauren Pruitt	January 9
Becky Cumming	January 10
Nick Olmsted	January 13
Rich Bernard	January 15
Gary Gibb	January 15
Todd Wilson	January 15
Rosemary Martin	January 16
Bob Runniger	January 20
Will Cumming	January 25
Evan Dize	January 25
Patrick Byrd	January 26
Bekki Dize	January 28
Bradley Byrd	January 29
Ada Evans	January 31

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are available in the Narthex. If you wish to receive a year-end total of giving for 2017, and are not currently on the list, contact Albert LeCato at 787-2569.

Just a Reminder for the Winter Weather policy at Market Street Church. If the schools are closed, so is the church. Your event will be re-scheduled.





We are women with a Purpose!

"United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Important Message from Market Street’s United Methodist Women

The Market Street UMW circle is in danger of closing. While there are 31 members, only a handful attend the meetings on the second Monday of the month. We realize everybody has busy lives, but it is only once a month for about an hour.

We receive the support of all United Methodist Women. We need new leadership, our current officers have served anywhere from 6 to 20 plus years!

Our various projects include the annual desk calendars (very large moneymaker), the Bazaar, Monthly Hermitage Birthday Lunches, Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Sweet Potato Biscuits and Wreath Sales at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Camperships to OOTB, No Limits, support missions and local organizations such as ASCADV, Foodbank, Literacy Council and Agape.

Most importantly, WE SUPPORT CHURCH NEEDS. Please consider becoming an active member.

~ Marti Fjelstad

Register: United Methodist Day at General Assembly



Now that the election is over. . . Would you like to continue to make an impact in having your voice heard? Then register today for United Methodist Day at the General Assembly! Register by December 28 and pay \$30 early registration. After December 28, pay \$40 until January 11 when registration closes. Hotel reservations can be made for January 30 at the Hyatt Place, 201 Arboretum Place, Richmond, 23236, near Bon Air UMC. Call 804-560-1566 to make your reservation and mention

“Virginia United Methodist Conference” to receive a special room rate of \$109/night (single or double). Hotel reservation deadline is **Dec. 31, 2018**. Contact the Rev. Barbara Lewis to registrar and with any questions at BarbaraLewis@vaumc.org.



We are most grateful to Michelle Marsh, our Organist/Pianist who has taken on the responsibility of becoming our official Music Director !

OUR LOCAL UM CHURCHES OFFER THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES:

Operation Help is a USDA food pantry open on the 2nd Saturday of every month, 10 am–12 noon at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 32347 Chincoteague Road, New Church, VA 23415. Coordinator is Rev. Brenda Laws, 757-710-1729

House of Prayer is a USA food pantry open the 1st Monday of the month from 9-11 am (including holidays) at the Bloxom Mission House of Prayer, 25585 Shoremain Dr., Bloxom, VA 23308. Coordinator is Melinda Dawn Thornton, 757-894-2014.

Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church Street, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 food pantry provides short-term help mostly in the form of non-perishable items. Call Christ UMC office at 757-336-6394. The Chincoteague Island Food Bank (an arm of the Eastern Shore Food Bank) is open on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Union Baptist Church, 6365 Church St, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336. Call Union Baptist Church office at (757) 336-5018.

Opportunity Shop at Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church Street, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 is open (Summer hours) Monday thru Friday, 10-4 pm and Saturday, 10 am -1 pm; (Winter hours –Oct. –March) Monday thru Saturday 10 am – 1 pm) offers very inexpensive used clothing, house wares and other items. The church will make allowances if someone cannot afford necessary items. Call Christ UMC office at 757-336-6394.

Manna Cafe CI provides a FREE hot lunch EVERY Monday (11-1) in the social hall at Chincoteague Christ United Methodist Church, 6253 Church Street, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336 Join us for great food and fellowship! For more information, contact fran@brandchamps.com

Atlantic United Methodist Church, 10052 Atlantic Rd., Atlantic, VA 23303 has a food pantry to help with emergency needs. Call the pastor at 757-824-9827/571-438-3953.

Franktown United Methodist Church, 7551 Bayside Rd., Franktown, VA 23354 has a USDA food pantry open 3rd Friday of each month from 11 am – 2 pm. Doors open at 10:30 am. Check in is on a first come, first served basis. Pre-packaged bags of food are based on family size. Each family may receive USDA Foodbank food once a month provided that they have not visited another pantry in the same month. Emergency needs: call the church office at 757-442-3481 (8-3 pm, Monday – Friday) and one of the Foodbank Pantry managers will arrange to meet the person at the church.

Onley United Methodist Church, 25642 E. Main St, Onley, VA 23418 has a Coat Closet Ministry open specific Saturdays in November, December, January and February from 9-11 am. If an emergency situation should arise during a given month, e-mail office@onleyumc.org with details of coats needed and your contact information, and someone from the Coat Closet will respond. Donations: cash donations are accepted as well as coats, hats, scarves, jackets, and gloves during the year. If you wish to donate gently-used items, please either email office@onleyumc.org or call the church office at 757-787-4155 to leave a message, and a representative will arrange a time to meet you at church for drop off or arrange to pick-up. Cash do-

Trinity United Methodist Church, 109 Plum Street, Cape Charles, VA 23310 site for "Cape Charles Food Pantry (ecumenical effort). Food Distribution: 2nd Wednesday of each month; Time: 1PM-3PM; Contact person: Gail Drebes (540) 847-1994.

Some of Market Street UMC's Ministries:

Community:

- Onley Coat Closet
- AA Meetings
- Literacy Tutoring
- TOPS (weight watching group)
- Relay for Life
- Habitat for Humanity
- Terrific Tuesday Dinner
- Accomack Interfaith Crisis Council (AICC)
- Garden Club
- Social Services Holiday Gifts
- Food Bank of ES
- ES Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- No Limits Eastern Shore
- Lighthouse Ministries

Emmaus

Music:

Bell Choir

Men's Choir Group & Chancel Choir

- Orchestra of the Eastern Shore (Cokesbury)
- Historic Cokesbury Church Sponsored Concerts

Children:

- Agape
- Una Familia
- Vacation Bible School (ecumenical)
- Cub Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts (Cokesbury)
- Camp OOTB
- Operation Christmas Child

Pruitt's Easter Egg Hunt

Adults:

- Faith in Action, Brunswick Stew Fundraiser
- Adult Bible Study
- Scrapbooking
- The Solo Group
- Dining for Women (Cokesbury)
- UMW and UMM Groups





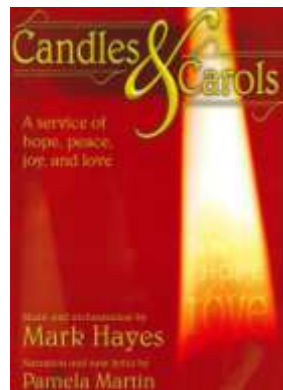
A wondrous display of well over 70 nativities made of all types of materials from all around the world, generously shared by Market Street community members.



Una Familia students enjoying some hands-on time with the nativities shared by Anne Nock.

Holiday Reflections

Cokesbury Christmas Music Festival — please visit us on Facebook @ Market Street UMC-ESVA for videos of the event provided by Sarah Nock. Pictured here are the Eastern Shore Orchestra performing Handel’s Messiah, James Rich and audience members enjoying the music.



Christmas Cantata and Covered Dish Luncheon





Shelter 2.0

--by Alex Joyner

The traditional spot of Jesus' birth is hardly more than a cleft in a rock. The cave beneath the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem preserves the location with a silver star that pilgrims kneel to kiss as they filter through the hot, crowded space that would have served as a stable. But for Joseph and Mary, it was shelter from the night.

As we see the devastating images from California in the wake of the Camp Fire, maybe you wonder like I do—what would we do if we lost the place we call home? How would we even start to rebuild? How could those many, many thousands of people rebuild?

A few years ago, Robert Bridges, a member of Franktown UMC, and his working partner, Bill Young, put together a design to create a safe, secure, shelter that anyone could construct with basic tools. Over the years they have perfected the design and now they have a model that could be set up anywhere in about 30 minutes. **It's so simple, children have been able to do the construction.**

When Robert heard about the fires in California, he immediately wondered if his shelters could help. He invited others to partner in the project and they are planning a delivery as soon as possible.

I'm proud to be part of this effort. A model shelter is currently touring the Shore to help Robert tell the story of offering shelter. Though it would be important any time of year, it seems particularly appropriate to be offering shelter at a time of the year when many of us are thinking about the shelter used by Jesus' family in their time of need.



If you'd like to participate or invite Robert to come talk to your church and bring the model you can reach him at robertbridgeswoodwright@gmail.com; (757) 678-7754; (757)710-2579; <https://www.facebook.com/TheShelter20/>



CAN YOU HELP?

on behalf of Una Familia Board Members

DID YOU KNOW?

Una Familia, which began in 2013, serves primarily Hispanic/Latino families on Virginia's Eastern Shore. We seek to fulfill the call to be Una Familia (One Family) as we continue to respond to the needs of this poor, marginalized and underserved community, we exemplify the lifestyle Jesus exhorts us to in the scripture of Matthew 25:31-46. We nurture and encourage the children, youth and adults in Christ-like behaviors by word and example. This ministry lives out the love of God and neighbor by serving with those who are "the poor, the foreigner, women and children."

The Una Familia ministry is providing after-school tutoring to elementary school children from 3 elementary schools in Accomack and Northampton counties on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Local churches each host a site one day a week. During summer months, Una Familia provides tutoring twice a week for a six week period.

Middle School children from both counties are provided a monthly program that increases learning and social, communication and life skills.

Beginning 2019, Una Familia will initiate a High School program to assist students in the discernment of vocation, working toward vocational training, college, interview techniques, essay writing and more. We anticipate college visits, too!

Una Familia is beginning a partnership with *Just Neighbors* (a non-profit organization) in order to provide low cost/no cost immigration services to our families locally.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Una Familia (a ministry of the Eastern Shore District UMC) depends solely on individuals, churches and occasional grants. Next year (2019) our projected expenses are \$59,475 which provides program supplies; background checks for volunteers; maintaining 3 vans to transport children home from our tutoring sites; the annual Reyes celebration/gifts for the children; and our part-time **director's salary**.

If you would like to support this ministry, donations can be mailed to:

Una Familia (payable), PO Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421

or you can donate online at our website: <https://www.unafamiliaesva.com>



NEW
BEGINNINGS

2019



I am open to new beginnings.
I am willing to try new things.
I am willing to make mistakes and grow.
I do not fail as long as I try; I only move
in new directions with newfound wisdom.

I cannot open new doors with old keys,
so I will unlock new possibilities by
being open to new beginnings.



It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's stick house. Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet," said Eeyore, in a Glum Sounding Voice.

"We just thought we'd check in on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time hanging out with someone who is Sad, and Alone, and Not Much Fun To Be Around At All, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling Sad, or Alone, or Not Much Fun To Be Around At All. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

When someone is going through
a rough time ... just sit with them.

No preaching, no advice.

Just be there.

After the holidays and in the cold dark winter that is January, many people hit a low point. Do your best to be there for them. Make it a good beginning to a Better New Year. ~ Pat McArdle



JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>6 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg. Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p> <p>St. Lawrence School-Habitat</p>	<p>7 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall 7 PM, Immigration Team, Methodist Room</p> <p>St. Lawrence School</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day Church Office Closed 5:45 PM, NO TERRIFIC TUESDAY</p>	<p>2 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon & 7:30 PM, AA Mtg.</p>	<p>3 7 PM, Choir Practice</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>8 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg. Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p> <p>St. Lawrence School-Habitat</p>	<p>7 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall 7 PM, Immigration Team, Methodist Room</p> <p>St. Lawrence School</p>	<p>8 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice 7 PM, Una Familia Board Mtg, Methodist Room</p> <p>St. Lawrence School</p>	<p>9 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Grp 10 AM, TOPS, Assembly Room Noon & 7:30 PM, AA</p> <p>St. Lawrence School</p>	<p>10 9:30 AM-3:30 PM, DCOM, Assembly Room 7 PM, Choir Practice 7 PM, Boy Scout Roundtable, Assembly Room</p> <p>St. Lawrence School</p>	<p>11 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p> <p>St. Lawrence School</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM, Set up 4:00-5:30 PM, Una Familia Dia de los Reyes, Social Hall 5:30-6:30 PM, Una Familia Mtg. Assembly Room Clean up to follow</p>
<p>13 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg. Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p> <p>St. Lawrence School-Habitat</p>	<p>14 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6 PM, UMM Dinner Mtg, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, UMW Mtg, Assembly Room</p>	<p>15 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice 6:30 PM, Trustees Mtg, Assembly Room</p>	<p>16 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon & 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion 4 PM, Cokesbury Board Mtg. Cokesbury Church</p>	<p>17 7 PM, Choir Practice</p> <p>News for Harbinger Due</p>	<p>18 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	<p>19 Snow Date for Una Familia Dia de los Reyes</p>
<p>20 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg. Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p> <p>St. Lawrence School-Habitat</p>	<p>21 Martin Luther King Day, Schools Closed Noon, SOLO Group, Sage Restaurant 6:30 PM, Church Council Mtg. The Sage Restaurant 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall</p>	<p>22 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice</p>	<p>23 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon & 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>24 7 PM, Choir Practice 7 PM, OOTB Board Mtg</p>	<p>25 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	<p>26 9 AM - Noon, IAS Computer Training, Veronica Barrell, Social Hall</p>
<p>27 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg. Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p> <p>St. Lawrence School-Habitat</p>	<p>28 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall</p>	<p>29 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice 6:30 PM, Dist. Boy Scout Mtg, Assembly Room</p>	<p>30 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon & 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>31 7 PM, Choir Practice</p>		