



THE HARBINGER

OCTOBER 2020

Dedicated in FAITH ... Abounding in HOPE...
Committed to GOD'S LOVE!



In person worship has begun! Grateful for the Healthy Care Team, the ushers, the altar guild, the special music, and most of all, those attending!



A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING

There's been a definite change in the air in the last few weeks. The children have gone back to school (in whatever fashion that might be), the nights are drawing in, and our summer clothes have gone back into hiding in our wardrobes. We buy boots, sweaters, scarves and coats and everything else we need to keep the coming chill away. For many, October and November mean working outside in the never-ending quest to keep the leaves off the ground. Even our cooking changes as many gardens are finished and grills put away, with soups and stews becoming the fanfare of our cozy dinners at home. Yet, in everything different and changing, we can also find comfort.

The Bible, in particular, Ecclesiastes 3 written by Solomon, has much to say about change, seasons and time. (which mentions TIME 29 times in these verses). There are fourteen negative statements and fourteen positive ones, and they fall into three separate categories. The first describes the influence of time on our bodies, the second focuses on our souls, and the last deals with our spirits.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8 **A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING** **(Pastor Heidi's subtitles)**

Time and Your Physical Life

To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, And a time to die;
A time to plant,
And a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill,
And a time to heal;
A time to break down,
And a time to build up.

Time and Your Emotional Life

A time to weep,
And a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
And a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones,
And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace,
And a time to refrain from embracing.

Time and Your Spiritual Life

A time to gain,
And a time to lose;
A time to keep,
And a time to throw away;
A time to tear,
And a time to sew;
A time to keep silence,
And a time to speak;
A time to love,
And a time to hate;
A time of war,
And a time of peace.

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We can find comfort in our traditions, in our community, our worship, as we journey together. I truly believe there is a season for everything and a time for every purpose under heaven. As Market Street Methodist navigates uncharted waters of change, we can find comfort in our community, our worship, and traditions as we journey together. It is our time to plant seeds of hope, to love our neighbors as ourselves, to build transformational leaders and dare to Dream like Jesus. (Deepen Your Faith and Bring the Impossible to Life by Rebekah Simon-Peter).

We don't have to wait for a better time, a better place, better people or for heaven to come on judgement day! The time is now. God's love is now! God's power is now! It's time to dream like Jesus and be all that God has created us to do and be; from our "Dare to Dream like Jesus" sermon series to our Healthy Care Team, Technology Team, the office—as we enjoy in-person worship and virtual worship. Market Street is on the move for such a time as this. Thank for you the many ways you serve and support Market Street, as we continue be dedicated in FAITH, abounding in HOPE, committed to GOD'S LOVE.

Beelieving that There is a Season for Everything,

Pastor Heidi

2020 Annual Conference Session Invalidated and Postponed

by [Brenda Capen](#) | Sep 19, 2020 | [Bishop Lewis News](#), [News](#), [Virginia News](#)

Because of the technical issues encountered with the Sept. 19 virtual annual conference session, Bishop Sharma D. Lewis announced at 12 noon the decision to invalidate this annual conference session and postpone it to a later date.

“Because of the technical difficulties and because we were not able to properly organize the annual conference according to our Standing Rules,” she said, “I am immediately invalidating and postponing the 238th Virginia Annual Conference to another date in 2020 if possible.” The bishop emphasized her preference is to have a complete annual conference in 2020, but if not, conference will meet in 2021 in Hampton.

Information will be shared as it becomes available.



MARKET STREET UMC
CHARGE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 24, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:00 A.M.

VIA ZOOM



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4th

**“Come, all who truly bear
The name of Christ your Lord,
His last mysterious supper share,
And keep His kindest word.”**

JOHN WESLEY HARDING, “COME ALL WHO TRULY BEAR”

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

Do you have an object from another country that you would like to share to decorate our altar on World Communion Sunday? If so, please label with your name and bring to the church office during the week of 9/28-10/1.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY NOW AT 9:00 A.M.

Our Healthy Care Team has worked hard to create a re-entry plan which has been approved by the District Superintendent. We are keeping everyone as safe as possible as they return to worship together. There will be no printed materials and no live singing. There will be no Sunday School or Nursery available. Please plan to use lavatory facilities before you come to the church; there will be one bathroom available for emergencies only. Masks and social distancing required.

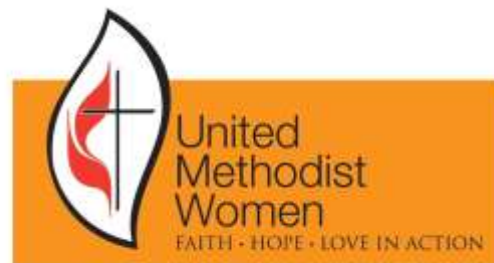
October 4	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Scripture:	Exodus 3:11, 13:14, 1:10
Sermon:	Dare to Dream #4 “Lose Your Big Buts”
October 11	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture:	Exodus 4:2-5
Sermon:	Dare to Dream #5 “What is in Your Hand”
October 18	20th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture:	Deut. 34:1-4
Sermon:	Dare to Dream #6 “Perserverence”
October 25	21st Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture:	Rev. 1:8
Sermon:	Names of Jesus #1 “Almighty”

You may prefer to join us for Sunday worship virtually. The service is recorded on YouTube and can be accessed by a button click on the website: www.mktstreetumc.org or via our facebook page Market Street UMC – ESVA. The church office will also email the link to YouTube service. Just open the email and click the link to get there. Remember, it will not appear until Sunday evening.



Welcome Rylee Grace Mabalot
 born September 8th. Rylee’s parents are **Angela Bowers Mabalot & Matt Mabalot**. She joins siblings **Adalee & Finn**. **Great-Grandmother Diane Needham, Grandparents Flo & Steve Bowers, Great Aunt Diane & Great Uncle Paul Bowers** are all thrilled.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS	
Curtis Ormsby	October 3
Anna White	October 3
Becky Omwake	October 4
Albert LeCato	October 8
Diane Bowers	October 9
Cody Evans	October 9
Betty Armsey	October 10
Mackenzie Annis	October 11
Marianne Kibler	October 13
Sara Reedy	October 15
Kristen Dize	October 17
Amy Young	October 18
Melinda Ashley	October 19
Bill Daley	October 19
Toni Nelson	October 19
Donna Belote	October 22
Jennifer Annis	October 27
Ray Brotherton	October 28
Mary Lou Podelco	October 29
Sara Rene Kibler	October 31



THE UMW will meet on Monday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Masks and social distancing required.



Cub Scout Pack 313 will meet in the Church Parking Lot Every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Call Rev. Parsley 710-9321 for info.



**BEFORE
WE CAN
MOVE TO
2 WORSHIP
SERVICES...**

**We need MORE Ushers & Greeters.
4 volunteers for each service.
Call or email Marti Fjelstad at**

**787-2880 or
bobfje@msn.com.**

HELP. One hour of your time is greatly needed. We all want to get back to church and let me assure you that we have a completely safe environment for in person worship. What we do need is your help ushering. Attendance for the one service is at maximum safe capacity. Plans are to start offering a second service (per Pastor Heidi, October 11th, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.). This can only happen if we have the manpower needed to provide the proper guidance for the safety of all who come to worship. If you can assist please contact me. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to speaking with you. ~ Marti

Church Opens Doors to Virtual Learning



Historic Denton's Chapel United Methodist Church looks like an old fashioned neighborhood schoolhouse. Inside, children are doing their lessons online with the help of their learning pod teacher Jake Botts, a young man grateful to land a paying gig during a global pandemic.

Jake helping child: "Spell that out different."

Jake Botts, Learning Pod Teacher: "So, under normal circumstances I'm a musician. I'm a saxophone player. So obviously, live music was the first thing to go and probably the last thing to come back... (alarm goes off) I need to get Lila and Gage onto a zoom meeting."

At the beginning of each day, Botts sets timers to keep up with online zoom classes for 6 children 3rd – 7th grade. He also helps with homework and enrichment activities during the downtime between classes.

Jake to child painting: "Do you want the water closer so you can reach it better?"

Families in this quiet neighborhood quarantined together all summer and wanted a neighborhood school during this time of isolation.

Caitlin Congdon: "I run by the chapel almost every day but I have actually never attended church here."

Denton's Chapel sits empty all week.

Caitlin Congdon, Parent: "In times of Covid, I definitely know that the churches are struggling and parents are struggling. So, it's a way that they we can support one another. We're providing a donation to the church here."

Pastor Jim Mathews, a retired teacher and principal, is all for the idea. Covid shut the church down for months and elderly members have been slow to return. The school is bringing new life to the 134-year-old church.

Janet Carney: "We still have our group of kids meeting down there for their virtual schooling. It's a wonderful group of kids and their teacher who is getting them through their virtual schooling."

Neighborhood families hope to meet the congregation when Wednesday night church dinners resume right here in what is for now a classroom.

Caitlin Congdon: "We decided that we really want to stay connected to the church. So once we're done with (hopefully) seeing Covid, we still want to have a relationship with the church and be able to have the kids be here and interact with the members, actually continue to support one another and the community."

If your church is interested in starting a virtual school, follow your church guidelines for any background checks on volunteers who work with children.


United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tennessee. Contact is [Joe Iovino](#).

An Idea for Market Street ?




October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
EARLY DETECTION CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE.

1 IN 8 

US WOMEN WILL DEVELOP INVASIVE BREAST CANCER OVER THE COURSE OF HER LIFETIME.

But there is **HOPE**

27%	SURVIVAL RATE IN ADVANCED STAGE	
98%	SURVIVAL RATE IN EARLY DETECTION	



Sunday, November 1st at 2 a.m. Set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Halloween night.

LIFEQUAKE !!

~ Pat McArdle

I recently read a wonderful term and vocabulary word: lifequake. What does it mean? An event that suddenly changes your life – a car accident, being laid off, terrible illness, or getting divorced – in the same dramatic way that an earthquake might destroy a building.

It was mid-March that the lifequake occurred for most of us personally and also for Market Street UMC. One Sunday everybody worshipped as usual. The next Sunday, everything was halted. **No worship, no bulletin, no announcements, office closed. Pastor Bart and I became a 2 “man” team of support here in the building.**

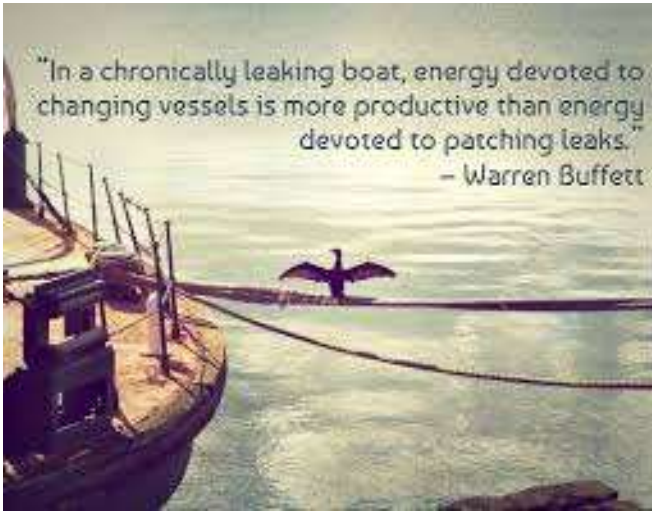
Fast forward 6 months. A lot of changes have taken place. Pastor Bart has left to enjoy his retirement. Pastor Heidi has moved here from NJ to take over as our leader. We are now worshipping in-person, without hymnals, papers or singing. We are also posting videos for virtual worship. Reservations and temperature checks are required for attendance in-person. Our conferences are **“zooming” and our meetings are restricted. We can no longer give that needed hug of empathy or encouragement.** Our masked faces hope that our eyes show our compassion, our happiness or maybe our anger. We cannot travel freely, we cannot enjoy crowded events, we cannot share our holidays as in the past.

So how do we continue to grow and to cope with the changes all around us?

I think back to my life 30 years ago. There have been many ups and downs, as all of you have experienced. But that particular October, there were a chain of events within a 10-day period that left me scattered. It started on October 5th. Patrick and I were married in Tortola, British Virgin Islands. We arrived home 2 days later just ahead of a hurricane that was promised for that area of the Caribbean. Early in the new day of October 8th, my father passed away. I do believe he willed himself to stay alive until he saw me and my new husband. Two days later, my new husband and I bought the home I had maintained from my former husband and I, signed a contract to have a 2nd story **added on for my mother and helped plan my father’s funeral. The following day, the company I worked for declared bankruptcy and abruptly closed, my job leaving with it.** Construction started on the house, the roof came off and tarp was in place. Within that short amount of time I had gained a husband, lost a father, gained a mortgage, lost a job and was sitting in a living room with a tarp overhead for a roof. Fast forward 6 months, I had another job, the construction was almost complete for **my mother’s new addition, and Patrick and I and kids were settling into a lively blended family.**

What kept me moving? My faith. My absolute faith. And gratefulness. Had we not made it home in time, I would not have said goodbye to my father. Had we not closed on our home before I lost my job, we would not have had the home and my mother would not have had a place to come to. I learned that a tarp over my head would temporarily keep me as safe as a sturdy roof. I learned that everything that happens to us will change us, but we need not be afraid of where those changes will take us. And my job? I went to work for a ruthless character and years later had the courage to start my own successful business. Had I not worked for such a tyrant I would never have had the desire to be my own boss.

So keep the faith, be grateful for the path it takes you on, and trust that you are going where you need to go.



They brought balloons to a school.

One was given to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway.

The professors then mixed all the balloons.

The students were given 5 minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point the professors told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it.

Within 5 minutes everyone had their own balloon.

The professors said to the students:

"These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness... we'll find ours too."

~ Lisa Gibb Contribution

