

CHIMES

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

AND AWAY WE GO!

AS WE BEGIN THE SEASON OF LENT, WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT WHERE GOD IS GUIDING US AS WESLEY CHAPEL. I CANNOT BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE I RECEIVED THE NEWS THAT I WOULD BEGIN SERVING AS THE PASTOR HERE. IN THE FIRST FEW MONTHS, WE HAVE EXPERIENCED SO MUCH TOGETHER, AND I SEE THE HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK.

ONE OF THE QUESTIONS I GET ASKED IS HOW WE CAN MAKE SURE EVERYONE GETS THE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON AT CHURCH. LAST MONTH, WE RELAUNCHED OUR WEBSITE, WESLEYCHAPELUMCVA.ORG, AND ARE WORKING TO KEEP THE CALENDAR AND A LIST OF WHAT IS GOING ON UPDATED. WE HAVE WORKED TO CREATE EVENTS ON FACEBOOK AND TO POST RELEVANT INFORMATION, AND YES, I HAVE EVEN LEARNED TO USE THE PHONE TREE! SO, TO KEEP THE TREND GOING AND WORKING TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED, WE DECIDED TO BRING BACK THE CHIMES!

THE CHIMES IS THE OLD MONTHLY NEWSLETTER THAT MANY OF YOU MAY REMEMBER. WE DECIDED TO MAKE A LITTLE TWIST. THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AGREED WITH ME THAT WE WILL PUBLISH OUR COMMITTEES' REPORTS EACH MONTH IN A NARRATIVE FORMAT. THIS WILL KEEP EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US UPDATED WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO AND HOW WE ARE SEEKING TO BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS. IN ADDITION, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE OTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE LET OUR OFFICE KNOW. WE ARE LOOKING TO BUILD A MONTHLY PUBLICATION THAT IS FUN AND INFORMATIVE. ALSO, IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOMETHING INCLUDED, SIMPLY EMAIL IT TO WESLEYCHAPELUMC.VA@GMAIL.COM.

THE CHIMES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AND EMAILED THE NEXT WEEK. IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON OUR EMAIL LIST, YOU WILL RECEIVE IT AUTOMATICALLY. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE OUR CURRENT EMAILS, JUST LET US KNOW, AND WE WILL ADD YOU!

THE BEST THING WE CAN DO DURING THE LENTEN SEASON IS TO ASK, "HOW CAN WE HELP?" I HOPE THIS HELPS. BY WORKING TOGETHER AND GETTING THE WORD OUT, WE CAN CONTINUE TO GROW IN OUR MINISTRY AND MISSION. WE CAN BE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD!

BLESSINGS,

PASTOR GLENN



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE:

- IF YOU HAVE A CHURCH EVENT YOU WANT TO SHARE, PLEASE SUBMIT THE INFORMATION FOR AN AD FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS BY THE 2ND WEEK OF EACH MONTH
- THE MAILBOX ON THE OFFICE DOOR IS FOR ANYONE TO LEAVE NOTES AND INFORMATION; THE LARGE ENVELOPE IS TO CONCEAL PRIVATE INFO/NOTES
- DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE WESLEYCHAPELUMCVA.ORG
- FOR FUTURE EVENTS, PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE WITH OUR NEW FORM'S TAB. WHERE YOU CAN SUBMIT TO THE OFFICE YOUR EVENT INFORMATION.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

ANDY PRICE, MAURICE LINDSEY, JUDY HARVEY
TRA WAGENKNECHT, BURT CRAGG, CHRIS GOODWIN
ANN CARMODY, JENNIFER SCRIVER, LOWELL THOMASON
ANNE THOMASON, RICK REID, PHYLLIS ACKERMAN
DEBRA LANE, ROY & SANDRA DAVIDSON, MARIE CRAWFORD,
NANCY BRADSHAW, MIKE EVANS, CLAUDE & MARIA BAKER,
TRUDY DAVIS, RALPH WALKER, B.J & LAURA TERRY, TISH
HADDON, MARY DAVIS, DAN NORD, TERRY WHARAM, KIM
LUNDIE, AMY HALL, THE FAMILY OF JAKE JACOBS, KATIE
CHISHOLM, MOIRA WUNDERLICH, THE FAMILY OF JOSIE BRITTON,
AINSLEY FOSTER, ROBBIE BARNES, MEGAN CHISHOLM, COLIN
RICE, LEE PULLEY

PRAYER SHAWLS



DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY? IN THE LOBBY, WE HAVE AN ASSORTMENT OF SHAWLS, ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO COULD USE THE COMFORT OF PRAYER, LET'S PRAY FOR THEM AND TAKE IT TO THEM.



A NOTE FROM THE COMMITTEES!

WOW

WOMEN OF WESLEY MET ON JANUARY 18 AFTER WORSHIP. WE DISCUSSED AND VOTED TO MOVE THE TREASURY FUNDS TO A LINE ITEM IN THE CHURCH ACCOUNT TO AVOID THE FEES WE OFTEN ENCOUNTER.

A POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER WILL BE PROVIDED ON SUNDAY, MARCH 15, FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE. BAKED RUSSET AND SWEET POTATOES, ALONG WITH MULTIPLE TOPPINGS, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EAT AT CHURCH OR CARRY OUT. DONATIONS WILL BE REQUESTED.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR PROTEIN PACKS NEAR THE AV BOOTH. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE WHO CAN USE THEM, PLEASE TAKE ONE FOR US AS WE TRY TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 19, 2026 @ 11:15 AM.

HATCHING FAITH

THE CONGREGATION HAS BEEN ENJOYING THE FAMILIES IN WORSHIP (FIW) WORSHIP SERVICES. NOVEMBER'S VETERANS' DAY TRIBUTE AND THE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT WERE A HUGE SUCCESS.

AT OUR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2026 @ 6:30 PM, WE WILL BE PLANNING FOR OUR NEXT FIW ON PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29.

NUTURE

WE ARE HONORED TO LEAD OUR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS WHEN THEY ARE SCHEDULED, CREATING A WARM SPACE FOR THE CHURCH TO GROW IN .

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU HELP US. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING US USHER DURING WORSHIP, PLEASE SEE SUSAN OR BUTCH COSTLEY

WE ALSO OVERSEE FUNERAL AND CELEBRATION OF LIFE LUNCHEONS WHEN FAMILIES REQUEST A RECEPTION FOR THEIR LOVED ONES.

WORSHIP

THE WORSHIP TEAM IS PRAYERFULLY PREPARING FOR SEVERAL MEANINGFUL SERVICES IN THE COMING WEEKS. PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE SUNRISE SERVICE ON APRIL 5TH AT 6:30 AM AT TALON POINT, AS WELL AS PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP. THE TEAM IS ALSO PREPARING FOR GOOD FRIDAY, WHICH WILL FEATURE THE MOVING PRESENTATION OF "WERE YOU THERE". WE LOOK FORWARD TO GATHERING FOR THESE SPECIAL TIMES OF REFLECTION AND CELEBRATIONS AS WE JOURNEY TOWARD EASTER.

TRUSTEE

THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO SHARE THAT THE LARGE HEATING UNIT IN BOTH THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER AND THE EDUCATION WING HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY REPAIRED. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON ADJUSTMENTS TO IMPROVE LIGHTING IN THE PARKING LOT AND ADDRESSING REPAIRS TO THE PARKING LOT SURFACE FOLLOWING THE RECENT ICE DAMAGE. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 10TH AT 6:00 PM, ALL ARE WELCOME.

WIMEN

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN ARE LOOKING TO COMPLETE THE INSTALLATION OF THE SWING AND GONDOLA IN THE GARDEN ONCE THE WEATHER IMPROVES. IN THE MEANTIME, OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON THE UPCOMING GOLF FUNDRAISER ON MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, AT LAKE CHESDIN GOLF CLUB. THERE ARE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT THIS EVENT, BECOMING A HOLE SPONSOR FOR \$150, REGISTERING A TEAM FOR \$400, OR SERVING AS A VOLUNTEER. FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT RICK, STAN OR VAN

YOUTH

OUR YOUTH GROUP IS OFF TO A GREAT START IN 2026! WE HELPED WITH THE PANCAKE SUPPER AND WILL PUT THE DONATIONS COLLECTED TO GOOD USE IN OUR SERVICE PROJECTS. AS WE BEGIN PLANNING OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT, WE ARE ASKING THE CONGREGATION TO PLEASE DONATE "EGG-SIZED" CANDIES FOR US TO FILL THE EASTER EGGS ON PALM SUNDAY. WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND HAVE A MEAL, TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE PROJECTS, AND GAMES. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

OUTREACH

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH, SO WHAT BETTER WAY TO HELP SAVE A LIFE THAN TO DONATE BLOOD!

WESLEY CHAPEL WILL BE HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 FROM 1:00 PM TO 6:00 PM IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. PLEASE VISIT REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG AND ENTER WESLEYCHAPELUMC TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BLOOD DONATION AND HELP MORE PATIENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A POWER RED DONATION. RED BLOOD CELLS ARE THE MOST COMMONLY TRANSFUSED BLOOD COMPONENT. (YOU MUST BE AN ELIGIBLE TYPE O, B- OR A-DONOR).

ALSO, SUCCESSFUL MARCH DONATIONS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$15 GIFT CARD BY EMAIL AND FREE A1C TESTING. MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE RED CROSS WEBSITE.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE! CONTACT SHELIA WHARAM OR MARY THOMPSON IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT.

SAVE THE DATE!

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE DATES FOR OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN 2026! VBS WILL BE JUNE 8 - 11. WE WILL SERVE A MEAL AT 5:30 PM, AND THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 PM. OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS ROME! PAUL AND THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH! GET READY FOR AN EXCITING ADVENTURE AS WE LEARN HOW THE EARLY CHURCH HELPED SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST!