

## WEEKLY NOTES AND REMINDERS

- † Last week, Bishop Sharma Lewis instructed all VAUMC churches to be closed both last Sunday and today. On Tuesday, **she has extended that closure to next Sunday, March 29th**. All Laurel Park UMC on-site activities, along with any meetings, services, etc. are canceled through that date. The Devotional Study/Hymn Sing at Chestnut Grove has been canceled today as well. We will continue to conduct our Wednesday morning Weekly Prayer Call, the ongoing Wednesday evening Charge Study, and next Sunday's 11 am worship service via conference call. To participate, call **(605) 313-5111**, and **enter code 196886** when prompted. You can toggle the muting/unmuting of your phone by pressing \*6...
- † Today, the United Methodist Church recognizes **UMCOR Sunday**. The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chain saw gangs and sheetrock installers. Because we join our church's offerings with those of United Methodist congregations around the world, UMCOR remains strong in its day-to-day operations. When needs are immediate, UMCOR can respond quickly and efficiently with signs of extravagant grace and expert assistance. Let us continue to ministry together...mail in your special UMCOR offering to LPUMC, or bring your special offering whenever we're able to reconvene service at Laurel Park...
- † Laurel Park is again collecting **"40 Cans for 40 Days"** for the Lenten season. Food for the needy will be more important than ever during the Coronavirus pandemic! Challenge yourself to meet this personal goal for the LAMB'S Basket...continue to collect your cans/food at home as able...we will have instructions on a collection plan in the near future...
- † The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary are now having their annual **Geranium Sale**, to benefit Shalom Farms. Geraniums are **\$4.50/each** (4" pot), and are available in orange, red, hot pink, white, and salmon (we will do our best to fill specific color orders). Orders and money are due by **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (EXTENDED!)** Order forms have been emailed to many and are also available on Facebook. You can mail the money and the order form to **Susan Johnston at 3908 Trickling Brook Dr / Henrico VA 23228-2927**, or drop by Aggie's Attic, where you can complete the form and make payment...just send an e-mail to Susan to let her know they have ordered. Make checks payable to **UMUMR**...geraniums will be delivered on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Susan at **804 515-5652 / [ksngal@aol.com](mailto:ksngal@aol.com)** .
- † **EVENTS DURING LENT:** There will be a **Maundy Thursday Charge Service** held on April 9th at 6:30 pm at the GUMC Fellowship Building. GUMC's annual **Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale** will be Saturday, April 11th from 10 am-12 noon. The **Community Sunrise Service** will be held on Easter Morning, April 12th at 7:00 am. Glen Allen Baptist Church is hosting this year...**"Behold the Lamb"**, **Greenwood's Easter Cantata**, will be presented Easter morning during their 11 am worship service. Folks from Laurel Park have been invited to rehearsals for the cantata on Thursdays at 6:30 pm at GUMC. They will rehearse the Cantata at the beginning of their choir practice, after which you are welcome to leave...**VOICES ARE NEEDED!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, MISSIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

### March 22-29 **NO ON-SITE ACTIVITIES AT LAUREL PARK UMC...**

March 25	GUMC/LPUMC Weekly Prayer Conference Call <b>(605) 313-5111, enter code 196886</b>	6:00 am—6:15 am
March 25	Charge Study concludes (week 6) (CONFERENCE CALL...see above for call-in information)	6:30 pm
March 29	Sunday Worship Service (CONFERENCE CALL...see above for call-in information)	11:00 am
April 5	Palm Sunday	
April 9	Maundy Thursday Charge Service (at GUMC Fellowship Bldg.)	6:30 pm
April 11	Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt & Bake Sale (at GUMC)	10:00 am-12 noon
April 12	<b>EASTER</b>	
April 12	Community Sunrise Service at Glen Allen Baptist Church	7:00 am
April 12	"Behold the Lamb" (Easter Cantata at GUMC)	11:00 am
April 19	Last day of Geranium Sale	