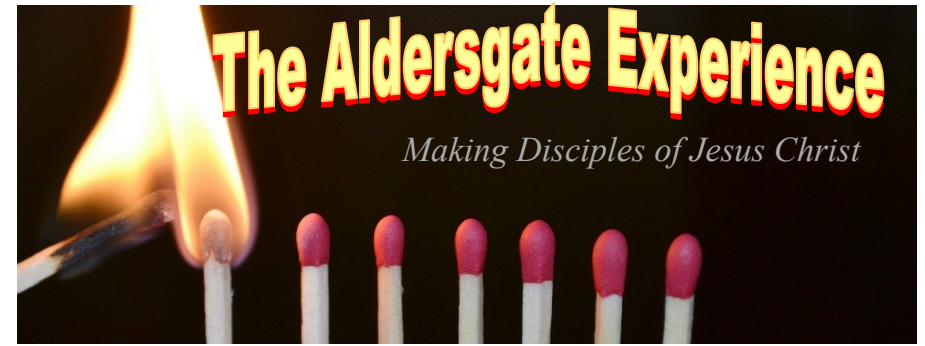




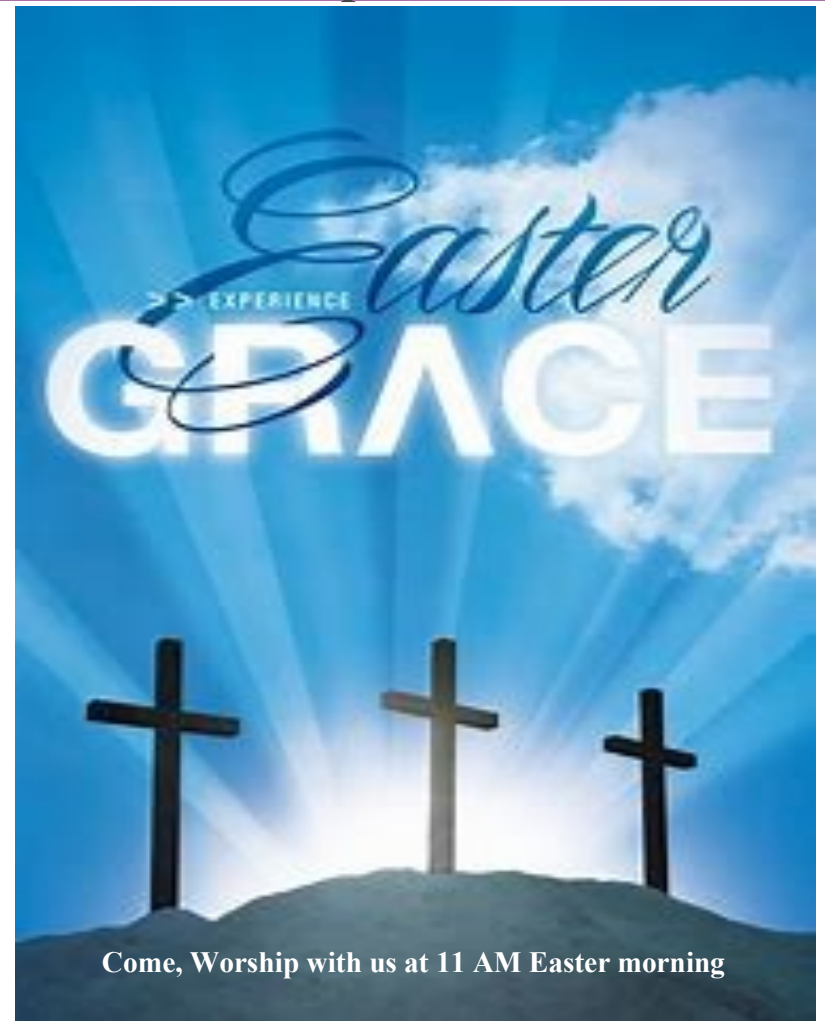
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Easter GRACE

Come, Worship with us at 11 AM Easter morning



“Welcomed Conversations”

By Pastor Lee

Don't you love answering your phone for tele-marketers or robocalls? Don't you look forward to those calls while you are eating dinner or taking a nap? No? Neither do I. They are too impersonal, manipulative, and annoying.

Jesus commissioned us to invite others to follow him. There is no greater message that we get to communicate to the world than the Gospel. And there are 3 basic ways to do that:

1. Robocall – we could offer a scripted and impersonal plea to random strangers.
2. Telemarketer – we could offer a tactical strategy that seeks only to make a sale.
3. Neighbor – we could offer a friendly conversation with someone with whom we already have a relationship.

To which call are YOU most receptive? We are surrounded by neighbors who may reject “organized religion”, but can be very receptive to a relationship with Jesus. As the Church, our mission is not to manipulate people into following Jesus. We are to demonstrate the love of God and communicate the truth of God. As we love our neighbors and build relationships with them, they can see the light of Christ in us. And that opens the door for welcomed conversations rather than a sales pitch.



A Blessing for our church family

“May the Lord Bless you and Protect you.

May the Lord smile on you

and Be Gracious to you.

May the Lord show you His Favor

and give you His Peace”



Taken from Numbers 6:24-26

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Lay Leader..... Kathleen O’Hara
Music Director.....Cindy Crosby
Church Secretary.....Joyce Russo

Office Hours.....8:30-12:30 PM
Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Worship Team Rehearsal - Wednesdays.....6:30 PM

Scripture AND NATURE

Conduct a simple experiment to illustrate Easter's meaning.

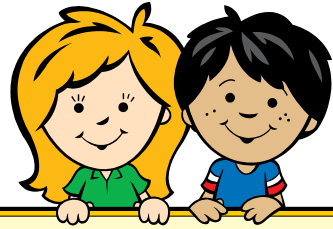


What you need:

- White carnations
- Scissors
- Vase
- Water
- Red food coloring
- Bible

What you do:

1. Cut the carnation stems (at an angle) to about 8 inches long.
2. Fill the vase halfway with water. Add 10 drops of food coloring. (More may be needed to darken the water.)
3. Add the cut flowers and observe what happens to the petals over time.
4. Discuss how this is like Jesus' work on the cross. Read 1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV) and reflect on what his death means for us.
5. To learn more about this experiment, research capillary action.



KIDS PAGE











Puzzling the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took , gave  and  it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my  given for you; do this in  of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This  is the new  in my blood, which is  out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answers: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured

Just Some Pics!



Claudia & Lily rest after serving at the Spaghetti Dinner



The Thursday Night Small Group enjoys an evening for food and fellowship

New Sermon Series coming

Holy Week Service times

Lay Ministry for April

Outreach events

and much more



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Ben and Barbara Hogwood would like to express their thanks and appreciation for all of the cards, calls and prayers of concern. It is a blessing to know your church family cares so much.



Are you Missing some of your mail???
Do you know how to remedy this? It is Easy!

The Post Office now has a site where you can sign up and each morning you will receive an email letting you know what will be delivered that day. This includes any packages (not amazon or fedex) just USPS.

Go to usps.com/statefarmid and sign up now.

You will be able to

- *check your mail from anywhere on your smartphone, computer or tablet.
- *Track incoming packages
- *Interact with your mail and packages on a secure online dashboard.

This may not solve all of your missing mail problems but it sure does help. I, personally, get an email each morning and know exactly what my mail carrier is suppose to deliver to me that day.

All you have to do is sign up and remember to check email.

Joyce



Goal for 2020 is
\$7,000.

Watch for more
Information to come!



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER



The Dinner Crew is searching for a volunteer to coordinate the desserts starting in September 2020. The role includes serving others, coordinating with a team and church family, and being present at some of the dinners.

If you are the person for this role, please talk with Cindy!



In accordance with the Book of Discipline we are required to do a membership audit. The following members have been inactive for some time and we have no way to contact them. If you know their whereabouts, addresses, emails, or if they have passed.. Please let the church office know. Thanks

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jerry and April Archer | Henry Cross |
| William and Jean Backus | Everett and Martha Miner |
| Margaret Benford | Louise Moore |
| Robert Bontwell | Lee Nelson |
| Joshua Brady | Donna Newnam |
| Joseph and Shirley Bright | Robert Noe |
| Claudia Brodeur | Donald and Gale Orr |
| Sarah Campbell | Nichole Price |
| Joseph Catrambone | Cheryl Reyes |
| Portius and Mary Deming | Norma Richardson |
| Clyde DeWald | Maclyn and Lee Russell |
| Diane Dowdy | Millie Seebo |
| Patricia Drinkard | Tanya Shackelford |
| Ann Duncan | Susan Sheets |
| Bobby and Carmaline Dye | Karen Scott |
| Nora Franklin | Philip Sofner |
| Alice Green | Tina Terrill |
| George and Geraldine Green | Glenda Thomas |
| Frances Greene | Nancy Thomas |
| Harold and Ann Grunewald | Jesse and Dot Woods |
| Lee and Natalie Harrison | Robert Woods |
| Harry and Nora Jackson | Mr & Mrs James Weddle |
| Kristina Johnson | Gail Bathurst |
| Sandra DeWald Johnson | Karen DeWald |
| James and Edna Joyner | Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moore |
| Theodore and Dot Kizer | Mr. & Mrs. Dan Wolfe |
| Margaret Leonard | Floyd Cross |
| Peggy Maldoran | Kathy Kozera |
| Mona Meekins | Kay Stevens |



FREE
Community Spaghetti Dinners
Serving Neighbors—Seeking Friends

Thursdays, 5:30 pm



The Community Spaghetti Dinners are going very well. The dinner crew met on March 5th to discuss future plans. The decision to continue the dinners for this year is a go. So you can plan to bring your friends, neighbors and family until the end of June.

In July and August, the dinner crew will take a breather and then begin again in September.

Come on out—invite your friends and neighbors every Thursday at 5:30. It's a great meal, no cooking, no cleaning, and a casual way to get to know our community.

We also offer two groups after the dinner for fellowship, coffee, and meaningful spiritual discussions at 7pm. Join in!



Holy Thursday Service
April 9th at 7:00 pm

**Celebrate the wonder
of his holy presence.**

Service held in the Social Hall

Also: Free Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 pm



Here are some of the events happening in the district

Foundry UMC—Annual Ladies' Tea sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

April 25th 2-4 PM

Foundry UMC—Va. Beach Blvd, VA. Beach
Ebert Hall

Admission is \$5.00

Wear your favorite hat. This is welcomed and encouraged

Deadline: April 11th or until tickets are sold out—don't delay

Important Notice

Due to the current virus situation, several events, meetings and gatherings at local churches have either been rescheduled or cancelled. Some church offices may be closed or staff hours limited. Worship Services have been cancelled and should resume on March 29th.

Please remember to check your email regularly for any updates. You may also visit the Virginia Conference website or the Elizabeth River Website for up to date information.

<ElizabethRiverUMc.com> or
ElizabethRiverDistrict@vaumc.org>

Conference Website: <vaumc.org>



Follow the Yellow Brick Road

Discover the wisdom, love, courage,
and a home in God's kingdom.

Starts Easter Sunday

April 12th at 11 am

Birthdays



4/3 Barbara Keim
 JaiMarie Washington-Martin
 4/7 Ann Manuel
 4/8 Ben Hogwood

4/26 Barbara Hogwood
 Jamie Washington
 4/27 John Floyd



Anniversaries

4/21 Oliver (Farrell) and Barbara Harrell

Remember in Prayer

Home: Barbara Jenkins, Phyllis Day, Greg Dziagwa's mother.

Sentara Village: Rosemont Rd—
 Shirley Henley

Dominion Village Asst. Living—
 Cora Vernon

If you know of others in the congregation who need to be included on this prayer list, please call the church office.



Ushers

Neal Windley, Phyllis Day

Counters

4/5 Greg Dziagwa, Jim Powers
 4/12 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch
 4/19 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
 4/26 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd



Lawn Maintenance



4/6 Team 2
 4/13 Team 3
 4/20 Team 1
 4/27 Team 2
 5/6 Team 3

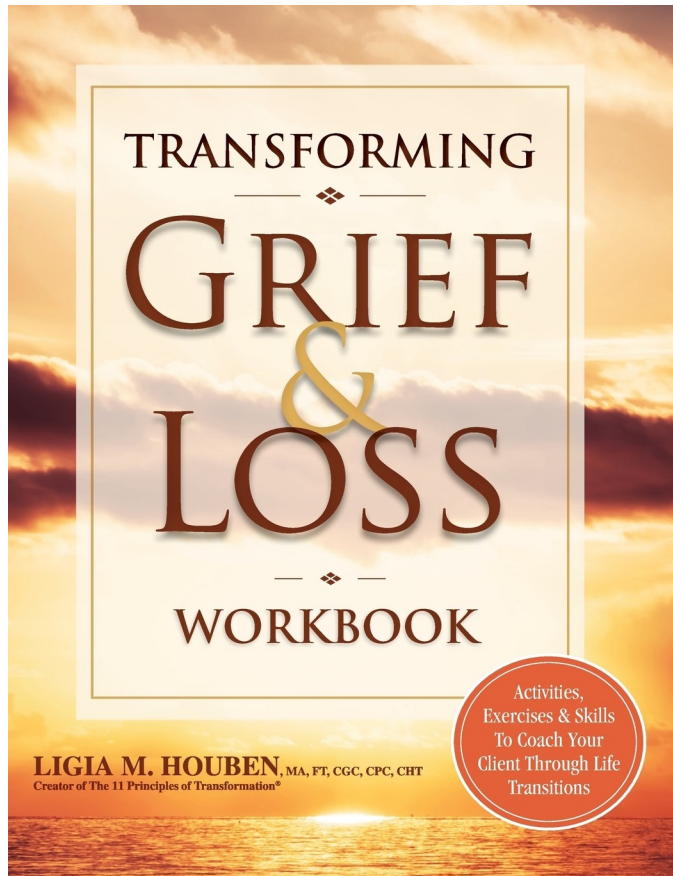
Calendar Highlights

4/8 Managing Grief Class begins
 4/9 7 PM Holy Thursday Service
 4/12 11 AM Easter Sunday Celebration Service



Newsletter Deadline
 Sunday, April 15th
 for the May issue.

You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit your articles. You can email the office at any time or leave it on my desk....



Managing Trauma and Grief Class

Wednesdays
April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th , May 6th, 13th
7-8:30 PM

Contact Leslie Garrett: 757-576-9110 or
LeslieG0939@gmail.com

If you are interested in attending or have any questions.

Worship Team News

April Schedule

1 April	6:30 Rehearsal
8 April	6:30 Rehearsal
15 April	Spring Break
22 April	6:00 Rehearsal
29 April	6:30 Rehearsal



If you know someone who is interested in playing drums or guitar we have a spot for them on the worship team.



Please contact
Cindy!