

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<p>SUNDAY, APRIL 15 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship 11:30 PM Young Adult/College Fellowship 3:30 PM AA Women's Speaker 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship</p> <p>MONDAY, APRIL 16 9:00 AM Girl Scouts Workshop 5:00 PM World Mission Ensemble 7:00 PM AA Women 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting</p> <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 17 9:30 AM Exercise Class 10:30 AM Encore Choir 7:30 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Virginia Ballet Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting 7:30 PM Al Anon Meeting 7:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>THURSDAY, APRIL 19 7:00 PM AA Beginners Meeting 7:30 PM AA #164 Meeting 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 20 6:30 PM AA Meeting</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 21 10:00 AM AA Meeting</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 22 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Fellowship 2:00 PM Artistic Expressions 3:30 PM AA Women's Speaker 5:00 PM Small Group Meeting 6:00 PM Youth Fellowship 6:15 PM Bible Study</p>
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**CURRENT OFFICE HOURS
 MON – FRI 9AM – 1PM**



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Our Preschool is participating in the “Pinwheels for Prevention” of child abuse program with SafeSpot, a safe, child-friendly center that provides direct services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse in Fairfax County. Throughout the month of April our “pinwheel garden” will serve as a whimsical symbol of the happy and safe childhood that each child deserves and as a means for raising awareness about the problem of child abuse in our community. The pinwheels were provided by SafeSpot, their website is www.safespotfairfax.org.

Choir Anthem: “The Meditations of My Heart” by Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord. O Lord my Rock, O Lord my strength, O Lord my God and Redeemer.



April 15, 2018

Gathering Music *Chorale Prelude, “Christ lag in Todesbanden”*
 Bach

Welcome

Prayer

† Hymn *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done* **UMH 306**

† **Passing the Peace**
 Christian fellowship is an essential part of our worship experience. As you greet one another this day, offer this greeting: “The Peace of Christ be with you.” Then respond, “And also with you!”

Word and Response **1 John 3:1-7**
 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of God, for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

Children's Message

† Hymn *O How He Loves You and Me* **FWS 2108**

Message *“See What Love...”* **Pastor Steven Wells**

Joys, Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Offertory *Meditations of My Heart* **Chancel Choir**
 Hagenberg

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† Adoration and Praise

Praise the Creator for each day,

Thanks for our Guide who leads the way: Preparation. Meditation.

Bathe in discovery, Spirit led, and live anew in days ahead.

In remembrance. Crucifixion, Easter promise! Resurrection! Alleluia!

~ Peter Norum

Offertory Prayer

Ministry Opportunities

† Hymn *In Christ Alone* WS 3105

† Benediction

† Postlude *Easter Alleluia* Kiliken

† Please stand if you are able

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal FWS – Faith We Sing Songbook
WS – Worship and Song

UPCOMING SERVICES OF WORSHIP

April 22	<i>Sheep, Shepherd and Stumbling Blocks</i>	John 10:11-18
	Martha Platenkamp	
April 29	Rev.Patti Brown from The Lamb Center	
	United Methodist Women’s Sunday	
May 6	<i>A Love Beyond All Measure</i>	John 15:12-17
May 13	Mother’s Day: <i>Being Christ</i>	Ephesians 1:15-23
May 20	<i>Pentecost</i>	Acts 2:1-21

GUEST PREACHER’S

On Sunday, April 22, please welcome Martha Platenkamp to the pulpit as she offers the morning message. Martha is a second year seminary student, currently enrolled at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and a life-long member of St. George’s UMC.

On Sunday, April 29 the United Methodist Women will lead worship and they have invited as their guest preacher for the day the Rev. Patti Brown, Chaplain of the Lamb Center in Fairfax. Please extend a warm welcome Rev. Brown.

PASTOR STEVE AWAY ON VACATION

Pastor Steve and Karen will be away from April 20-May 4 on vacation. If a pastoral need should arise please contact our Administrative Assistant Margaret Kondracki and she will put you in touch with a pastor.

SERVING THIS WEEK

	SERVING 4/15/18	SERVING 4/22/18
LAY READER	Karen Wells	Alle Schilstra
USHERS	Doug Wright & Jeff Root	Mary Sue France & Dave Ford
COUNTERS	Mary Sue France & Debi Salman	Mary Sue France & Dennis Draper
GREETERS	Mike & Laura Cosner	Chuck & Kathy Heberle

The Coordinators for our Weekly Volunteers are:

Lay Readers - Alle Schilstra Ushers - Dave Ford
Greeters - Laura Cosner Offering Counters - Kathy Cagle

See one of these volunteer coordinators if you are willing to serve.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR BISHOP’S WEEKLY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Here are the Verses for this Week:

April 15	Psalm 7, Psalm 27, Psalm 31, Psalm 34, Psalm 52	April 18	Psalm 17, Psalm 35, Psalm 54, Psalm 63
April 16	Psalm 56, Psalm 120, Psalm 140-142	April 19	1 Samuel 28-31, Psalm 18
April 17	1 Samuel 25-27	April 20	Psalm 121, Psalm 123-125, Psalm 128-130
		April 21	2 Samuel 1-4

ART AUCTION

Many thanks to all who supported last evenings Art Auction!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our United Methodist Women will lead their annual UMW Worship Service on Sunday, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Patti Brown, Chaplain at The Lamb Center will offer the morning message. We invite you to make every effort to be present and support our women as they inspire us in worship.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Annual Community BBQ and Youth Car Wash

The United Methodist Men will hold their Annual Community BBQ on Saturday, 5 May from 11:00 – 3:00. At the same time the SGUMY will be conducting a car wash to raise money for missions. We will have a Bounce House, live music, local fire department and police at the event. We also are hopeful that our Congressman, Gerry Connelly and his wife Smitty will attend the event along with some other local politicians.

As always, the UMM is looking for volunteers to help make this major church fundraiser a success. Please contact keith.saddler@verizon.net if you are willing to support this event. The ladies of the church are more than welcome to join us and become an honorary UMM member for that day.

RECREATION 2018

We are currently seeking youth and adults to attend this year’s ReCreation scheduled for June 24 - 30 in Weaverville, NC. Applications can be secured from Pastor Steve or Martha Platenkamp and must be completed and turned in **TODAY** Sunday, April 15 with a deposit of \$335 per person.

2018 VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year’s Annual Conference will convene June 15-17, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. The theme this year is based on 1 Peter 4:10 “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God’s grace and in various forms.” An exciting new mission component has been added this year. Following the Mission Service on Saturday, June 16 Bishop Lewis is asking all clergy and lay members to participate in a Great Day of Service from 2 - 5 pm.

Mike Jones, Bailey Jones and Pastor Steve are delegates to this year’s Conference. Denise Jones will also be in attendance. Please pray for this year’s gathering of Virginia United Methodist Clergy and Laity.

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

OUR MEMBERS

Norma Goodman Marty Hixenbaugh Donna Hayes
Buck Gibson Sally Adkins

HOME BOUND MEMBERS

Alice & Joe Howe

SERVING ABROAD

Frank Ford - Puerto Rico

SERVING AT HOME

John Becking David Hopkins Grant Robinson Katherine S. Schmidt
Chris Plante Aaron Stephens

FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS

The Heyer Family, friends of Pat & John Nash
Jeen Saadallah and the Saadallah Family, by Dick Joyce
Jane Kramer, mother of Carrie Watkins
Judas Murphy, relative of the Ford Family
Madison Reese, relative of the Ford Family
Emma Kania, mother of Mike Kania
Kelly Heaton, friend of Frank & Kim Ford
Paddy Pennel
David Long, father of Sarah Long
The Kane Family, by Cherie Eyre
The Family of Jim & Pat Coates, by Dotty Smith
Emogene and Paul Kite, by the Mary Martha Circle
Sherry Bennett and Family, by Chuck & Kathy Heberle
Craig K. and family, by Dotty Smith
Justin Cherry, nephew of the Cherry Family
Lindsay Preas, niece of the Cherry Family
Family of Paul Fields, cousin of Sandra Woolfenden
Friend of Peggy Deihr

The Lamb Center, FACETS, the homeless and the hungry among us; countries and peoples at war; those in places of natural disaster; and victims from violence & their families.

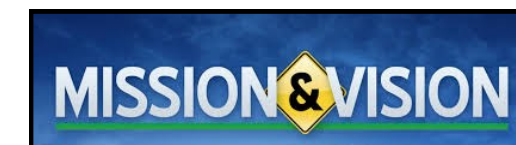
All the groups and organizations that utilize St. George’s Church throughout the week.

Please submit your prayer requests by noon on Wednesday for bulletin inclusion. All prayer requests will be printed in the bulletin for four weeks.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are presented for the glory of God and in honor of the birthdays today of Gregory and Christopher Nash by their mother and dad, Patricia and John Nash.

Our primary Mission is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



*Our Vision Statement:
Living Faith
Welcoming All
Sharing Love in Christ*