

## Weekly Calendar

<b>SUNDAY, March 4</b>	<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 8</b>
9:00 AM Sunday School	7:00 PM AA Beginners Meeting
10:30 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM Girl Scout Group 54-14
11:30 AM Fellowship	7:30 PM AA #164 Meeting
11:30 AM Young Adult/College Fellowship	7:30 PM Choir
3:30 PM AA Women's Speaker	<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 9</b>
4:00 PM Handbell Choir	6:30 PM AA Meeting
6:00 PM Youth Fellowship	<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 10</b>
6:15 PM Lenten Study	10:00 AM AA Meeting
<b>MONDAY, March 5</b>	10:00 AM Noralea Dalkin Memorial
5:00 PM World Mission Women's	12:30 PM James Bland Music Contest
7:00 PM AA Women	<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 11</b>
7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 1865	9:00 AM Sunday School
7:15 PM Worship Team	10:30 AM Worship Service
<b>TUESDAY, March 6</b>	11:30 AM Fellowship
9:30 AM Exercise Class	3:30 PM AA Women's Speaker
10:30 AM Encore Choir	4:00 PM Handbell Choir
7:30 PM Bible Study	5:00 PM Small Group
<b>WEDNESDAY, March 7</b>	6:15 PM Lenten Study
10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	7:00 PM Youth Fellowship
7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>CURRENT OFFICE HOURS</b>
7:30 PM Al Anon Meeting	<b>MON - FRI 9AM - 1PM</b>
7:30 PM SPRC	

### WELCOME GUESTS TO ST. GEORGE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Please sign the Attendance Registration pad located in the pew or complete a yellow card found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you are here!

<b>Sunday Schedule:</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School for ALL ages
	10:00 AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30 AM	Worship

The nursery (located off the Fellowship Hall) is available for children through Kindergarten age during Sunday School, Fellowship Time, and Worship.

### FLOWER CALENDAR

Our 2018 Flower Calendar has been posted on the bulletin board outside the Wesley Room. Please consider giving flowers for one or more of the Sundays this year to celebrate a special occasion or remember loved ones. Please help us adorn our altar with beautiful flowers each Sunday.

### Choir Anthem: "Ancient Words"

Ancient words, ever true. Ancient words, long preserved, for our walk in this world, they resound with God's own heart. O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope, in this world where-e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home. Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you, we have come with open hearts. O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice. O heed the faithful words of Christ. Ancient words... ever true.

### LuLaRoe Fundraiser for UMW

The ladies of St. George's UMW are happy to announce that a local LuLaRoe consultant in conjunction with Corporate LuLaRoe are holding a fundraiser to benefit the charities of UMW.

LuLaRoe sells women's (all sizes xxs-3xl) dresses, tops, skirts, leggings as well as comfortable, cute clothing for children. Their clothing is sold at home parties and on an online retail shop.

There will be an Open House on Sunday, March 4 from 1:00 to 4:00 at 5228 Grinnell St, Fairfax and again on Friday, March 16 in the evening. No presentation - just drop in, see all the selections, try some on and visit with friends and enjoy some snacks courtesy of UMW. A percentage of all sales between March 4 and 18 will contribute to our cause.

For more information see the LuLaRoe Fundraiser in the Narthex or contact Pam Williams or Sheila Coffin.

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# Lent



March 4, 2018  
10:30 AM

Gathering Music *Prelude and Fugue in G* Bach

Welcome

Prayer Pastor Steve Wells

† Hymn *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* UMH 160

† Passing the Peace

Living according to God's law brings joy to the heart, light to the mind, and peace to the soul. Let us share this joy, light and peace with one another as we exchange signs of peace and remember the way of the cross.

Word and Response *I Corinthians 1:18-25*

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

**Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.**

For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

**For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human weakness.**

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

No Children's Message (Children will return for Holy Communion)

Message "The Gospel's Foolish Message" Pastor Steve Wells

Joys, Concerns, and Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

*Ancient Words*  
DeShazo

Chancel Choir

† Song of Praise *Now Thank We All Our God* (Stanza 3)

All Praise and thanks to God, the Father now be given;  
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Offertory Prayer

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving **FWS 2257**

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer

**SENDING FORTH**

Ministry Opportunities

† Hymn *How Great Thou Art* **UMH 77**

† Benediction

† Postlude *Pageant from the "Fourth Suite"* **Ahrens**  
Please stand if you are able

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

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

You are invited to read the Scripture Lesson for next week's message in preparation for worship.

March 11 Light Versus Darkness John 3:14-21

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

	SERVING 03/04/18	SERVING 03/11/18
LAY READER	Kathy Cagle	Ann Platenkamp
USHERS	Keith Saddler, Jeff Root & Daniel Cosner	Kathy Cagle, Karl Cagle
COUNTERS	Bev Turner, Dennis Drapper	Kathy Cagle, Debi Salman
GREETERS	Mike & Laura Cosner	

**The Coordinators for our Weekly Volunteers are:**

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

If you are willing to volunteer for one of these roles, please speak with the appropriate coordinator.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE BULLETIN**

Please submit all bulletin announcements to the church office no later than 12:00 - Noon on Wednesday to be included in the upcoming bulletin. Thank you!

**NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR BISHOP'S WEEKLY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**

Here are the Verses for this Week:

March 4	Numbers 21-22	March 8	Numbers 31-32
March 5	Numbers 23-25	March 9	Numbers 33-34
March 6	Numbers 26-27	March 10	Numbers 35-36
March 7	Numbers 28-30		

**WORD FROM YOUR WORSHIP TEAM & CHURCH COUNCIL**

As we gather for worship during the season of Lent, we want our primary focus to be upon entering the presence of God in worship. Lent is a season of restoration, reflection, repentance, self-examination, prayer, fasting and self-denial. Therefore, we have chosen to offer a slightly new worship format during this Holy Season and have moved our important announcements to the close of worship. We look forward to our Lenten Journey together and we extend our best wishes to all of you. May the grace and peace of Christ guide, surround and inspire you.

**LENTEN STUDY**

Mike Slaughter's "Made for a Miracle" will be offered at 9:00am on Sundays (during Sunday School time in the "Exploring Faith" class) and at 6:15-7:15pm on Sunday evenings. Both classes will be in Room 204, starting February 18.

**IN DEPTH BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30pm for an in-depth Bible Study beginning on February 20 in room 205 at St. George's. Our first study will be on the Epistle of Jude. Further studies will be dictated by the interest of the class members.

For more information, please see Bob Marion or C.P. Watkins.

**"A TASTE OF MOROCCO"**

Ella Marshall Circle meeting will be "A Taste of Morocco" at the home of Kathy and Chuck Heberle March 14, from 9:30am-12:00pm. Spouses and interested members of the Congregation invited. Moroccan tastings prepared by Kathy will be paired with Chuck's commentary and slide show from their just-completed trip. They are looking forward to sharing their fresh impressions of the people, current economy and the state of Muslim culture and attitudes toward Americans. Contact person: Dorothy Dowdy (703) 978-7709

**MARCH 11TH IS UMCOR SUNDAY**

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) serves the needs of people in crisis around the world and helps them in the ways that meets the most intimate of needs: medical care, food, education, storm relief, home furnishings, clothing, etc. The offerings received on this day are the ONLY funds that help support the global ministries of the United Methodist Church.

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

**OUR MEMBERS**

Norma Goodman Marty Hixenbaugh Donna Hayes Buck Gibson

**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**

Lois Morral, mother of Debra Salman  
Family of Doug Nichols after his passing, uncle of Sandy Woolfenden  
Pat Clarke, mother of Lisa Copeland  
Patterson Family, by the Deihl Family  
The Heyer Family, friends of Pat & John Nash  
Jeen Saadallah and the Saadallah Family, by Dick Joyce  
Joey and sister-in-law Debi, by Sherry Ford  
Jane Kramer, mother of Carrie Watkins  
Judas Murphy, relative of the Ford Family  
Madison Reese, relative of the Ford Family  
Nathan Cagle, brother of Karl Cagle  
Emma Kania, mother of Mike Kania  
Family of Ray Henderson that died, close friend of Mike Kania  
Kelly Heaton, friend of Frank & Kim Ford  
Terry Lynch, by Dick Joyce  
Reba Holmes, by Dick Joyce  
Dona Coultice-Christian, by Dick Joyce  
Paddy Pannel  
David Long, father of Sarah Long  
Christy Murrell and family, following death of her mother Noralea Dalkin  
The Kane Family, by Cherie Eyre

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.

*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*