



14 But, you must continue with the things you have learned and found convincing. You know who taught you. 15 Since childhood you have known the holy scriptures that help you to be wise in a way that leads to salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus. 16 Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, 17 so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good. (2 Tim. 3:14-17, CEB).

Greetings! The words of the Apostle Paul before this verse describe a people who are lost in the world. They may say they are religious, they have it all together, but their lifestyle, choices, and direction in life say otherwise. Paul is encouraging Timothy in his journey of faith as a leader and as a child of God. Know who we are, whose we are, and continue to learn through the transforming Word of God. God will equip us to do everything that is good! God's Word is alive and inspired by the Holy Spirit who speaks to us through the Word, who draws us into the faith and knowledge of Jesus Christ who has made us into new creations and given us a new life. We can continue on the road of mediocrity and deception, or we can journey on the road to success and abundance. What road do we desire to travel? We need to practice the essentials of our faith. The essentials bring forth fruit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23), the fruit of the Spirit. The essentials of our faith or spiritual disciplines we practice every day, (yes, every day!), will lead us on paths of righteousness, not in pious ways, but in loving ways.

John Wesley believed and lived the "General Rules," which every Methodist was expected to keep. The General Rules were: do no harm, do good, and attend upon the ordinances of God. While the first two are fairly straightforward, "attend upon the ordinances of God" referred to basic Christian practices or disciplines. Wesley explicitly mentioned public worship, the ministry of the Word, the Lord's Supper, family and private prayer, searching the Scriptures, and fasting or abstinence."^[1] These are the essentials of our faith! Bishop Sharma Lewis of the VA Annual Conference of the U.M.C. and Jesus calls us "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" toward the fulfillment of the vision of "Disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve." We can only fulfill this mission and vision by being lifelong learners ourselves and practicing the essentials of our faith.

This fall we will kick-off several Bible studies such as "A Disciple's Path, Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church," and other studies through small groups and Sunday School. I encourage us to strive to attend worship every Sunday, be in prayer/conversation with God every day, read and study the Word every day, be a part of a small group or Sunday school class, and serve on a team. Let's embrace the Holy Spirit's movement in us individually and collectively as the Church. Let's be inspired by the Spirit to seek to be transformed from mediocrity to excellent abundance! Stay tuned as more information unfolds this month!

[1] <https://www.seedbed.com/the-early-methodists-watched-over-one-another-in-love/>

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Terry

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Cooperative Parish Leadership

SPRC: Sal Ortiz (chair), Amy Taylor, Bob Lambert, Brook Middleton, Edith Middleton, Cheryll Green, John Fedorchak, Sheila Showers, Linden vacancy

Linden Church Council

Chair of Council:	Steve Showers	Young Adult Rep:	Dawn Bueno
Lay Leader:	Sal Ortiz	Worship Chair Music:	Connie Clatterbuck
SPRC Chair:	Sal Ortiz	District Steward:	Vacant
Finance Chair:	Vacant	Church Historian:	Helen Kenney
Trustee Co-Chairs:	Loyd Dunford, Steve Showers	Nurture, Evangelism, Youth:	Genia Ortiz
Treasurer:	Kathy Drummond	Nominations:	Pastor Terry, Ruth Ann Rector, Helen Kenney, Maureen Dunford, Sal Ortiz
Adult Discipleship:	Sal Ortiz	SPRC:	Sal Ortiz, Sheila Showers, vacancy
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Sal Ortiz	Trustees:	Loyd Dunford, Steve Showers, Mary Potter, Kevin McCullough, Stuart Showers, Zachary Bueno
UMW President:	Sheila Showers	Parsonage Trustees:	Loyd Dunford, Steve Showers, Zach Bueno
Senior Pastor:	Terry Hendricks		
Recording Secretary:	Dawn Bueno		

Markham Church Council

Chair of Council:	John Fedorchak	Nurture, Hospitality, Worship:	Edith Middleton
Lay Leader:	John Fedorchak	Community Missions, Music:	Kim Jacobs
SPRC Chair:	Cheryll Green	Age Level Ministries:	Cheryll Green
Finance Chair:	Henry Green	Historian:	Henry Green
Trustee Chair:	Brook Middleton	Nominations:	Pastor Terry, John Fedorchak, Edith Middleton
Treasurer:	Nancy Sickel	SPRC:	Cheryll Green, Brook Middleton, Edith Middleton, John Fedorchak
Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Edith Middleton	Parsonage Trustees:	Brook Middleton, Nancy Sickel, Edith Middleton
Senior Pastor:	Terry Hendricks	Finance:	Henry Green, Pastor Terry, Edith Middleton, John Fedorchak, Cheryll Green, Brook Middleton, Nancy Sickel
Recording Secretary:	Kim Jacobs		

Marshall Church Council

Chair of Council:	Wendy Emery	Children's Ministry Director:	Jean Egeland
Lay Leader:	Amy Taylor	Worship Chair:	Cathy Harris
SPRC Chair: Joe Bersack		Communications Dir:	Terri Hill
Finance Chair:	Laurie Bersack	Mission/Outreach Chair:	Smokey Jacobs
Finance:	Laurie Bersack, Pastor Terry, Bob Lambert, Wendy Emery, Joe Bersack, Rich Umbel, Amy Taylor, Cheryl Kowalczyk, DeAnna Taylor, Candy Glascock	Family Ministries:	Cathy Lambert
Trustee Co-Chairs:	Rich Umbel, Sally Wilfong	Education Director:	Cheryl Kowalczyk
Treasurer:	DeAnna Taylor	Nominations:	Pastor Terry, Candy Glascock, Amy Glascock, Amy Taylor, Frances Snider, Bob Lambert
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference:	Bob Lambert	SPRC:	Joe Bersack, Mike Taylor, Amy Taylor, Bob Lambert
District Steward:	Wendy Emery	Trustees:	Rich Umbel, Sally Wilfong, Mike Rogers, Phil Harris, Jimmy Lyon, Robert Glascock, Debbie Wyne
UMM President:	Vacant	Older Adult Ministries, Memorials:	Doris Edmonds
UMW President:	Jean Egeland		
Senior Pastor:	Terry Hendricks		
Recording Secretary:	Terri Shaw		

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Celebrations

Birthdays

1	Edna Moore	18	Anita Burke
2	Bonnie Murphy	25	Anne Fishback
	Matthew Wines		
4	Doris Edmonds	26	Pastor Terry Hendricks Paul Lawrence
6	Kyle Smith	29	Donnie Wine
7	Connie Clatterbuck	30	Bruce Drummond
8	Jimmy Lyon	31	Gunnar Grottoes Steve Snider
14	Amy Taylor		
17	Mary Garland Lunsford		

Anniversaries

2	Ray & Vicki Spears
25	Pastor Terry & Bob Hendricks
26	Matthew & Lecie Clatterbuck

Prayers

We also ask for prayers for People suffering natural and man-made disasters, Global financial crisis, families in financial trouble, unemployed, our nation & leaders, our military at home and abroad, the lost, work of Gideon's Intl, persecuted Christians worldwide, God's guidance in our churches, those incarcerated, harmony in USA, respect for police, racial tensions, parolees searching for God and new direction.

Any and all prayer updates and additions: the_buenos@comcast.net or terrih57@msn.com



Marshall Lay Leader



*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-30*

Mike, my parents, Sasha (our dog), and I just got home from Pigeon Forge TN. It was a much needed break from our busy lives. Every where you turned there was something about Jesus and faith. Every local we met had a charm, a saying on a shirt, or a quick, "God Bless yall" after a quick chat in passing.

Our days were busy with tourist things but the evenings were quiet and we got to look over what God has provided. We all needed to step back, breathe, pray, and look at the blessings around us.

Sasha said it best one evening as she jumped up and laid down on the back porch rocker with me. She gave me a look that said, "Rest mom. Rest." She and I sat on the porch for a while looking out over the trees and the mountains.

As I sat there I had time to talk with God. It was time for us to do a check in with each other. It always blows my mind how sitting in a quiet place having a deep talk with God can relieve so much burden on your heart. Take time to talk with God. Let him take the burdens of your heart away.

This past week had God all around us. We need to make sure to find rest in Jesus!

Amy Taylor



Linden News

Worship Leader:
Communion Steward:
Acolyte:

Sal Ortiz
Sal Ortiz
Diane Spears

Linden VBS



What an amazing time we had this year at VBS. We were so blessed with beautiful weather and an incredible group of kids! Linden UMC had 19 children join us this year to learn what it meant to be a fisher of people, and how to be a fisher of people. We played games, learned scripture, made crafts, sang songs, did some science, watched a skit and most important made a lot of new friends. Both children and adults learned new things about themselves and how to be a disciple. Thanks to all who helped by volunteering to be a teacher, a floater, a chef, a decorator and/or a foot.

Thank you to all those who donated items to the Linden Yard sale that was held on July 6-7, 2018. And thank you to those who donated your time to help with the yard sale...as well as thank you to those who stopped by and found some new treasures. Because of all those who helped, Linden now has a good jump start to raising the funds needed for a new roof.

Coming up at Linden...



The Book of Ruth four week Bible study will begin August 1 through August 22 at 2:00 pm at Linden UMC in the fellowship hall. Please let Pastor Terry know if you would like to participate. No books, just your Bible!



Cooperative Parish Ice Cream Social
August 26th at 2pm



It is almost that time of year again, the leaves start to change, the air cools and becomes a little crisper, everything is pumpkin spice and Linden will be holding their Annual Mission Harvest Festival! This year, it will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 9am-2pm. Live Bands, pony rides, face painting, kids crafts, vendors and crafters, amazing food, fun and fellowship for all. If you are a crafter or have wares to sell, please contact Dawn Bueno (Connie Clatterbuck is the one who handles vendors and Dawn will get you in contact with her to get you set up with a table). You can reach Dawn at 703-930-3575 (if she doesn't answer, please leave a message or text) or email the_buenos@comcast.net. More information and details to come in the September Newsletter and will be posted on our Facebook page.



Markham News

Worship Leader:
Communion Steward:
Acolyte:



Markham Directory

Michele Middleton and Tom Falkowski are working on a directory for Markham. Please send your contact information and sit for a picture if you would like to be included. You may contact Michele at mmiddletoncpa@aol.com and Tom at tommypots2@gmail.com to send your information and/or have your picture included.



Weekly ESL Classes

First Sunday of Month, donuts and coffee following worship.

Third Sunday of Month, breakfast following worship at Edith Middleton's home.

Mondays, 6:00 pm. If you would like to help or know of someone interested in the class, contact Edith Middleton, 364-2889, emiddleton38@aol.com

Marshall News

Worship Leader: Amy Taylor, Bob Lambert, Terri Hill, Joe Bersack
Communion Steward: Robert & Candy Glascock
Acolytes: Nathan & Alex



Mark Your Calendars!!! It is picnic time for our Cooperative Parish. This year we will gather at Marshall on August 19th at 4 pm. Main dish will be pulled pork bbq. Please bring sides and desserts to share!!! See Amy Taylor or send her an email at amytaylor9311@gmail.com if you have any questions.



Ministry Teams

Seniors on the Go!

August 9th, 11am

Lunch at John's Family Restaurant, leaving Marshall UMC at 11am

Scholarship Team

Back to School reminder:

One of our congregation's goals for 2018 is to support our preschool families by providing financial assistance as needed.

Our planning team met on July 10th and is drafting some basic guidelines for awarding financial assistance. Our vision is that we will raise at least \$3,600 this school year to support two students who have already been identified. Going forward, we hope to have the Preschool Board discuss and allocate contributions to families who may need tuition assistance for one month, several months or the entire school year.

Please notate "MUMPS tuition contribution" on your checks made payable to MUMC as you are led to give. We'll need to raise \$1,600 before year-end to cover this calendar year.

Questions may be directed to Donna Thomas, Preschool Director (marshallmumps@verizon.net) or Wendy Emery (wendyemery@verizon.net). As always, your generosity is appreciated.

Council Chair

District Steward's Report:

I attended the annual District Stewards' meeting on Sunday, July 22.

The 2019 budget for the District was approved unanimously.

Total approved income/expense for 2019 is \$285,695 vs \$290,554 for 2018.

The district office recently relocated and the reduced rent accounts for part of the decrease, as well as a funding reduction for the congregational excellence position.

Two takeaways: of all the districts in the Virginia conference, the Winchester District paid the highest percentage of its apportionments in 2017.

2019 apportionment calculations are in process and should be received by July 31.

Faithfully,

Wendy Emery



Outreach



Project Mission House

Bill Snider, Frances Snider, Cathy Lambert, Justin Glascock, Bob Hendricks, Terri Hill made up this year's mission team.

We arrived Sunday, July 22nd at the Project Mission House in Marion, VA and talked with Harry Howe and Mark Stransky, the Project Crossroads coordinators. Our projects for the week, as always could change but we would start out at Mark's house which is also the Mountain View parsonage. Mark will be retiring at the end of July so his home would need to be vacated and prepared for new uses. Prepping involved lots of painting inside and replacing some ceiling tiles in the basement. We also removed the back yard clotheslines poles (concrete and metal!) and weeds in the driveway. The guys also helped repair and inside clothesline for a neighbor. This took a couple of days but once finished we moved to Mrs. Boyd's trailer in Marion and replaced her kitchen linoleum and added a more stable deck step after staining.

All in all it was another great week serving the people of in the Appalachia area in Southwest Virginia. We made time for some fun card games in the evenings and of course a few trips to our favorite ice cream place with some updated arcade games. Justin and Bill had a heated competition going for a while but Justin score a whopping 306 at our last visit.

We want to express how much we appreciate everyone's support and prayers and funds. We were so blessed to be able to share your love with the folks in Marion and Chilhowie and we pray you continue to seek opportunities to share God's love with those in need.

Coming up with Outreach...

August - First-Aid/CPR

September - TBD

October - TBD

November - Depression & grief around the holidays

December

Terri Hill



United Methodist Women

Coming up with UMW...

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 8th, 5:30 - 6:30

HOT DOGS or PIZZA!



UMW Meeting

August 16th at 6:45pm in the MUMC Fellowship Hall

Human Trafficking Awareness

August 25th at 10am -12pm in the Marshall UMC Fellowship Hall

Open to the community and neighborhood churches to help spread awareness and prevention. Our guest speaker is Jackie White from Nova HTI.

New Women's Bible Study

Beth Moore – Daniel, Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Group 1: Every Tuesday starting August 21 at DeAnna Taylor's home (9089 Groundhog Ln, Marshall) led by DeAnna Taylor

Group 2: Every Wednesday starting August 22 at Marshall UMC led by Terri Hill and Cheryl Kowalczyk

12 Weeks, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, both groups focused on same session each week

Last session: Week of November 5, combined session with both groups

Study books are \$15.99 + \$1 to help cover shipping

Link: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/daniel.html>

If interested in attending, please let DeAnna know which group sessions you're interested in joining most often. You can attend either session when needed. RSVP by August 10 chrisanddeanna@verizon.net or text at 540-270-9460

United Methodist Youth!

Youth Activities start meeting August 2nd at 6:30 pm at Linden UMC Fellowship Hall. Bob Hendricks: 540-325-1523 or usmulec1@gmail.com

Marshall United Methodist Preschool

MUMPS still has room for a few more 3 & 4 year olds for the 2018-19 school year. Looking forward to a fun and exciting year. For more information please call Donna Thomas. (540) 364-4111

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August Calendar

JULY 2018

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AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 8:30a Prayer Group @ Markham 2p Ruth Study @ Linden	2 12:00p Community Luncheon @ Marshall 6:30p Youth Group @ Linden 7p Linden Choir	3	4
5 8:15a Markham* 9:30a Linden* 11a Marshall*	6 6:30p Acc. Grps@Marshall 8p Marshall Choir	7 8:30a Prayer Group @ Markham 5:30p Blessing of backpacks @ Marshall 2p Ruth Study @ Linden	8 6:30p Youth Group @ Linden 7p Linden Choir	9	10	11
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Sunday Worship * = Communion Council Meetings every other (odd) month: Markham 2nd Tuesday/Linden 1st Tuesday/Marshall 4th Thurs