



THE HARBINGER

February 2018

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with EVERYONE.



You're invited to attend
Market Street United Methodist Men's
ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, February 13th from 5:45-7 P.M.

By dining with us this week, your support will enable the United Methodist Men of Market Street to support mission projects this year. The menu will include pancakes, breakfast egg casserole, cinnamon rolls, bacon, sausage, baked apples and coffee, juice or tea.

Cost: BY DONATION

Reservations are required by calling 757-787-4873 by Noon on Monday, February 12th.



**Worship, Communion and
 Imposition of Ashes**
February 14th at 7 pm
in the Sanctuary

Ecumenical Lenten Services 2018

Lent is just around the corner. We've been blessed to celebrate and worship together over the last few years. It has meant a lot to the congregations and the participants. Worship services at noon followed by a bag lunch. Host churches will be providing drinks, dessert.

Date	Host Church	Pastor preaching
Wednesday February 21	Market Street United Methodist Church	Andy Cobb
Wednesday February 28	Holy Trinity Baptist	Monica Gould
Wednesday March 7	Onancock Baptist	Bill Greer
Wednesday March 14	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church	Willie Justis
Wednesday March 21	Drummondtown UMC	Bart Weakley
Wednesday March 28	Holy Trinity Baptist Gaskins AME	Monica Gould Fr. Berkley Ford
Friday (Good Friday) March 30	Naomi Makemie OR Francis Makemie PC	Everyone

No Chocolate This Year
When Ash Wednesday falls on St. Valentine's Day



Saint Valentine
d. February 14, 269 A.D.

I caught it at once. I took a double take. It was a paradox. I saw the irony. Valentine's Day, the holiday celebrating romantic love will conflict with the beginning of Lent. Valentine's Day lands on Ash Wednesday. I found humor in the dilemma that many Christians will face on February 14th.

Lent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Easter. It is focuses on mortification, self-sacrifice, prayer, and confession. Typically, Christians will abstain from certain practices and habits. When asked many will say that they will give up sweets for Lent.

Ha! For those who are planning to give up sweets, then the celebration of Valentine's Day with sweets will conflict with Ash Wednesday. Whoops!

Saint Valentine would see no conflict. He would accept the rigors of Lenten observance without hesitation. Valentine accepted the Christian path of sacrifice as the way to salvation. He proved his belief by accepting the martyr's death.

Saint Valentine was a bishop in Rome in the third century. While there were many legends attributed to him, his actual history was not known. For instance, it was said that he
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restored the sight of a judge's daughter. At his trial, the judge ordered that if Valentine wanted to prove the validity of Jesus then he would restore the sight of the judge's daughter. As goes the legend, Valentine restored the girls sight and the judge and his family, forty people in all were baptized.

We do know that Valentine was arrested by the Roman authorities for preaching Christianity. He made great friends with Emperor Claudius II (210-270 A.D.) while incarcerated. In prison, he was said to have married Christian couples that would disallow husbands to go to war.

However, Valentine provoked Claudius' wrath when the bishop attempted to convert the Emperor. Claudius threatened Valentine with execution by being beaten with clubs and then executed. Valentine refused.

Just before his execution the jailer's daughter made a visit to the condemned bishop. Valentine had healed the girl's blindness earlier. As the child left the jail, the bishop gave her a letter. It was signed so the story goes, "your Valentine."

On February 14, 269 Valentine was beaten and beheaded. Claudius was good on his threat. Valentine took to heart Jesus' words of discipleship:

"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who love their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it." (Mark 8:34-35)

The connection between courtly love, romance and marriage came to be associated with St. Valentine during the Middle Ages. No doubt the association came from Valentine legends.

When you study Valentine's life then the paradox between Valentine's Day and Lent disappears. There is no conflict. In both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday we view the nature of Christian discipleship as sacrifice towards spiritual renewal with God. The emphasis of love on Saint Valentine's Day pales to the depth of God's love as revealed in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

The question for us: "What will we give up for Saint Valentine's Day?"

~Pastor Bart

Adult Bible Study Postponed—Begins February 7th Winter Session, 7 pm, Social Hall



The next United Methodist Men's dinner meeting will be held on **Monday, February 12th, at 6 PM.**

A reminder that the men will be inviting their wives for clam fritters and ham.

Worship Themes for February

February 4 Communion

First Lesson: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 Second Lesson: I Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39
 Sermon: TBD

February 11

First Lesson: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-19
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-10
 Sermon: "Great Balls of Fire"

February 14 **Ash Wednesday, 7 pm**

February 18

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15
 Second Lesson: Romans 1:18-23
 Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-3
 Sermon: "The Allusive God"

February 25

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3
 Second Lesson: Colossians 1:15-20
 Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:25-35
 Sermon: "Jesus: The Center of Our Faith"

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Linda Jones	February 1
Laura Woodall	February 1
Charlotte Olmsted	February 7
Tom Hollandsworth	February 8
Susan Olmsted	February 9
John Dennis	February 10
Laura Thomas	February 10
Landry Bernard	February 11
Kristin LaBella	February 11
John Chandler	February 11
Seth Dize	February 11
Walt Chandler	February 12
Kristina Ormsby	February 12
Jean Scott	February 15
Sara Grace King	February 16
William Bishop	February 17
Tom Cardaci	February 19
Alex Gibb	February 19
Amber Moore	February 20
Nancy Ashby	February 22
Josh Evans	February 24
John Evans	February 24
Jack King	February 24
Cortland Gazda	February 26
Justin Kilmon	February 27
Zachary Brooks	February 28
Marlene Dalley	February 28

The Credo (from the Latin meaning "I believe")

During the 40 days of Lent, candidates for Holy Baptism were engaged in the final intensive training. While the early focus was on the Two Ways (Way of Life and Way of Death) which dealt with learning the ethics of Christian character, the forty days of Lent was a time when the Church spent its time teaching its beliefs. The so-called Apostles' Creed formed the foundation of this teaching. During Lent this year, I will focus on the exposition of the meaning of the Apostles' Creed to our congregation just as ancient Christians taught their students before baptism. I will use the original Apostles' Creed which is carried in our hymnal on page 882. ~ Pastor Bart

- February 18 I Believe in God the Father
- February 25 I Believe in Jesus Christ
- March 4 I Believe in the Holy Spirit
- March 11 I Believe in the holy Catholic Church
- March 18 I Believe in the forgiveness of sins

Note These Important Dates:

- March 25 Palm/Passion Sunday
- March 29 Holy Thursday
- April 1 Easter Sunday







**Orchestra of the Eastern Shore
Performing at Cokesbury Church
Friday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m.**

“The Four Seasons”


**Works by Vivaldi and Bach
with Akemi Takayama, Violin**

Concert is free, donations are welcome.



Photos from our recent winter storm courtesy of Sarah Nock.



"It's snowing still," said Eeyore gloomily.  "And freezing." "However," he said, brightening up a little, "we haven't had an earthquake lately."



Eastern Shore of Virginia Habitat for Humanity Inc.
 22nd Annual FEBRUARY FREEZE
 Saturday, February 24, 2018 Cape Charles Beachfront



Our two "Celebrity Dippers" are looking for pledges in their bids to raise funds for ESVA Habitat. Evelyn Shotwell, Executive Director of the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and **Market Street UMC's own Robie Marsh**, Executive Director of the Eastern Shore of VA Chamber of Commerce need your support. Join them on February 24th at the Cape Charles beach and take a dip in the bay for those on the shore without safe housing. Forms are available at our website eastern-shorehabitat.org/events or call the office at 442-4687.

On February 24th I will be either busting ice or plunging into near freezing waters.

Please join me in raising money for Habitat. Email me at robert.n.marsh@gmail.com or call me at 757-999-9909 with your pledge in support of the plunge for Habitat and I will follow up. Thanks in advance! ~ Robie Marsh

The Kitchen Gallery



Check out the works of local artists in the Chincoteague Cultural Alliance Community Center for the Arts Kitchen Gallery, 6309 Church Street, Chincoteague. Cost is free.

DID YOU KNOW? Many calendars list the third Monday of February as Presidents' Day. Many U.S. states list the holiday as Presidents' Day. Of course, all of the 3-day retail store sales are called "Presidents' Day" sales and this vernacular has also been influential in how we reference the holiday.

WHEN IS PRESIDENTS' DAY? MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Contrary to popular belief, the observed federal holiday is actually called "Washington's Birthday." Neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to Presidents' Day. Additionally, Congress has never declared a national holiday binding in all states and each state decides its own legal holidays. This is why there are some calendar discrepancies. The Old Farmer's Almanac



Saturday, March 10, 2018/ 9:00-3:00PM*

*Please plan to arrive by 8:30 AM for Registration, the event will begin promptly at 9.

Beyond Sunday School: Empowering Regular folks to lead a God Movement Featuring: Rachel Billups

You are One: Reclaiming the servant leader in You Jesus called ordinary people to extraordinary God work. Our neighborhoods are full of brilliant and broken, spiritual and seeking people that are looking for hope. You are hope dealers.

No Fear: Embrace The Mess of Ministry What happens when boundaries become barriers that keeps us from the real work of disciplining regular folk, prioritizing people over programming.

Coffee Talks, Family Walks, and Fellowship Dinners: The life style of discipleship Living the Jesus way means embracing community as you go, where you live, when you work, and while you play.

12 Locations

Alexandria:

St. James UMC

Danville:

Fairview UMC

Eastern Shore:

Franktown UMC

Elizabeth River:

New Creation UMC

Farmville:

South Hill UMC

Harrisonburg:

Bridgewater UMC

Lynchburg:

Timberlake UMC

Richmond:

Good Shepherd UMC

Roanoke:

Fieldstone UMC

*** Stafford (live site)**

Ebenezer UMC

Staunton:

Calvary UMC

York River:

St. Luke's UMC

Event Cost: \$35/PERSON CEU .5 ~ Lunch

Registration deadline: **February 28, 2018**

Early Bird: \$25/PERSON Team discounts available

Must Register by: **February 7, 2018**

(Every 5th person free)

REGISTER: vaumc.org/5talent

Learn More:

vaumc.org/5talent



Rev. Rachel Billups serves as Ginghamburg's Executive Pastor of Discipleship and is part of the preaching team. Rachel is an Ordained Elder within the United Methodist Church and was also the first clergy resident for the United Methodist West Ohio Conference's Residency Program.



Elected District Members at-Large to 2018 Annual Conference, Hampton

District Members At-Large to the June 15-17, 2018 Annual Conference (AC) Session in Hampton as well as young persons (ages 18-35) and youth (ages 12-17) were elected at our District Conference on Sunday, Jan.14, 2018, 4:00 pm at Grace UMC, Wilson Ave., Parksley. Votes were tallied by elected Tellers.

The Eastern Shore District UMC will reimburse a district AC member up to a total stipend of \$350. Housing letters (with discounted rooms in local hotels) to be released at the Conference Website on February 1.

Elected 10 District Members At-Large are as follows beginning with highest vote:

1. Barbara Justis (Calvary UMC)
2. Iris Smith (Metropolitan UMC)
3. Annette Austin (Adams UMC)
4. Doris Cropper (New Beginnings UMC)
5. Faye Godbey (Franktown UMC)
6. Barbara Mason (Christ UMC)
7. Connie Kershner (Market Street UMC)
8. Ida Nedab (Adams UMC)
9. William Lee Custis, Sr. (Metropolitan UMC)
10. Robin Nedab (Adams UMC)

Alternates will serve (listed beginning with highest vote):

1. Bill Cheesman (Grace UMC)
2. Jennifer Greer (Drummondtown UMC)
3. Douglas Godbey (Franktown UMC)

Elected 2 District Youth Members are as follows beginning with highest vote:

1. Katelyn Leatherbury (Franktown UMC)
2. David Greer (Drummondtown UMC)

No alternates

Elected 2 Young Adult Members are as follows beginning with highest vote:

1. Harold White Jr. (New Mission UMC)
2. Rebekah Greer (Drummondtown UMC)

Alternates will serve (beginning with highest vote):

Laura Lungarelli (Epworth UMC)
Charles Hume (Franktown UMC)



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Family Photos



**Una Familia
"Día de los Reyes"
Celebration 2018**

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EASTERN SHORE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (ESCADV)



ESCADV is a nonprofit organization that provides free and confidential services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

ESCADV's mission is to provide support and empowerment to those who receive services and to provide programs that increase awareness and prevention in the community.

What is this volunteer training for?

This free volunteer training is filled with learning, examples, and discussion. This training is designed for our volunteers to learn how to support victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Training objectives:

- Learn about ESCADV and volunteer roles.
- Explore how your talents will impact your volunteer role with ESCADV.
- Practice new skills learning to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence

You will leave this training with improved skills and filled with ideas to help those with who you are working with!

To find out dates and to register!

Email: kgarcia@escadv.org

Phone: 757-787-1959

Volunteer Examples

Level One:
Administrative Duties
Donations Management
Education/Outreach Events

Level Two:
Transportation Provider
Shelter Maintenance

Level Three:
Children Services Support
Hotline Rotation

Eastern Shore Coalition
Against Domestic Violence

155 Market Street
Onancock, VA 23417

757-787-1959

www.escadv.org

"INCLUSION IS NOT A STRATEGY TO HELP PEOPLE FIT INTO THE SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES WHICH EXIST IN OUR SOCIETIES; IT IS ABOUT TRANSFORMING THOSE SYSTEMS AND STRUCTURES TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR EVERYONE. **INCLUSION IS ABOUT CREATING A BETTER WORLD FOR EVERYONE.**"

-DIANE RICHLER, PAST PRESIDENT, INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL

Inclusive:

It does **NOT** mean,

"If you want to participate, conform to the cultural/social norm of the majority."

It means,

"Diversity is so vital that every person will have his needs met so that all have access to the same opportunities to learn, play, and live."

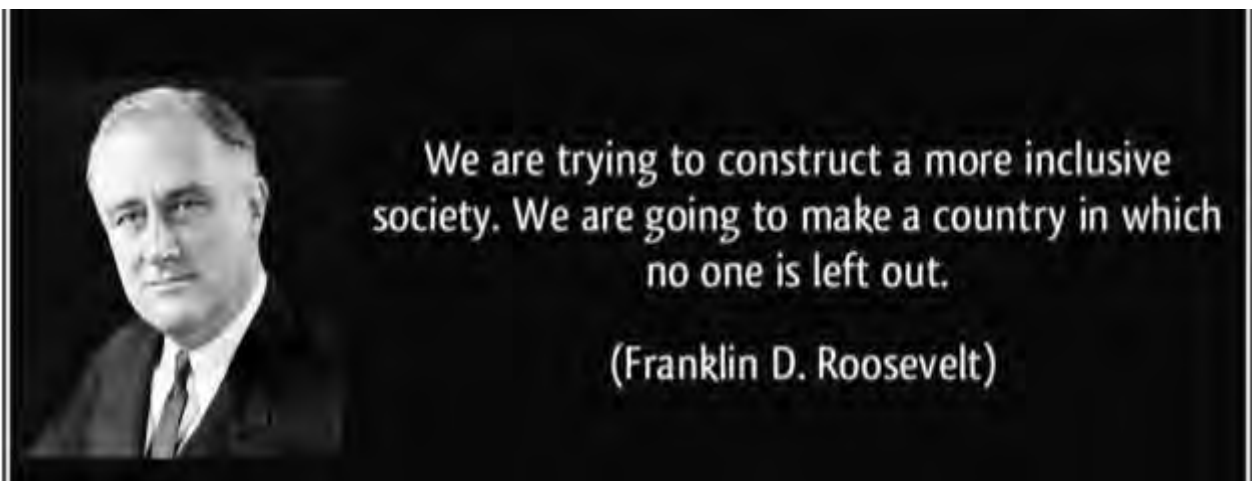
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INCLUSION IS A PHILOSOPHY THAT EMBRACES THE IDEA THAT EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING OF VALUE TO CONTRIBUTE AND THAT EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO BELONG.

- LISA FRIEDMAN: REMOVING THE STUMBLING BLOCK

Create inclusion—with simple mindfulness that others might have a different reality from your own.

~ Patti Digh



EQUALITY VERSUS EQUITY



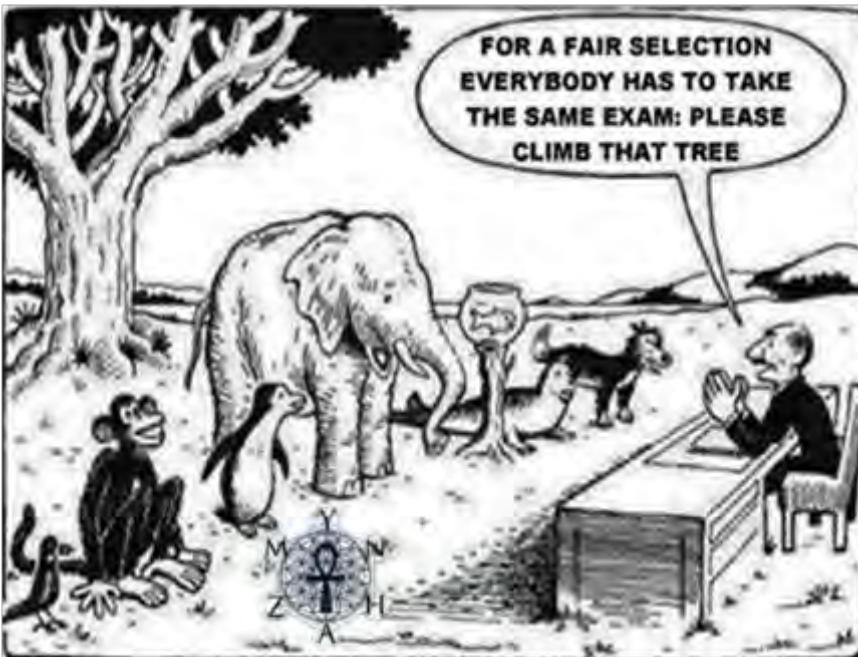
In the first image, it is assumed that everyone will benefit from the same supports. They are being treated equally.



In the second image, individuals are given different supports to make it possible for them to have equal access to the game. They are being treated equitably.



In the third image, all three can see the game without any supports or accommodations because the cause of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.



Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.

Equality = Sameness

Treating everyone the same, removing difference.

Equity = Fairness

Acknowledging and respecting our differences.

We are all different. We have different hair and different eyes. We like different foods and different stories. So why in the world would we expect everyone to think and learn the same way?

~ Lenka Vodicka

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship	5 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall	6 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice	7 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Grp 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon & 7:30 PM, AA 7 PM, Adult Bible Study, Social Hall	8 7 PM, Choir Practice 7 PM, Boy Scout Roundtable, Assembly Room	9 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA	10 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA
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