



Sunlight, Showers and Soil The Liturgical Season of Ordinary Time

I remember as a first grader the elementary biology lesson in Ms. Purvis' classroom. We were given little planters. We filled it with soil. We planted a lima bean seed, watered the plant and placed it in the classroom window to get the nurturing light of the sun. We learned three things in that experiment of plant growth: sunlight, showers and soil.

Watching the growth of the plant was a number one priority for several weeks. We would get off the bus. We enter the classroom and check on our plant. The drama was slow to unfold. It took time for the seed to sprout. And yet in time, the seed sprouted, and the stem grew and eventually a lima bean could be seen.

The liturgical calendar after the feast of Trinity Sunday leaves the celebrations of the Christmas cycle (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) and the Easter Cycle (Lent-Eastertide-Pentecost). The church enters into the season of Ordinary Time. The liturgical color moves from the bright colors of red and white and goes green. It will stay green from June 3 till November 22.

Ordinary Time is the season of growth, hence the green. It is the season of simplicity. It is the season of acknowledging the spiritual growth that occurs as we contemplate the Sunday morning readings. There is no drama in Ordinary Time. There is only sunlight, shower and soil.

Most of our lives are spent in Ordinary Time. We wake, eat, work, and sleep. Day follows day. The sun rises and sets. There are moments of crisis. There are moments of triumph.

Often, we do not contemplate that most of our growth comes in the day in and day out activities. Habits are formed. Attitudes are established. It is the mundane, every day activities that will form our response to a crisis.

Ordinary Time reminds us that as Christian sojourners that our task is to work the fields that are our souls. We need to constantly cultivate our spiritual lives through the reading of the Scriptures, prayer and meditation, public worship, fellowship and the missions. It is those day to day, mundane activities that will lead to deepening spiritual growth. ~ PB

- Please note the following schedule changes for ongoing activities during the summer months:
- The United Methodist Men will not meet in July or August.
- The United Methodist Women will meet in June. They will not meet in July or August.
- The Solo Group will not meet in July or August.
- Boy Scout Troop 313 will meet through June 18th and will resume meeting on August 27th..
- Cub Scouts will meet through June and will not meet in July and August.
- The Choir will not rehearse in July and August, but will be singing for worship services through the summer.
- KIDS ALIVE! For children who have completed kindergarten through Grade 5, August 6-10, 9 am-12 noon. Free Summer Drama/Music Camp.
- The Morning Prayer Group will meet through May 30th and resume on September 5th.
- The Bells will stop on June 12th and resume in September.
- Terrific Tuesday dinners will resume in September.
- VBS dates are July 16-20 , 9 am—12:30 pm. Naomi Makemie Presbyterian, Holy Trinity and Market Street Churches.
- The Boy Scout Roundtable will not meet in July.
- Una Familia after school program - no June, July or August.

Council of Bishops Discern One Church Plan For Special February General Conference 2019

How do you discern a way forward for a diverse global church? This was the issue that the United Methodist Church faced over the issue of sexuality. Globally, in fact, nationally, there was such a diversity of opinions over the issues of human sexuality that the church was facing some significant issues of discipline and unity. The tensions were significant enough that the 2016 General Conference could not, as previous General Conferences had not, navigate the cultural minefields to determine a strategy that could lead to unity among the various opinions concerning the issue.

The General Conference's inability to reach a consensus that satisfied everyone led the Conference to fire up a flare. They requested that the Council of Bishop establish a working group to examine the question. The significant question for everyone was whether or not the denomination would divide.

In a press release, the Council of Bishops have arrived at the conclusion of their discernment process. After arriving at the three possible plans, they had decided to propose the "One Church Plan." Although the final document will not be published until July, the One Church Plan will propose that church would maintain its unity but will allow for the diversity of understandings based on the context of each mission area. Consequently, the Western Conferences would deal with human sexuality distinctively from the Conferences on the African Continent.

While it is too early to discern the reaction to the Bishop's proposal, the denomination will have significant time to prayerfully consider the recommendations before the February 2019 Special General Conference. ~ Pastor Bart

Orientation for 2018 Annual Conference set for Thursday June 7

In preparation for AC (June 15-17, 2018 in Hampton), our District Superintendent, Alex Joyner will hold an orientation session for all clergy, lay members, and interested United Methodists in the Oyster Room at the Onley Town Center (25020 Shore Parkway, Onley, VA 23418) on Thursday, June 7, beginning 6:30 p.m. This session will teach you the conference rules on speaking and voting, lift up important reports that will come before the conference, introduce lay members to each other, gather us in worship, and send us forth to serve our church faithfully. The Book of Reports with your badge and registration will be mailed to AC members in May from the Virginia U.M. Center. You will need to study the Book of Reports and bring it with you on June 7.



The 2018 session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held June 15-17 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center.

Worship Themes for June

June 3

Communion

First Lesson: Exodus 24:3-8
 Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:11-15
 Gospel Lesson: Luke 14:12-16, 22-26
 Sermon: "The Converting Sacrament"

June 10

First Lesson: Genesis 3:9-15
 Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35
 Sermon: "From Preaching to Meddling: The Role of the Prophet"

June 17

Annual Conference

Father's Day

Worship Theme and Guest Worship Leader TBD

June 24

First Lesson: Job 38:1, 8-11
 Second Lesson: II Corinthians 5:14-17
 Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:35-41
 Sermon: "Calming the Storms of Life"

~Pastor Bart

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Brooks	June 1
AJ Fiege	June 2
Walta Pruitt	June 2
Jack Wilson	June 4
Taylor Chandler	June 5
Diane Needham	June 6
Riley Bull	June 8
Kimberlee Ormsby	June 8
Melissa Payne	June 8
Jean Petrides	June 8
Angeline Marsh	June 9
Adelaide Hollandsworth	June 10
Tammy Pruitt	June 10
Tyler Chandler	June 11
Kate Turner	June 12
Daniele Bundick	June 13
G. L. Smith	June 13
Will Tyson	June 14
Nicole Marsh	June 15
Dixie Grinnalds	June 17
Minnie Lee Duncan	June 20
Clara Chandler	June 21
June Evans	June 21
Bobby McGee	June 22
Tayah Berryhill	June 23
Sarah Chandler	June 23
Phil Stewart	June 23
Alisa Obenshain	June 24
Patty Belote Holt	June 26
Paul Bull	June 27
Holly Tyson	June 27
Pat Smith	June 28
Tony Pruitt	June 30



My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived & let me watch him do it. ~ Clarence Budington Kelland

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me. ~ Jim Valvano



KIDS ALIVE!

A Weeklong Summer Drama/Music Camp

for children who have **COMPLETED**
Kindergarten through 5th Grade

FREE!!!

Market Street United Methodist Church
75 Market St., Onancock VA 23417

Dates: August 6-10, 2018 9 AM - 12 Noon

Registration Begins June 1, 2018
Registration Deadline July 29, 2018

INFO & REGISTRATION:

Call 787-4873 or email mktstumc@verizon.net



Can you find Nadine Pinkham, our Bell Choir Director, in this picture from 1976? Need a hint? She's the only grown-up in the picture.

Whose Knees are These??

Back in the 1980s, Market Street Church ran a "Knobby Knee" contest. Pictures of men's knees were attached to mason jars. You could vote the "Knobby Knees" of your choice by depositing money in the mason jar. Somewhere during the course of the contest, an additional pair of knees was curiously added. These knees were declared THE WINNER at a special spaghetti dinner.

Guess Whose Knees Won??

If you guessed our lovely Martha Joyal, you are right!



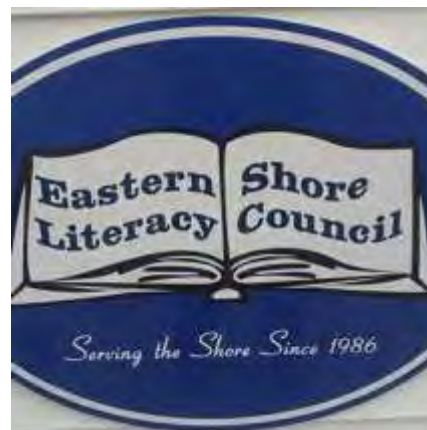
There is a lady who has worked hard to make the garden on the side of the church look wonderful. She has weeded and mulched and cleaned it up beautifully. She wishes to remain anonymous. So thank you Ms. Anonymous, it is greatly appreciated!



All are welcome to a presentation by Ahmed El Kority, Pharmacy Director of Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, as he discusses disposal of old medications at the UMW meeting on Monday, June 11th, 7 pm, in the Assembly Room. This information is not just for the UMW, but for anyone interested in attending.



**COMMUNITY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 16-20 9:00 a.m.-12:30**
Ages 4-12
Held @ the churches of the
Onancock community
VBS Youth Leader Training for 6th -12th
graders @ Naomi Makemie Presbyterian
Church 89 Market St Onancock
June 27-29 9-12 a.m.
Please Send email to mongould@gmail.com
if you are interested in volunteering for
either event.



**Restaurant Info in the Works for
Annual Feed A Mind
June 15—June 24**

Thanks to Johnny Mo and Mallards at the Wharf for agreeing to participate in our Feed A Mind event on June 24th, 2018. Call 757-787-8558 or 757-789-1761 for info.



**ESVA HABITAT for HUMANITY
"Shuck Many A Buck for Habitat"**

The Oyster Room at Onley Town Center
25020 Shore Parkway, Onley, Virginia 23418

June 23, 2018
Gourmet buffet dinner
Beef Tenderloin, Shrimp and Grits
Hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 p.m.
Complimentary wine and beer
Live instrumental music as you dine
Fun auction of local goods and services
\$75 Per Person, Limited Quantity Tickets
Call (757) 442-4687

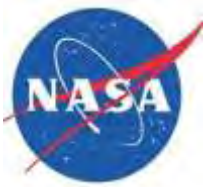


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Photos by Anne Nock.

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Looking for a great summer family activity? The NASA Visitor Center offers free educational programs for visitors of all ages to enjoy. Programs include solar system and constellation tours, Science on the Sphere presentations, story times, and more!

Saturday, June 2

11 a.m. - Imagination Playground: Chain Reactions

Use your engineering skills and let your imagination soar, while building with our big blue blocks from Imagination Playground. Will they fall like dominos, roll a ball along a track, or something only you can imagine? *Time to build may be in 20 minute rotations.* Approximately 1 hour. Geared toward ages 4 to 9.

2 p.m. - Rocketry: Model Rocket Launch

Learn about the Sounding Rocket Program at the Wallops Flight Facility. Watch the flight of a few different kinds of model rockets. Approximately 20 to 60 minutes. Geared toward ages 6 to adult.

**Model Rocket Launches are weather permitting.*

Saturday, June 9

11 a.m. - Space Races: Planet Jumble

Join the animated adventure of the spaceship cadets as they explore the solar system. Play along with a related activity after the episode. Approximately 30 minutes. Geared toward ages 4 to 8.

2 p.m. - Engineering Challenge: Payload Drop*

Assemble a team of family or friends and accept the challenge! Our version of the classic egg drop challenge. Will your payload survive a drop from the roof? Approximately 1 hour. Geared toward ages 6 to adult.

**Registration required in person at 1 pm day of program*

Saturday, June 16

11 a.m. - Rig-a-ma-jig: Space Exploration

Use your engineering and your imagination to construct with the wood planks of rigamajig. What can you build to explore our solar system? *Time to build may be in 20 minute rotations.* Approximately 1 hour. Geared toward ages 8 to adult.

2 p.m. - Peculiar Planet: Jupiter

Have you ever wondered about other planets when looking up at the night sky? Join us for a short program to learn about Jupiter. Approximately 15 minutes. Geared toward ages 8 to adult.

Saturday, June 23

11 a.m. - Puppet Show

Join Sam the Monkey and Puppet Astronauts Jenny and Jeff as they go on an adventure in space. The Puppet Show will be followed by a short animated film. Approximately 20 minutes. Geared toward ages 3 and up.

2 p.m. - Tour of the Solar System

During this Science on a Sphere presentation, we will take a tour through our solar system with stops at the sun, the planets, dwarf planets, and moons. Approximately 30 minutes. Geared toward ages 8 to adult.

Saturday, June 30

11 a.m. - Story Time: Space

Listen to a story and make a craft that will explore different science themes. Approximately 30 minutes. Geared toward ages 3 to 6.

2 p.m. - Rocketry: Water Bottle Rockets

Learn about the Sounding Rocket Program at the Wallops Flight Facility. Take turns to fill and launch water bottle rockets. Approximately 20 to 60 minutes. Geared toward ages 6 to adult.

www.nasa.gov

Saltworks Opera
presents
Lakmé
A "Jewel Box" Concert



Anna Sterrett and Andrew Ellis

with
**Richard Williams, Marilyn Kellam, Adam Piper, Suzanne Oberdorfer,
Caroline Stahl, BJ Rogers and pianist Natasha Smoot**

Free Admission, Donations Welcome

**3:00 pm, Sunday, June 24th
Historic Cokesbury Church
13 Market St. Onancock, 23417**

Refreshments to Follow

A note from Saltworks Opera

"Join us as we partner with the Historic Cokesbury Church in Onancock for a 'jewel box' production of Delibes' Lakme!

Anna Sterrett is stepping out of the role of director and into the role of Lakme for this special performance. Returning to Saltworks as Gerald is tenor, Andrew Ellis (Tebaldo in our February 2018 production of Romeo & Juliet) and Richard Williams (Lorenzo in Romeo & Juliet) is singing Nilakantha. If you were able to attend Lucia di Lammermoor at Hungars in 2014 you will remember warm, lush baritone, Adam Piper who will be joining us as Frederick. Of course, a performance of the Flower Duet would not be complete with Marilyn Kellam as Mallika. Rounding our cast are Suzanne Oberdorfer as Rose, BJ Rogers as Miss Benson, and Caroline Stahl as Ellen. The formidable Natasha Smoot will once again be our pianist extraordinaire!"

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Concert Performance of Lakmé
by Delibes

Saltworks Opera Company, the resident E.S. Opera Company founded by Anna Sterrett in 2017, will present a concert performance of *Lakmé* by Delibes at Cokesbury on Sunday afternoon, June 24th, at 3:00 p.m. Saltworks Opera Company provides professional development opportunities for promising musicians, community outreach and educational opportunities for local students. The June 24 concert will benefit local students by subsidizing educational opportunities offered to them. www.saltworksopera.org



Three's a Company
Trios for piano, clarinet and cello
August 3

Pianist Lee Jordan-Anders is joined by Rob Middleton on clarinet and Jeff Phelps on cello in a program of music by Beethoven, Robert Shumann and Brahms plus a world premiere by Rob Middleton. Friday, August 3, 7:30 p.m. \$10 suggested donation.

Kirk Chapman Mariner June 4, 1943 - June 8, 2017

Kirk Chapman Mariner, preacher, author, musician and historian of Virginia's Eastern Shore, died June 8, 2017, at his home in Onancock, Va. Kirk was 74, and is beloved by his brother and sister, Vincent Mariner, Jr. (Carol) of Painter, Va., and Kathie Mariner Herrick (Mark) of New Church, Va., a host of nephews, nieces, and cousins, as well as friends beyond counting.

Born in New Church on June 4, 1943, Kirk was the son of Vincent and Beatrice Chapman Mariner. Among Kirk's earliest memories was the hush that fell over the congregation at Berea Methodist Church when the choir ("all six of them!") would sing "*The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him*" to begin worship. Kirk (whose name in ancient times meant "church") imagined that with enough practice he might one day sing with them. That sense of reverence and preparedness for worship as an encounter with God would remain with him for his entire life.

From his early days, Kirk's attention to detail garnered notice: "I didn't make it to Eagle Scout, but I always got the award for Neatest Campsite." His natural talent for piano was debuted at the Keller Fair when he was six years old. By ten, he began playing by ear, and entertained audiences with his winsome wit and unselfconscious joy at the keyboard every year thereafter. Today, many of us still laugh (and wince) to hear his bright tenor set up and knock down our ecclesial pretentiousness, through originals like "Young Adult Bible Class" and "Nobody Drinks 'til the Bishop Has Gone."

At Randolph-Macon College (1965) and Yale Divinity School (1968), Kirk took voluminous notes, meticulously typing them up and assembling them in volumes for later review. His Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Theological Seminary (1979) was in Church History, and he never let go of the craft. Indelibly a son of the Eastern Shore, Kirk would author a dozen books on the history of his native land, including the widely-read "Off 13: the Eastern Shore of Virginia Guidebook." His last published volume, "Free Blacks of Accomack County, Virginia, 1782-1864," he hoped would benefit those doing

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needed research into the genealogies of the Eastern Shore's African American families.

Called to ministry by an intense desire to articulate worship as a recognition of the presence of God in this world and to embrace it within our lives, Kirk gave the Virginia Conference 37 years in itinerant ministry, serving Hopewell (Chesterfield), Dulin (Falls Church), Centreville, Church of the Good Shepherd (Vienna), Mount Olivet (Arlington), and Williamsburg. Remembered by his congregations as an engaging Bible study teacher and an able administrator, Kirk labored to become a masterful preacher and worship leader, lavishing hours on seemingly minute details and thinking through all movements and transitions within the service. His liturgies were characterized by a coherent arc from the Introit through the Benediction, in which all elements – even the Announcements – were crafted to uplift the central message of the day's text.

Upon retirement in 2005 Kirk moved to Onancock, where he worshiped regularly at Market Street UMC, sitting on the back row and suffering from, as he put it, “a severe case of PRPS – Perfect Retired Pastor Syndrome,” which causes the afflicted to “desire to inform anyone and everyone how successful he or she was in ministry – lest it be forgotten.” He could be found almost daily at the Book Bin in Onley, ensconced in the coffee nook, working on a new article for the Eastern Shore News to capture some impeccably-researched tale that might otherwise have gone untold.

Those who remember him might describe Kirk as studiously prepared to live life generously and well, as the gift of a loving God. He did so, and on June 8 of last year, Kirk counted upon Jesus Christ to take care of the rest.

- *Dave Rochford*

This is a reprint of the the Memoriam that Dave Rochford, Superintendent, Staunton District, will present at the Annual Conference in June at Friday night's "Service of Communion and Holy Remembrance."



Priceless gems of the ecclesiastical patch (some oldies!)

Thank goodness for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (read carefully) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Rolling in the Church Aisles

One day, three men were hiking in the wilderness when they came upon a large, raging river.

The first man prayed to God, saying, "Please God, give me the strength to cross this river."

Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river, although it took him a long time to make it, and he almost drowned a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed, "Please God, give me the strength and the tools to cross this river."

Poof! God gave him a rowboat, and he was able to fight the current and just manage to row across the river, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God, "Please God, give me the strength, the tools, and the intelligence to cross this river."

Poof! God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, hiked upstream a couple of hundred yards, then walked across the bridge.

Church Chuckles

The minister approached a very wealthy member of the congregation, a man who had attended for years but had never tithed nor contributed in any way. The minister began to make a case for great need in the church and what a blessing it was to give to God's work.

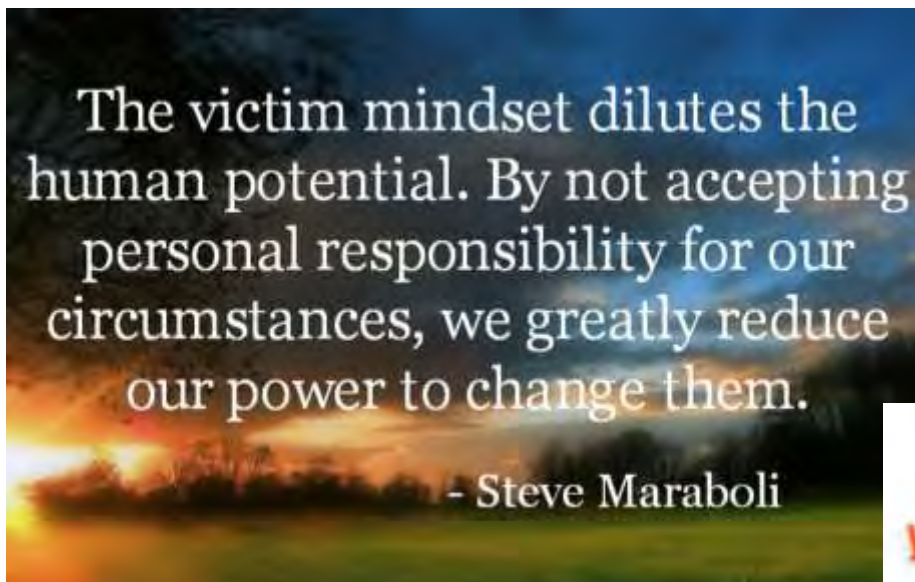
"I understand everything you're saying, Reverend," the man answered. "But perhaps there are some things about me that you don't know. For instance, my mother is quite ill and requires a full-time nurse. My sister and her husband died, leaving four young children as orphans. My own son is in a remote area of Africa, where he teaches medicine to the natives and receives no pay or support from anyone."

The minister was ashamed; he hadn't known any of that.

"And if I don't send any of them a penny," the man continued, "why would I help you?"



You know what responsibility is? It's a word made up of two words, the word "response" and the word "ability". Responsibility isn't what someone puts on you, responsibility isn't your job description, responsibility isn't a paper you sign. We all find ourselves looking at situations and we all find ourselves with abilities. And what we have to ask is, given my abilities, what then will be my response to those abilities? Leaders do not find ways to get people to believe in them, they find ways to get people to believe in themselves. Believe in somebody. ~ Richard Pimentel



Responsibility is a grace
you give yourself not an obligation.

- Dan Millman

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2018 Annual Conference	25 5:30 pm, Cub Scout Pack Mtg Habitat for Humanity - hosting Archbishop Spalding HS at Market St.	26 6:30 PM, Dist. Boy Scout Mtg, Assembly Room Habitat for Humanity - hosting Archbishop Spalding HS at Market St.	270 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon & 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion Habitat for Humanity - hosting Archbishop Spalding HS at Market St.	28 7 PM, Choir Practice 7 PM, OOTB Mtg, Assembly Room Habitat for Humanity - hosting Archbishop Spalding HS at Market St.	29 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA Habitat for Humanity - hosting Archbishop Spalding HS at Market St.	30