

GREENWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 2023

Remember Who We Are—Our Methodist Heritage

One day last week, I was having a conversation with a couple who are joining Market Street. Since she comes from the Presbyterian background, I was explaining to them how Methodist started as a movement in 18th century England (and the name “Methodist” was a mockery, because they were too ‘methodical’). We also talked about Wesley’s understanding of divine grace, Sacraments, principles such as General Rules/Wesleyan Quadrilateral, the mission and ministries of the church today. Since not all of you might be familiar with them, I would like to share some with you here:

Theology of grace --- John Wesley, founder of Methodist movement, defined grace as “undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit.” God loves us, not because we have done anything worthy, but God chooses to love us regardless of who we are. I have experienced God’s prevenient grace firsthand...God loved me long before I recognized it.

Wesleyan understanding of justification and sanctification --- Wesley believed that recognizing God’s grace (when a person is ‘justified’) is not the end. We will continue on a journey toward sanctification and eventually Christian perfection. I believe that our faith is a lifelong journey to learn, grow, and strive to emulate/embodiment Christ through kindness and compassion.

Wesleyan “Quadrilateral” --- While not Wesley’s original (The word “quadrilateral” was named by Albert Outler), we believe that there are four elements for us to continue growing in faith: Scripture (the most important!), Tradition, Experience, and Reason. I like reason being a part of the quadrilateral, because I believe we can only grow by asking tough questions and struggling with the scripture.

Emphasis of Mission --- From Wesley’s time, people called Methodists always showed their love through serving others. Even today, an organization such as UMCOR strives to empower people who are refugees, those who are lacking necessities, people who live in war-torn or disaster-stricken areas. Local groups go to mission trips at various locations. In a local church level, too, we are to do the same – we are to serve God and others in any way we are able.

Our “Connectional” system --- We are the connectional church in many levels (local churches, districts, conferences, etc.). For me personally, I have a clergy support group. When I need prayers, clergypersons throughout the connection surround me. I strive to offer my support, too (For example, I read papers for a colleague who’s in the ordination process) We hold each other accountable, so we all may grow into the people we are called to be.

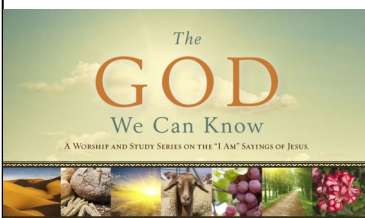
Hope this helps to remember who we are! I thank YOU for being on a journey with me! Keiko



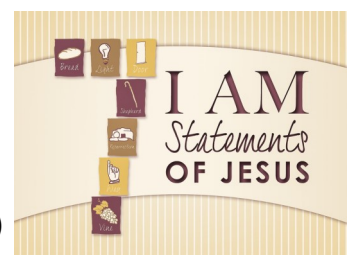
**Joint Ash Wednesday Worship—February 22, 7:00 pm
at Greenwood UMC**

Lenten Study 2023

***The God We Can Know* By Rob Fuquay**



Classes offered (tentative):
Sunday morning at 9:15 am
Sunday evening at 7:00 pm (ZOOM)
Tuesday morning at 10:00 am (at Greenwood)
Contact vamarketst@gmail.com for Zoom link



GREAT JOB, EVERYONE! GREENWOOD WALK FOR WATTS



They have raised \$2,363.00
(as of Feb 1) for WATTS!



Lay Servant Academy February 17-18, 2023

Lay Servant Academy will feature the Rev. Dr. Michael Beck (Fresh Expressions), as well as a host of gifted teachers for the spring LSA.

Format: In person only

Cost: \$35 (\$25 for CLM orientation)

Register: <https://na.eventscloud.com/726483>

Location: Shady Grove UMC, 8209 Shady Grove Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111



Thank you for your ongoing support to Backpack Ministry!!

We continue to support families from Redbud Run Elementary School.

You may donate funds (check payable to "Greenwood UMW" with "Backpack")

OR Donate Items: Individual mac & cheese
Individual cereal boxes & bars



Individual Peanut Butter crackers
Individual fruit cups, applesauce
THANK YOU for your support!



Get to know Bishop Sue! Bishop Sue talks about her vision and hope for the Virginia Confer-

ence: [https://](https://youtu.be/9xCUDWTKaM)

youtu.be/9xCUDWTKaM

Bishop Sue talks about this year's appointment

https://youtu.be/ROSJc1_h7r8

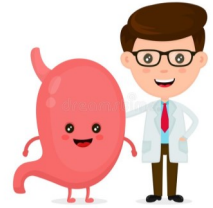


Dear Lord, As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that you would send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your Love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your Life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of Eternal Glory with You. AMEN.

Health Minute

Happy New Year Market Street!! This month's Health Minute is probably the shortest one I've ever written but may be one of the most important. I would like to encourage all of you **to get into your Doctor for your annual physical exam, and get all of your screening tests scheduled and DONE!!!!** Do this for yourself AND for all those who love you. It's all about prevention and early detection. That's it. Just DO IT!! Don't put it off. With that, I wish you all a **HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

If you have a topic of particular interest for the monthly Health Minute please let me know. See ya all in church! Jeff



Let us Prayer for One Another...

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS & BEYOND

Those who have health challenges, Those who serve others, All schools (students, teachers and staff)

Those who are lonely, All ministries in Winchester—including WATTS, CCAP and others

Those who are impacted by hurricanes, The peace in the world—especially people in Ukraine

Our friends and family at Greenwood:

Paul Haltzl, Coleman Lauderback, Paul Helsley, Harold Anderson, Larry Crane, Gary Sibert, Tasha Moomaw, Liam Starr, Don & Monti Vanness, Phyllis Tinsman, Laura Jahnke, Quick Family, Carolyn York, Joe Ganci, Megan Eileen Davis, Charlotte Mae Brasnan, Dora Bell Lowe, Daniel Schneide, Amber Calvert, Connie Tilley, Barbara Kern, Farrah M, Susie & Larry Bell, Susie Sencindiver, Gary & Brenda, Linda Clem, Kaiden Wright, Shaw Family, Robbie Swartz, Barbara Ritter, Mossy Stemberger, Nancy Orndorff, Mable Carter, Larry Powers, Harry Powers, Daniel Whitney, Bonita White, Carrie Eichelberger, Marion Clowser, Beverley Soule, Donna Belle, Donna Kay Stemberger, Steve Jones, Kara Stemberger, Marshall Lorant, Larry Braithwaite, Ashlee Saxon, Ed Lambert, Brenna Taylor, Roger Stover, Bob Saville, Jace Anderson, Jay Hepner, Family of Bobby Anderson, Shirley Pierce Family, Caitlyn Roy, Pat Dunn, Linda Fenner, Dixie Townsend, Eva Moxley, Remy McDonough, Ryan Hardy, John Brill, Rodie Zubrack, Jeff Stickley, George, Sonja, Diane, Joanne, Kimberley, Linda B, Dana, Laurie, Tami & Ronnie Light, Kim Renner, Loretta Jahnke, Frank & Brenda Powers, The Littleton Family, EF Quillen, Green Valley, Greenwood UMC (all the persons and ministries)

Attention Youth & Parents!

Mark Your Calendar NOW—Youth Mission Encounter, March 4 at SU

Those who previously expressed an interest in attending were registered and paid for. Contact Pastor Keiko for questions.



**241st Annual Conference
"United as One
in Mission"
June 15-17 in
Roanoke, VA
More info is to
come!**

**Greenwood United Methodist Church
726 Greenwood Rd, Winchester 22602**

**gwumc.org
umcgreenwood@gmail.com**

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/greenwoodumcwinchester

YouTube:

www.youtube.com/@greenwoodumcwinchester9247

Office Hour by appointment

Contact keikofoster@vaumc.org

Or 703-772-5886

Online giving now available!

tithely.com/give_new/www/?

[fbclid=IwAR3UwZ8Va0YuMAR8wBcNxRq9skrZGfH33szClh815RSAYc20UjZiGtYH_xs#/tithely/give-one-time/6112220](https://tithely.com/give_new/www/?fbclid=IwAR3UwZ8Va0YuMAR8wBcNxRq9skrZGfH33szClh815RSAYc20UjZiGtYH_xs#/tithely/give-one-time/6112220)

