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Our Breakthrough Prayer

A **Breakthrough Prayer** is an intentional congregational prayer practice. The purpose of this prayer is to ask God for guidance for our next steps, including new possibilities for the congregation. Your Leadership Circle has met and has written this congregation-wide prayer, asking God to break through and do only that which God can do. This prayer will be prayed whenever the church gathers for worship, fellowship, meetings, etc. and when you are home daily. Here is our prayer:

Dear God, you have put us at these crossroads for a purpose. Help us to keep our lights shining amid the challenges we face so that we may help others find their way. -Amen



In Person and Online

Join us for **in person worship** each **Sunday at 11:00 AM!**

The services are also being recorded and will be available on our Facebook page. You will find this at:

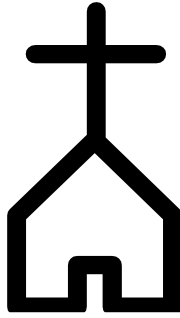
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Conference News

Clergy Appointment Information:

- **Sunday, June 9, 2024** – Last Sunday for Pastor Camille in our pulpit
- **Sunday, June 23, 2024:** Last Sunday for pastors moving appointments in 2024 (This date may be earlier depending on terms with SPRC).
- **Wednesday, June 26, 2024:** Clergy Moving Day
- **Sunday, June 30, 2024:** The Sunday in between current pastor leaving and new pastor arriving at appointment. This Sunday's worship will be led by local church laity.
- **Monday, July 1, 2024:** First Day for clergy in new appointments
- **Sunday, July 7, 2024:** First Sunday in pulpits for new clergy



Change of Pastorate

The Pentsils are Heading to Alexandria

Camille and Gerald are expecting to be assigned to Washington Street United Methodist Church on the Alexandria District. This will be confirmed when the Bishop reads the list of appointments at the Virginia Annual Conference in Hampton this month.

Their new church address is projected to be:

1009 S. Washinton Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Their Farewell Reception Is Being Planned

The Staff Parrish Relations Committee is planning a **Farewell Reception** for Camille and Gerald. Camille's last day to be in the pulpit is Sunday, June 9th. The reception will be held after church that day. Make plans now to be in attendance that day.

Cuffee Coming to Crossroads!

Michael (Pastor Mike) Cuffee is excited to be appointed to Crossroads [pending the Bishop's announcement at our Annual Conference]. He is now serving at Norview UMC in Norfolk. His first day in the pulpit will be July 7th.

Patriotic Picnic Includes Welcome

Pastor Mike's first Sunday at Crossroads will be July 7th. Please join us that day as we welcome Mike into our church family. After church there will be a **Patriotic Picnic** where we will get to socialize and share some good food. The church will provide fried chicken and you are asked to bring the usual side dishes. We are asking the congregation to dress casually (perhaps in patriotic attire) and plan to stay after church.



Virginia UMC Annual Conference 2024
to be held at
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton, VA
June 20-22, 2024.

Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson is excited to announce the theme of the 242nd session of the Virginia Annual Conference is **A Conference in Three Movements**. This theme emerges from the belief that there are three principal movements of the Holy Spirit taking place in the present era of the church:

1. The **theological** movement from prevenient grace to sanctification. This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in the human heart.
2. The **historical** movement of Methodism captured in our past, lived in our present, and pointed toward our future. This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in the church.
3. The **missional** movement from gathered spaces into all the world. This is the movement of the Holy Spirit in community. These movements build upon each other, intertwining together to demonstrate what has been, what is, and what will be as God continues to move amongst God's people.

The Annual Conference logo is designed to be an embodiment of this powerful theme. The three flames joining as one light are a reminder of the three movements and the connection they share. The placement of words and font selection are meant to evoke an imaginative sense of movement and the constant motion of the Holy Spirit. The color family of reds, yellows, and oranges is meant to offer a sense of fire that is sparking and burning within the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

As we prepare to gather in Hampton this June, we hope members of the Annual Conference will begin to consider the role of these three movements in their lives, the lives of their churches, and the lives of the communities we are called to serve.

Thursday, June 20

- 8:30 AM – Clergy Session and Laity Session
- 10:30 AM – Call to Order & Opening Worship
- 12:00 PM – Recess for Lunch
- 2:00 PM – Afternoon Business of the Annual Conference
- 5:30 PM – Recess for Evening

Friday, June 21

- 8:30 AM – Morning Business of the Annual Conference
- 12:00 PM – Recess for Lunch
- 2:00 PM – Memorial Service
- 3:30 PM – Afternoon Business of the Annual Conference
- 5:30 PM – Recess for Evening

Saturday, June 22

- 6:30 AM – Conference 5k
- 8:30 AM – Morning Business of the Annual Conference
- 9:30 AM – A Service of Recognition and Call
- 12:30 PM – Adjournment

Be a Part of our Leadership Circle

Everyone is invited to be a part of our **Leadership Circle** at Crossroads UMC. This month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 18th** @ 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. There will be lots to discuss with the many changes taking place.



Crossroads' Food Pantry is a Blessing to the Community

Crossroads' Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. Anything you can do for this program would be a blessing to this ministry and to the people who are served. See David Lutz for more information.



The Crossroads **United Women in Faith** will have its next General Meeting on June 19th and it will be an indoor picnic in the social hall. This will begin at 6:00 PM and there will be a program on Climate Justice.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a name for the Mother's Day bulletin. This gave the UWF a nice profit of \$403 for their mission budget.

Their next fundraiser will be their Father's Day booklet. If you would like to honor or memorialize a special gentleman in your life, submit your slips to the Circle of Friends. The deadline will be Sunday, June 9. See form below. There are also slips in the white basket in the narthex.

FATHER'S DAY BULLETIN

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

By: _____

Relationship: _____

[You are her: daughter, son, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren, mother, father, family, friend...]

- return to the *Circle of Friends* by Sunday, June 9 / donation appreciated for each entry
- Susan Cohen/place in box in narthex/queenbeez@cox.net



Crossroads' Ballet Troupe has their practice every Saturday of the month. They meet on the 2nd floor of the Education wing at 1:00 PM. The class is open to boys and girls ages 3 years old and up. Mrs. Ellen Clayton is the instructor.

Their next performance is **June 30th**. Anyone who would like more information or would like to register their child can contact the church office at 397-7815 and give their child's name, age, and phone number.



The **We Praise Band** will bring songs of Joy & Praise at the June 16 Worship Services.

The We Praise Band consists of Mark Goldman – leader & guitar, Donna Goldman – vocalist, Tricia Bright – keyboard & vocalist, Elaine Brinkley – bass & vocalist, Susan Cohen – vocalist & tambourine, Connie Lane – vocalist, and Ed Cassidy – drum & vocalist & guitarist.

June Prayer List

-continue to keep these members in your prayers-

Nancy Clark
Iris Jennings
David Lutz
Vance McEachern, Jr.
Kathy McLaughlin
Debbie Morton
Debbie Wright

If you know of a church member that would appreciate our prayers, send your request to queenbeez@cox.net. These will rotate off the list each month unless notified otherwise.



Just a reminder that Crossroads is not supporting **Oasis** or **Meals on Wheels** as a church at this time. Anyone can support these two organizations individually if they so desire.



Joys, Thanks, & News

Rev. Brian T. Boettcher, son of Tom and Lisa Boettcher and grandson of Iverson and Georgia Garrison, has been recommended by the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church Board of Ordained Ministry for Full Connection and Ordination at our Annual Conference in June. The service of ordination is scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 9:30 am at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia. Crossroads is Brian's Sending Congregation, and all are welcome to attend and support him on this special occasion. Brian currently serves as Pastor of Granbery Memorial United Methodist Church in Covington, Virginia.

Stewardship Corner

-submitted by Georgia Garrison-

Holding onto the Best

"More than two hundred years ago, the French educator Alexis de Tocqueville came to America to study our newly independent republic. In *Democracy in America* he pointed to elements of colonial life that still describe Americans today. 'I have seen the freest and best educated of men in circumstances the happiest to be found in the world. Yet it seemed to me that a cloud habitually hung on their brow and they seemed serious and almost sad in their pleasures. They never stop thinking of the good things they have not got. They clutch everything and hold nothing fast.'

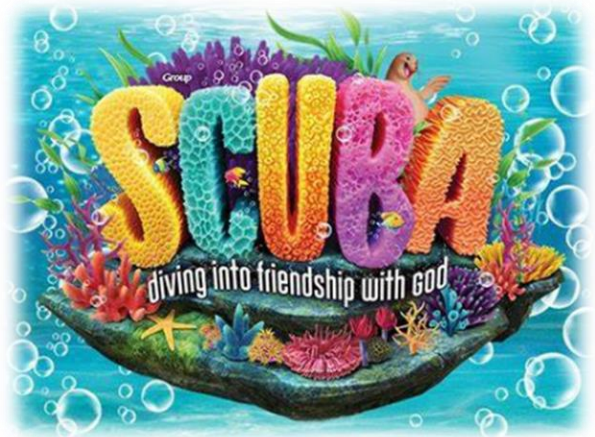
"We have grown more knowledgeable and secure over the last more than two hundred years, but...The forces that hammer at us have turned us into a nation of seekers. Part of our search has been prompted by a sense that much of our lives is empty, confusing, monotonous, unrewarding. We search for meaning and inspiration, for a workable formula that can lead us to a joyful, contented, satisfying existence." (*Give to Live*, Douglas M. Lawson)

The answer is so obvious that we can fail to see it. Real meaning in life does not come from getting things but from giving something.

From: *Stewardship Nuggets* by Herb Miller



- **We Praise Band practices** – Mondays – 7:00 PM
- **Food Pantry** – Tuesdays – 10:00 AM till noon
- **Ballet** – Saturdays @ 1:00 PM
- **Communion Sunday** – June 2 – 11:00 AM
- **Circle of Friends** – Tuesday, June 4 – 7:00 PM
- **Deadline for Father's Day dedications** – Sunday, June 9
- **Farewell Reception for Camille and Gerald** – Sunday, June 9 - noon
- **Circle of Grace** – Wednesday, June 12 – 6:00 PM
- **Father's Day** – Sunday, June 16
- **We Praise Leads Worship** - Sunday, June 16 – 11:00 AM
- **Leadership Circle** – Tuesday, June 18 – 7:00 PM
- **United Women in Faith** – Wednesday, June 19 – 6:00 PM
- **VA UMC Annual Conference** – June 20-22 – Hampton



**Vacation Bible School is Set for
Monday, July 22 – Thursday, July 25
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Mark your calendars!**

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