

There is
One
God,
the **Father,**
from
whom
are all things
and for
Whom
we **exist.**

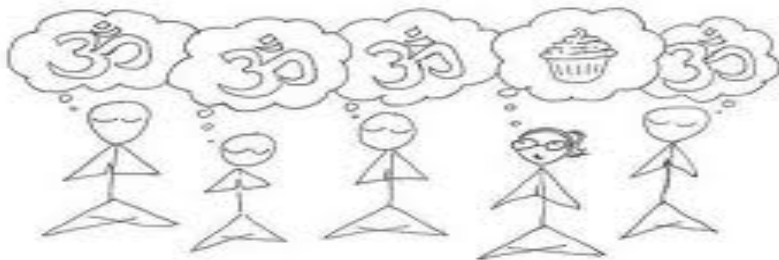
1 Corinthians 8:6

2012

"Just a Closer Walk"

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus is my plea:
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord let it be.

Fitness Resolution Revolution starts on **January 18 at 9 AM for Yoga** and at **9:30 AM for Walking**. Evening sessions will begin on **Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 PM for Yoga and 7 PM for Walking**. Cost is **\$15 per person regardless of whether you are involved in one or both classes on one or both days**. The cost covers supplies and snacks. You must bring your own mat and towel for Yoga and your own towel for walking. See **Jodi Elrod** for details or call her on cell (804) 652-5225.



Me

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Bible Studies

Sunday Afternoon - 4 PM

At the parsonage - Lead by **Rev. Haugh**.

A continuation of the study of John.

Tuesday Mornings - 9 AM - beginning **February 7**.

In the Fellowship Hall - Lead by **Delores Hawk**.

Beth Moore

James: Mercy Triumphs



<p align="center">Sunday Afternoon</p> <p>Youth Group - 4PM, Weekly Ricky Rowe (804) 519-7350</p> <p>Disciple Bible Study - 4PM, Weekly - at parsonage - Pastor Jeff Haugh.</p> <p>Youth Council - 7PM - 3rd Sunday Pastor Jeff Haugh - (804) 556-3494, Next meeting - February 19.</p>	<p align="center">Monday</p> <p>UMW - 7PM - 1st Monday of each month. Next meeting - February 6. Connie Jarvis - (804) 556-6971</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday</p> <p>Bible Study - 9AM - Weekly - Delores Hawk, et al - (804) 556-0003. Starts on February 7.</p> <p>Men's Group - 7PM - Monthly, 1st Tuesday - Owen Taylor - (804) 457- 2216 - February 7.</p> <p>Prayer Shawl - 7PM - every other week - Doris Wiltshire - (804) 556- 3239. Next meeting - Feb. 7</p>	<p align="center">Wednesday (Feast & Faith)</p> <p>Will begin again on Feb. 29.</p> <p>Bell Choir Practice - 6:45PM - Weekly - Charlotte Parrish - (804) 556-3474</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice - 8:00 PM - Weekly - Susan Duty - (804) 556-3148</p> <p>Fitness - Yoga - 9 AM; Walking - 9:30 AM - Jodi Elrod - 652-5225</p>
<p align="center">Thursday</p> <p>Seniors' Group - 10AM - Monthly, 3rd Thurs. - rotates among churches - Dottie Reynolds - (804) 556-4380 No meeting in January or February.</p> <p>Building Committee - 7 PM</p>	<p align="center">Friday</p> <p>Additional Bell practice at 6:45 PM</p>
<p>Singles - Different dates and places each month - Jean Wiltshire - (804) 556-3349.</p> <p>Fitness - Yoga - 6:30 PM; Walking - 7 PM - Jodi Elrod - 652-5225</p>	<p>Children's & Youth Music <i>Choir, Bells & Boomwhackers for</i> Children - 9:50-10:10 AM - Sun. Youth - 4:15-5PM - Sunday</p>

Sunday AM - Each Week

Worship Services - 8:45 and 11AM - Sunday School - 9:45AM

Youth Mission Trip Fundraising
You can sign up for the 5K or give a simple donation
or purchase tickets for the Chili Cookoff
or All-You-Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner
on our blog/website

Go to www.gumspringumc.com
access the Youth page for the 5K & Chili Cookoff
For general giving to the Youth, click on "give" on the main pg.
Securely pay using your debit, credit and bank account info.

New Sunday School Class - Cultivators Class is meeting in the old JOY Classroom at the top of the stairs at the back of the Fellowship Hall. "Boundaries with Kids" is the first topic. Taught by Rev. Haugh.

Louisa Donations

Persons wishing to donate can make checks out to the Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation, P. O. Box 160, Louisa, VA 23093 with "Louisa Earthquake" written in the memo line. For more information, visit - www.louisacounty.com/LCHF/index.php.

Servant Ministry Openings

Needed -

Asst. Coord. of Faith Development

Asst. Coord. of Mission, Service and Witness

Sunday School Director

God may be calling you to work in these areas. If you have an interest, please call 804-556-3494 and talk with the Pastor or Secretary.

Flowers Needed

We need flowers for the Sanctuary for the entire year. Please sign up on the flower calendar over the water fountain in the Fellowship Hall or let Sandy Hundley know at 556-6239 or by e-mail at shundley@harrisheating.com.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to You!!

January 30

Alex Parrish

January 31

Jennifer Davis

February 2

Susan Duty

Jessie Slusher

February 3

Mark Monson

February 4

Heather Kemmerly

Celebrating Marriages

February 3

Vincent & Brittany Stratton



Small Group Studies

There are so many wonderful studies going on. Please find one that you think you will enjoy and come. Do not let missing the first meeting stop you from attending. The study during Feast and Faith is designed for you to drop in on and requires no work at home. Some of the studies are listed below and we encourage you to let us know of your interest in other types and topics of Small Group Studies.

Study on John - **Sunday at 4 PM at parsonage**

Men's Group - **1st Tuesday evening @ 7 PM**

Morning Bible Study - **Tuesday Morning @ 9 AM - February 7 - Beth Moore study on James.**

Drop-In Bible Study - **Wednesdays @ 6:45 PM - Will begin again on February 29.**

Fitness - **God's Fitness Resolution Revolution -**

Wednesday mornings @ 9 AM for Yoga and 10 AM for Walking;

Thursday evenings @ 6:30 PM for Yoga and 7:30 PM for Walking.

Finance for Children - **coming soon**

Caregiver Group - **need a leader**

Arts and Crafts time - **after dinner on Wednesdays.** (Spring 2012)

To put someone on the prayer list, please complete a "Prayer Card" and put it in the offering plate or call the office with the name. Names are listed for one month (except in the case of ongoing concerns). Thank you for helping us keep concerns updated.

The UMC

Our Bishop and Cabinet
UM Urban Ministries of
Richmond
Our Missionaries
Spiritual Direction

Our Congregation

Mission
Building Program
Five Practices Emphasis
Our Pastor & His Family
God's Continued Guidance

Our Nation, Our World

Our President, Congress, Courts
People Affected by Disasters
All Our Military
Stephen Canty (Afghanistan)
Joe Canty (Afghanistan)
Rev. A. J. Gunther (Afghanistan)
Trey Ritter (Afghanistan)
Andrew Reynolds (LeJeune)
Neil Saaman (Afghanistan)

Those Who Grieve

The Families of:
Barbara Guvernator
Sam Shealy
Joe Stanley
Rev. Jim McClung

Hospital/Recovering

Meredith McCabe Grace Davis
Emily McCabe Riley Powers
Peggy Jones Glen Powers
Diane Blair Bernard Hawk
Cora Simmons Hazel Johnson
Nothera Goynne Al Hollins
Louise Rowe

Homebound/Nursing Home

Margie Isbell Gene Rigsby
Chelsea Uglow Jean Perkins
Susie Rigsby Pat Clark's Mother
Gordon Harris Bruce Perkins

Ongoing Concerns

Dennis Gammon Margaret Ford
Louis Parrish Lizzie Martin
Mary Johnson Charles Thurston
Meesha Joshua Edith & Marvin Jones
Kathleen Bowman Michael Brown
Art Scott George Taylor
Brenda Eddy Charles Nuckols
Florence Melton Lesley Walter
Anthony Pellicci Lisa Harris
Karen Stapleton Candice Barefoot
Doug Fisher

***We love you Lord
and we lift our voice . .***

Those in our Church and Community

Larry Mason, Lee Mullen, Garland Eubank, Pam Coli, Seth Beck, Judi Brightwell, Delores Hawk., Wayne Fowler, Brenda Sanders, Dan and Corky Monson, Frank Howarth

Other

We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: To experience the victory of Jesus' resurrection over all personal and institutional results of racism and racial inequality in this metropolitan city. Together with the churches of Goochland County, we pray for West Creek Community Church in her mission and ministry.

A New Year Prayer

Holy Father,

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequaled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,

in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands, and step out into the unknown new year

knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,

depending on You to help us do exactly what You want..

I say it again, we rejoice!

In Jesus name,

Amen

2012

4th Sunday After The Epiphany

8:45 AM
11:00 AM

January 29 2012

Steve Eaton
Rick Rowe

Entrance and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Haugh

Prelude

Susan Duty

*Call to Worship

Psalm 111

832

*Hymn of Praise

Together We Serve

2175 (TFWS)

Prayer of Confession

**As we walk into this place of prayer, O God,
help us to still our minds and open our hearts.**

**In these moments of silence,
we confess to you the times
when we have doled out judgment rather than justice,
righteousness instead of compassion
and bigotry instead of benevolence.**

**Let us breathe in your forgiveness
and show mercy to those
who have treated us less than mercifully.**

**Enable us to extend forgiveness to those
who seem undeserving in our sight.**

**Help us to give of ourselves
without counting the cost as we love people into life.**

**Grant us the grace to see others as you do and to follow Jesus,
who came that we might know what a life of love looks like.**

Homiletics

Call: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

Response: In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

**Spirit of truth, open to us the scriptures,
speaking your holy word
and meeting us in the living Christ. Amen**

Scripture	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	171
11:00 Anthem	<i>There is None Like You with I Love You Lord</i>	Adult Choir
11:00 Children's Moment		Rick Rowe
Sermon	"Where's the Beef?"	Rev. Haugh

Response to the Word

Hymn of Response	<i>Blest Be The Tie That Binds</i>	557
	<i>As we sing, you are invited to come to the railing to pray</i>	
Affirmation of Faith	United Church of Canada	883
*Response	Gloria Patri	70
Prayers: Pastoral, People, Lord's Prayer		895
	<i>Please close your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."</i>	
God's Tithes and Our Offerings		Rev. Haugh
Offertory		Susan Duty
Doxology		95

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Celebration	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love</i>	2130 (TFWS)
*Dismissal		Rev. Haugh
Postlude		Susan Duty

Next Sunday in Worship: 5th Sunday after the Epiphany.
1 Corinthians 9:16-23. "Slave to All."

Worship Notes - Please use this page to take sermon notes.

**January 29, 2012 4th Sunday After The Epiphany
1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

What freedom do we have in Christ?

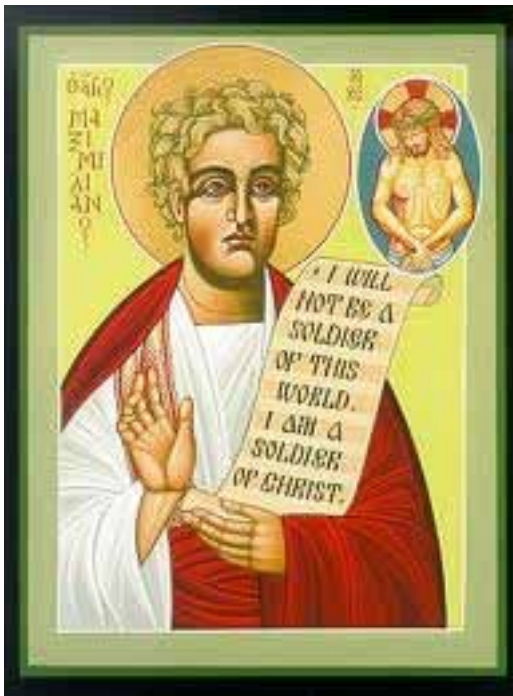
How do we use it?

January 29, 2012

Maximilian

In the late fourth century, Maximilian was the 21 year-old son of a veteran in the Roman army. He was ordered to join the army but refused on the grounds that he was a Christian, “My army is the army of God, and I cannot fight for this world.” When it was pointed out that other Christians served, he replied, “That is their business. I am a Christian, too, and I cannot serve.”

His father was brought in to “correct” his son, but said, “he knows what he believes and he won’t change his mind. Maximilian was threatened with death if he did not serve and he told the judge, “I shall not die. When I leave this earth I shall live with Christ, my Lord.” Sentenced to death, he said his farewells and was beheaded. His father, “went home joyfully, thanking God for having allowed him to send such a gift to Heaven.”



Sunday



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Jan. 29, 2012

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Delegates, media get General Conference preview

General Conference is still three months away, but issues likely to dominate debate — like consolidating general agencies and ending guaranteed appointment for clergy — received a dress rehearsal at the Tampa Convention Center last week.

The Pre-General Conference News Briefing, a United Methodist Communications-sponsored event, allows clergy and lay chairs of delegations and conference communicators a chance to hear about key proposals in depth. They also saw the Convention Center, where General Conference will be held April 24 to May 4.

One briefing session focused on the episcopacy, namely the proposal for creating a “set aside” Council of Bishops president who would be able to focus on executive leadership and not have to oversee an annual conference. Bishop Larry Goodpaster, the current Council of Bishops president, said he found it “nearly impossible” to meet the demands from around the church while still tending to the needs of his Western North Carolina Conference.

A lengthy session focused on church restructuring. The proposal that came out of the “Call to Action” reform initiative would create a “Center for Connectional Mission and Ministry” governed by a 15-person board. The session generated lots of questions, including about whether program and finance authority would be merged in violation of traditional UMC polity.

There was also some push-back on a plan to fold nine current agencies of the church into one. Bishop Minerva Carcaño of the Phoenix Area voiced concern about what she saw as the “disregard” for our general agencies in the proposal, and for how a combination of reorganization and budget cutting could leave agencies weakened.

Clergy members of the Study of Ministry Commission presented on guaranteed appointment, with the Rev. Tom Choi, district superintendent for Hawaii and a commission member, arguing for change. “At this time, we need to focus, not on security of appointment, but on securing the future of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.”

Registration open for next 5 Talent Academy event: You may now register for the upcoming 5 Talent Academy event on church planting and partnerships, to be held Feb. 23 at Ebenezer UMC in Stafford. Bishop Ricardo Pereira from Cuba will speak during the morning session and the Rev. Mont Duncan, director of Congregational Development for the Florida Conference, will speak in the afternoon. The event will begin at 10 a.m. The cost is \$25 per person. Register online at <www.vaumc.org> and click on “Events,” then go to Feb. 23.

‘Methodists and the Civil War’ on display: Drew University, a United Methodist-related school in Madison, N.J., has an exhibit on “Methodists and the Civil War” through April 30. The exhibit houses 90 items, spread among Drew’s library and the nearby United Methodist Archives and History Center. For more information, or to arrange a class or individual tour, e-mail <cjanders@drew.edu> or call (973) 408-3590.

Well-known pastor surrenders credentials: The Rev. Tyrone Gordon has surrendered his credentials and resigned as senior pastor of St. Luke Community UMC of Dallas, according to a statement released by Bishop Earl Bledsoe of the North Texas Conference. Bledsoe said Gordon had been the subject of complaints from individuals in and outside of the congregation. The complaints were of “both an administrative and judicial nature,” the bishop said, but did not provide details. St. Luke, with 6,000 members, is among the largest predominately African-American churches in the connection. Its pastor emeritus, the Rev. Zan Holmes, will serve as interim pastor until a new appointment can be made.

Church divests from private prisons: The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits will prohibit investments in private prison companies that derive more than 10 percent of their revenue from the management and operation of prison facilities. “It came down to that profiting from the incarceration of others was just not consistent with our view of what the Social Principles ask for,” said David Zellner, the board’s chief investment officer. At the end of December the board sold about \$1 million in stock in two companies that fell under the new screen: Corrections Corporation of America, more commonly called CCA, and the GEO Group.

Quote of the Week: “I cling by my fingernails to the promise of Romans 8:28 that ‘God works all things together for good for those who love him.’ If there are promises I cling to, it is this promise, not the sorry solace and cold comfort of ‘God did this but we do not know why.’ No. A thousand times, no! God and his will are always and only for what is good, and true, and beautiful, and loving, and holy.” — *Dr. Ben Witherington, professor of New Testament at Asbury Theological Seminary, writing on the sudden death of his 32-year-old daughter, Christy, from a pulmonary embolism on Jan. 11.*

2012 Stewardship as of January 22, 2012

Operating Funds Giving	\$17,020	
vs. 2011 Budget to Date	-\$ 1,766	-9%
vs. 2010 Giving Same Period	-\$ 1,256	-6.9%
Building Fund Giving	\$14,139	
Average Worship Attendance	(Combined) 172	4 Sun.
vs. Same Period 2010	178	-3%

Servants for Next Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:45 Liturgist	Patty Melvin
8:45 Greeters	Steve Eaton & Deb Black
8:45 Nursery	Gail Anderson
8:45 Ushers	Rhu & Peggy Harris
11:00 Liturgist	Mark Monson
11:00 Acolytes	RJ Jones & Abby Harris
11:00 Greeters	Phyllis Crow & Susan Doczi
11:00 Nursery	Courtney Rowe
11:00 Ushers	RJ Jones & Steve O'Meara
Tellers	Ed Talmage & George Mitchell
Visitors	Sharon Yago & Dottie Reynolds
Children's Church	Betty Rowe
Youth Dinner	Lizzie's Girls
Flowers	None

Communion **Frank & Jeanne Howarth**

If you want to volunteer for any of these areas, call (804)556-3494, e-mail office@gumspringumc.org or fill out one of the pink pages and drop it in the box provided on the table in the narthex.

The flowers today are placed by Bill & Jean Harris in memory of Audrey Henley's birthday on February 2.

Please join us (and bring your friends!) for the
13th Annual Gum Spring U.M. Church



Chili Cook-off



Saturday, February 4th - 5:00 p.m.

Winners to be announced at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Adults: \$6.00 * Children (5-12): \$2.00

Take-out Available: \$7.00

Dinner includes bottomless Bowl of Chili with all the "Fixins"
(or hot dog), Cornbread, Chips & Salsa, Dessert & Beverages

Don't like Chili? A variety of SOUP will also be served.

Proceeds to benefit 2012 Youth Mission Trip

If you wish to enter your chili in the contest, please fill out the form below
and drop in the basket in the narthex.

Prizes for Best Chili!

Please bring your heated chili in a crock pot on Saturday,
2/4/2012 no later than 4:45 p.m.



2012 Chili Cook-off Entry Form

Your name: _____

NEW! Name of Chili: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

(We'll contact you in case of inclement weather.)



**Gum Spring
United
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Gum Spring, VA 23065

"...Out of the believer's heart shall
flow rivers of living water."

John 7:38b

***WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE, WORSHIP
AND SERVE AS WE SEEK TO MAKE DISCIPLES
OF CHRIST.***

***We loved having you here today!!
Please join us again.***

Ministers - All the People
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Jeffrey J. Haugh
Music Director - Susan Duty
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Stand fast therefore in the liberty
wherewith Christ hath made us
free. . . Galatians 5:1 (KJV)