



Gum Spring United Methodist Church
35 Church Lane
Gum Spring, VA 23065

Fitness Resolution Revolution going on now. Wednesday 9 AM for Yoga and 9:30 AM for Walking. Thursday 6:30 PM for Yoga and 7:00 PM for Walking. See Jodi Elrod for details or call her on cell (804) 652-5225.



Bible Studies

Sunday Afternoon - 5 PM

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

A Study of the New Testament - February 26.

Tues. Mornings - 9 AM

Fellowship Hall - Lead by Delores Hawk.

Beth Moore

James: Mercy Triumphs

Team *Faith, Hope, Pink*

is back!! Join the "Race for the Cure" on May 12, 2012 with Jodi Elrod as Team Captain. It was such a great day last year and the team had so much fun. Please join the team this year and support us whether you run, walk or sleep in. There is a Youth 1K for children ages 6-12. For questions or to join or donate, please see Jodi Elrod or call 652-5225.

Welcoming Coffee

March 4, 2012; 10 AM

Fellowship Hall

Getting to Know You!!

February is Heart Havens Month.

Please pray for the success of this ministry and how you might be involved.



Ongoing Activities

February, 2012

<p align="center">Sunday Afternoon</p> <p>Youth Group - 4PM, Weekly Ricky Rowe (804) 519-7350</p> <p>Disciple Bible Study - 5PM, Weekly - at parsonage - Pastor Jeff Haugh.</p> <p>Starts Today</p> <p>Youth Council - 7PM - 3rd Sunday Pastor Jeff Haugh - (804) 556-3494,</p> <p>Next meeting - Today</p>	<p align="center">Monday</p> <p>UMW - 7PM - 1st Monday of each month.</p> <p>Next meeting - March 5. Connie Jarvis - (804) 556-6971</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday</p> <p>Bible Study - 9AM - Weekly - Delores Hawk, et al - (804) 556-0003.</p> <p>Men's Group - 7PM - Monthly, 1st Tuesday - Owen Taylor - (804) 457- 2216 - March 6</p> <p>Prayer Shawl - 7PM - every other week - Doris Wiltshire - (804) 556- 3239. Next meeting - March 6</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</p> <p>Next Meeting - March 15</p> <p>Building Committee - 7 PM</p>	<p align="center">Friday</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</i></p> <p>Children - 9:50-10:10 AM - Sun.</p> <p>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
on our blog/website
Go to www.gumspringumc.com
access the Youth page for the 5K
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.

CANDY IS NEEDED
FOR EASTER EGG HUNT ON PALM SUNDAY

Donations of individually wrapped candy (small enough to fit in Easter eggs) is needed for the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. No chocolate please. See Cynthia Wilkinson or call 804-556-4711.

Servant Ministry Openings

Needed -

Asst. Coord. of Faith Development

Asst. Coord. of Mission, Service and Witness - meeting today after 11 AM worship. If you are interested, please attend.

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.**

Trustees Meeting - Wednesday, February 29 @ 7 PM.

Prayer Page

The problems of the world could be solved overnight if men could get victory over their tongues. Suppose there was no anger, no profanity, no lying, no grumbling or complaining; suppose there were no dirty stories told, no unjust criticism—what a different world this would be! The Bible teaches that a man who can control his tongue can control his whole personality. We should ask ourselves three questions before we speak: Is it true? Is it kind? Does it glorify Christ? If we would always think before we speak, there would be much less evil speaking, and there would soon be a spiritual awakening that would sweep the church in America.

Daily Prayers

Monday: Thank You, Jesus, for the hope that even today I may have the joy of seeing You face to face!

Tuesday: May I remember how important it is to keep a check on my tongue. I pray that my conversation this day will be pleasing in Your sight, Lord.

Wednesday: I have chosen to serve You, my Lord Jesus. Give me Your strength to battle the deceptions of Satan.

Thursday: With the shield of Your Word, I will face temptation, almighty God.

Friday: Let me live so close to You, almighty God, that Your wisdom will invade my mind continually.

Saturday: So live in me today that I will be able to radiate Your love and grace, Jesus.

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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
 Rev. A. J. Gunther (Afghanistan)
 Trey Ritter (Afghanistan)
 Andrew Reynolds (LeJeune)
 Neil Saaman (Afghanistan)

Those Who Grieve

The Family of:
 Dana Ragland
 Dan Monson
 Brandi Reed

Hospital/Recovering

Meredith McCabe	Glen Powers	
Emily McCabe	Bernard Hawk	
Cora Simmons	Al Hollins	
Louise Rowe	Lesley Walter	
Frank Howarth	Tom Durrett	
George Mitchell	Ray Talley	
Shirley Burton	Byron Jamerson	Don Stat
Pat Parrish	Paige Mitchell	

Homebound/Nursing Home

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

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	Lisa Harris
Anthony Pellicci	Candace Barefoot
Frank Large	Riley Powers

***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, Corky Monson, Katie Huffman, Mike Sherrill, Juanita Osborne, Doug Fisher, Mary Simonsen's brother, Maxine Sutton, Russ Robertson, Arly Elrod

Other

We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit, and for the Resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.

Together with the churches of Goochland County, we pray for Byrd Presbyterian Church in her mission and ministry.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to You!!

February 26

Jacob Davis

February 27

Barbara Allen

Kurt Hildebrand

Sarah Wilcox

February 29

Max Newlin

March 2

Bill Andrews

Landon Oakes

Jane White

March 3

Jordan McGraw

Riley Powers

Courtney Rowe

Celebrating Marriages

February 28

Jake & Christy Richardson

Ivan & Tammy Stull

March 1

Rick & Norma Rowe



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 New Testament - **Sundays at 5 PM at parsonage beginning today.**

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

Morning Bible Study - **Tuesday Morning @ 9 AM** - 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

Arts and Crafts time - **after dinner on Wednesdays.** Scrapbooking.

1st Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2012

8:45 AM
11:00 AM

Patty Melvin
Owen Taylor

Entrance and Praise

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Haugh

Prelude

Susan Duty

*Call to Worship

Call: Who has gathered this day in the sanctuary of the Lord?

Response: We, the sheep of his pasture and the people of God, have come.

Call: Why have you come, O people of God?

Response: We have come to worship the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Call: In what spirit have you come this Lenten season?

Response: We stand here with a spirit of earnestness. We seek the forgiveness of sin and the life everlasting.

All: We have come with thanksgiving in our hearts and praise on our lips.

Sourcebook of Worship Resources

*Hymn of Praise

Spirit Song

347

Prayer of Confession

Forgiving God, we come before you

as sinners who hate to admit our sin.

We are aware that we participate in small crucifixions in our lives, sometimes by remaining silent in the face of injustice.

We are quick to point the finger at others' offenses, and we are quick to take offense.

We show little grace

and yet hope for your grace to be bestowed upon us.

In this Lenten season,

may we change our ways as we walk the path of repentance.

Sourcebook of Worship Resources

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 Peter 3:18-22 234

11:00 Anthem *Was I Faithful?* Adult Choir

11:00 Children's Moment Rick Rowe

Sermon "Suffering & Baptism" Rev. Haugh

Response to the Word

Hymn of Response *The Old Rugged Cross* 504

As we sing, you are invited to come to the railing to pray

Affirmation of Faith United Church of Canada 883

*Response Gloria Patri 70

Prayers: Pastoral, People, Lord's Prayer 895

Please close your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation will respond with "Hear our prayer."

God's Tithes and Our Offerings Rev. Haugh

Offertory

Doxology 95

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Celebration *To God Be the Glory* 98

*Dismissal Rev. Haugh

Postlude Susan Duty

Next Sunday in Worship: 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16. *Who's Too Old?*

UMW Celebration

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

February 26, 2012

1st Sunday in Lent

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

What did Jesus' suffering bring?

How are we saved through suffering?

Heroes of the Faith

Extreme Prayer

February 26, 2012

Bohemia: John Huss

“O most merciful Christ,” John Huss wrote while awaiting his execution, “give us a courageous spirit, so that it may be ready. And if the flesh is weak, may your grace go before it, for without you we can do nothing, and above all, without you we cannot face a cruel death. Give us a bold courage and upright faith, a firm hope, and perfect charity, that we may give our life for you in all patience and all joy. Amen.”

Huss had called for reform in the fifteenth-century church, challenging priests who sold indulgences (the right to sin without consequence) and calling for biblical standards of justice. Huss was promised royal protection to present his defense. But he now sat in a dungeon, awaiting death, and cried out to God.

On July 6, 1415, Huss was stripped and chained to a stake. As the fire was lit around him, Huss prayed, “Lord Jesus Christ, it is for the sake of the gospel and the preaching of the word that I undergo with patience and humility this terrifying, ignominious, and cruel death.”

As the flames rose around him, Huss, with his final breath, cried out, “Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon me.”

Huss’s witness was crucial in ending the practice of selling indulgences and influencing Christians to return to biblical teachings.

***The prayer of a righteous man is
powerful and effective.
James 5:16***

Sunday



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Weekly supplement to the Virginia United Methodist Advocate

Feb. 26, 2012

1st Sunday of Lent

Society of St. Andrew again offers Lenten devotions

Lent began with Ash Wednesday this week. The Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) again invites congregations to participate in its Lenten devotion and giving program, “Living Proof.”

In keeping with the traditions of Lent, SoSA is offering a program of spiritual reflection, prayer and giving. This devotion program challenges the participant to take seriously the scriptural injunctions to care for the poor, while also providing an opportunity to feed our hungry neighbors.

Each day, writers use scripture and prayer to share where they have seen Jesus at work in the world. You can use these devotions and prayers to reflect on your own “Living Proof” of Jesus Christ.”

An optional “Good Friday Fast” booklet is also available for use in partnership with the devotions or as a stand-alone program.

SoSA, headquartered in Big Island, is a national nonprofit hunger-relief ministry that rescues about 25 million pounds of excess produce each

year that would otherwise go to waste for various reasons. This food is then distributed to feeding agencies across the country at no cost to the agencies or the people they serve. The organization is The United Methodist Church’s Advance Special #801600.

SoSA has three main food salvage programs in addition to its spiritual-life programs. The “Potato & Produce Project” saves tractor-trailer loads of produce from being dumped for cosmetic reasons. The “Gleaning Network” sends volunteers directly into farmers’ fields to pick the excess produce after the harvest. And the “Harvest of Hope” program is a Christian education and work mission experience.

More information is available online at <www.endhunger.org> or by e-mail at <sosainfo@endhunger.org>. Learn more at <www.endhunger.org/lent.htm>. For additional questions on the devotion materials or “Good Friday Fast,” you can also contact the Rev. Jennifer Vestal Moore at <church@endhunger.org>, or 1-800-333-4597.



Cokesbury announces new children's curriculum: Cokesbury has announced plans for its new children's curriculum, Grow, Proclaim, Serve! The series incorporates Bible stories, activities, crafts, media and games into a full faith experience for children. With Grow, Proclaim, Serve! children can develop the skills to unlock the Bible and grow their faith. Visit the Web site <www.growproclaimserve.com> to watch videos and preview sample lessons.

'Caring for Creation' conference coming up: "Caring for Creation 2012" will be held at Lake Junaluska, N.C., March 14-18. The conference provides the biblical and theological support for developing opportunities for faith communities to be caretakers of our home Earth. It also offers plenary sessions provided by outstanding leadership to challenge us to move forward in our efforts to care for Earth. More information is available at <www.lakejunaluska.com/caring-for-creation> or by calling (828) 454-6656.

Blackstone gets large gift: The Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center has received a large gift in memory of Nell Ruth Clay Blanton by her son, Reuben L. Blanton Jr., and her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Nell Blanton Tatum and the Rev. Gene Tatum. This gift and memorial gifts given at the time of her death will be used to renovate and refurbish the first floor parlor (room 113). Nell Blanton graduated in 1937 from Blackstone College for Girls. "I can think of no better way to memorialize our Mother than to renovate a room in her memory. Blackstone College and the Church were very special to her," said Mary Nell Tatum. Blackstone director Sam McCracken also announced this week that the center's Board has voted to move forward with the design, construction and financing of a Bio-Mass boiler system. The schedule at this time is to begin construction in August, with a completion date in October 2012, he said. Learn more at <<http://bcrcva.com>>.

Chapel in United Methodist Building rededicated: Bishop Deborah Kiesey, president of the General Board of Church & Society, led a rededication service on Feb. 15 of the historic Simpson Memorial Chapel in the United Methodist Building in Washington, D.C. For more than eight decades, Simpson Chapel has offered a place for worship, education and reflection at the heart of Capitol Hill. The rededication follows a twomonth renovation of the space.

Quote of the Week: "My father was a fundamentalist Church of Christ minister. When I went home and told him about my decision not to follow in his footsteps, he responded, 'Son, I expect the world would rather see a sermon than hear one.'" — *U.S. Representative James Clyburn of South Carolina, speaking to a group of young United Methodist clergy in Washington, D.C.*

2012 Stewardship as of February 19, 2012

Operating Funds Giving	\$36,709	
vs. 2012 Budget to Date	- \$ 863	-2%
vs. 2011 Giving Same Period	- \$ 1,842	-5%
Building Fund Giving (this year)	\$27,261	
Average Worship Attendance	(Combined) 169	8 Sun.
vs. Same Period 2011	186	-9%

Servants for Next Sunday, March 4, 2012

8:45 Liturgist	Steve Eaton
8:45 Greeters	Doris Wiltshire & Jean Wiltshire
8:45 Nursery	Julie Dauksys
8:45 Ushers	Rhu & Peggy Harris
11:00 Liturgist	Dwayne McGraw
11:00 Acolytes	Maddie Holcomb & Sydney Hawk
11:00 Greeters	Dwayne McGraw & Beth Hildebrand
11:00 Nursery	Sheryl Flory
11:00 Ushers	Tucker Hill & Frankie Jones
Tellers	Richard Allison & Sharon Yago
Visitors	Sharon Yago & Margaret Allison
Childrens Church	Norma Rowe
Youth Dinner	Darrell & Nancy Ashley
Flowers	None

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.

Kits for Conference

The UMW is sponsoring the Kits for Conference Drive again this year starting in March and extending through the month of May. Kits will be delivered to Annual Conference in June. Please help support this important mission by assisting with assembling the below kits. Follow the directions provided and place in the designated box in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support.

Health Kits - 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels); 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large & sturdy); 1 metal nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toe nail clippers); 1 bath-sized bar of soap; 1 adult toothbrush (in original wrapper); 6 adhesive sterile bandages (bandaids); include \$1 for the purchase of toothpaste. Seal all items in a 1-gal. plastic bag.

School Kits - 1 pair blunt scissors; 3 pads of paper or approx. 250 sheets of loose leaf 8.5 x 11 ruled paper; 1 ruler (with inches & centimeters); 1 hand-held pencil sharpener; 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers; 1 large eraser, 1 box of 24 crayons. Place items in a 14"x16" cloth bag with handles and velcro, snap or button closure.

Sewing Kits - 3 uncut yards of cotton or cotton blend solid or print fabric; 1 pair sewing scissors; 1 package sewing needles; 1 spool of thread; 5-8 matching buttons. Wrap the sewing notions in the fabric and place in a sealed 1-gal. plastic bag.

***Come learn about the UMW
during worship services
on March 4, 2012.***



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



Visit us on the Web.

"...Out of the believer's heart shall
flow rivers of living water!"
John 7:38b

***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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