

## Upcoming Events and Information

**Mon. May 9: Women's Study via Zoom 7PM**  
**Mon. May 9: Willis Chapel Council 9:30AM**  
**Wed. May 11: Flint Hill Hebrews Study 6PM**  
**Thurs. May 12: WC Chosen Study 9:30AM (No WC Study May 19, 26. Resume June 2.)**

**Summer Wednesday Nights TBD (Hymn Sings both traditional and contemporary. Special Musical Guests. Food perhaps? Stay tuned!)**

**Pastor Jeff (and Sandy) Vacation May 15 Noon-26.**

**Pastor Steve will be taking a summer break.**  
**Last FH study 5/25. Last Sperryville study 5/29.**

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

#### **FLINT HILL:**

8 Doug Bywaters, Jr., 24 Amy Midkiff

#### **SPERRYVILLE:**

9 Wanda Early, 25 Ruth Williams, 29 Phyllis Swindler

#### **WILLIS CHAPEL:**

31 Mary Ann Williams, Doris Wood

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### **COVID PROTOCOLS:**

Masking encouraged. Social distancing encouraged.

Exit sanctuary after worship, carrying conversations outdoors encouraged.



Sperryville  
United Methodist Church



## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

### **“Green Pastures”**

### **May 8, 2022**

The red roses placed in the sanctuary today by Shirley and Larry Kushner in loving memory of her dear mother, Catherine Brown.



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**RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022**

**\*Invitation to stand**  
**ENTRANCE**

**PRELUDE**

**ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING WORDS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is our shepherd.

**We are Christ's sheep.**

The Shepherd is calling us to join God's flock.

**We will follow our shepherd.**

Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd's hand.

**In God's flock, we rest secure.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN 133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION P6 (Pastor Jeff)**

**SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (Ray)**

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 9:36-43 (Meggan)**

**RESPONSIVE PSALTER: Psalm 23 P754 (Sandy)**

**SCRIPTURE: John 10:22-30 (Camron)**

**HYMN 292 What Wondrous Love is This (Remain seated)**

**SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7:9-17**

**SERMON: "Green Pastures"**

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

The good shepherd calls to us.

**We will follow our shepherd.**

Drink deeply from the springs of eternal life.

**We have tasted it's sweet waters.**

Rest secure, for our shepherd watches over us. Amen.

**PRAYERS AND PRAISES**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN 666 Shalom to You**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*May 24, 1738 John Wesley's conversion— Wesley's "conversion" that night at Aldersgate helped him get the order of salvation right and subsequently led to the Methodist movement in Britain, Ireland, and America.*

*It was not a "conversion" to faith in Christ, as he had always believed and was a Christian all of his life. Prior to May 24 were low periods in his life where he felt like a failure and he questioned his faith and standing as a Christian before God. He believed, at the time, that one must be made holy before Christ would restore one to a right relationship with God. He believed that sanctification came prior to justification. Listening to a reading of Luther's commentary on Romans, he had an epiphany, and his "heart was strangely warmed" and he realized that Christ alone redeems and restores his relationship with God. He understood, in that moment, that Salvation is a pure gift of God's amazing grace! First we believe and then our response to this amazing grace through the Holy Spirit leads us on the journey of faith to fulfill the greatest commandments of loving God with all our heart and soul and mind and loving our neighbor as ourself.*