

Upcoming Events and Information

Tues May 2: Women's Zoom Study 6:30 PM

Sun May 7: Sperryville Genesis Study

On April 23 at 2pm, projected appointments were announced by the Virginia Annual Conference. I am projected to be here another year. For those of you unfamiliar with the process here is the "short version" for the appointment process:

By January 1 of each year the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPR) meets with the Pastor to recommend to the conference cabinet, comprised of the bishop and conference district superintendents whether to continue ministry together.

As a Licensed Local Pastor (LLP) my relationship with the conference is one year appointment at a time. Each year an LLP must renew the license for ministry by interviewing with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (DCOM) after January 1. After this interview, the DCOM makes a recommendation to the DS to either recommend another year of licensing or not.

As part of this process, the PPR and pastor submit to the conference an annual review by June 1 of each year. The DCOM requests the previous year's annual review in making their recommendations for licensing.

With the above information, the cabinet made up of conference district superintendents and the bishop, discuss, discern, pray and make the appointments.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

FLINT HILL: 8 Doug Bywaters, 19 Steve Frazier,
24 Amy Midkiff

SPERRYVILLE: 25 Ruth Williams, 29 Phyllis Swindler,
30 Benjamin Anderson

WILLIS CHAPEL: 31 Mary Ann Williams, Doris Wood

Food Pantry Mission: MAY

Combs and brushes; Sunscreen (adults and kids).

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Rappahannock
United Methodist Charge

ENDURING

hope

4th Sunday of Easter April 30, 2023

Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE

4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

***Standing (either literally or in spirit remaining seated)**

PRELUDE

ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus says, "I am the gate for the sheep."

We recognize His voice.

We've heard these words before.

"I came that they may have abundant life."

We recognize the voice of our Shepherd.

We hear His voice. Praise be to the Lord!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Risen Savior, Reliable Shepherd, Resurrected Lord, we hear your voice calling us to follow. Today we gather in prayer and praise. Wake us up with your resurrection power. Free us from despair. Enliven us with your abundant life. May the Holy Spirit flow through us in all we are and do! Amen.

***HYMN 64 Holy, Holy, Holy!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Loving Savior, Shepherd with the voice we know, be with us when we stray. For we often hear the voices of strangers and follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys. We forget your voice of love and begin to feel small and lost. We fear that we will not have enough strength to endure, and have little left to give to others. But you know us by name. We are yours. Call us once again. Restore our souls and lead us on the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. We will follow you in goodness

and mercy all the days of our lives. And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen

HYMN 348 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47

SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-10

PSALTER: Psalm 23 P754

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53:5

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 2:19-25

SERMON "Enduring Hope"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING PRAYER

God of enduring hope and abundant life, we devote ourselves and these gifts to your vision of a community that meets the needs of any and all. We give our gifts of money, work, praise, presence and purpose with you in mind. Bless our offerings that it may meet the needs, both small and large, and be a sign of your great and generous blessings. Amen.

OFFERING

***95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

SENDING FORTH

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

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN 666 Shalom to You**