FIRST NEWS

Weekly Newsletter

April 18, 2021

Please remember in prayer those listed below:

Prayer requests are taken on an ongoing basis. A new list begins the second Sunday of each month. Be sure to obtain the individuals' permission to submit the name(s) to be published.

Coby Andrewski — Melva Armstrong — Gloria Donati
Mary Rackley — Viola Watson

The Families of Richard Taylor and Austin McMillian

FROM THE *Pastor's Desk*

Friends,

The United Methodist Church recognizes and celebrates Native American Ministries Sunday this week. I look forward to being with you this coming Sunday as we consider the history and relationship between Native Americans and the United Methodist Church. We will also reflect on a great text from the Gospel according to Luke which recounts a post-resurrection appearance of Jesus.

With love,
Scott 804-712-4725 scotthonaker@vaumc.org

"After this, I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. . . they held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice: "Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb . . . they fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen.'" Revelation 7:9-12 (CEB)

Continuing this Sunday, thanks to our loving and dedicated volunteers, First UMC will offer nursery services at 11:00 AM for all children thru age 5 every Sunday! Children are also welcome to remain in our worship services to learn about Jesus and His love. Hope to see you every Sunday!

IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP CONTINUES.

APRIL USHERS

Jimmy Lovelady — Donny Parr — Scott Williamson

APRIL GREETERS – Carolyn Foxworth and Pat Rainey

Report for the Week of April 11th – In-person & Virtual Service.

Operating Budget Offering	**$1,735.00**
Memorials	$285.00
Missions	$50.00
TOTAL OFFERING	**$2,070.00**
IN-PERSON WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	**42**

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending in your pledges and offerings.
First UMC, P.O. Box 636, Hopewell, VA. 23860

The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Dennis and Carolyn Foxworth in honor of their daughters, Janel English and Megan Andrewski and their families.

Dear Choir,

We viewed the FUMC Easter music service on March 28th. The voices of a few touched the hearts of many, especially ours. Thanks to each of you for sharing your beautiful voice, and especially Shari for "Via Dolorosa" — it was beautiful. We watch the services remotely from Florida, looking forward each week to Scott's words, Nancy's music, and Judy's "choir." We look forward to the day we can join you in person. Again, thank you for the Easter blessing.

Tom & Kathy Fisher
Ocala, Florida

Dear Lord, we come asking nothing from you today, Lord. We are merely praising you and thanking you for all you have done. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

(Theresa Gee, First UMC Admin. Asst.)