

The Messenger

A newsletter of Manor Memorial United Methodist Church



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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

8:45 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month

Church Office Hours:
Monday — Thursday,
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Remembering and Forgetting: A Reflection for Easter



Rev. Stephen Creech

I Don't Remember!

It is common to hear people express frustration about their memory. Many say they struggle to remember events or even simple things. This is especially true among older adults, who often remark, "I just can't remember." I once read that as we age, the number of things we are expected to remember only increases.

Our children sometimes tell us they can't remember things as well. However, I believe this is often a matter of selective memory—they might choose to forget, especially when they do not want to share something with us!

Choosing to Forget

I think that, as Christians, we sometimes also choose to forget. We may overlook those who are hungry, both physically and spiritually. It is easy to forget about those who have endured suffering or lost their homes to disasters like wind, water, or fire. We can even forget about our neighbors who simply need a visit.

Sometimes we neglect our sons and daughters, who might need just a few minutes of our time. We may overlook our husbands or wives, forgetting that they need a hug every day. The reality is that, sometimes, we just forget.

God's Unfailing Memory

I am grateful that God does not forget me, and I am especially thankful for the things He chooses not to remember. God does not forget my pain and chooses not to remember my sins. He does not forget my birthday, and He does not hold my wrongdoings against me. God does not forget those I love, and He forgives me even when I forget.

A Grateful Heart at Easter

On Easter, I thank our Lord for remembering me and forgetting my sins. My prayer is that I will never say to God, "I don't remember," when He asks whether I remembered to love Him.

HAPPY EASTER



Below are the activities of the UMM for April and May.

April 5th – Sunday - Easter Morning Pancake & Sausage Breakfast - 7am
immediately after Sunrise Service

April 6th - Monday - UMM/UMWiF Monthly Meeting - 6pm Farrow Hall

April 18th - Saturday - John Brumback Memorial Auction - \$15 ticket -
Doors open 5pm Farrow Hall;
6pm Dinner; and 7pm Auction

April 25th - Saturday - Chicken BBQ (Price— \$6.00)

May 4th - Monday - UMM/UMWF Monthly Meeting - 6pm Farrow Hall

May 23rd - Saturday - Chicken BBQ

2026 Chicken Barbeque Schedule: \$6.00

April 25

May 23

June 27

July 25

August 22

September 26

2026 UMM Officers

President: Tom Schaeffer

Vice President: Monty Cox

Secretary: Jay Munnikhuisen

Treasurer: Doug Loman

Board: Les Warr, Jim Douglas, Virgil Trent

UWF NEWS

Spring has sprung in the Valley! As the trees and flowers are blooming may our hearts bloom with a desire to serve the Kingdom in Shenandoah County and around the world!



United
Women
in Faith

April 6 – 6 pm Monthly UWF Dinner with UMM & Meeting

UWF will provide the meal: casseroles, salads, rolls, and dessert. At 7 pm we separate into our respective meetings. We will plan UWF Sunday, May 17. Our ladies will lead worship at both services.

April 18 – John Brumback Auction

The UWF will decorate the tables and assist the UMM with set-up for the dinner and auction. If you'd like to help, please talk to Debbie Smith or Donna Myers.

April 25 – Assist with UMM's Chicken Bar-B-Q (Volunteers needed)

May 4 – 6 pm Monthly UWF Dinner with UMM & Meeting

The UMM will provide the meal. Our program will explore and explain how to “Live Into Our Purpose” by examining the Living Into Our Purpose form of UWF Mission Today Units. Bring your creative thoughts and ideas as we collaborate and focus on opportunities to be involved in mission for women, children, and youth locally and globally.

May 17 – 8:45 and 11:00 am UWF Sunday

The UWF will lead both worship services as we learn about the mission of New Creation in Harrisonburg. Sabrina Dorman-Andrew is our guest speaker. She will share how New Creation is counteracting human trafficking by bringing dignified work to survivors of human trafficking or those vulnerable to being trafficked. The program will be age appropriate for anyone with children.

May 23 – Assist with UMM's Chicken Bar-B-Q (Volunteers needed)

We welcome all women of faith and invite you to join us at our monthly meetings in Farrow Hall.
Report by Donna Myers, UWF President

United Methodist Men

John Brumback Memorial Auction

Saturday, April 18th Farrow Hall

5:00 PM Doors Open

6:00 PM Dinner (UMM/UMiF)

7:00 PM Auction

Tickets \$15/person available from UMM/UWF

Auction Donations Needed

We are currently soliciting auction items from local businesses, but many of our most meaningful contributions come from our church members. Thank you for your generosity!

Donation Ideas Include:

- Paintings or photography
- Baked goods
- Homemade jams and jellies
- A hosted meal in your home (please indicate number of guests)
- Golf passes or spa certificates
- Gift certificates (restaurants, stores, services, etc.)
- Themed gift baskets
- Handmade items such as woodworking, jewelry, knitting, embroidery, quilts, floral arrangements, and more

Please Note:

We generally do not accept used items and will not auction used electronics. If you have a gently used item you would like to donate, please contact Jim to determine if it is acceptable.

Submitting Auction Items:

Please let Jim know what you plan to donate by **March 25**—the sooner, the better!

Email: jdouglas@alaska.edu

- Or bring a 3" x 5" card to church with a description of your item

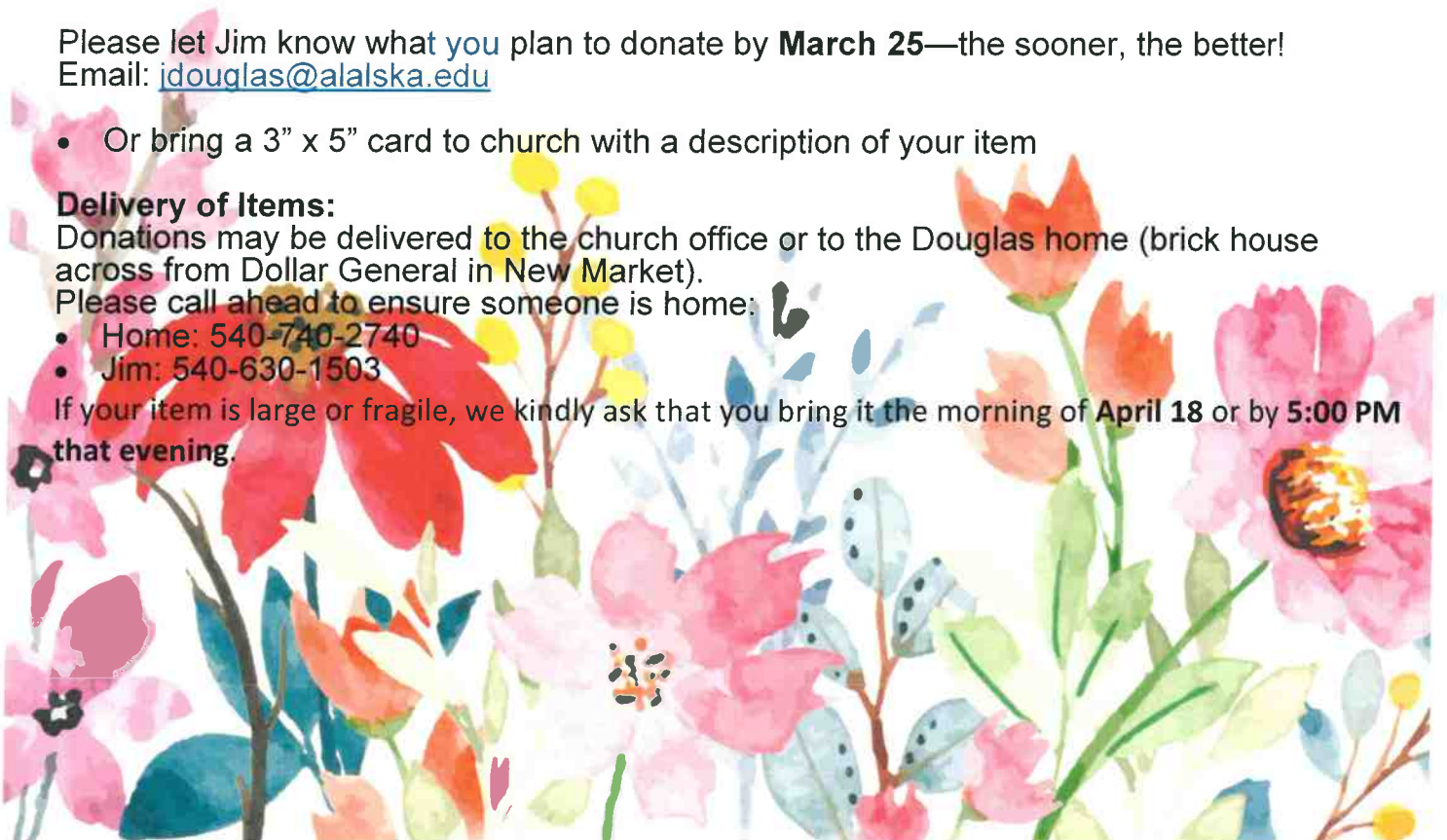
Delivery of Items:

Donations may be delivered to the church office or to the Douglas home (brick house across from Dollar General in New Market).

Please call ahead to ensure someone is home:

- Home: 540-740-2740
- Jim: 540-630-1503

If your item is large or fragile, we kindly ask that you bring it the morning of **April 18** or by **5:00 PM** that evening.





Manor Memorial offers Worship Services at Shenandoah Terrace

Shenandoah Terrace and Manor Memorial have partnered together to provide worship services for residents twice a month. Each service lasts approximately 30 minutes and will include a message, singing, and/or music.

Our Speakers scheduled through June:

April 19th—Rev. Gordon Meriwether
May 10th— Jim Douglas
June 14th—Jim Douglas

April 26th—Rick Hassler
May 31st— Carl Stewart
June 28th—Monty Cox

Chordially Yours
of the
Shenandoah
Valley



Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley proudly presents

The Wonderful World of Broadway, a Mother's Day weekend choral concert featuring an inspiring collection of Broadway favorites.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Saturday, May 9, and Sunday, May 10, at 3:00 p.m.** at **Linville Creek Church of the Brethren.**

Celebrate the joy, heart, and magic of Broadway with us this Mother's Day weekend!



Camp Overlook is getting ready for Summer Camp! We are encouraging you to sponsor "One More Camper" this year. Consider donating funds to send a child to camp.

Week 1 (June 15-19) Elementary Day Camp, Art Day Camp, Sports Day Camp
Week 2 (June 21—26) Elementary Day Camp, ChrisKids, Voyagers, Pioneers, Adventure Quest
Week 3 (June 28—July 3) Elementary Day Camp, ChrisKids, Voyagers, Pioneers, Adventure Quest
Week 4 (July 5— 10) Elementary Day Camp, ChrisKids, Voyagers, Pioneers, Adventure Quest
Week 5 (July 12—17) Mini Camp , ChrisKids, Nightflights
There are brochures throughout the church on bulletin boards if you are interested in sending a child to Camp!

A message from your church Bookkeeper, Deb Kibler:

If you need to be reimbursed for items purchased for the church:



- Obtain a reimbursement request form from Administrative Assistant, Debbie Creech
- Complete the form and attach your receipt
- Checks will be held in the church office for pickup unless specified to be mailed
- Checks are printed on specific days, currently the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of each month
- If you have not received your reimbursement within 15 days of submission, please feel free to contact me at 540-333-0203.



Shenandoah River District Training Saturday, April 25th Bridgewater UMC or Macedonia UMC

Interested in Attending? See Debbie Creech
The District is offering training in two locations. The event costs \$20 per person for lunch and materials.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM: Opening/Welcome/Announcement

10:20 AM: Keynote Speech

11:15-12:15 PM: Workshop

12:15: PM: Lunch

CLASSES HELD AT BRIDGEWATER

Putting it all into practice Leader: Tim Ward

Tim will be doing a practical workshop looking at the participants' communities and seeing how we can put the keynote address into practice.

Full Circle Care to Bless Your Laborers Leaders: Jordan Dillon and Mike Singer from Brotherhood Mutual
With more than a century of experience serving and protecting ministries, Brotherhood Mutual launched Brotherhood Works to help ministries protect and care for what matters most - their people. In this session, we'll explore practical ways your ministries can support their staff and volunteers to keep them healthy and strong. We'll discuss tools and practices that simplify your efforts, satisfy compliance and duty of care standards, streamline risk management, and help you care well for your team.

How the Church Can Reach and Help the Anxious Generation (19-30 year olds) Leader: Rebecca Harrigal

We will dive into 19-30 year olds (the Anxious Generation); what the research says about this age group, and what this age group needs and wants from the church.

Resources will include J. Haidt, The Anxious Generation; Thom Rainer, The Anxious Generation Goes to Church; K. Powell, J. Mulder, and B. Griffen, Growing Young.

CLASSES HELD AT MACEDONIA

Discovering Our Gifts and Strengths for Ministry Leader: Amanda Webber

This workshop introduces the vision and value of strengths-based ministry in the life of the church. Each person brings unique gifts and strengths to the work of serving the community and its people. Using the StrengthsFinder tool as a framework, the session will help leaders better understand how God forms us into a stronger and more effective team for ministry as we recognize and share our unique gifts.

Serving Christ Together: An Effective Approach to Cooperative Parishes Leader: Jason Stanley

Have you ever wondered what kind of Kingdom impact two or more churches in the same community could have if they cooperated in ministry? Cooperative parishes, as outlined in the Book of Discipline, provide an innovative way to bring churches together to be in ministry, not an appointment solution. This workshop will explore a discernment process, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in bringing churches together as a cooperative parish.

Bio: *Rev. Dr. Jason Stanley is the Director for Call and Candidacy for the Virginia Annual Conference. For eight years, he was the Coordinator for Church Revitalization for the Coastal Virginia District. Jason is the co-author with Kay Kotan of the book An Effective Approach to Cooperative Parishes.*

Art & Soul – A Visual Arts Worship Design Workshop Leader: Kathleen Haynes

This workshop will enable you to deepen and reinforce your Church's worship by helping you: Learn to create a theologically grounded feast for the eyes and the soul in your worship space, Learn to create spiritual focal centers for worship in non-sacred places. Incorporate a usually "silent" group of volunteers who have SO much to offer! Learn how to create this ministry with efficiency and ease. Who should attend? Anyone with an interest in starting or growing a Visual Arts ministry within your church. Anyone who is simply passionate about creating beauty of any kind in honor of God. You do not have to be an "artist" to be great at Visual Arts Design. Crafters, quilters, painters, those who sew, knit, crochet, or work with clay, wood, metal, plants, etc.

Bio: *This workshop will be led by Rev. Kathleen Haynes, an elder in the Virginia Conference, who was in charge of the Visual Arts for Worship at the 2022, 2023, & 2024 Annual Conferences. She has been passionate about incorporating visual elements into worship since 2005.*

Scenes from UMM 's Rally, Monday, March 2nd

\$1,040 collected for Camp Overlook at the Rally

The men from Manor Memorial held a dinner and rally for the Shenandoah River District Churches. Approximately 64 people in attendance, even with ice and snow!

Rev. Dr. Kyungsuk Cho, District Superintendent, was the keynote speaker.



Over 100+ persons attended the 100th birthday party celebration for Juanita Durrett on Saturday, March 14th. Congratulations to a wonderful women, who has given tirelessly to her church and her community!

IT IS TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026.

We need your help during June 17-20 at the Atlantic Union Bank Center on the campus of JMU. We need greeters, parking attendants, ushers, help with registration and other needs. There will be 2 hours shifts you can register to help.



If you are willing to help, please let Debbie Creech, Shenandoah River District Administrator.



**Manor Memorial
United Methodist Church
Food Pantry**



Loaves & Fishes 

**Loaves & Fishes
Food Pantry
UPDATE
April 2026**

On Thursday, March 19th, the food pantry supplemented 68 families for a total of 179 individuals who were in need of food assistance. During last month's food pantry on February 19th, the pantry served 82 families

for a total of 203 individuals. We have seen a slight increase in patronage due to the cost of groceries and better weather conditions on distribution day.

Our winter hours of 1 pm to 4:30 pm ended in March and will begin again in November. Beginning on Thursday, April 16th, we will return to our regular operating hours of 1 pm to 5 pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

If you would like to donate to the food pantry mission, please make your check payable to MMUMC Food Pantry or Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. As always, thank you for your support!

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH**

[The MMUMC United Women In Faith is planning](#) a rummage sale to be held on Saturday, September 27, during New Market's Fall Fling. So,,,as you clean out those cupboards and closets, please consider donating all your "Trinkets, Treasures, & Trivials" in good condition for a good cause. All proceeds will be donated to the church's food pantry. We will let you know soon when and where to bring your items.

Items we wish to sell:

- Accessories (Jewelry, Scarves, Gloves)
- Books (Hardcover & Paperback)
- Blu-Rays, DVD's, CD's
- Furniture (Chairs, End Tables, Lamps, Bed Frames)
- Home Décor (Pictures, Knick Knacks)
- Kitchen Gadgets
- Kitchen Essentials (Dinner Ware, Canning Supplies, Flatware)
- Power Tools
- Small Appliances
- Soft Goods (Towels, Tablecloths, Placemats, Bedding)
- Toys, Games, & Puzzles

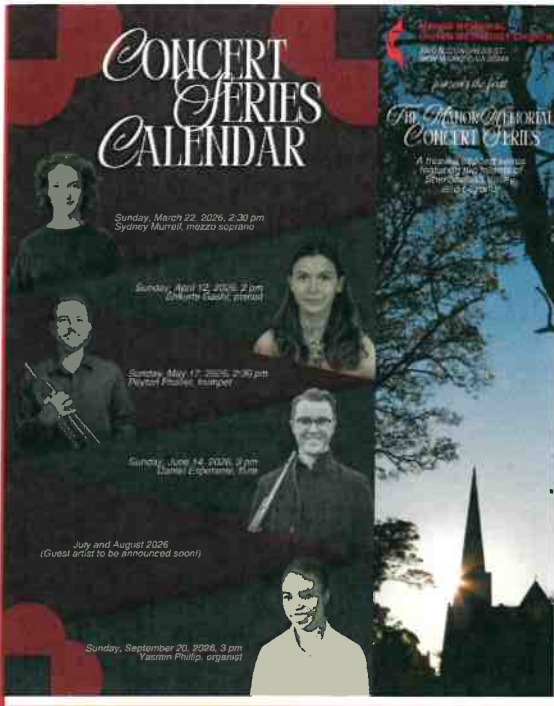
Items we do not wish to sell: Clothes, Electronics

**RUMMAGE
SALE**

Coming September 27th



United
Women
in Faith



CONCERT SERIES AT MANOR MEMORIAL

Mark your calendars! Enzo is collaborating with and bringing great, talented musicians to our church. Free will offering will be accepted!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH—2:00 P.M.
Shkurte Gashi (Pianist)

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH—2:30 P.M.
Peyton Phaller (Trumpet)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH—3:00 P.M.
Daniel Esperante (Flute)

CALENDAR—APRIL 2026

Thursday, April 2nd – 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday service
Sunday, April 5th – EASTER SUNDAY (Holy Communion)
 Sunrise Services – 7 am with breakfast afterward – sponsored by the UMM
 8:45 am and 11 am – Worship Services
Monday, April 6th – 6:00 p.m. UMM and UWF dinner and meetings
Sunday, April 12th—2:00 p.m.—Guest Concert Series Shkurte Gashi (Pianist)
Thursday, April 16th—1 to 5 p.m.—Food Pantry
Saturday, April 18th – John Brumback Annual UMM Auction in Farrow Hall.
5:00 p.m. – Doors Open 6:00 p.m. – Dinner 7:00 p.m. – Auction Tickets are \$15 per person
Sunday, April 19th—1:30 p.m.—Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Gordon Meriwether speaking)
Saturday, April 25th – UMM Barbeque Chicken (\$6.00)
Saturday, April 25th—12 noon (Private birthday party in Farrow Hall)
Sunday, April 26th—1:30 p.m.—Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Rick Hassler speaking)

CALENDAR—May 2026

Sunday, May 3rd—Holy Communion
Sunday, May 10th MOTHER'S DAY
Sunday, May 10th—1:30 p.m.—Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Jim Douglas speaking)
Sunday, May 17th—UWF Sunday during Worship
Sunday, May 17th—2:30 p.m.—Guest Concert Series—Peyton Phaller (Trumpet)
Thursday, May 21st—1 to 5 p.m.—Food Pantry
Sunday, May 31st—1:30 p.m.—Worship Service at Shenandoah Terrace (Carl Stewart speaking)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Yoga meets in Farrow Hall on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
 Choir meets every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
 AA meets in Manor Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

04-02 Cecelia Fink
04-05 Bonnie Good
04-09 Cheryl Hassler
04-10 Larry Sowers
04-16 Winnie Wilkins
04-17 Dick Lamma
04-17 Nancy Zupo
04-18 Jay Munnikhuisen
04-20 Noah Hughes
04-20 Kyler Sullivan
04-24 Richard Harkness
04-24 Dawn Kagey
04-25 Monty Cox
04-26 Chuck Limbach
04-26 Audra Poling
04-27 Dwight Farmer
04-27 Ron Abernathy

MAY

05-02 Ashley Fink
05-02 Christopher Wilkins
05-04 Julianne Rexroad
05-02 Debbie Smith
05-06 John Grandfield
05-08 Carl Stewart
05-08 Virgil Trent
05-10 Nancy Cotton
05-11 Kelsey Burgoyne
05-11 Fred Greene
05-12 Susan Hughes
05-13 Branson Estep
05-13 Garrett Estep
05-15 Lee Hinkle
05-16 Aaron Siever
05-18 Bryan Miller
05-19 William Ritenour
05-24 Sylvia Stewart
05-31 Shelton Weatherholtz

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jesse and Peggy Alger	Nancy Allen and Family
Peter Allen and Legend	Linda Borrer
Matt & Marianne Branigan	Clara Conant
Pat Jenkins	Melissa McCoy
Jim and Mary Otey	Bob Schmidt
Mary Ann Taylor	Buddy Vest
Les Warr	Residents at Shenandoah Terrace

HOME-LIMITED

Henry and Catherine Buhl	Joyce Dawson
Juanita Durrett	Bob Moyers

IN NURSING FACILITIES

Pat Brumback – Shenandoah Place
Nancy Cotton – Shenandoah Place
Vivian Myers – Shenandoah Place
Nancy Martz - VMRC
Imogene Poland – VMRC

WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL-MAY 2026

Liturgists:

April—Donna Myers (04-05) (04-19) Meg Farmer (04-19) (04-26)
May— Frank Driver (05-03) (05-10) (05-17) Donna Myers (05-24) (05-31)

Ushers:

April—Monty Cox
May— NONE SIGNED UP

Greeters:

April—Rhonda Bowen
May—Anna Lamma

Counters:

April 5 Cheryl Hassler & Clark Myers
April 12 Cheryl Hassler & Clark Myers
April 19 Carolyn Armstrong & Jay Munnikhuisen
April 26 Carolyn Armstrong & Jay Munnikhuisen
May 3 Carolyn Armstrong & Jay Munnikhuisen
May 10 Tom Schaeffer & Donna Myers
May 17 Tom Schaeffer & Donna Myers
May 24 Tom Schaeffer & Donna Myers
May 31 Becky Schaeffer & Elizabeth Sawyer

SERMONS, SCRIPTURES AND HYMN SELECTIONS FOR APRIL-MAY 2026

Thursday, April 2, 2026	Holy Thursday	HOLY COMMUNION
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE	SERMON: What Will You Do?	John 13:12-15, 33-35
HYMN UMH 292	What Wondrous Love Is This	
HYMN UMH 660	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart	
HYMN UMH 629	God is Here 1,2,3	
April 5, 2026	Easter Sunrise - 7:00 a.m.	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: I Have Seen the Lord	John 20:1-18
HYMN UMH 302	Christ the Lord is Risen Today 1, 3, 4, 5	
HYMN UMH 364	Because He Lives	
April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday	HOLY COMMUNION
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: When Will We See Him	Matthew 28:1-10
HYMN UMH 302	Christ the Lord is Risen Today 1, 3, 4, 5	
HYMN UMH 364	Because He Lives	
HYMN UMH 370	Victory in Jesus	
Sunday, April 12, 2026	2nd Sunday of Easter	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: What You Can Not See	1 Peter 1:3-9
HYMN UMH 369	Blessed Assurance	
HYMN UMH 707	Hymn of Promise	
HYMN UMH 715	Rejoice, The Lord Is King	
Sunday, April 19, 2026	3rd Sunday of Easter	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: Born Anew!	1 Peter 1:17-23
HYMN UMH 400	Come Thou Fount of Evry Blessing	
HYMN UMH 645	O Perfect Love	
HYMN TFWS 2223	They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love	
Sunday, April 26, 2026	4th Sunday of Easter	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: Guardian of My Soul	1 Peter 2:19-25
HYMN UMH 286	O Sacred Head, Now Wounded	
HYMN UMH 362	Nothing but the Blood	
HYMN UMH 361	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me	
Sunday, May 3, 2026	5th Sunday of Easter	HOLY COMMUNION
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: Taste Buds	1 Peter 2:2-10
HYMN UMH 529	How Firm a Foundation	
HYMN UMH 338	Where He Leads Me	
Sunday, May 10, 2026	6th Sunday of Easter	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: If You Love Me!	John 14:15-21
HYMN UMH 384	Love Divine, all loves exceeding	
HYMN UMH 453	More Love to Thee O Christ	
HYMN TFWS 2223	They'll Know We are Christians By our Love	
Sunday, May 17, 2026	Ascension Sunday	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	United Women in Faith Sunday	
	Speaker: Sabrina Dorman-Andrew	
	New Creation, Harrisonburg, VA	
Sunday, May 24, 2026	PENTECOST	
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED	SERMON: Only A Few Drops	Acts 2:1-21
HYMN UMH 57	O for a thousand tongues to sing 1, 2, 3, 4	
HYMN UMH 420	Breathe on me breath of God	
HYMN UMH 404	Every Time I Feel the Spirit	
Sunday, May 31, 2026	TRINITY SUNDAY	
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE	SERMON: Dominion	Gen. 1:1-2:4a
HYMN UMH 62	All Creatures of Our God and King 1, 2, 3, 5	Matthew 28:16-20
HYMN UMH 85	We Believe in One True God	
HYMN UMH 64	Holy, Holy, Holy	