

Paul wrote in Romans 10:10-15 NRSV, ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Paul wanted the Roman church to be people that spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Jim Crum sent me a devotion a couple of weeks ago by Kit Pharo. Kit wrote in one of the devotions, "The problem came, though, when we were falsely led to believe that we had to bring non-Christians to a church building to introduce them to Jesus. That is NOT scriptural! Jesus does NOT live in a building – and the paid clergy. . . at the building are NOT the only ones who have access to Jesus. God called us . . . to take Jesus with us everywhere we go – and to share Jesus with everyone we come in contact with. That is what it means to BE the church!"

How are you sharing Jesus with those that you come in contact? Now, I must say that I don't think sharing Christ with others is everything that being the church means, but it is definitely an aspect of it. Jesus tells the disciples to "Go make disciples of all nations." Spreading the good news of Jesus Christ is a critical aspect to what it means to BE the Church. We can often get comfortable just thinking that our actions will do the talking for us, but to be honest, our actions, especially in today's society, will only get us so far. There are countless groups out there doing good deeds for those in need. We will need to use words for people to see and feel a reason to believe in Jesus Christ, and the answer for that person may be in what you have to say to them about your faith in our Lord and Savior.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Jonathon Brashear



Kindness is the most important tool to spread love among humanity."
—RAKtivist



Power of Prayer

Prayer Concerns

Morris Bell, Hannah and Eva Blair, Amy Boeker, Rob Calder, Deannndre Gabor, Elaine Harper, Brian Ralston, Eli Schultz

FUMC

February Birthdays

February 4 Thomas Abbott
February 6 Caleb Fields
February 21 Morris Bell



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at Virginia United Methodist Church.

WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE

January	5	9
January	12	12
January	19	12
January	26	9

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OFFERING

\$285.00
\$278.00
\$285.00
\$155.00

Special Offerings:

A Special Offering was sent to Chaddock for \$50.00 this month!

2020 VMA Lenten Services/Soup Suppers Set

This Lenten Season the Virginia Ministerial Alliance will be exploring the topic of what we do in worship and why inspired by Worship in Light of the Cross by John Indermark. The soup supper begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by a 7:00 p.m. worship service.



March 4	Shiloh Cumberland Presbyterian Church
March 11	Grace Lutheran Church
March 18	St. Luke Catholic Church
March 25	First Presbyterian Church
April 1	Virginia United Methodist Church

NOTE: Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at individual churches.

"Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding or finger-pointing but because he wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things he now has in store"

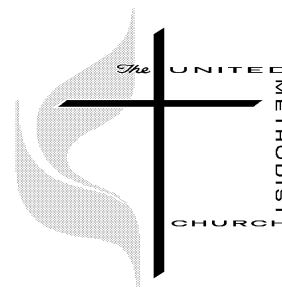
— N.T. Wright

OUR STAFF AND SERVICES AT A GLANCE

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3135 N. Cr 800e
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8:15 AM Choir Practice (during school year)
9:00 AM Virginia Worship Service
10:00 AM Virginia Fellowship Hour
10:00 AM Fairview Sunday School
10:15 AM Virginia Sunday School
10:50 AM Fairview Worship Service

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