



Journey with Jesus Through Wilderness for Lent

In scripture, wilderness does not have one simple meaning. Instead, it is a rich metaphor that holds various things in tension.

On the most basic level, the desert was a dry, lifeless, and lawless place, which made the Israelites confront their fears, frailty, and mortality. Yet the Israelites also

saw it as a place of provision, transformation, and encounter with God. Countless Bible characters met with God in the wilderness.

In our lives, we also can experience personal wilderness, the wilderness of losing a loved one, being fired, or getting ill. Or it might be that our inner world is the desert place, as we go through



periods of feeling dry, doubtful, or depressed. Collectively speaking, we are going through the wilderness of the Covid pandemic together.

During this Lent season, we will reflect on this theme together. Through studying, praying, and learning, we pray that we will experience spiritual renewal and

growth in this season of Lent.

As a beginning of Lent, we will have an Ash Wednesday service on March 2, at 7 p.m.

There will be a time of testimony by one of our church members. She will share with us how she went through her personal wilderness. Please come and join us.

Children



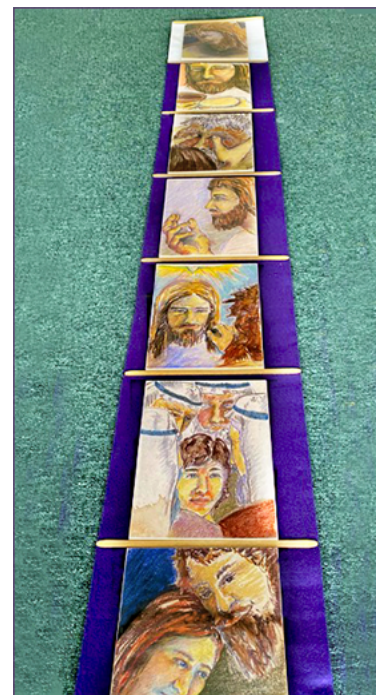
Godly Play classes continue on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. (in-person) and at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Children are learning songs they will sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



It's fun for children to learn about different types of crosses we use as Christians and to see how many are represented in our sanctuary on the walls, in the stained-glass windows, on the altar, and on the communion kneelers.

Youth

Our youth and confirmands meet each Sunday night at 5 p.m.



As we move into Lent in Godly Play, we review the major events in the life of Christ, to prepare for Easter.

Sanctuary Flowers

There are many open Sundays in the 2022 sanctuary flower calendar. Flowers can be provided and arranged by anyone or sponsored through Giles Flowerland, which delivers the flowers on Sunday morning.



They may be given in honor or memory of loved ones or others, and it will be noted in the Sunday bulletin as well as during the announcements.

The donor may pick up the flowers after the service, or arrangements can be made with the Altar Guild to have the flowers given to someone.

If ordered through Giles Flowerland, the cost to the donor is \$90 plus tax, which is billed directly to the donor. If anyone is interested in providing the flowers, please contact Margaret Scott at (434) 251-5310 or mekscott@comcast.net.



You may pick up a copy of the scripture readings for each day in March on the table outside the church office. Or you may go online to the Virginia Conference website (<https://vaumc.org>) and scroll down the homepage until you see the "2022 Bible Challenge" image, shown above. Click on that for a page with links to the readings for any month in 2022.

Thank you from Henry Fork

The children will be so happy to receive the nice warm hats and scarves, as well as the games and birthday present you collected. You are important to us!

Thank you for your contribution to help God's work at the Henry Fork Service Center. Your loving generosity is greatly appreciated.

May you be blessed by God's love!

*Jessica Hunt,
Director*



*Best Wishes
to Butch Dalton and Bonnae Buchanan
who were married on February 4, 2022.*

•••• **Appalachia Service Project** ••••

**MISSION TRIP
July 24–30, 2022**



EASTER LILY ORDER

\$15 per lily. Orders must be received by Monday, March 28.

Lilies will be in the sanctuary on Easter, and may be taken after the service.



In Memory of _____

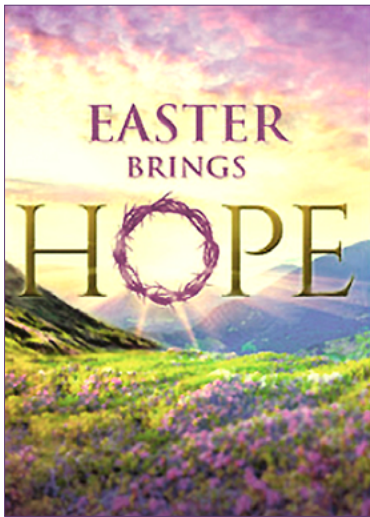
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(And/Or) **In Honor of** _____

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Total: _____

Payment is due with this order. Make checks payable to Mt Vernon UMC. On memo line, write "Lily."
Place this order form, with check, in the office, or mail to: 107 W Main St, Danville VA 24541.



February 24, 2022

***To our brothers and sisters in Christ at Mount Vernon UMC
From the Missions Committee***

This year's Easter offering will go to the New Hope Hospital located in Plaine-du-Nord, Haiti. This will be the third year the offering has gone to this hospital.

The goal is \$5,000 with:

- \$4,000 going to New Hope Hospital
- \$1,000 going to Partners for New Hope

The \$1,000 for Partners for New Hope is the second part of a three-year commitment.

During this Lenten season we will reflect on what we are doing to serve Christ and how we can help others do the same. New Hope Hospital, founded and led by Dr. Maklin Eugene, is doing the work of Christ by providing hospital care to people in Plaine-du-Nord, Haiti. Before the hospital was completed in October, 2016, people in the area had to travel at least three hours to the nearest hospital. Now the thousands of people in the area can receive care.

Today, New Hope serves over 200 patients per day. It is located in the central area of Plaine-du-Nord, easily accessible to the surrounding communities. Doctors from local clinics regularly thank Dr. Eugene, telling him that they are now less overwhelmed with patients and can provide better care.

What truly makes this hospital different is that, thanks to donations like ours, New Hope is able to serve the low-income population regardless of their ability to pay. The hospital contributes to the overall good of the community, since good medical care is essential to a strong and prosperous community.

Partners for New Hope, located in Charlotte, N.C., coordinates aid to New Hope Hospital and the surrounding area. They insure that supplies, volunteers, food, etc. arrive in a way that does not cause shortages or over supply (e.g., ten volunteer doctors arrive one week and none the next). There are 25 members, 11 of which are churches, and of the churches, 6 are United Methodist.



Volunteers and staff at New Hope Hospital



Staff at New Hope Hospital

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Pat Giles, Dorothy Stephens,
The Rev. Joyce Johnson,
Mary Ellen Dean, Donald Turner
Shirley Duncan, Bill Hardy

Our deepest sympathy

*To Frank Cuthrell and family
in the death of Eleanor Cuthrell
on February 2.*

*To Townes Lea II and family
in the death of Sue Lea
on February 16.*



*Gifts in memory of **Eleanor Cuthrell**
have been received from Jan Sutherland,
Frances McMillan, Budge & Carolyn Kent,
Ann & J.G. Hurt, Jim & Susan Daniels,
Fran Ashby, Bernard & Belinda Baker,
Jim & Helen Cheyney, Carey Wilkes, and
Dan, Tammy, Christopher, & Kathryn Waters.*

*Gifts in memory of **William Wooding**
(brother of Robert Wooding) have been received
from J.G. & Ann Hurt and Jan Sutherland.*

*A gift in memory of **Ginny Gentry**
(sister of Beth Payne) has been received from
J.G. & Ann Hurt.*

*A gift in memory of **Sue Lea**
has been received from Jan Sutherland.*

*A gift in memory of **Fred Duncan**
has been received from Betty Turner.*

*A gift in memory of **Linwood Wright**
has been received from Betty Turner.*

*Gifts in memory of **Landon R. Wyatt, Jr.**
have been received from Betty Turner,
Ellen Beville & Eddie Mitchell, and
Ann & J.G. Hurt.*

*A gift in memory of **Kenneth Miller**
has been received from
Betty Turner.*



Eleanor Johnson Cuthrell was born in Melrose, Mass., and spent her early years growing up in the wilds of Lake Mattamuskeet Wildlife Refuge, N.C., where her father, a college professor of zoology and entomology, worked during the Great Depression. By the late 1940s, her family moved to Aurora, N.C., where in eighth grade, she met her future husband, Frank Cuthrell. After her father's civil service job took him to Japan, Eleanor attended high school in Tokyo and enjoyed such adventures as climbing Mount Fuji. Returning stateside in 1955, she attended East Carolina and married Frank Cuthrell in 1957, while also training for the family business of teaching, following in the footsteps of both parents and her two older sisters.

In the early 1970s, she established the first kindergarten program at Sacred Heart Catholic School, where, for more than a quarter of a century, she instructed scores of five-year-olds. In 1977, she earned a Master's of Education from Virginia Tech. After both her children left for college, she even took over their newspaper route for a couple of years. Following her retirement in 2000, she enjoyed more time for reading and daily walks, and remained an active member of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church

She is survived by her loving husband, Frank P. Cuthrell, and children Jane Kirsch (Mitch) and Brian Cuthrell.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Paula "Sue" Reeves Lea, 79, passed away suddenly at her home on February 16, 2022. She was born on December 24, 1942, in Macon, Ga.

Sue was a model for two years for the Ann Zior Modeling School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Campbell University in 1965 and was a home economics teacher at Erwin High School for 10 years. Though her life was filled with serving the community and a dedication to making the world more beautiful, her true passion was as a caregiver to her three children and as a loving sister.

Sue will be remembered as a loving wife, dedicated mother, and loyal friend. She was past president of the Garden Club of Danville, a member of the Wednesday Club, and found joy in tutoring students at Schoolfield Elementary. One of her greatest loves was her dog, Sofee. She will also be remembered for her larger-than-life presence and gracious attitude. Sue is survived by her husband, William Townes Lea II; Jeanne Stuart Turlington, Lexington, Ky.; Edward Stuart Turlington and wife Megan, Lexington, Ky.; Carrie Turlington Bazemore, Savannah, Ga.; and Kimberly Lea Turlington, Lexington, Ky.; and by six grandchildren.

The family celebrated Sue's life with a graveside service at Mountain View Cemetery on February 19.



Attendance is increasing on Sundays as Covid subsides.

It's so good to worship with more of our church family again!

Birthdays

March:

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| 1 Parson Jacob Lutz | 11 Ashley Acker |
| 2 Anne Hatton Mitchell | Weber Harris |
| Sam Newell | Matt Parrish |
| Lauren Tatum Harless | 13 Lin Benefield |
| 3 B. G. Lewis, III | Lauren Foster James |
| 4 Fran Darkis | Bill Hickson |
| 5 Caroline Brande | 14 Rosalind Morton |
| Frankie Jean Thomas | Zara Zickefoose |
| Anne Wayne Patterson | 15 Susan Swicegood |
| 6 Sandy Burch | 16 Bill Hood |
| Shirley Duncan | Angela Longerbeam |
| Margaret Harden | Berkley Keck, Jr. |
| 7 Lauren Miller | 17 Henry Thomson |
| Robert Wooding | 18 James Feldmann |
| 8 Jan Lester | Linda Saunders |
| 10 Louise Anderson | 19 Don Cairns |
| Michael Compton | James Gauldin |
| Todd Fowler | Curt Harden |
| Elizabeth Payne | Gary Miller |

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| 20 Valerie Booker |
| Patti Clifton |
| Tafton Trent |
| 21 Guy Cooter |
| Bill Cornett |
| “T” Leggett |
| Ashley Strader |
| 20 James L. Thompson |
| 22 Ella Weber |
| 24 Christopher Waters |
| Patrick Adkins |
| 26 Jean Wilt |
| 27 Harriett Cook |
| Sara Garrett |
| 28 Faith Newell |
| 29 Allison Miller |
| 31 Vera Stephens |

April:

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| 2 Von Cannon |
| John Gibbs, III |
| 3 Kathryn Blachura |
| Sarah Hawkins |
| Harry Lea |
| 5 Ken Larking |
| 6 Lee Shreve |
| Jack Spainhour |
| Morgan Wall |
| 7 Rebecca Daniel |
| Beth Payne |
| 9 Mary Ellen Dean |
| 11 Stuart Bray |
| 12 Tom Underwood |
| 15 Ellen Joyce |
| Suzanne Miller |
| Anne Powell |
| Judie Turbiville |

Pastor: Rev. Jae W. Cho

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