

LENT & EASTER at HERNDON UMC

Light and Love Shared through Music

Christmas is always rich in music at Herndon UMC, but Advent and Christmas 2023 were especially so. Every week brought a new opportunity to celebrate the season of Christ's birth in music. Relationships with musicians from throughout the community were enriched by sharing our spaces, our love of music, and the musical gifts and talents within our own church family.

The **Virginia Bronze** brought their Holiday Hits Concert to Herndon UMC. Northern Virginia's premier handbell ensemble, the Virginia Bronze are committed to advancing the art of handbell ringing. Look for the Virginia Bronze to return to Herndon UMC towards the end of April for their Spring Into Bells Ringers Workshop.



On December 9, the annual concert by the **Herndon High School Madrigals** which expanded last year to include instrumental groups from **Herndon High School** and **Herndon Middle School** expanded further to include a joint performance of part of Handel's Messiah by **Herndon UMC's Festival Choir** and

DC String's Accord Symphony Orchestra. Over \$700 was raised to support the DC Strings Workshop in their mission to share their love of classical and contemporary orchestra and chamber music with the community.



The next day, after worship, Herndon UMC's Festival Choir travelled to Anacostia for a second performance. Performers were moved by the gratitude from the community for the opportunity to share in this type and quality of performance.

Nearly 30 performers from around our community participated in the annual **Christmas Orchestra** on December 17. Enjoy this special musical offering in worship and watch [on YouTube](#).



The **Cherry Blossom Brass Band** filled the Sanctuary with people and with joyful holiday music in [their Holiday Spectacular concert](#) on December 18. Composed of professional musicians, music educators, and community members, their mission is threefold: to bring high-quality, high-energy, and entertaining performances to audiences in the greater Washington D.C. area; to provide an opportunity for musicians to learn about the British Brass Band tradition; and to create a sense of community, both internally for musicians and externally for our audiences, around the British Brass band tradition. Look forward to a Spring concert from them at Herndon UMC on Monday, March 18.

With Gratitude

Following the Christmas Orchestra service on December 17, we celebrated the good works of Shannon Wise in Herndon UMC's Music Ministry. Learn more about what's next for Shannon as the new Director of Resilience Outreach on page 10.



Bringing Home the Light of Christ



One of Herndon UMC's traditions is gathering to make Advent wreaths for our homes. A devotion is also provided to be facilitate use of the at home wreaths. For Advent, the same devotion was shared on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). It came from Kate Bowler and friends, *Bless the Advent that we Actually Have*.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love Shared

Worship during Advent and Christmas Eve gave us opportunities to serve and share God's love. While each Sunday in Advent is special, there are also special services—the Longest Night Worship and, of course, Christmas Eve.

Longest Night Worship & Fellowship Dinner



December's Worship & Fellowship Dinner, on December 20, was a little different than the previous two. The worship service was held in the Sanctuary to help create a safe and sacred space for those who are struggling to feel the joy and light of the holiday season due to loss of any kind. The service acknowledged the hole that grief leaves in one's heart while simultaneously remembering that we worship a God who is with us, even in the darkest of times. The service was followed by a dinner of comforting soups and grilled cheese sandwiches in Doe Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Eve



Three services were offered on Christmas Eve, but as it was a Sunday, one was in the morning at 10 am to serve as the fourth Sunday in Advent. Kids of all ages had a great time at the second, family-friendly worship at 5 pm. The pop-up pageant is a joy-filled way to share the Christmas story with children. And, hearts were filled with music and God's love during the 9 pm service.

Thank you to our friends from Herndon Harbor House for helping to prepare all the candles.

God's Love Served and Shared

Whether you are looking for something to donate to, to buy things for, to engage in, or to lead, there are many opportunities to serve and share God's Love. Here are some of the opportunities from the last few months.

Hypothermia Prevention Dinners



The need for Hypothermia Dinners increased this season. In previous years, we have provided warm, healthy meals for about 30 people per dinner. This season our leadership have been notified that the number is closer to 45 at the North County Shelter. We've done five meals already this season and have three more to go. This is a wonderful way to grow Spirit-filled relationships while serving others.

Angel Trees for LINK



In addition to many gifts for infants to teenagers, our church family also contributed \$450 in gift cards to LINK for the LINK Toy Distribution.

UPWARD Basketball Season

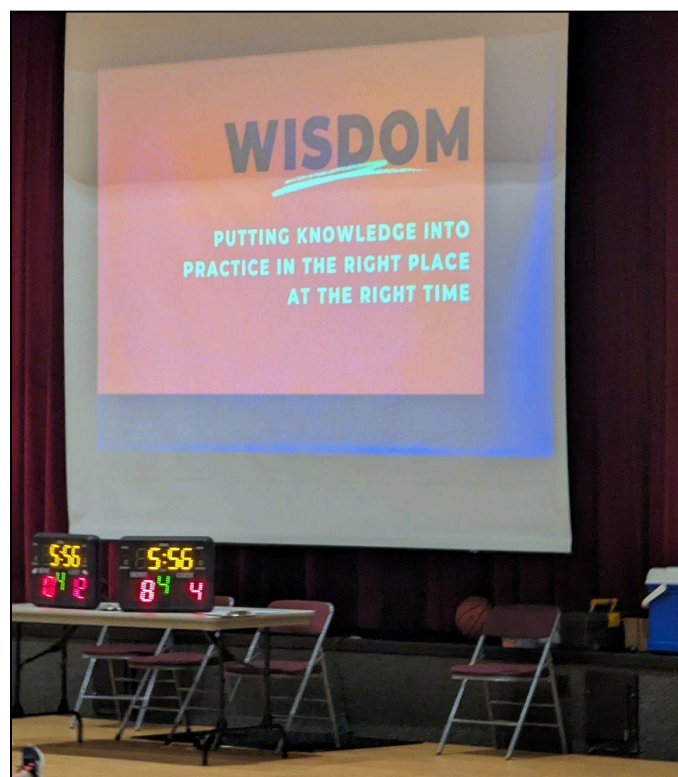
If you have been around Herndon UMC on a Saturday since Christmas, you probably have noticed Upward Basketball. It takes a village to make a league for over 200 players happen.

There have been hosts hanging out in the evenings since November to make sure that practicing teams have the support that they need.

For game days, there have been volunteers running a concessions stand to offer a convenient snack or drink for players and families. Proceeds will benefit the Rise Against Hunger food packing event set for March 9. Read on to learn more about this event.

There are an army of coaches, co-coaches, and assistant coaches looking after the players, helping them grow as players and as people. Along with the coaches, there have also been referees and scorekeepers throughout the game days.

Our program has had a lot of support from the Herndon High School (HHS) players, and our Upward league got free admission to the last home game of the season for a HHS Basketball – Upward Spirit Night. It was great to be able to cheer on and offer support to the students who have been supporting our program.



Did you know that Upward has set devotions for each week for the players. This year, these devotions have been shared with families at half time through a series of God talk videos that Mallory has put together.

As the season comes to a close, thanks for all the support of this ministry. It really does have ripple effects out into our community. Thanks be to God!

Church Workday



Thank you to all who helped make the Church Workday happen on Saturday, February 3. Your gift of time and talents has helped make our church building more inviting. The workers replaced light bulbs, repaired an outside door, fixed loose ceiling tiles, hung shelves and a bulletin board in the office, replaced wheels on two hand trucks, inflated tires on an AV cart, moved sanctuary chairs, and transported chairs for repair. We are blessed to have so many fine volunteers who are willing to assist in keeping our building in tip-top shape.

Party, Pajamas, and the Preschool



On Friday, December 1, Herndon United Women in Faith hosted a Christmas Holiday Pajama Party (and Parents' Night Out). The event featured 6 different activity centers which 55 children rotated through in groups of 10. There were crafts and the Christmas Story was told with a nativity coloring activity. Seasonal songs were sung, Christmas cookies were decorated, and kids enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies. Their personal visit (and photo) with Santa was a huge hit! The event was free, however, donations for the HUMC Preschool Scholarship Fund totaled \$600.

Many thanks to the Girl Scout guides for each group, while wearing their pajamas and Santa hats. Also to the volunteers from the UWF, Congregational volunteers led each activity and were on hand to share the meaning of Christmas. All were very busy sharing God's love as the Advent season began for preschoolers and members of the community at Herndon UMC.

Herndon United Women in Faith

The "Herndon United Women in Faith" name is now official. HUWF is an acceptable abbreviation, but Herndon United Women in Faith should be written out for anything official (like a check).

The Herndon women installed new leadership in January. For information about HUWF, contact women@herndonumc.org.

The women are grateful for the support from the church family for greens sales in December.



Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Worship together in the Sanctuary every Sunday at 8 am and 10 am. Join the 10 am service live or later on [YouTube](#). There are a variety of additional worship opportunities this season including Ash Wednesday, two Worship & Fellowship Dinners, a 1st Sunday evening worship, the Way of the Cross, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunrise. Learn more about all of the opportunities to experience Lent, Holy Week, and Easter with Herndon UMC in the pages that follow.

Please remember that we are trying out a variety of worship experiences to determine what the church family is really interested in supporting. These initiatives originated from input received in Pastor SeongJae's 13 listening sessions. If you value the **Worship & Fellowship Dinners**, monthly **evening worship** service, or weekly **8 am services**, please show us by your presence and your support in volunteering to help make the service happen—greeting, reading, offering music, helping with technology, etc. The staff will make recommendations to church leadership regarding the continuing variety of worship experiences after Easter.

*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*
– Psalm 100:2 (NIV)

Palm Sunday, March 24 | 8 am & 10 am

Raise a palm and sing Hosanna! Worship at 10 am, in the Sanctuary & Livestream* and in the Sanctuary at 8 am.



Dear Church family,

I am excited to present our Lenten Sermon Series, "Grow Closer to Jesus." During these 40 days of reflection and preparation leading up to Easter, we will delve into different aspects of spiritual discipline each week as we learn and practice together on our transformative journeys of spiritual discipline.

These practices will help us to cultivate a closer relationship with Jesus. By intentionally engaging in these disciplines, I pray that we experience spiritual growth, renewed faith, and a stronger sense of purpose in our faith journey.

It is an opportunity for all of us to draw nearer to Jesus and go deeper with God once again. Join us as we journey on this Lenten season to "Grow Closer to Jesus."

Pastor SeongJae Jo

Contact Pastor SeongJae, seongjae@herndonumc.org, or through the church office, 703-707-6271.

Wednesday, March 27 | 6-8 pm

Thursday, March 28 | 4-6 pm

Way of the Cross

Experience Holy Week in new ways. This is a self-paced, walk through experience that explores Jesus' last hours with scriptures, sensory activities, and guided prayer. All are welcome at God's table for Holy Communion in the Prayer Chapel on the day we remember the Last Supper. New this year, look for some multi-cultural elements! The Way of the Cross is designed to be intergenerational and appropriate for all ages.

Friday, March 29 | 7:30 pm

Good Friday | Sanctuary & Livestream*

A Service of Tenebrae, or "Shadows," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Herndon UMC has offered it as the Good Friday evening service before. Come experience the passion of Christ through extinguishing of the light.

Saturday, March 30 | 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil Worship, Outside (Door 2)



Bring a chair and sit around the fire for this storytelling worship experience as we keep watch for Easter. A casual, invitational worship experience that is appropriate for all ages.

Easter Sunday, March 31 | 6:45 am

Sunrise Worship, Outside (Door 1)



Come a little early and watch the sun rise. Bring a chair (and maybe a blanket) and join us outside for this first celebration of the open tomb.

Easter Sunday, March 31 | 8 am

Worship, Outside (Door 1)

A more intimate and relaxed worship service outside near the flower cross (but not quite so early as sunrise).



Bring a flower on Easter Sunday for the flower cross. See how beautiful the cross becomes as we all leave tributes to our risen Lord.

This tradition is supported by the Herndon United Women in Faith. They will also have some flowers available.

Easter Sunday, March 31 | 10 am Worship, Sanctuary & Livestream*

This is the traditional Easter you remember with Holy Communion. Bring your family and neighbors for this Easter worship experience. This service will also be streamed on YouTube.

Details are still coming together for some of these special worship services, concerts, events and service opportunities from Ash Wednesday to Easter. You can always check the Herndon UMC app and herndonumc.org for information. There is also a page summarizing the dates to remember on the last page.

Growing in Service

Worship & Fellowship Dinners are one way to help serve in our community. This interactive, monthly worship experience offers attendees the opportunity to be in conversation and fellowship with others while worshipping and then sharing a delicious meal. Donations received during these events support missional efforts of our church family. Look for the Worship & Fellowship Dinners to continue on the third Wednesday of each month through the Spring 2024. The February dinner will support Rise Against Hunger, and the March dinner will support the HUMC Preschool scholarship fund.

Other opportunities continue. For year-round missions like LINK and the Closet or returning seasonal ones like Backpacks, you can be among the first to know when needs arise by joining the mission group for a particular mission. [Sign up for a mission group](#) to get the latest information as needs become available

or contact the office, office@herndonumc.org and we will help you get connected.



Help fight world hunger! Herndon High School Saturday, March 9, 9 am to Noon

Rise Against Hunger has distributed more than 67 million meals worldwide as a step towards building relationships and skills that help end world hunger.

Packing food with Herndon High School also furthers our partnership with Herndon High School and offers our community a chance to be in mission together.

We need volunteers and donations to help pack meals this year.
More details coming soon!

Serve in Worship

The Herndon UMC KIDS have gotten involved in worship collecting offering for missions on the first Sunday of each month. You are invited to

share your gifts and presence as well. If you would be interested in sharing gifts in worship—greeting, reading, providing music or running technology— please contact Melissa Chávez, Director of Worship & Arts, at melissa@herndonumc.org.

Spring Outside Workday

Saturday, March 23, 8:30 am

Herndon's Trustees invite everyone to enjoy the morning outside, and to help beautify the exterior of the church. There will be mulch to spread so feel free to bring your favorite tools and wheelbarrow. All ages welcome!

Purple Bags for LINK

The "Food and Love" bags offer an opportunity for the Herndon UMC church family to engage in missions with LINK. The bags are available again to be returned the week of March 10.

More Opportunities for Growth

In worship throughout Lent, we will explore spiritual disciplines that can help us grow closer to Jesus. If you are looking for other opportunities to learn more about how to live the teachings of Jesus. Here are some more opportunities for you.

Pathfinders and Esther Group | The Third Day

Both the Pathfinders Sunday School class and the Esther Study Group are working through Tom Berlin's new book, *The Third Day*. The Pathfinders class meets Sunday mornings at 11:15 am in room 115/116. If interested,

contact Scott at scott@herndonumc.org. The Esther Group meets on Wednesdays around lunchtime over Zoom. To learn more email esthergroup@herndonumc.org.

Good News Sunday School | Matthew

The next book for the Good News Sunday School class is Matthew. The class meets Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am in room 115/116 and over Zoom. All are welcome! If you would like to join the class for Matthew, please reach out to Mark Lemmons or Dave Young or email goodnews@herndonumc.org for more information.

Tuesday Evening Women's Study | Psalm 23

On February 20, this group will begin a 9-week study on the 23rd Psalm. The group meets on Zoom every Tuesday night from 7-8 pm. Contact the office or Alexis Rothrock for information.

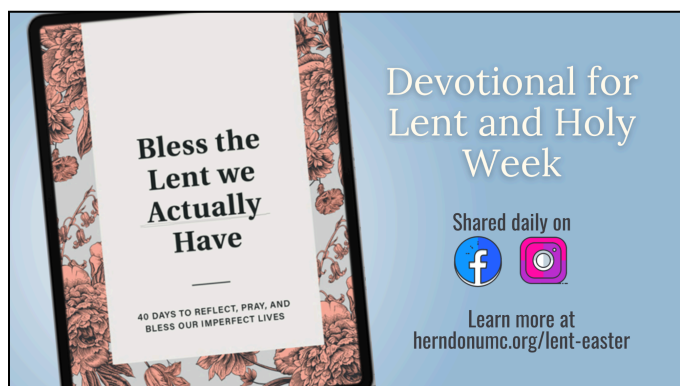
Men's Retreat

The annual Herndon UMC men's overnight retreat will be held at the Claggett Center in MD on March 15 & 16. Journey with Rev. Tom Frost as he leads this casual, relaxing, and spiritual experience. Enjoy fellowship from the opening dinner at 6 pm on Friday until we depart for home around 2 pm on Saturday. The cost is estimated to be \$120 per person. Please contact Jim Henderson, mensevents@herndonumc.org, to sign up or if you have any questions. Space is limited and additional details will follow.

Women's Spring Retreat | Traveling Together

A Womens' Retreat lead by Rev. Emily Moore Diamond on March 16, 8:30 am-2 pm will deal with the bond and love of our relationships as women. Emily says: "Jesus told us we need each other. He said relationships are a gift. We get to travel through life with God and with other women in our lives. Let's think about those relationships and enjoy them, build them, and lean on them." Want to experience more of what Emily has to share? Sign up starting February 18-March 12 at bit.ly/womensspringretreat2024

The Monday Morning Men group is continuing their study of Genesis, and the Tuesday Evening Men's Study is continuing their study of Matthew.

Bless the Lent We Actually Have (Devotional)

Sometimes we wait, spiritually. We just wait and wait. When Lent rolls around every year, we are offered a chance to stop waiting. Lent is our annual rehearsal of the cosmic moment when Jesus' suffering and death and resurrection will change how we experience death and life. Jesus walks with us through whatever kind of Lenten day we are having. This devotional is your invitation to bless whatever this season is actually bringing you.

So let's stop waiting. This is the one we have. Let's bless it all.

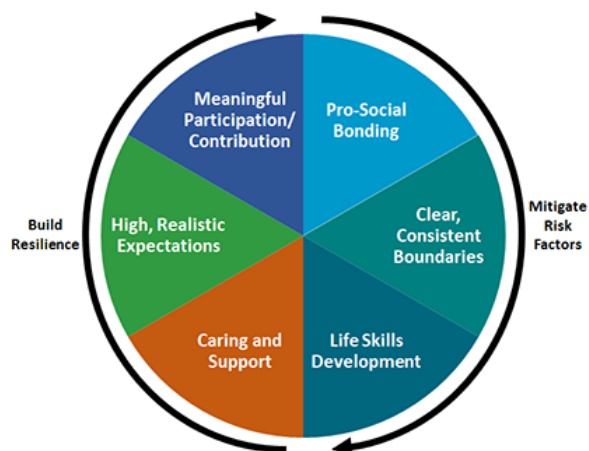
Herndon UMC again is using a devotion written by Kate Bowler and friends. Learn more about Kate Bowler from her website, katebowler.com. The devotional is available as a pdf for [download from the church website](#) and we will share portions throughout Lent on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) profiles. The devotional also references a book by Kate Bowler, The Lives We Actually Have: 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days. There will be a few copies of this book to look at around church--in the Welcome Center near the Sanctuary and in the Library--if you want to dive deeper into a particular devotion or see if you want to purchase your own copy of the book.

Reaching out to help others RISE

You might have heard the word "resilience" in various contexts over time, and it might also have been a word that you've heard around Herndon UMC in the past few months as well. In my new role as the Director of Resilience Outreach at Herndon, this word is one I've thought about a lot recently- especially as it relates to youth and families in our community.

In working on the Herndon High School (HHS) partnership team, a lot of our conversations with students, counselors, and administration has focused on how to support resilience in young people- but what exactly does the word "resilience" mean? According to Fairfax County's Mental Health and Resilience initiative, resilience is defined as "the capacity to overcome adversity by responding in healthy

and productive ways to successfully meet life's challenges". Using a helpful graphic by Nan Henderson called the Resilience Wheel, resilience can be understood as having six key components: pro-social bonding, clear, consistent boundaries, life skills development, caring and support, high, realistic expectations, and meaningful participation/contribution.



[[Resiliency Wheel by Nan Henderson, M.S.W., Ph.D., at www.resiliency.com](http://www.resiliency.com)]

You might be wondering- "This is all great in a school setting, but what does resilience have to do with our church? And what does it have to do with me?"

Herndon UMC has always had a huge heart for mission and for outreach- and it is in this "meaningful participation/contribution" area of resilience that we are able to directly impact the youth in our community- through helping provide opportunities for altruism in volunteer service each year.

Our first big outreach event of 2024 is **Rise Against Hunger** on Saturday, March 9 from 9-12 pm! Our community partnered with HHS last year in packing close to 30,000 meals to

help feed communities in need around the world, and it was a wonderful opportunity for students, families, church and community members to work together- reaching out to help others rise above their challenging circumstances.

Here's where YOU come in- we need your help to support this event! Volunteers are needed to spread the word, to set up, for meal packing, clean up, and most importantly, fundraising! The more funds we are able to raise, the more meals we will be able to pack. If you are able to help in any of these areas, please stay tuned or contact the office. More information is coming soon!

George S. Everly states that "those performing altruistic acts usually report an increase in happiness, self-satisfaction, or accomplishment. But more recent research has revealed an unexpected finding. Simply said, learning to help others become resilient appears to increase the personal resilience of those learning to help". ([Psychology Today, 2020](https://www.psychologytoday.com)). This is great news for our youth, and for our community! Working together, we can help to foster resilience- reaching out to help others RISE!

Yours in Christ,

Shannon Wise

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Groups and Growth

Joining a group is a great way to begin becoming more connected at Herndon UMC. You can find a list of all Herndon UMC groups in the app and on the website

(bit.ly/HerndonGroups). In the app, click

Connect >> All Open Groups >>

View the list. The list gives you the ability to filter results and an opportunity to join or contact the group leader. Let the leader(s) know that you are interested in learning more about the group and they will contact you back! If you would like help finding the right group or groups for you, please feel free to contact any staff member. The staff is here to support you! Here's a little information about some groups and events to help get you started:

Kids (age 3 - grade 6)

KIDS CLUB meets during 10 am worship on Sundays. For Kids information, contact Mallory Hopper, mallory@herndonumc.org.

Youth (grades 7-12)

For youth information, contact Andrew Bowers, youth@herndonumc.org. Large Group meets every Sunday at 11:11 am.

For **Confirmation**, please contact Melissa Chavez, melissa@herndonumc.org.

Confirmation will run for 10 Sundays (at 6-7:30 pm) now through Pentecost. Please hold our confirmands, mentors, and parents in prayer as the confirmands seek God, encounter Jesus, and grow spiritually on their faith journeys.

YoPros Small Group (6 pm on Wednesdays)
YoPro is short for young professionals. If you would like to learn more please contact Melissa Chavez, melissa@herndonumc.org. There will be a **YoPros Easter Egg Hunt** again this year on Palm Sunday, March 24. Stay tuned for details!

Music Groups

For information, contact Melissa Chavez, melissa@herndonumc.org

- **Wesley Choir for adults and teens** (7 - 8:30 pm on Wednesdays).
- **Grace Notes Ukuleles for grade 3 and up** (6 pm on Mondays).

Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30, 4:30-6:30pm

Come enjoy some Easter fun, rain or shine!

Kids up to 6th grade are invited to make sprint-themed crafts, play games, and work together in teams to win the Easter Egg Hunt. Sign up and reserve your child's spot in the Hunt today! Want to help stuff eggs, or lead the hunt? Sign up here!

Pack a dinner and hang out with us as we tell stories around the fire at the **Easter Vigil** to follow at 7:30pm.

Looking Ahead

Herndon Pyramid Art Show

The Herndon Pyramid Art Show will return to Herndon UMC right after Easter. The opening night will be Friday, April 5 and the 3D art will be in Doe Fellowship Hall through April 10.

New Members and Seekers Class

Beginning in April, we will be introducing a four week class for New Members and Seekers. If you are a new member, interested in becoming a new member, or those Interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church, Wesleyan Theology, and Herndon UMC. The class in April will be led by Pastor Scott and "Lay Members" of Herndon UMC. It is a great way to learn more and help answer any questions you may have. If you are interested in learning more, please reach out to the Church Office or email Pastor Scott at scott@herndonumc.org . Classes in April will be each Sunday at 11:15 am.

Preschool Spring Fair

The Preschool Spring Fair will be held on April 20 from 11 am-1 pm. Join Herndon UMC Preschool for a fun afternoon of fun with lawn games, bounce house, petting zoo, crafts, food and a silent auction to raise funds for the Preschool.

**Celebrate Mission Work
with a Fellowship Dinner**

**Wednesday, March 13 at 6 pm
Doe Fellowship Hall**

The Herndon United Women in Faith invite everyone to come together for some delicious food and to celebrate mission and service. Each year Herndon's women recognize individuals serving our community with Mission Pins. Come enjoy fellowship and recognize the service of members of our church family.

Coming | Summer 2024**Just Like Me | Vacation Bible School**

July 8-12 | 9 am to Noon

God's Big Community is full of people who have all sorts of different talents, questions, and personalities—all beloved children of God, just like me! Kids Age 3-Grade 6 are invited to the Community Garden, where we will remember how to follow our curiosity and wonder, use our voices to advocate for ourselves and others, and serve our neighbors! Register today: bit.ly/justlikeme2024 Would you like to help at Just Like Me VBS? Sign up at bit.ly/LeadVBS24!

Student Summer Mission Trip

July 14-20

A week of fun, mission, and service in Ford, North Carolina to do home repairs and build relationships with families in the area through Carolina Cross Connections. Our spaces are filled, but if you are interested contact Andrew and possibly get in or be on a waiting list if someone else has to drop out. Email Andrew at youth@herndonumc.org .

Summer Musical Camp | July 22-26

There is more information to come on this musical camp opportunity for ages 5-18. [Complete this form](#) if you would like to be among the first to get information about signing up.

The full calendar is in the app (**More >> Check the Calendar**) and at herndonumc.org/calendar.

We are the Church

The church is not the building that we meet in, but the people that gather to share life and to serve and share God's love. Our church mission is the same as the greater United Methodist Church, "to make disciples for the transformation of the world", but we put it in simple terms believing that God's love is real, active, and for everyone.

Church leadership, laity and staff, know that it is by working together that we will best live the teachings of Jesus so that everyone may know God's love and grow in Spirit-filled relationships.

Here is some information from church leadership to keep you in the loop:

Charge Conference | January 28

A Called Charge Conference was held on January 28 to approve the budget for January to June of 2024 and to approve the nominations of new leaders on both Trustees and Resource Management Team (RMT). A Mid-Year Financial Report was made available to update members on our overall financial situation. A copy of this report is available from the church office.

The Charge Conference approved the RMT recommended budget of \$473K for the period January to June 2024. While this is not a balanced budget, the RMT is committed to continuing to reduce the deficit and work towards achieving a balanced budget. Conference attendees were encouraged to remember that we are all the church and that

we all have roles to play in facing this challenge.

The Charge Conference also gratefully approved new leaders for the Resource Management Team (RMT) and Trustees, and said thank you to three leaders who had faithfully fulfilled their service on Trustees -- Jay Horstman, John Selmer, and Pat Evinger.

The **Resource Management Team (RMT)** is our Council, Staff-Parish Relations, and Finance Team all-in-one. This team meets monthly (on the second Monday). The current Resource Management Team members include Michael Branson (chair), Pastor SeongJae Jo, Melissa Billman, Marcia Henderson, Madeline Hunt, Al Meilus, Charlie Rothrock, Jim Seevers, Jon Simons, and the new Trustee representative. Questions for RMT may be directed to resourcemanagement@herndonumc.org. This email goes to all team members.

Snapshot of Finances <i>(fiscal year to date as of January 31)</i>	
Tithes/Offerings	\$ 397,967
Other Income	68,931
Total Operating Income	\$ 466,898
Operating Expenses	\$ 509,562
Net Income	(\$ 42,664)
Total Assets <i>(cash and investments)</i>	\$613,066

The above numbers give you a feel for the financial health of Herndon UMC, how we are

doing with income and expenses, and how spending is impacting our total assets. We continue to run at a deficit. RMT will be watching these numbers closely in the coming months as the team works with leadership, laity and staff, to develop the budget for the coming year while better aligning all of our resources with our mission and vision.

If you have questions about Herndon UMC finances, please feel free to ask Julie Albanus, Director of Business and Communications, julie@herndonumc.org.

The current **Trustees** include Cathy McCranie (acting chair), Debbie Borden, Warren Cluff, Jim Delisio, Liz Hamrick, Aramis Lopez, Tim Knotts, Bob Weidlich, and Bill Odio. Questions for Trustees may be directed to any member or trustees@herndonumc.org. This email goes to the secretary and chair of Trustees.

The **Missions and Ministries Team** meets monthly and fosters collaboration and community across generations, interests, and activities. Contact the Missions and Ministries Team by email at missionsandministries@herndonumc.org. Missions and Ministries in working to shift their meeting schedule. Look for more information to follow on the church calendar and in the next newsletter. There is more on the calendar on the next two pages.

Snapshots:

Herndon UMC representatives—Lorraine Lappan, Melissa Billman, Scott Bach-Hansen, Chris Miller, and Andrew Bowers—attending District Training in person in January.



Here is an example of just one way that our pastors work to ensure Herndon UMC is welcoming for everyone.



Thank Yous from the Staff

The entire staff thanks all who contributed to the 2023 love offering. Generous bonuses were able to be made for all staff. We are grateful for the love and support that we receive as we serve this wonderful church family and community. The staff is also grateful to the Resource Management Team for dinner on Christmas Eve and to the Katie McGuire / Virginia Greear Circle for including us in their annual holiday brunch in January.

Calendar and Connections

The full calendar is in the app (**More >> Check the Calendar**) and at herndonumc.org/calendar.



There are many ways to know what's going on. Visit herndonumc.org, or check the **Herndon UMC app**. Follow or subscribe on social media. (To get it, text "**herndonumc app**" to (833)-841-6111.)

There are other groups connected to our Facebook page as well. HUMC KIDS post information on the [KIDS](#) group. There are other groups for [music](#) and [youth](#) families, the [women](#), and a [Herndon UMC Community](#) group for sharing community information with our Herndon UMC church family. Many of these groups are private to protect the privacy of minors and members, but joining the group is easy if you are a part of the Herndon UMC church family.

Similarly, on Instagram, the youth ([@herndonumcyouth](#)), Preschool ([@herndonumcpreschool](#)), and UPWARD ([@herndonumcupward](#)) ministries have accounts.

Office Hours are officially Monday-Thursday 9 am - 4 pm, and Fridays 9 am - Noon. Staff members work a variety of hours and places throughout the community. If you would like to catch up with a staff member, it is best to reach out first, to arrange a time and place to meet.

The Herndon UMC Staff loves to hear from you! Please share your prayers, joys and concerns, and especially your faith stories. We are here to support you!

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**Experience Lent, Holy Week, and Easter
with Herndon UMC
“Grow Closer to Jesus”**

Save these Dates

February 14 | Ash Wednesday
7:30 pm Sanctuary

February 18 | Sunday
8 am Sanctuary
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*

February 21 | Wednesday
6 pm Worship & Fellowship Dinner
Doe Fellowship Hall

February 25 | Sunday
8 am Sanctuary
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*

March 3 | Sunday
8 am Sanctuary
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*
4 pm Sanctuary

March 9 | Saturday
9 am Rise Against Hunger
Herndon High School

March 10 | Sunday
8 am Sanctuary
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*
Food and Love Bags Return

March 13 | Wednesday
6 pm Mission Pin Dinner
Doe Fellowship Hall & Livestream*

March 15-16 | Friday-Saturday
Men's Retreat at Clagett Center

March 16 | Saturday
Women's Spring Retreat at Herndon UMC

March 17 | Sunday
8 am Sanctuary
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*

March 18 | Monday
7 pm Cherry Blossom Brass Band Concert
Sanctuary

March 20 | Wednesday
6 pm Worship & Fellowship Dinner
Doe Fellowship Hall

March 23 | Saturday
8:30 am Spring Workday

March 24 | Palm Sunday
8 am Sanctuary
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*
TBD YoPro's Easter Egg Hunt

March 27 | Wednesday
6-8 pm Way of the Cross

March 28 | Holy Thursday
4-6 pm Way of the Cross

March 29 | Good Friday
7:30 pm Sanctuary & Livestream*

March 30 | Holy Saturday
4:30-6:30 pm KIDS Easter Egg Hunt
7:30 pm Easter Vigil
Outside (Door 2)

March 31 | Easter Sunday
6:45 am Sunrise Outside (Door 1)
8 am Early Outside (Door 1)
10 am Sanctuary & Livestream*

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