



Growing Closer to Jesus

Lent and Holy Week offered many opportunities to grow in our faith and in our relationships with Jesus. The theme for the Lenten sermon series was "Growing Closer to Jesus," and the focus was on Spiritual Disciplines—practices that help us grow closer to Jesus like prayer, fasting, almsgiving, silence, and solitude. Response stations were set up in the Welcome Center to help people reflect and share about these disciplines. There were also studies, special worship opportunities, and a Lenten devotion to help participants grow their personal relationship with Christ. Special opportunities included:

Palm Sunday | A Tale of Two Processions

There was not a processional planned for the 8 am Palm Sunday service. There were palms that would be waived, but the attendance is usually small. Early that morning a special request came in, a family that would not be able to attend at 10am, the kids wanted to process with the palms, and just like that a procession filled with joy was created. Hosanna in the highest!



Despite the cool temperatures, at 10 am we tried something a little different, processing in from outside waving palms and joyfully singing

*Ho-ho-ho-hosanna
Who-who-who is coming?
He he he is Jesus!
And I've got the joy of the Lord!!!*

Pastor Scott's message for Palm Sunday also compared two processions, these into Jerusalem. Jump into the [worship video on YouTube](#) and listen again (or for the first time).

Way of the Cross | All Our Senses



Bitter dark chocolate and Judas' betrayal; the smell of baby powder and the swaddle of prayer shawls while Jesus spoke to his mother, Mary; the touch of a red ink print to the palm as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice; and the sound of many languages woven together in heartbreaking melody— these and more reminded us of the story of Jesus' greatest gift of love for us all. On Wednesday and Thursday of Holy Week, more than 30 folks walked and prayed through 15 different sensory stations, following Jesus' final steps to the Cross. Each

station included scripture, an activity focused on one of the five senses (sight, sound, touch, smell, or taste). Thanks be ever always to God.

Good Friday | Knowing the Darkness Better



Maybe you have to know the darkness before you can appreciate the light.
– Madeleine L'Engle

An important part of the Holy Week experience, the Good Friday Tenebrae service offered a special experience to know the shadows and meditate on the passion of Christ. Find the service on [Herndon UMC's YouTube channel](#). Pastor Scott's message offered that to better and more fully understand the resurrection, it is important to take time to remember Jesus' death.

KIDS Music

On Sunday, March 3, the KIDS CLUB Choir shared a song that they had been practicing in KIDS CLUB. Unfortunately, so many of them couldn't be present, leaving two kids who sang bravely and boldly about God's Love! What a great example of how music speaks to resilience! Hop on [YouTube to see them share "Beyond Every Mountain"](#).

Kids Easter Egg Hunt



Loaves and Fishes (John 6:1-14) isn't usually a story we talk about for Easter, particularly a kid's Easter Egg Hunt. On Saturday, March 30, Herndon UMC saw an unexpected but joyful turnout of over 150 kids (65% of whom had not been pre-registered)!

Kids gathered for games and crafts, followed by an Egg Hunt unlike any other. Kids were divided into grade-level teams; and worked together to find as many of their designated color eggs as possible. Bunny Money prizes were awarded in exchange for prizes at the Bunny sHOPE. There was candy, laughter, determination, eggs, and JOY galore! A huge shout-out of gratitude to the many generous leaders and donors who made this incredible whirlwind of an event possible for SO MANY!



Easter Vigil Worship | Stories of God's Love



We gathered around two campfires at sunset on Holy Saturday this year to share stories and songs repeating God's love. This unique and creative service with Holy Communion offers an opportunity to celebrate Christ's love for us in new ways, with rainbows of color and audience participation. After worship, we took advantage of the fires and roasted some marshmallows and made some smores.

Easter Sunday | Christ is Risen!

We are new and have a new life because of Jesus's resurrection.

Sunrise | 6:45 am



See the sunrise reflecting in the church windows? The flower cross was just getting it's start as this faithful group gathered outside at 6:45 am to sing, pray, listen to God's word,

and Pastor SeongJae's message, and share in Holy Communion.

Outside | 8 am



The picture shows the pastors sharing in Holy Communion at 8 am worship. As you can tell, it was a little brighter (but also windier) at 8 am as we again gathered outside to celebrate the Risen Lord. Christ is risen, indeed!

Note: The 8 am worship service will be held outside (weather permitting) after Easter.

Traditional | 10 am



Beautiful music, beautiful Sanctuary full of people, Holy Communion, and a message celebrating the gift of salvation given us by our Risen Lord. This Easter service was full, from the extended opening prelude offered by Luis Gonzalez and Greg Smith to the Hallelujah chorus. The 10 am Easter Sunday service was filled with praise for Jesus and all that Christ's

resurrection means for us. Find this service on Herndon UMC's [YouTube](#) channel, and relive highlights like the Wesley choir's anthem.



The flower cross was also beautiful. Thanks to all who brought flowers for the flower cross.

Men's Retreat | Traveling Lite



On March 15 and 16 the Herndon United Methodist Men held their annual retreat at the Claggett Center in Maryland with 19 men in attendance. This year's retreat was led by Rev. Tom Frost with the topic of "Traveling Lite". The retreat was full of engaging discussions about our spiritual journey as well as some time for music and song led by Page Dupstadt and Gary Robbins.

Women's Spring Retreat | Traveling Together



On March 16, the Herndon United Women in Faith hosted 44 women in the Herndon UMC Doe Fellowship Hall for a one-day retreat. What a wonderful day of 'Traveling Together' to build relationships as Rev. Emily Moore-Diamond shared thoughts about the friendships of Mary and Martha and Elizabeth and Mary. Song leader Megan Dietrick had us on our feet singing and doing hand and arm movements!!

Everyone 'stuffed' a heart pillow for the Mending Hearts program of area hospitals—a prayer was said over each pillow and for the individual recovering from heart surgery who will receive each pillow.

Before the retreat closed with communion participants linked arms around the hall as Emily shared a prayer about the importance of building relationships with other women. It was a wonderful day of sharing with old friends and finding new ones!!

United Women in Faith: "We believe love in action can change the world." Any woman interested in experiencing the mission of Herndon United Women in Faith through membership, please contact Janice at women@herndonumc.org. All women are welcome!!

Lenten Study | The Third Day

The Esther Group Bible Study and Pathfinders Sunday School class both completed Pastor Tom Berlin's Lenten study called The Third Day. The church's membership in Cokesbury's Amplify Media provided access to each 10-12 minute video of Pastor Berlin speaking about the six chapters: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, Thomas, Emmaus, Paul, and Jesus. The Esther group felt that Pastor Berlin expanded their knowledge about Jesus' resurrection, the part it played in Paul and the disciples' ministries, and the part it plays in our lives today. They recommend this riveting study that focuses on the hope of the Resurrection.

Serving and Sharing God's Love

Lent and Holy Week were filled with opportunities to serve our church family, our community, and our world. Here's a few:

Global Mission | Rise Against Hunger



On the morning of March 9, at Herndon High School, over 18,000 meals were packed by around 75 volunteers in under 3 hours. Herndon UMC with the help of Upward families (buying concessions) raised the

\$8,000 needed to offer this opportunity for our community to gather in mission and to serve our global neighbors in need. Among the volunteers were Herndon UMC members, Upward families, Girl Scouts, high school students and staff, and others from around our community. What a beautiful way to serve and share God's love in community!

Local Mission | Hypothermia Dinners

As the 2023-2024 North County Hypothermia Prevention Program season comes to an end, Nate King, Coordinator, In-Kind Donations and Drives at Cornerstones sent his heartfelt thanks for Herndon UMC's ongoing support:

Thank you to everyone at Herndon UMC for creating meals that are both nutritious and delicious for 40 residents multiple times each month. Thank you as well, Beth, for coordinating everything and ensuring that the process was successful every time, as well as for the times you helped us with your neighbors.

I truly feel blessed to be working with such amazing donors and volunteers every year – thank you, thank you, thank you!

Beth Czerwinski and Becky Field-Ross have managed this program for Herndon UMC for years. This past season saw an increase in demand from 30-40 meals each dinner. The 2023-24 season is done, but save the dates for next year: December 7 & 15, January 5 & 26, February 2 & 16, and March 16 & 30. [Join the Hypothermia Dinner group](#) to be among the first to know about next season's needs to support this critically important program.

Spring Outside Workday



People helped at all times of the day on Friday, March 22 to move 16 cubic yards of mulch to various planting beds around the church. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen and helped prepare the outside of our church for Easter!

Celebrating Mission Work

On Wednesday, March 13, the United Women in Faith (UWF) held a dinner and presented Mission Pins to members of the congregation whose work for Missions excelled. The nominations process begins in February when nomination forms are sent to the UWF Circles. The committee considers each completed form at their meeting in February. The Mission Pin committee this year was comprised of Elsie Blough, Cathy Foster, Everludis Lopez, Susan Malcolm and Joan Whitener. Nominees not chosen this year were retained for consideration again next year.

Debbie Borden, Lindy Rooney Marshall and John Selmer received pins in March. Julie Albanus received a Special Recognition pin for her outstanding help in support of UWF and the

church in general, and Joan Whitener received a pin and UWF Rainbow Giver Certificate of Recognition to be awarded at the District meeting in October.



The UWF would like to thank all who came and supported the dinner; and the committee for putting together this special event. The funds raised will all go to Missions.

Purple "Food and Love" Bags



Thank you all for the very generous return in the bags filled with food for LINK in March. The pantry is always appreciative, but the strong response helped replenish much needed nonperishable goods.

The purple bags will be available again starting April 14 to be returned the week of May 12.

Dear Herndon family,

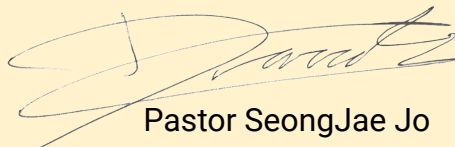
What a journey we took during Lent, spending 40 days growing closer to Jesus by practicing spiritual disciplines. Then, it was such a blessing to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday together, my first with the Herndon family.

As we embark on a spring season, liturgically, we have now entered into an Easter season for 40 days; and, we continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ with the resurrected power. Pastor Scott will help and guide us to accomplish that as we learn and live out the theology that we, Methodists, believe in, sharing a new sermon series called "God's Love is Wide," a Herndon UMC core value. Then, we will share about resilience in four dimensions of wellness to help us bounce back from the struggles and hardships in many aspects of our health and life. I hope this will help us have life-altering encounters with Jesus and continue to transform ourselves and our world, as his disciples.

As I look into the future for Herndon UMC, I would like to invite you to share my aspirations for the year ahead and those that follow. This is not a change from the Herndon UMC vision "to live the teachings of Jesus, so that everyone may know God's love and grow in Spirit-filled relationships," but new directions and next-level focus to guide us as we reach for that vision. My hope for Herndon UMC is to continue to love God's Word and provide a variety of profound worship opportunities and experiences. Also, I want us to continuously offer inviting and welcoming spaces and fellowship experiences for those who attend and visit our church, and to whom we reach out in the community. This will take an intentional approach and radical hospitality by every one of us. I sincerely hope that our church doesn't settle for being just an intergenerational and missional church. Instead, let's consistently strive to become a multi-ethnic cultural community that supports the diverse nature of our church and embraces the increasing Hispanic and Asian populations in the Herndon community.

What a great opportunity to remind ourselves that we are a resurrection people with resurrected power this Easter season as we practice the theology that we believe in and envision the mission of the church. Join us as we journey this Easter season to make disciples of Jesus Christ in all aspects of our lives and the lives of the community.

Blessings,



Pastor SeongJae Jo

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

Spring | Praising the Lord!

During Holy Week, the staff discussed continuing the variety of worship experiences that we are offering after Easter. We are willing to keep offering these varied opportunities, but are asking that you volunteer to lend a hand in opportunities that are meaningful to you.



8 am | Every Sunday | Outside

One change will be that the 8 am worship service is moving outside (weather permitting) following Easter Sunday. Outside worship has a special energy, but each week we will need help moving the altar and simple sound system, greeting worshipers and providing chairs for guests, reading scriptures, and more.

10 am | Every Sunday | Sanctuary & YouTube

Worship together in the Sanctuary every Sunday 10 am, or join the 10 am service live or later on [YouTube](https://youtube.com/herndonumc). Please show your support by your presence and your support in volunteering to help make the service happen—greeting, refilling/putting away coffee, reading, offering music, helping with technology, etc.

4 pm | First Sundays | Sanctuary

This monthly evening service will continue to be offered at 4 pm on the first Sunday of each

month. Join Pastor SeongJae for this special service.

6 pm | Third Wednesdays | Doe Fellowship Hall

The Worship & Fellowship Dinners are a great way to highlight and support different missions while praising God and eating together in fellowship. The dinner on April 17 is brought to you by the Backpack Food Helpers and friends. Join us for a delicious chicken dinner and help feed kids in need at Dranesville Elementary! May's is brought to you by Naomi Ruth Circle in support of the Conference Kits for UMCOR.

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.

CHERRY BLOSSOM BRASS BAND

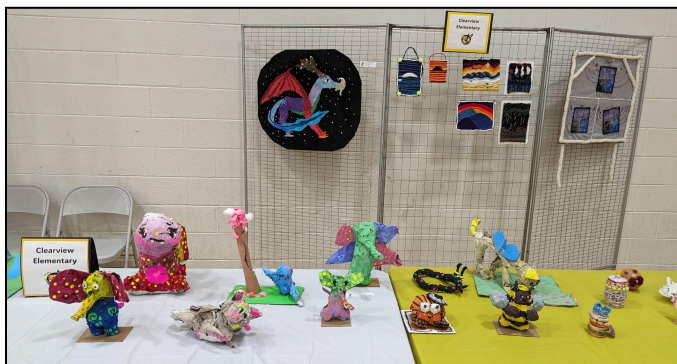
Spring Concert

The **Cherry Blossom Brass Band** offered the Herndon UMC community an opportunity to listen as they prepared for the NABBA Championships in early April. A special thanks to Herndon UMC appeared in the NABBA program and the band is very appreciative for all our support. Look forward to another Spring concert from them sometime in May.

Growing in Resilience

Herndon UMC’s vision is **to live the teachings of Jesus so that everyone may know God’s love and grow in Spirit-filled relationships.** When we thought about how to pursue this vision, we focused on three “pursuits” that you may remember – intergenerational ministry, music outreach, and resilience education. At Herndon UMC, we recognize that music and the arts help people build resilience, and while we do this year-round, it will be a key focus for this Spring. One way that we support the community's growing resilience is through supporting the arts in our community.

Herndon Pyramid Art Show | April 5-10



The Herndon Pyramid Art Show returns to Herndon UMC right after Easter. The opening night will be Friday, April 5 from 6-8 pm and the 3D art will be in Doe Fellowship Hall through April 10. Hanging art will remain up through most of April. Invite your friends and neighbors to come to Herndon UMC to view the art!

Church family are invited to help support young artists, our schools, and our community by signing up to help keep the show open for families beyond the initial opening night. Sign up in the app, online at

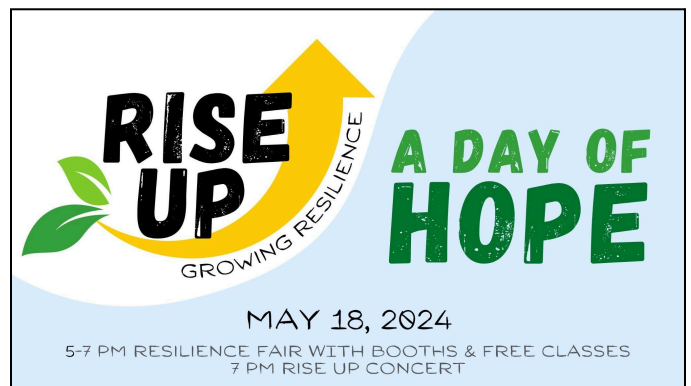
bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds, or contact Julie at julie@herndonumc.org.

Virginia Bronze Return to Herndon UMC

First will be the “Ring in Spring” Handbell Festival and Concert on Saturday, April 13. Herndon's Music Ministry invites you to this festival concert at 4 pm in Doe Fellowship Hall for the Virginia Bronze with so many bells!

Virginia Bronze are back in Herndon on Saturday, April 27 for a Spring Into Bells Ringers Workshop 2024. [Learn more from the Virginia Bronze website.](#)

Rise Up! A Day of Hope | May 18



Rise Up! was launched back in the spring of 2022 as a musical way to raise mental health awareness and celebrate the ability to perform a live public concert again after two years of pandemic restrictions. May 18 will mark Herndon UMC’s third annual Rise Up! concert and we are dreaming big this year—partnering with the [Fairfax County Community Services Board](#) and the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#) to host a “Day of Hope” for our community that will include free resilience education classes and a resilience fair where people can connect with local mental health and wellness resources. The classes and

resilience fair will run from 5-7 pm and the concert will be held at 7 pm.

Everyone can contribute to this event, and here are some ways you can support this mission outreach: greeting, ushering, singing in the Rise Up concert choir, helping with the reception, and helping to spread the word! Contact Shannon Wise, shannon@herndonumc.org for more information.

Rebuilding Missions

Rebuilding missions are those that involve maintenance and construction type work. Throughout our history, many of these have been United Methodist Volunteers in Mission trips. Herndon UMC has a legacy of helping in places like Louisiana, New Jersey, and North Carolina after devastating natural disasters. We have had teams go to Costa Rica, and have worked locally in the Herndon-Reston area through a partnership with Rebuilding Together. A couple of opportunities are coming up in April.

Camp Highroad Workdays | April 10-13



HELP CAMP HIGHROAD & LEARN MORE ABOUT VIM
APRIL 10-13

LEARN MORE
vim@herndonumc.org

CAMP HIGHROAD

UMVIM
UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Adults 18 and older are welcome to help fix up Camp Highroads. No special skill is required. For more information, contact Rich Yuras at vim@herndonumc.org.

National Rebuilding Day | April 27



SAVE THE DATE

National Rebuilding Day

Saturday
April 27

Many hands make light work. Help an area homeowner in need of help with home repairs.

For both opportunities, you can sign up in the app, at bit.ly/HerndonUMCNeeds, and on the Connection Corners.

This summer, two mission teams are already set. Please hold the Student Summer Mission and Costa Rica Mission teams in your prayers.

Student Summer Mission | July 14-20

Youth and leaders will enjoy 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.

Costa Rica Mission | July 27-August 3

Herndon UMC has partnered with Costa Rica Mission Project for more than a decade. A small team is going this summer with the hopes of rebuilding our team over the coming years. If you are interested in an international, rebuilding mission, please contact Jay Horstman to learn more and see how you might get involved in the future.

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 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 one or more sessions, 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.

If you are interested in joining Herndon UMC or in being baptized, please contact the office at office@herndonumc.org. Discover Herndon for April will consist of ordering pizza into the Members and Seekers class.

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! 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)

If you are looking for what the youth are going to be up to after Lent: The youth group will be continuing our normal, weekly, Large Group sessions as well as having a few additional (monthly) special events. April's will be a hangout and March Madness celebration at the Bowers' house. This will be a time for us to just spend some time together in fellowship, watching basketball, and eating plenty of food. We'll play games and wrap up our month-long March Madness Bracket Challenge. For youth information, contact Andrew Bowers, youth@herndonumc.org.

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 .

Top of the Hill, Herndon UMCs retirees, meet for lunch on the first Thursday of each month. Bring your own lunch, dessert is provided. RSVP topofthehill@herndonumc.org.

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).

And More Events

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 Scholarship Fund.

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!



Herndon UMC is so excited to grow in community with the surrounding community this summer!

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! Kids will get to hear Bible Stories, serve in the Mission Station, enjoy games in the Rec Station, make a joyful noise in the Music Station, and discover more about God's creation in the Science Station.

Scholarships are available upon request via email to mallory@herndonumc.org. Would you like to help at Just Like Me VBS? Registration and helping sign up links are below!

Registration link: bit.ly/justlikeme2024

Volunteer link: bit.ly/LeadVBS24

Summer Musical Camp | July 22-26

It can be so hard to choose a musical! There are so many great choices! More information about this musical camp opportunity for ages 5-18 should be coming out soon. [Complete this form](#) to be among the first to get information about signing up when registration opens.

General Conference | April 23–May 3



[Adapted from “General Conference: How to talk to your church before, during and after” by Laura Buchanan on resourceumc.org.]

About General Conference

Understanding of General Conference can range from complete unawareness to deep appreciation to frustrated confusion. The General Conference is the only body that can set official policy and speak for the denomination. The video [“What is... the General Conference?”](#) provides a quick overview, and the [General Conference page on UMC.org](#) offers member-friendly explanations. [Ask The UMC](#) also offers information about General Conference, including things like how General Conference delegates are chosen?

Prayers Wanted

The Upper Room has put together a special devotional for General Conference. [Find it here](#), or in Herndon UMC’s prayer chapel.

Herndon UMC’s Yarn and Thread ministry has also provided 10 prayer shawls to be given to the delegates, from all over the world, attending annual conference.

Is it General Conference 2020? or 2024?

The name of the General Conference taking place in 2024 is actually the 2020 General Conference. Learn more in the video “2020 General Conference...in 2024.”

If you want to follow along with what’s happening, pay close attention to publishing sources when they see articles online or on social media. Getting your news and updates from official sources will ensure the information is accurate and truthful. The website of the 2020 General Conference contains details specific to the gathering taking place in 2024. Congregants wishing to know more about how the event has come to fruition and what is taking place during the meeting can peruse this page to find articles of interest. UM News’ General Conference News is another good place to keep up with the day-to-day happenings at General Conference. Subscribing to the Daily Digest makes it easy to stay in-the-know, as it delivers the latest news directly to email inboxes. The work moves quickly and changes rapidly, so please remember that very little is fully set until a final vote takes place.

Afterward, other summaries will be provided by the Virginia Conference, UM News and ResourceUMC.org.

General Conference Debrief | May 8

Rev. Jeff Mickle, General Conference Delegate and former Alexandria District Superintendent will be with us on May 8 at 7 pm via Zoom to help answer the question: “What just happened?” This event is open to all. [Registration is required.](#)

Some Notes from Leadership

Recent **Trustee** projects have included Spring maintenance of grounds and HVAC. The Trustees include Cathy McCranie (chair), Debbie Borden, Warren Cluff, Jim Delisio, Liz Hamrick, Aramis Lopez, Tim Knotts, Bob Weidlich, and Bill Odio. Trustees meet on the second Thursday of each month. Questions for Trustees may be directed to any member or trustees@herndonumc.org. This email goes to the secretary and chair of Trustees.

The latest discussions of the **Missions and Ministries Team (M&M)** have focused on shared communication and how they can best support the Herndon UMC church family and mission. The Missions and Ministries Team meets monthly and fosters collaboration and community across generations, interests, and activities. The chair is Jim Seevers and team members include a variety of staff and lay leaders. Contact the M&M by email at missionsandministries@herndonumc.org.

The **Resource Management Team (RMT)** has been working on staffing and budgeting for the coming year. RMT is our Council, Staff-Parish Relations, and Finance Team all in one. They meet monthly (on the second Monday). The RMT 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 February 29)</i>	
Tithes/Offerings	\$ 462,131
Other Income	74,256
Total Operating Income	\$ 536,387
Operating Expenses	\$ 572,351
Net Income	(\$ 35,964)
Total Assets <i>(cash and investments)</i>	
	\$632,679

Apologies that this is the February update and not March, but with Easter on March 31, and the newsletter publication by April 5, it wasn't going to happen. 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 continues watching these numbers closely as they work 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.

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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