

# The Singleton Breeze



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## A Word From Our Pastor

It is Easter time again. We are leaving the Lenten season and entering into the Easter Season. I hope the season of Lent was productive in your life. I hope it was a time of reflection with celebrating the areas we are close in our relationship with God, the areas we have grown closer to God and areas we need to grow. In each case we should celebrate in our awareness. The Easter season is a time of rejoicing the resurrection and the last days of Jesus on earth. Easter day we celebrate Jesus defeating death and sin to give us a gift to receive salvation. The Easter season we see Jesus continuing to prepare the followers before he ascends to heaven and sends the Holy Spirit. As we enter into the season and the warmer weather, let us rejoice in all God provides. The time in our relationship with God, each other and the world that God has provided for us.

– Pastor Calvin

## Upcoming Sermons

April	May	June
April 2 - Our Leader Psalm 118:19-29 & Matthew 21:1-11	May 7 - Traits of a Martyr Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 & Acts 7:55-60	June 4 - Led to Serve Psalm 8 & Matthew 28:16-20
April 6 – Repaying God Psalm 116:12-19 & John 13:1-17, 31-35	May 14 - Living out the cleansing of Christ Psalm 66:8-20 & 1 Peter 3:13-22	June 11 - It is Faith Psalm 33:1-12 & Romans 4:13-23
April 9 - Our Life Psalm 118:14-24 & Colossians 3:1-4	May 21 - Working with the power of the Holy Spirit Psalm 47 & Acts 1:1-11	June 18 - Learning from Christ Psalm 116:12-19 & Matthew 9:35-10:8
April 16 - Hope Psalm 16 & Acts 2:14, 22-32	May 28 - Quenching the Thirst Psalm 104:24-35 & John 7:37-39	June 25 - Grace and the Christian Life Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 & Romans 6:1-11
April 23 - Lifestyle Psalm 116:12-19 & 1 Peter 1:17-23		
April 30 - Who is Leading You? Psalm 23 & John 10:1-10		





- ❖ On Easter Sunday we would like to have potted flowering tulips, daffodils, hyacinths or lilies for the altar "IN MEMORY OF", "IN THANKSGIVING FOR" or "IN HONOR OF". There will be a sign-up sheet available at church for you to list their names and yours. This information will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. We would like to keep the flowers on the altar through the 16th. Singleton is included in the Gloucester Garden Tour on Saturday, April 15th. It would be nice to keep the altar area decorated with the spring plants. Please bring your plants to church by Thursday, April 6th and pick them up following the service on the 16th.
- ❖ We will also "flower the cross". The cross will be outside the church on Saturday and Easter morning for you to add a flower.
- ❖ Our next 5th Sunday Lunch is scheduled for April 30th when we will be celebrating the twelve months of the year and birthdays. It will be a covered dish lunch.
- ❖ The 2023 Altar Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board. Please sign up soon so that you won't miss out on the special Sunday you wish to dedicate the flowers.
- ❖ The website has been reworked and is up and running. Thanks to all that helped make this possible.
- ❖ Having device issues? Please call Hunter Stone at H. Stone Digital Solutions at 757-846-3100





## UMW of Faith - Singleton Sisterhood Unit

Our newly named United Methodist Women of Faith: Singleton Sisterhood Unit, met on February 5, 2023 after worship service. We had nine members present.

After Brownie Bartley, our president, called the meeting to order and reminded us that we are still Women of Mission, we repeated the traditional purpose.

Brownie also brought a wonderful devotional reading from a book which belonged to her mother, Josephine James, a long-time devoted member of the United Methodist Women's group.

Several items of old business were discussed. A list was passed for volunteers to have the prayer group and/or the program for the year. Brownie announced that Nancy Yarborough, a former officer of the York District of the UMW District, will come in April to have our meeting program. We also have mission pins to give to the new babies in our church. And most importantly, don't forget items for the yard sale.

New business was conducted with the following items discussed. Donna and Calvin will be gone May 21-28 and the Singleton Sisterhood will conduct one of the worship services. Audra Matney, Kay Field's daughter, will be speaker for the other Sunday. Judy Freshman has knitted several more blankets for the Three Rivers Healthy Clinic and Brownie will take these along with any other items our group wishes to donate.

Susie Welker brought the program, reading the Oscar-Nominated (now Oscar – Winning) book by Charlie Mackery, *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse*. It is a sweet little book which stresses kindness and understanding and love of others no matter how different we may all be.

Our next meeting is April 2 in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited.

- Susie Welker



**Great big love and kisses to Sue A. for all that you do for us!**

**- Singleton Family**

## Blessed by the blesser to be a blessing.

Read: Genesis 12:1-3, Isaiah 42:1, 6-7

The blessings God gives us are intended to be shared with all, beginning with the inestimable blessing of salvation from sin and including all the other good things the Lord has given to us. I know that I have been greatly blessed.

Perhaps you have too. So many of us have been given so much: material goods, adequate incomes, families, friends, jobs, homes. And that's just for starters. If you're a Christian, then whatever your circumstances, you've been given the greatest gifts: faith, hope and love. And you have been blessed with

the means of grace and the hope of glory. If you have Christ, you have been given everything that is eternally worthwhile. So, the big question is "Why?" Why have I, why have you, been so blessed? The answer to that question is found in Genesis 12:2-3. In the opening verse of Genesis 12 the Lord tells Abraham, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you." Abraham

went, and God blessed. But this isn't the whole story. For that you need to read the rest of the sentence. Here's how it continues: "I will bless you," God says to Abraham, "and you will be a blessing. . . . and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:2-3). God's promise to bless Abraham is accompanied by a further explanation. His blessing of Abraham is just the first step in a much bigger plan to extend that blessing through Abraham to all the earth's peoples.

Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Take time to care. Let your words heal and not wound.

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Making Easter Eggs

# Activities

## Ongoing

Worship Service - Sundays at 11:00
Monday Morning Glories – Mondays at 9:30
Wednesday Night Bible Study – Wednesdays at 7:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coffee Fellowship – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 10:30
United Methodist Men – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday every other month
Singleton Sisterhood – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after service every other month

April	May	June
<u>April 1</u> United Methodist Men Fish Fry - 5:00	<u>May 1, 8, &amp; 15</u> Monday Morning Glories - 9:30	<u>June 4</u> Singleton Sisterhood - after service
<u>April 2</u> Singleton Sisterhood - after service	<u>May 3, 10, &amp; 17</u> Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00	<u>June 5, 12, 19, &amp; 26</u> Monday Morning Glories - 9:30
<u>April 3, 10, 17, &amp; 24</u> Monday Morning Glories - 9:30	<u>May 11</u> United Methodist Men - 6:30	<u>June 7, 14, 21, &amp; 28</u> Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00
<u>April 5, 12, 19, &amp; 26</u> Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:00	<u>May 14</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 in the fellowship hall	<u>June 11</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 10:30 in the fellowship hall
<u>April 9</u> Sunrise Service – 7:00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Coffee Fellowship - 7:30 in the fellowship hall after Sunrise Service	<u>May 21</u> Snac Pac Packing - after the service	
<u>April 16</u> Snac Pac Packing - after the service		
<u>April 30</u> Birthday Lunch – after the service		



## Meet the Editors

We, Margaret Champion and Malinda Floyd, are the new editors of The Singleton Breeze. We wanted to take a moment to introduce ourselves in case you do not know us. Since January 2010, we have been members of Singleton when we moved to Gloucester with our parents, Pastor Calvin and Donna Griffin. In 2016, we graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College with B.S. degrees in Psychology. For the past five years, we have been working at the Community Services Board as Senior Support Coordinators in the ID/DD division. Both of us are married: Margaret to Daniel (2017); and Malinda to Nathan (2019). We have no experience in editing but are very excited to be involved in the church with this new opportunity. We also wanted to thank the previous editor, Susie Welker, for her support and guidance as we take over attempting to reach the high bar she has set. We are open to suggestions and hearing what you all would like to see in the newsletter. We are blessed to have the continuous love and support from our Singleton Family.

- The Twins



## Photos from recent Events

### Prime Rib Dinner – February 18







**Yard Sale – March 25**

