

Skipwith Pilot



Four Cups in the Last Supper

At the Last Supper, Jesus shared four cups of wine with His disciples. The Last Supper is based on the Jewish Passover meal. The Jewish Passover meal, called the Seder, follows very specific eating traditions.

The Original Passover meal was established in the 13th century BC during the Exodus. God sent the tenth plague upon Egypt—the death of every firstborn son, from Pharaoh’s firstborn to the firstborn of the female slave, as well as all the firstborn of the livestock (Exo 11:5). The Israelites marked their doorframes with the blood of the lamb without defect (Exo 12:7). On that night, just before leaving Egypt, they ate the Passover meal to gain strength for their journey out of slavery.

The original Passover meal included three key items: (1) *roasted lamb* to remember the Passover lamb whose blood marked the doors; (2) *unleavened bread* to remember the haste of the Exodus, as they were to eat it quickly; (3) *bitter herbs* to remember the bitterness of slavery in Egypt.

God commanded the Israelites to observe these instructions as a “lasting ordinance” for them and their descendants. This ordinance is considered to be connected to Jesus. By the Second Temple Period (516 BC – AD 70, after the Babylonian exile), the Passover meal had developed into a more structured liturgical celebration. The reclining eating posture became a symbol of freedom.

During this period, the Passover meal began including **four cups of wine**, representing the four promises of redemption in Exodus 6:6–7. Wine symbolizes blood, and Jesus is the Lamb of God who shed His blood for humanity (John 1:29).

The first cup, **the Cup of Sanctification**, is based on the first promise: “I will bring you out.” As an opening blessing, the Passover meal leader—usually the family head—sanctifies the meal with a prayer: “Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe, who has chosen us from among all peoples and sanctified us with His commandments....”



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After washing their hands and eating bitter herbs, the family head narrates the Exodus story using the *Haggadah*, a special Passover text with an interactive format. Here, the youngest child asks the four questions, such as, “Why is this night different from all other nights?”

The second cup, **the Cup of Deliverance**, is based on the second promise: “I will deliver you.” According to Luke Gospel 22:17, Jesus took this cup. During this time, the Hallel Psalms are usually recited (Psalms 113-114).

At the meal, Jesus broke the bread, saying: “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” Then Jesus took the third cup, **the Cup of Redemption**, based on the third promise: “I will redeem you.” Luke 22:20 records Jesus taking the third cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.” Then Hallel Psalms (Psalms 115-118) are sung at this time.

The fourth and final cup, **the Cup of Praise**, is based on the fourth promise: “I will take you as my people.”

Today, the Last Supper is commemorated on the Maundy Thursday, observing Holy Communion and foot washing as a symbol of servanthood, based on Jesus’ *new commandment* to love one another (Jn 13:34-35). The term “Maundy” comes from the word “mandate,” reflecting this commandment.

Grace and Peace
Rev. Dr. Bright Lee



Thanks From the Trustees

As you know, it has been a hard winter for the church. We needed to replace one furnace completely and put a new thermostat on the second one. We also had to rent special equipment to remove the layers of ice from the parking lot. Thanks to the generosity of several members of our church, these expenses were paid without using church funds. Thank you!

JD Worsham, Chairperson Trustees



As we journey through Holy Week, you are warmly invited to gather with us for two meaningful times of worship, reflection, and fellowship.

♣ **Maundy Thursday Gathering** (April 2, 12 PM)

Join us for a special time that will include:

- * Bible Study and Prayer
- * Holy Communion
- * A Passover-style lunch graciously prepared by Roban & Aneeta

This gathering will help us remember the Last Supper of Jesus with His disciples and reflect on His love and service.

♣ **Good Friday Gathering** (April 3, 9 AM ~ 3 PM)

***Meditation on the seven words of Jesus on the Cross & Prayer for the church and all nations**

- * You may come at any of the following times for a brief reflection and prayer.
- * Each time will focus on one of the Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross and prayer for the church and all nations.

- * **9:00 AM** (*First & Second* words of Jesus: Lk 23:34, Ps 35:11-14 / Luke 23:43)
- * **11:30 AM** (*Third* word of Jesus on the Cross: John 19:26–27)
- * **1:00 PM** (*Fourth & Fifth* words of Jesus: Mt 27:46, Ps 22 / John 19:28, Ps 69:21)
- * **2:00 PM** (*Sixth & Seventh* words of Jesus on the Cross: John 19:30, Ps 22:31)

Each meditation and prayer will help us prayerfully reflect on the suffering, love, and sacrifice of Christ.

♣ **Sunrise Service** (April 5, 6:30 AM)

* Good Shepherd UMC invites everyone to their Sunrise Service at 9155 Hungary Rd, Henrico, VA.

We encourage you to attend as many of these moments as you are able as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.



United Women in Faith Feed the Hungry

The members of the Skipwith United Women in Faith strive to make a difference in the lives of our community members facing hunger. We volunteer at the Lamb's Basket, and in March we sent them an additional \$200 towards their program. Every month, we collect designated food for our Backpack Program. Recently, we gathered 138 fruit cups and 165 Ramen noodles packages to serve our Skipwith Elementary children. We have determined that the first \$300 received at our spring auction will be given to the Backpack Program.

Martha Worsham, Leader



Skipwith United Methodist Church is now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Kroger will donate to the church, based on the spending of Kroger shoppers that have a Kroger rewards card. Simply visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Log into your Kroger account, go to Community Rewards, search for SKIPWITH

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH either by name or UM879 and then click Enroll. If you do not have an account you will need to create one, which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *rewards* card. This is a simple way to support the church. If you have questions please contact the church office.



PRAYER NEEDS

Joan Middleton
Steve Coverstone
Ron DePue
Kristi Harmon
Daniel Duggins
Pat Justice
Carolyn Ellis

HOME-BOUND & ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Rita Mathews (Hermitage Deep Run)
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Hattie Winstead (Westminster Canterbury)
Joyce Fleet (Covenant Woods)
Earl Cheatham (Williamsburg Landing)
Betty Simmons
Sylvia Best

Sylvia's Sisters Meets a Local Need

In 2020, a new nonprofit organization started in Henrico County to serve our teenage girls and women. This volunteer group provides hygiene products to those who are in need. It has been determined that 65% of the homes in Henrico, Richmond, and Chesterfield struggle to purchase period supplies. Hygiene supplies are not covered by food stamps which results in women missing work and one in five teenagers missing several days of school every month. From 2022-2024, there was a four time increase in requests for supplies in the Richmond area. Sylvia's Sisters was founded by a woman (named Sylvia) who volunteered at a food bank where a client told her she had to choose between buying food and period products for her daughter. The organization partners with 247 schools in our area as well as women shelters, food banks, addiction centers, and social service boards to combat "period poverty." Our circle collected \$200.00 at our meeting to support this program.



Sylvia's Sisters

Martha Worsham, Leader

Small Groups Ministries



Pastor Bright applied for and received a \$3,000 grant whose primary goal was to provide ways to attract immigrants to church and introduction to Jesus. The initial ministry created for this purpose was the Men's Group. This group meets monthly at various restaurants for a time of fellowship. All men of the church are



invited to attend and invite others. Come join us!

Same Event, New Name

The United Women in Faith agreed to rename our spring Barney All Auction to the Betty Crane Auction. Members donate items which will be auctioned at our next meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Items need to be at the church by 9:30 am that day. The funds received will be divided between the Backpack Program and the Skipwith UMC general fund. Usually, we receive between \$500-600.00 from the auction. One person's trash is another person's treasure!



Martha Worsham, Leader



Great News! I received a call from the Activities Director at the Hermitage Deep Run Nursing Home facility requesting Bible Studies. I will be starting in April on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1 PM. We will beginning with studies on “The Fruit of the Spirit”. Thank you for your prayers! (Vicki Keith 804-217-8133)

- April 4—Temple DeRico
- April 5—Cathy Bell
- April 5—Lynn Birchfield
- April 7—Joyce Fleet
- April 9—Cary Doak
- April 10—Marlee Garone
- April 11—Tom Crane



- April 16—Wendy Muldoon
- April 16—Doug Wilding
- April 19—Mariah Parker
- April 20—Monica Rivers
- April 21—Whitney Nuckolls
- April 24—Steven Dozier
- April 25—Mark Lauer

Finance Report

Reported figures as of February 28, 2026


Funds collected to date for FY 2025-2026: \$101,695

Funds expended to date for FY 2025-2026: \$140,747

Funds still required to meet current obligations:
\$39,052
(negative is favorable)

April 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 10 AM Prayer & Bible Study	2 9 AM—Lamb’s Basket 10 AM Dance Time? Seder Meal	3 9 AM—3 PM Prayer 10 AM Self Defense Class 12 Noon AA 6 PM NA Office Closed	4 10 AM OA
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