

# MINISTRY MATTERS

We are trying to make everyone feel welcome, loved, and safe as we gather together. Extra grace is going to be needed for our worship leaders and our attendees as we figure out what our worship looks like now and how it changes as we move forward. If you are interested, our full covid mitigation plan is available on our website.

While we gather, we ask the following:

- ★ Please register your attendance
- ★ Please wear masks over mouth and nose. Masks will be worn by those over the age of 2 (including those who are vaccinated) but will be removed by worship leaders while social distancing.
- ★ Please sit with your family/bubble group
- ★ Please greet others without physical contact
- ★ Please refrain from singing

Upcoming important dates

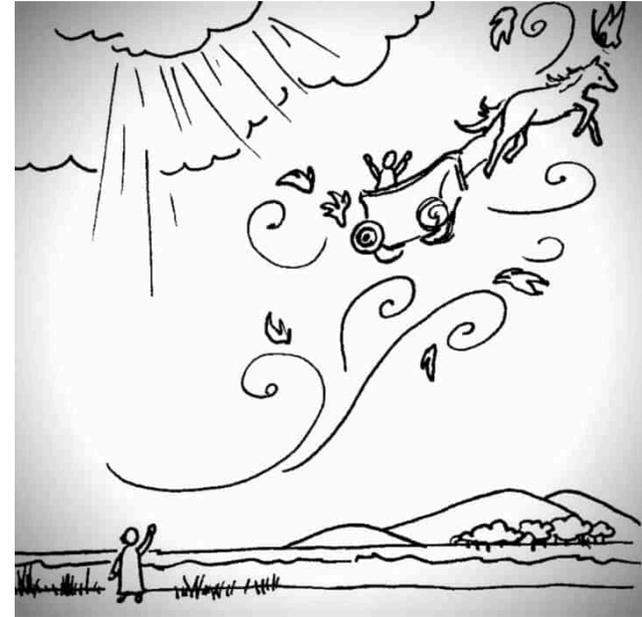
- ★ June 27 — Lay led worship
- ★ July 4 — Pastor Lucas' First Sunday
- ★ July 11 — WELCOME PASTOR LUCAS

**NEW** =====>>>

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**“Dude, Where’s My Chariot?”**

**SEWARD UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
20 June 2021**

## GATHERING & PRAYER

Prelude — Sue McClure  
Welcome/Announcements  
Preparing our Hearts for Worship in Prayer & Candle Lighting

### Call to Worship

Beckoning God, as you moved in the lives of Elijah and Elisha, move also in our lives.

**We listen for your invitation to journey into unknown territory and feel the strength in your Word.**

Let us be empowered by your Spirit this day and grant us courage for what lies ahead.

**Together we journey, we trust, and we accept your call to be your faithful servant people.**

Hymn: #400 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

A Prayer for Father’s Day (see insert)

### A Time Of Prayer

Lifting up joys & concerns (*Lord, in your mercy/hear our prayer*)

Prayer of intercession (*read in unison*)

**Gracious and loving God, we come to you with hearts that need to be opened to your word and your love. There is so much around us that tears at us and causes us to tremble. Keep us ever mindful of your presence and the hope that you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ.**

**Guide us, we pray, as your church, struggling to spread the good news. Keep us focused on the mission and ministry to which you have called us and lead us forward. We know, Lord, that there will often be bumps and holes in the road along the way. Save us from dwelling on them and make us secure in the goals you have placed before us.**

**Hear our prayers for all who need your tender touch of healing in their lives—those we name before you each day, and those who are known only to you in the depths of our hearts. Be with those who mourn. May we all remember the love and**

**grace that your faithful people have brought to our world.**

**These are our prayers, together with those that lie on the hearts of all your faithful people, which we offer to you in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who said “not my will, but thine be done.”**

Silent prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

## WORD & RESPONSE

Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-10

The word of God for the people of God / **Thanks be to God**

Children’s Time — Children Remain in Seats

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:4-11

The word of God for the people of God / **Thanks be to God**

Message: “Dude, Where’s My Chariot?” (Pastor Jim)

Our Gifts: — Silent time to reflect on the gifts of God

\*Holy Communion: (p. 13 of hymnal / All are invited)

## GOING FORTH

Closing Hymn/Prayer: #386 “Come, O, Thou Traveller Unknown”

\*A Ho’oponopono Goodbye

\*We will leave the church to sing “Shalom” together

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.

\* *Standing as able.*

## An Order of Farewell to a Pastor

Pastor: I thank you, the members and friends of Seward and Moose Pass United Methodist Churches, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.**

Pastor : I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Lucas Boomsma.

Let us pray together.

**Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



### A PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

We give thanks today...

For fathers who showed up, played and danced,  
ran and twirled, taught and learned;

For fathers who kissed boo-boos  
and held us in strong arms when we were weak;

For fathers who believed in us and trusted us with our own futures,  
even as they taught us how best to live;

For fathers who exhibited the very best of what it means to be men,  
and tossed aside toxic masculinity  
in favor of a strength in love and empathy;

For fathers who had high standards,  
yet deep compassion;

For fathers who taught us rules to live by,  
and with integrity lived by these rules themselves;

For fathers who protected us  
and sought after our welfare;

For fathers who were never related to us by blood or by law  
but stood in as a father figure;

For fathers who were not always present  
but by grace came back into our lives.

~ Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church,  
Martinsville, VA