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# "Caring Presence"

## Newsletter

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Scripture: Romans 15:13 **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." NIV**

"Hope springs eternal" This common expression is attributed to Alexander Pope in his 18<sup>th</sup> century poem, 'An Essay on Man'. We hear it often, especially in springtime. But, as we see in the scripture above from Romans, God can fill us with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit regardless of the season! This benedictional prayer from Romans was likely written by Paul and highlights that **true hope, peace, and joy are not circumstantial, but are provided by God.**

As Chaplains, we are "vessels" filled with God's love, providing "a caring presence" in places of work, with peace, joy and hope overflowing by the power of the Holy Spirit! Our presence is a powerful instrument blessed by God.

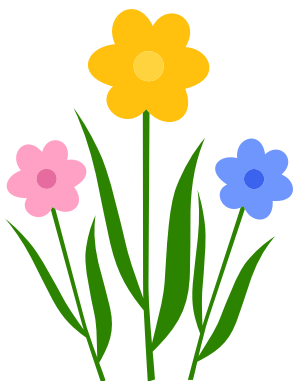
Prayer: God of Life, fill us with joy and peace through our faith, trusting in the Holy Spirit to provide us with hope overflowing! Help us to be vessels of hope in the workplaces we serve. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

**Chaplain Woody Sanders, Executive Director**

### **The Great Community Give raises \$2,430 for ICM!**

The Great Community - G.C.G. was held on Wed., April 22, 2026 and \$2,430 was donated to ICM. The G.C.G. is coordinated by The Harrisonburg - Rockingham Community Foundation.

We had 100% participation by our National Board of Directors, and are grateful for their gifts, along with some new community donors.



**Happy Spring!!**

## CHAPLAIN TRAINING COMPLETED

Our spring two day Introductory Chaplain Training Seminar concluded Friday afternoon, April 24th. We congratulated and awarded Certificates to **Vada Martin, Jason Sudeck, Richard McDowell and Carl Trost**. Jason and Vada are prospective chaplains for the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of I.C.M and Richard and Carl are esteemed Directors on the National Board.

We had outstanding presenters including National Directors **Randy Aikens & Rev. Dr. Gene Williams- National ICM Directors, Scott Schmidt-M.Div., LMFT**, Tasso Counseling, **Celest Williams, Director-** Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Services, **Dr. Cynthia Long**-Chaplain at Sunnyside Communities, **Sarah Landram**, Community Development Director - DCCU, **Melissa Hansen, LPC** at Pastoral Counseling in Waynesboro, **Chaplain Al Lilliendahl-SV ICM Placement Officer** and **Chaplain Woody Sanders, SPHR, ICM Exec. Director**.

### Opportunities to support ICM -

Thanks to the following supporters, we raised nearly **\$9,000** for our 2026 Lenten Appeal:

**Gerald & Sharon Strite, Woody & Anita Sanders, Al & Letta Lilliendahl, Paul & Sherry Cline, William Olewiler, Gene Williams, Amy L. Kiger, Greg Topczewski, James 'Jim' Blair, Marshall Price, Roderic and Linda Owen, Richard McDowell, Pam Bergey, Daneen Coakley, Edna Koronas, Tom Nelson, Laurinda Peters, First Presbyterian Church - Harrisonburg, St. Paul Lutheran Church - Moyers, WV & Jerry Smith**

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