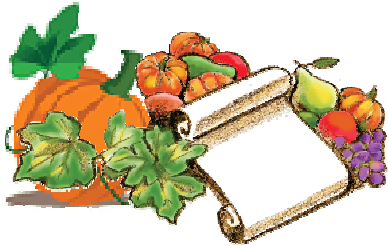


November 2011



Tabernacle SHARING GOD'S LOVE - 194 YEARS *journal*



Pastor's Corner

Each month of the year has its place in the march of time. We characterize each month through the beauty that each brings to us: its colors, its temperature, its holidays. November brings all of this into full consciousness with the annual celebration of Thanksgiving. This month I share with you an old poem by Arthur Ketchum reflecting the meaning of this unique season.

For morning sun and evening dew,
For every bud that April knew,
For storm and silence, gloom and light,
And for the solemn stars at night;
For fallow field and burdened byre,
For roof-tree and the hearthside fire,
For everything that shines and sings,
For dear, familiar daily things—
The friendly trees, and in the sky
The white cloud-squadrons sailing by;
For Hope that waits, for Faith that dares,
For Patience that still smiles and bears,
For Love that fails not nor withstands;
And healing touch of children's hands;
For happy labor, high intent,
For all life's blessed sacrament;
O Comrade of our nights and days,
Thou givest all things—take our praise!"

Pastor Bill



FAITHFUL GIVING TO A FAITHFUL GOD

November 20 has been designated as Consecration Sunday and the details will be discussed in the coming weeks. During worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking members to make their 2012 financial commitments to our church's educational, missionary, and benevolent ministries by completing an Estimate of Giving card during the morning worship. We are conducting this pledge campaign to better plan our church's vision with its giving, and to allow each of us to reflect on our management of the resources that God has given us. Consecration Sunday is based on the Biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development by considering the question of what percent of our income God is calling each of us to give. Faithful giving to a faithful God is part of our Christian faith as we share a portion of the gifts God has given to us.



Stewardship Committee

Sunday Snapshots



Children's Message at the Traditional Service



"How Bright Is Your Light?" Sermon illustration at the Side Door



Above and to the right: The Holy R Weee! party at Children's Church on Oct. 30. 21 children attended.



Tabernacle - something for everyone!



New members Tammy and Jim Byrn



Rebecca Rodgers playing at the Traditional Service



Pastor Carol carves a Christian pumpkin

Music Notes

By Rita Ironmonger, Director of Music

Attention all singers! The Chancel Choir still has room for more singers to join us for the Cantata. We have books and CDs available and we rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00 PM. We guarantee good fellowship, new friendships, and beautiful music to enhance your Christmas season.

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service hosted by Victory Christian Center on Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM. We will have a combined choir of all churches participating in the event. If you would like to join with the Chancel Choir come to our rehearsals on Wednesday, November 9 and 16 to practice the music for the service. We hope to see you there.

Veteran's Day Observance



Sunday, November 13

We will have services of remembrance for those in our community who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. All of our church members who are active duty or retired military, veterans, and their family members, are encouraged to attend one of these very special worship services honoring our nation's military heroes. In addition, members of the American Legion Post #273 will be our special guests at the 11:00 Traditional Service.

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Administrative Board Meeting Monday, November 7

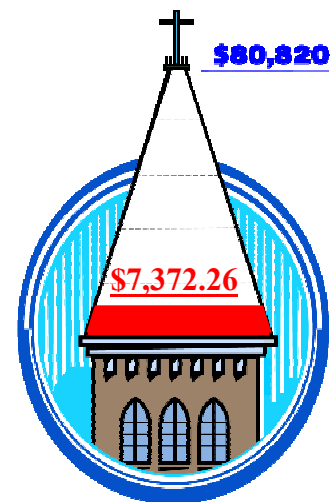
BOARD MEETING

7:00 pm in room 9

This meeting is open to all members. Copies of the approved minutes are available in the church office.



Advent Readers /Candle Lighters are needed for **all** services during the Advent season. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. If you would like to participate please contact the church office.



APPORTIONMENT APPEAL

State of the Church Report to the Charge Conference 2011

In recent years, this report contained the Lay Leader's report regarding our church's accomplishments, challenges and perhaps a broad vision of future directions and opportunities. This year, the Virginia Annual Conference has instructed that this form be used for the Lay Leader report for the Charge Conference. The focus is to develop goals for the next four years in five key areas: Worship, Disciples, Small Groups, Mission Participants and Mission Giving. The Lay Leader's perspective in that regard is provided for review and consideration by the Charge Conference. Perhaps, this can give some form to the important work and opportunities we have in remaining, and growing into an even greater, "vital congregation", and the further refinement and sharing of goals and action plans to, as Wesley was advised: "Offer Them Christ".

Before delineating goals as instructed, I will step out of the format to note and thank the whole host of Tabernacle "stewards"; those who enriched this church with actions that followed the heritage promise to "*faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service.*" This is a blessed congregation!

Worship: At Tabernacle, perhaps no ministry marks the core values of its congregation than those we expect, and bring to, worship services. Our church continually strives to provide the opportunities for "inviting and inspiring" worship to its members and attenders.

This means providing the resources and for congregate worship styles that appeal not only in "traditional" and "formal" modes of worship, but also members and attenders who increasingly find meaningfulness in their worship experience at different times and in different styles of presentation.

Worship does not always occur in the congregate setting. Tabernacle recognizes this and its ministries seek to find ways to facilitate and encourage this individual expression of faith and deepening of one's spiritual relationships with God, and the larger church community.

Tabernacle will maintain or increase average weekly worship attendance.

Disciples: Tabernacle will provide opportunities and offer resources that support the making of disciples - "followers, believers, supporters, adherents" of our Christian principles and connectional heritage.

Church resources will be allocated to ensure the support of a variety of nurturing, outreach and mission ministries that simultaneously deepen the commitment, health and on-going spiritual growth of those in our congregation, our local community and even persons beyond those borders.

Small Groups: The Tabernacle "church family" is really a family of families. We recognize that spiritual growth and commitment to service grows from the connections of its members and attenders and their relationships. Tabernacle will promote small group programs and activities to build positive commitment, fellowship and lasting relationships.

Mission Participants: Tabernacle will be relevant in the local community, and beyond. This means, its people are making a difference outside the boundaries of walls of the church campus. Tabernacle's people, with their talents and resources, will increase its mission efforts to make a "world of difference" to people in need, as well as a different and better world when viewed through the perspective of Christian opportunities and service.

Mission Giving: Tabernacle as a church will exemplify the prudent stewardship of its human, monetary, physical and spiritual resources by:

- Promoting increased opportunities for its monetary givers to offer gifts that support local church activities, as well as "missional" programs and activities that will clearly reach and help people in need;
- Continual actions to better assure prudent linkage between church expenses and revenues, and opportunities for service and growth of our church ministries;
- Continued actions to ensure accountability and transparency of the church's planned and actual use of its monetary and material resources.

Closing Thoughts

As I thought about this year's Lay Leader statement regarding our past and upcoming church years, I recalled the basics of a seminar facilitated by a famous football coach and event speaker and how they are still relevant, even for our church. The facilitator noted we all have three basic questions that we are asking of each other, virtually all the time, and how we can provide a positive answer. We not only ask these questions in personal relationships, but it's been my observation, our congregation asks our church these questions, and conversely, the church in return asks these questions to the congregation: "Can I trust you? Are you committed? Do you care about me as a person?"

You can answer yes, if you: do right – always try to do the right thing; do your best – giving your best effort with what you have; treat others the way you want to be treated.

More than once, these questions and answers have helped guide my understanding and decisions. Thank you for allowing me to serve this church as your Lay Leader. I look forward to our future years as a vital and loving congregation of God's stewards.

Roy Staton
Lay Leader





Wednesday Night Dinner and Fellowship News

Come to the Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners Every Wednesday Night - Dinner Served 5:30 to 6:15 PM

Join us for Fellowship Dinner every Wednesday. We have great meals and great fellowship. The meals are prepared by volunteer groups in the church and include a children's menu as well as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. After dinner we have several programs and truly have something for everyone.

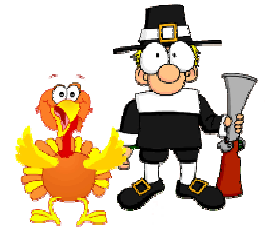
Bring the whole family!

The Nursery opens at 6:20 PM and children, youth, and adult programs begin at 6:30 PM. Adult programs vary but include concerts, guest speakers and Bible studies led by volunteers and our own Pastor Carol. Join us on Wednesday; you'll be glad you did. We hope you will make our Wednesday Fellowship Dinners a part of your family's regular schedule.

Mark your calendars now!

Tabernacle Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner Wednesday, Nov 16, at 5:30 PM

You bring the sides and desserts; we'll provide the meat and drinks! Even though there is no charge for this meal, you'll still need to sign up so we'll know how much meat to buy. Come celebrate an early Thanksgiving Dinner with your Tabernacle family!



PLEASE RSVP!

Signing up insures that there is plenty of food. RSVP by noon on Monday. Three ways to sign up for the dinner:

- Turn in the bulletin insert on Sunday
- Call the office, 868-6842
- Use facebook! RSVP on the Wednesday Night Dinner "Event" page. Please add a comment letting us know the total number in your group. The "event" is public - share it with your friends!



Wednesday Highlights...

Children and Youth Programs

Wednesday Night Children's Program

Provides fun and positive experiences for all children (K thru 5th grade). All are welcome – Bring your friends!



Regular Youth Bible Study

Gathers most Wednesday nights for Bible study and current discussions on topics relevant to today's teens. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!

God and Life – class for scouting religious medal

This class will continue through December 7. All high school boys and girls are welcome. For more information contact Troop 28 Chaplin, Mr Bubba Jones, at fjones20@cox.net.



Adults –November Programs

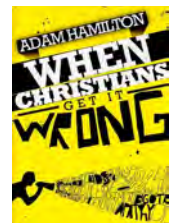


Hearing and Listening to God's Voice – part 4 on November 2

Pastor Carol will wrap up this class with part 4 on November 2. The study looks at ways God speaks to us TODAY and what we can do to increase our ability to hear those messages. It will help us to be 'intentional' about our relationship with Jesus.

When Christians Get It Wrong – November 9 & 16

This study covers some tough issues and suggests that these issues may be part of what is driving our youth away from church. The DVD study will be facilitated by Susan Luscomb. This is not a repeat of any of this class which met in August and September, but is additional sessions to finish the last two chapters of this popular class.



Christmas Preparation Workshop – November 30 & December 7

All are invited to a special after-dinner fellowship to help everyone get ready for Christmas. The whole family is invited. The activities will be appropriate for all ages so this will be the only after-dinner activities on these evenings. All are welcome. Be watching the bulletins for more detail.



Youth Ministry

Brent Staul, Youth Director
Contact: 969-7333 or abstaul@verizon.net

November Youth Calendar

- Nov. 2 Youth Bible study at 6:30 PM
- Nov. 6 Senior High Youth from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Nov. 9 Youth Bible study at 6:30 PM
- Nov. 11 Common Ground Café
- Nov. 13 Middle School UMYF from 7:00 – 8:15 PM
- Nov. 16 Youth Bible study at 6:30 PM
- Nov. 20 All Youth from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Thanksgiving Food Drive!
- Nov. 30 Youth Bible study at 6:30 PM

November 20 Food Drive: sign up on the youth board to provide items that are much needed during this time of the year. Donations will go to the local food bank.



A big thank you to all that helped this year on the mission trip parking fund raiser. We raised over \$10,450. Extra thanks to Rich Clifton for heading our efforts and to the Armstrong family who put in volunteer time Thursday-Sunday.

Armstrong family who put in volunteer time Thursday-Sunday.



Clean (!) Halloween fun
October 30 UMYF



Scouting Corner

Troop 28 is a boy-lead organization and just completed semi-annual scout elections. Congratulations to all 26 scouts who accepted the challenge to lead the troop over the next 6 months. Our biggest congratulations go to Justin Jones the new Senior Patrol Leader, the highest elected position in the troop. Congratulations also to all the "new" scouts who crossed over to the troop from Cub Scouts in March. They have completed our New Scout program, advanced at least one rank, and have graduated into the regular patrols.

36 scouts and 14 of their friends had a great time at an overnight lock-in at the Boys and Girls Club in Newport News last month. We stayed up all night - swam, played games, watched movies, and ate pizza.

The troop continued to give back to Tabernacle and the community by cooking another Wednesday Night Dinner and by conducting a trash clean up along Poquoson Avenue. We are the official Adopt-a-Spot organization for Poquoson Avenue. This cleanup was specifically timed to help clean up the city and church area after the Seafood Festival.

Upcoming activities: Webelos from local Cub Scout Packs are invited to participate in the outdoor activities at the troop's October camping trip. Older scouts hope to earn merit badges at the annual Blackstone Scouting Fellowship in early November. The biggest November event is the annual Punkin Chunkin at Bayport Scout Reservation. This will be the third year the troop has built a trebuchet to throw an 8 pound pumpkin in a competition against the other area Boy Scout Troops. In 2009 we won 5th place with a 249 foot throw and last year we won 3rd place with a throw of 470 feet. This year our trebuchet is 3 times larger than the original with a counterbalance of 2,000 pounds in hopes for a 1st place win.

Any and all boys between the ages of 11 and 18 are invited to join scouting and come with us on our many adventures.



"New" Scouts graduated to regular patrols in October.



Common Ground Café

**NEXT CAFÉ: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11
ALL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED
DOORS OPEN: 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM**

**OPEN MIC AND LIVE BAND
EVERYTHING IS FREE**

Live Band: We are firming up plans to have the live band "The InPsalmiacs" at the November Café. Check out the Common Ground Café on facebook for more pictures and the latest band information.

Open Mic: You are all invited to get in the act. We will have an open mic at the start of the Café. Come and show everyone what you've got. Karaoke will also be available.

EVERYTHING IS FREE: Free admission, free food, free drinks, free games, and free door prizes. **Door prizes** will be awarded throughout the evening. You must be present to win!

Youth: All middle and high school students are invited. The Café is open to the **whole** community, invite your friends and share this information with everyone you know. Everyone can see the Café's facebook page at www.facebook.com/CafeCommonGround. "Like" the Café on facebook and help spread the word. The latest news and band schedules will be posted on the website and on facebook.

Bands are welcome to sign up for the Café by using facebook, texting 329-3454, or emailing to rusty.tumc@verizon.net. The next open dates are December 9 and January 13.

Adults: Volunteers are needed for the Café, see page 8 for details.



Huge crowd at the reopening October 7.



Xbox Kinect in action



"Waiting on May"



"Anatomy" praying



"Anatomy" playing



Pool action pauses to read the posters



Foosball game



WHEN December 9 & January 13
WHERE COMMON GROUND CAFÉ
Tabernacle UMC
CONTACT 329-3454, post on facebook,
email rusty.tumc@verizon.net



United Methodist Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

WALK WITH WHOLENESS



Phillips-Hunt Circle

Wednesday, November 9 at 11:00 AM

in the fellowship hall

A pot luck lunch is held after the meeting.



Susanna Wesley Circle

Thursday, November 17 at 7:30 PM

in the fellowship hall



Last Wed Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 30 at 12:00 PM

at the Happy Belly

All women are invited to ALL UMW activities!!

**York River District UMW
Advent Prayer Breakfast**

Saturday, December 3 at 9:30 AM

Chestnut UMC

Cost: \$10

Guest speaker: Sue Boltz, VA Conference UMW Coordinator of Membership, Nurture, and Outreach

RSVP (required) by November 20 to Melissa White
109 Dawson Crescent, Seaford, VA 23696
or 898-1861 or mel49white@yahoo.com

Advent gifts to be collected for:

- Community Food Closet (nonperishable goods)
- Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth
- Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic

United Methodist Men

TUMMen's Breakfast

Sunday, November 13

7:30 AM in the fellowship hall



Fellowship Lunch

Tuesday, November 15

at 11:30 AM

at The Lunch Bell in Newport News

Meet at **11:00 AM** at the church to carpool. Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 14.



**Thanksgiving Sunday
November 20**

As we celebrate and give thanks for the blessings God has given us, let's share with those less fortunate.



Continuing a Tabernacle tradition, on Thanksgiving Sunday everyone is invited to bring nonperishable foods to be placed in the narthex and fellowship hall. The nonperishable food items will be donated to the Food Pantry for distribution. Help us brighten the lives of neighbors and reach out to our community. Together, we make a difference!

The Food Pantry's most wanted items are: peanut butter, chunky soups, canned meat and tuna, canned vegetable juice, cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce.

Pick up an extra item or two every time you shop!



Children's Christmas Party

Sunday, December 4, at 5:00 PM

Mark your calendars now for the Second Annual Children's Christmas Party! All children (K through 5th grade) are invited. There will be games, crafts, and ornament making. A kid friendly meal and drinks will be served. Youth and adults are welcome to volunteer. Questions or offers to help should be directed to Cindy Zember at 868-4814 or cindyzember@hotmail.com or Nancy Verser at 218-4206 or aaronsnana@verizon.net.

Opportunities!



Job Opportunity

Nursery Supervisor

Responsible for opening and managing the nursery and safely supervising the children on Sundays and Wednesday nights. Must be 18 years old or older. Job description is available in the church office or by request from Paul Rosensteel, SPRC Chair, 868-8450 or eaglesoaring@hotmail.com. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a resume to Tabernacle SPRC in care of the church or to the above email address.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our Children and Youth Need Your Help!

We have many children and youth programs at Tabernacle that are in desperate need of adult volunteers. Some are busy and require weekly support but others are less busy and only need help once a month. Please pray over this list and ask God to help you decide how you can help our children and youth programs. Surely you have at least one hour a month available for these valuable programs.



Adult volunteers are needed to help with all of our Children and Youth Programs:

- Wednesday Evening Children's Program
- Nursery Helpers (Sundays and Wednesdays)
- Common Ground Café Team
- Youth Group Chaperones
- Children's Church
- Sunday School Assistant Teachers
- Kid's Nite Out Team

Responsible youth are welcome to help with many of these programs, but we still need adults. Youth can earn volunteer service hours. Adults and youth should contact Rusty Sackett to volunteer at 868-6842 or rusty.tumc@verizon.net.

Details!

Nursery volunteers needed

Since our staff nursery position is vacant, we'll need extra volunteers to fill in until SPRC is able to hire a replacement. An open and welcoming nursery is vital for our church. We need volunteers for both Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Please contact Sally Ryan at 868-0589 or SallyRyan@cox.net to help.

Help needed for Wednesday Night Children's Program

We still need adult volunteers for our Wednesday Night Children's Program. Youth volunteers are welcome too! Four more adult volunteers are needed to round out our volunteer pool so each volunteer only needs to "work" one Wednesday a month. Please contact Rusty Sackett at 868-6842 or rusty.tumc@verizon.net to volunteer.

Common Ground Café Adult Volunteers

We need your help. It takes 5 adults to set up and clean up and it also takes 10 adults to safely run the Café while the teens are here. We had **107 teenagers** at the Café last month and we were a little short of adult volunteers. Please sign up if you intend to work at the Café so we can prevent excess numbers of adults, yet be sure we will have enough on hand during the event. You can sign up using the bulletin inserts on Sunday, November 6, or by contacting Rusty Sackett at 868-6842 or rusty.tumc@verizon.net.

Another way to help

Donations needed to support the Common Ground Café starting November 6

The Common Ground Café has been a great success reaching out to the teenagers of our community. This past month we set a record with 107 teenagers attending. The Common Ground Café does not receive any money from Tabernacle's general fund. All the money spent for this outreach program comes from the donations collected on the Sunday prior to the Café. Please give as generously as you can. The Common Ground Café Team will be collecting monetary donations at all three services on Sunday, November 6. Food and drink donations can be left on the table outside Rusty's office all week from November 6 to November 11. Fresh baked goods can be dropped off Thursday during office hours or on Friday, November 11, starting at 5:30 PM.



**Common
Ground Café**



The Reason for the Season

From the Director of Spiritual Life, Carol Bookwalter



WOW – CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON – WELL AT LEAST ADVENT IS.
Advent begins the last Sunday in November – the 27th.

Advent is the period of time for us to “prepare for the coming of Christ.” It contains the four Sundays prior to Christmas and concludes on Christmas Day.

As Christians we know Christ came as an infant born in Bethlehem and we celebrate His birth on December 25. But we also know we need to continue to prepare for His coming because Jesus promised us He is COMING BACK.

I am using this newsletter to encourage our Tabernacle family to begin thinking about HOW WE PREPARE FOR THE REAL MEANING OF THIS SEASON – JESUS CHRIST.

Some years ago I read a book titled “Stop the Christmas Machine.” I thought it was appropriate then but I think it even more appropriate now as our culture seems to play up the secular side of the season and actually, even in some ways legally, to stop the Christian understanding of Christmas. Most of us have heard of government stopping the placement of Nativity scenes in public places and of schools prohibiting the singing of traditional Christmas carols.

So I am encouraging our family to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. Consider the decorations you display – who or what do they point to? What kind of cards do you send out – do they lift Jesus up? And the celebrations you attend or give – what message do you give as a Christian?

I know this is heavy stuff. It is a call to seriously think about the traditions we set for others to see and maybe even follow. Jesus told us “to go make disciples of all people” (Matthew 28:19-20) and this is a great time to set an example that points to Jesus Christ.

To present ideas to help “Keep Christ in Christmas” there will be two Christmas Preparation Workshops. They will be on Wednesday evenings following our Wednesday Fellowship Dinners on November 30 and December 7 at 6:30 PM. These workshops will be for ALL AGES, children through older adults. We will encourage families to make some home decorations together with extra hands (volunteers) available to assist. In the first workshop we will present ideas on Advent Wreaths and Advent Calendars and will actually make some to take home to put to use. Several different ideas will be presented in both workshops.

Please, when the sign-up sheets are available, register so we will have adequate supplies available for everyone.

May God help us to be witnesses to His Son’s Birth this Christmas!

Pastor Carol

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Projected date: Saturday, December 3

Probably from 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Can we at Tabernacle give the Community a real Christmas Gift?

Do we have enough volunteers to display the Christmas Story with real people in costumes and with “scenery sets” to make it look real?

Before we can move forward with plans we need to know if there are enough volunteers. We need people of all ages to:

- Gather/prepare costumes
- Design and make sceneries
- Be the Bible characters for the night of the presentation
- Prepare and serve some “Christmas cookies” and drinks (like cocoa)

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

If you will commit please contact Pastor Carol A.S.A.P. at 868-0214 or cibook1@verizon.net





Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

It's not too early to be thinking about Christmas! It's actually time right now to start bringing in your shoeboxes and small gift items. Please place all donated items on the Operation Christmas Child table outside Rusty's office in the front hall. The collection deadline is **Sunday, November 13** so that the boxes can be distributed world-wide in time for Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child provides a Christmas gift for millions of children who would not otherwise have Christmas. Imagine the power of these simple gifts and how they affect children around the world. Yet the impact of Operation Christmas Child goes far beyond smiles and laughter. These simple gifts become Gospel opportunities and help open hurting hearts to experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Please bring in your Operation Christmas Child boxes and gifts starting now. All are also asked to donate \$7 per box to help Samaritan's Purse defray the shipping and program costs. If able, please leave a check for \$7 with your box or drop your check in the offering. Checks should be made out to Tabernacle UMC with "Operation Christmas Child" written on the memo line. Tabernacle will consolidate the money and send one payment with all the boxes. If you'd like more information or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Darlene Hunt at 868-9856 or jedhunt@hotmail.com.



HOW TO PACK A BOX

1) Shoebox: Use an empty shoe box (standard size), a small plastic container, or bring your gifts in a bag (we will pack). You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2) Boy or Girl: Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl AND the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label (available at the church). Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.

3) Fill with Gifts: Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child, see Gift Suggestions at right.

4) Include \$7 Donation: If able, please donate \$7 or more for each shoebox to help cover shipping and program costs. Either put the check on your box or place it in the offering. Make check out to Tabernacle UMC and write "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line.

5) Drop Off: Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box; do not seal up the box. Bring your box to Tabernacle no later than Sunday morning, November 13, and place it on the table outside Rusty's office.



GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: Small cars, balls, dolls, yo-yos, Slinky®, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: crayons or markers, pens, pencils and sharpener, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads/paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: hard candy and lollipops (please double bag candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, sunglasses, ball caps, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass



DON'T FORGET! DECEMBER / JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20.

Due to the holiday season the next newsletter is a **combined** issue. Please remember to turn in your articles and announcements *on time*. Email them to the church office at ann.tumc@verizon.net. Thank you!

November Prayer List



Taste and see that the Lord is Good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
Psalms 34:8

In Christian Sympathy



Pray for Our Military

Jaime Benites
Dennis Hargis
Andrew Huffman
Leslie Hunt
Michael Jacobson
Daniel Melton
Jim Orr
Andrew Staton
Nicholas Wheeler

To LaJuan Insley and family on the death of her husband,
Thorbon Wayne Insley,
October 3.

Omar and Donna Pitts on the death of his brother-in-law, **Donald Keck**,
October 4 in El Paso, Texas.

The family and friends of **Charles Forrest**, who died October 23.

Prayer Requests

Bill Anderson and Ann Fordham
Alice Barton
Lisa Barton
William Bunting
Jasper Collins
Coleen Dryden
Burnette Ellis
Robbie Faison
Joan Ford
Shirley Freeman
Indiana Goodson
Rita Ironmonger
Dale Jamison
Conni Mann
Mary Moore
Jesse Norman
Nevelle Pierce
Bob Staul
David Taylor
Parker Topping
Don and Rose Tyndall
Bobbie Kay Wash
Tommie Weisner
Carolyn & Hoyt Wilson
Bob Wood

Shut - Ins

Dominion Village
Marion Hohfeldt
Evelyn Martin
Elaine Moore
Maxine Tillotson

Emeritus at Deep Run
June Kump

Golden Living
Lydia Hopkins
Ann Mayer

The Chesapeake
Margaret Messick

Sentara Srs. Village
Celeste Hamlett

Southside Virginia Training Center
Kenny Messick

York Convalescent
Bill Anderson

Homebound
Annie Barnes
Billy Bunting
Warren Cottee
Mary B. Edwards
Patsy Green
Martha Sutton



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 1
Sal Dominguez
Debra Owen
Jaclyn Krusie

November 2
Sandra Fortner
Ron Gallagher

November 3
Alice Austin
Dennis Ankeney

November 4
Walter Crawford
Mark Royal
Thomas Martin

November 5
Chris Krusie
Bonnie McDaniel

November 6
Lorraine Topping
Barb Freeman
Patricia Lang
Emily Harker Smith

November 7
Nancy White
Brandon Royal
George Ziglar

November 8
Charles Southall

November 9
Bill Jones
Joyce Hardaway

November 10
Sarah Corneliussen

November 11
Barbara Ferguson
Zachary Westfall
Daniel Tyler
Michael Cox

November 12
Karen Neice

November 13
Mary B. Edwards
David Thomas
Karen Sperling

November 14
Judy Hahn

Joni Halvorson
Colten Hicks
Vernie Knight, Jr.
Susie Martin

November 15
Nan Sothcott
Bill Ward
Ashley Claud

November 16
Shirley Freeman

November 17
Cassie McDaniel

November 18
Phoebe Harcum

November 19
Chris McDaniels
Mike McClelland, Jr.

November 20
Elsie Lawson
Joseph Dickinson
Karen Dake

November 21
T. J. Sullivan
Amy McCord
Chris French
Robert Goddin

November 22
Chris Claud
Amy Ankeney

November 23
Billy Thomas
Christine Firth

November 24
Orville Forrest
Kathleen Apelt
Kellie Jasinski

November 25
Pam Hall
Blair Hardaway
Matt Green

November 26
David Southall
Patrick Everett
Jason Abbott

November 27
Georgia McDaniel
Stephen Lang
Michael Brooks

November 28
Jennifer Staton

November 28
None

November 30
Sam Huggin

Did we miss your birthday? Call the church office!

Welcome New Members!

On October 9 we welcomed to our family:
John Wilson, Danette Barker,
Tammy Byrn and her son, Jim Byrn, and
Matt and Stacy Reeves and their children,
Noelle and Colton.

JOY!



Garrett Mangum was born October 31.
parents are Dave and Betsy Mangum and
grandparents are Jerry and Billie Borders.

Please call the church office, 868-6842, if you do not wish to be on the prayer list.

Letters & Notes...

October 5

Thank you for the unexpected gift of altar flowers in July. We enjoyed the bright beauty of the sunflowers and daisies during some dark days as we prepared Bill to enter Dominion Village.

Also appreciated the second gift of altar flowers in September. I made two lovely bouquets - one with white roses and another with autumn hued blossoms.

We are touched and encouraged by the love and support shown to us by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

A special thank you to Dana Dunham and Carol Derby who delivered them.

With love and appreciation,
Bill Anderson and Ann Fordham

October 21

Last Sunday, October 16, I had the privilege of attending the eleven o'clock service at your church and worship in its beautiful sanctuary. It was an inspiring experience, and I thank your congregation for helping me feel so welcome. Tabernacle UMC, indeed, has a special spirit.

Moreover, during that weekend, I was impressed by Tabernacle's youth. I had come to Poquoson to visit friends, Mr. Bill Jones, and enjoy the popular and traditional Seafood festival. During the weekend, I learned that the young people undertake the parking project to raise funds for their mission trip. What a magnificent job they did! What great motivation! They, and adult guides, were organized, friendly, polite, and enthusiastic, and they merit additional support for their project.

Enclosed is a bank check for \$100 payable to Tabernacle UMC. I ask that it be directed to the youth mission trip that is scheduled for next year. Should that goal already be met, I still would like the amount directed toward other activities or services in which youth participate.

Again, thank you for sharing the warmth of your church; I feel especially blessed for the opportunity to worship with you.

Sincerely,
Julia A. Meredith

October 23

Thank you for the flower placed upon the altar in honor of Charlotte. We appreciate your thoughtfulness at such a special time. We are blessed to have such a sweet and healthy daughter.

Love,
Rosanna, Jeremy, and Charlotte Jordan

Thank yous from:



Brainy Camps
A subsidiary of
Children's National
Medical Center

District Events



Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee Training

With Rev. Beth Downs,
Conference Director of Ministerial Services
and
Rev. Joe Carson, District Superintendent

**Saturday, November 19
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Bethany UMC at Gloucester Point
1860 Hayes Road, Gloucester Point

The York River District training for S/PPRC members who begin serving their terms in January 2012. Pastors and current S/PPRC members may attend for a refresher.

THERE IS NO FEE!

Registration is requested but not required.

Mission Trip to Haiti

January 11-18

There are still spots available. We will be doing mild construction and possibly some medical mission. Most of all we will be playing and sharing the love of Jesus Christ with over 200 children of Anse-a-Galet on the island of La Gonave. The cost for the trip is \$1100. Contact Nathan Decker, pastorndecker@gmail.com, if interested.

Christmas Poinsettias

You may give a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one or simply to make the church more beautiful during the Christmas Season.

If you would like to place an order, please use the enclosed order form, mail or bring it to the office - accompanied **with** payment of **\$8.00** for each plant being ordered ***no later than December 4.***



the
upper
room

The November-December
Issue of *The Upper Room* is
in the narthex and Fellowship

Community Opportunities



We're getting together a group to go see Jim Lavender's Christmas with the animals program:

"The Living Nativity".

**Saturday, December 10
Discovery UMC Richmond**

Show Time: 5:30 PM

Cost: Show tickets are FREE / split transportation costs

Deadline: Thursday, November 10

RSVP to church office to register. These tickets sell out fast!



**Saturday, December 10, 7:00 PM
Rock Church in Virginia Beach**

The all-star musical cast includes Steven Curtis Chapman, the Newsboys, Selah, Francesca Battistelli, Natalie Grant, and Anthem Lights (<http://www.thestorycd.com>).

Group rate tickets: \$20. Sign up and payment deadline is Sunday, November 13, immediately after the 11:00 services. Cash or check only. Make checks out to DC Concert Promotions. For questions or to sign up, please contact Rusty or Liz Sackett at 868-7634, rustysackett@aol.com or sackett205@aol.com.



**We ALL Dance for
Menchville House Concert**

Aldersgate UMC
151 Wythe Parkway, Hampton

**SUNDAY, November 6
6:30 PM**

To benefit
Menchville House Ministries
Help homeless women and children
go "from hurt to hope."



**Peninsula Food Bank
Fund Raiser**
sponsored by the Kiwanis and
Poquoson Business Alliance (PBA)

**Spaghetti Dinner
Briar Patch Tea Room**

Sunday, November 6 from 11:00 AM—2:30 PM
\$10 donation; Tickets available at the Briar Patch
or from Kiwanis or PBA members



Wanted! Names of Poquoson men and women
who are currently deployed to War Zones.
Jeff and Georgia Gross of Poquoson are making care
packages. If you have an address you would like to share
please contact the Grosses at 868-3787 by December 1.

Sunday Worship Services

8:45 a.m. Early Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service
11:00 a.m. Side Door Service
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

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**Daylight Saving Time
ends November 6!**

Remember - change your clock,
Change your batteries!

November Sunday Services



**All Saints' Sunday
November 6**

Remembering those who
have gone home.



**Community of Faith Celebration
Tuesday, November 22, 7:00 PM
Victory Christian Center**

Rev. Bill Wash of Tabernacle UMC
will be giving the message.

**Teen Worship Event and
Children's Worship Event**
also at 7:00 PM at Victory

Nursery available

Please come to the annual ecumenical
service of thanksgiving with the combined choirs of
Emmaus Baptist, Messick Baptist,
Tabernacle UMC, Trinity UMC,
and Victory Christian Center.



**Veteran's Observance
Sunday, November 13**



**Thanksgiving Sunday and
Consecration Sunday
November 20**

Give thanks!