



# THE HARBINGER

August 2018

*Our mission is to share the love of Christ with EVERYONE.*

## Scholarship Winners Announced

Congratulations to Emily D. Killmon, awarded the Pam Riennerth Finney Scholarship. Emily who is excited about a career in either Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology, helping people to “regain confidence in their hearing and take back their voices.” She is attending James Madison University.

Congratulations to Carolyn E. Olmsted and Alexander J. Gibb, sharing the Kappes Scholarship. Carolyn attends Virginia Tech, College of Engineering and is working toward a degree in Civil Engineering. She chose this major because of her “affinity for solving problems, the happiness that accompanies working outside and the service of improving fundamental infrastructure.” Alex is also attending Virginia Tech, with a major in Mathematics and a minor in Computer Science. His desire is to work for NASA helping with mission work and coding.

Elizabeth A. Barnard, Holly C. Tyson and Henry G. Hollandsworth are sharing the Hilde Belote West Scholarship. Elizabeth has graduated from the Virginia Beach School of Practical Nursing with Honors and is planning to “start working on her RN degree at Tidewater Community College this year and continue on to her BSN with Old Dominion University.” Holly recently graduated with a dual degree in Biochemistry and Human Development from Virginia Tech. She is continuing her education this fall as a graduate student at Virginia Commonwealth University pursuing her Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

Henry attends the University of Virginia and has yet to decide on his major. He is considering “...majors in philosophy, government theory, foreign affairs and environmental science.”

A gentle reminder that KIDS ALIVE! will be front and center at Market Street the week of August 6-10 until noon each day. Please plan to make your visits to the church office in the afternoon that week and be very careful if you should need to navigate the parking lot in the morning or come through the church. Kids will be everywhere and so will craft supplies and instruments and snacks and music and lots of fun!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the live performance on Friday, August 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room!



## KIDS ALIVE!

### A Weeklong Summer Drama/Music Camp

for children who have **COMPLETED**  
Kindergarten through 5th Grade  
**FREE!!!**

Market Street United Methodist Church  
75 Market St., Onancock VA 23417

**Dates: August 6-10, 2018 9 AM - 12 Noon**

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## **Battle Royal**

### **The Contentious Church Meeting that Led to a World Religion**

#### **Acts 15**

As we enter into prayer before the specially called General Conference over issues that have polarized the church, it should be noted that this will not be the first time the church has undergone significant upheavals concerning its self-understanding. In fact, the first four centuries were times of great debate, sometimes aggressive attacks between Christians as they battled over their understandings of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, forgiveness of believers after baptism and other issues. In fact, the Creeds that are found in the back of our hymnal are visible signs of agreements concerning these issues after years of debate.

The most significant debate in the Church's life came around twenty years after Pentecost. It was an issue that was not readily apparent after Jesus' resurrection. It grew slowly and then began to explode like a brush fire on a hot, dry, and windy summer afternoon.

The issue began shortly after the Jerusalem persecution after the deacon Stephen was stoned to death. Following that lynch mob scene, the Christian community, with the exception of the Twelve Apostles, fled Jerusalem. As they scattered, something curious began to happen. Christian disciples shared the good news to the people that they were meeting. Lo and behold, non-Jews, listened and began to accept this good news concerning a Jewish Messiah.

Like dominos, some Samaritans, God-fearers (Gentiles who observed Judaism but were not circumcised) and Gentiles heard the message. They responded. Luke detailed this progression of the gospel in Acts 8-15.

The apostles sent out investigative committees to examine each of these cases. In the end, they agreed that God was working for the Gentiles. Yet, there was a burning issue. Jesus was the Messiah, Israel's long-awaited king. How do Gentiles become part of the Jewish covenant? Should not Gentile males, even if they accept Jesus as the Messiah become part of the Jewish covenant? If so, should they not submit to the Jewish entrance rite of circumcision?

The issue came to a head in the Church of Antioch. A group of "circumcision first" part came to the Gentile-Jewish community in Antioch and argued that circumcision was necessary for salvation. That argument put the issue clearly on the table. The Antioch community decided to seek direction from the mother church in Jerusalem, led by James, to determine the future direction of the church.

Sending Paul and Barnabas as the church representatives, the Jerusalem Church gathered together. We are told that there was much debate (Acts 15:7). While the participants did not contemplate the repercussions, the debate's account would decide whether or not the followers of Jesus as Messiah would remain faithful to Judaism.

British historian Paul Johnson points out that the Jerusalem Council made the decision that would separate Jesus' followers from Judaism. The end result was that God was doing a new thing in the Jesus movement. The covenant was expanding; it was not contracting. Consequently, the followers of Jesus initiated a separate movement, a new religion, faithful to its Jewish past but moving beyond the scope of Jewish understanding.

While contemporary Christians do not give the Jerusalem Council much thought today, we must remember that it was earth shattering in the first century Judea. It was unexpected. God is like that. Whenever, we attempt to put God in a box, limited by understandings of the Almighty, God explodes that box. God moves us beyond our understandings. God gives us a new map to follow. ~ Pastor Bart

## Worship Themes for August

### August 5

### Communion

First Lesson: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
 Gospel Lesson: John 6:24-35  
 Sermon: "Hounding for Bread"

### August 12

First Lesson: I Kings 19:4-8  
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2  
 Gospel Lesson: John 6:35, 41-51  
 Sermon: "Bread for the Journey"

### August 19

First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6  
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20  
 Gospel Lesson: John 6:51-58  
 Sermon: "The Mysterious Presence of Christ"

### August 26

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18  
 Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:21-22  
 Gospel Lesson: John 6:60-69  
 Sermon: "Free Will"

~Pastor Bart

## **Birth Narrative Study to Begin in October**

Pastor Bart will facilitate a study of the birth narratives from Matthew and Luke beginning in October. The study will include a DVD study from the renowned biblical scholar Mickey Efird. The study will include a twenty-minute teaching session from professor Efird. Discussion and follow-up will be facilitated by Pastor Bart.

Professor Efird was a New Testament scholar at Duke University for almost fifty years. Pastor Bart was a student of Professor Efird for Greek back in 1981 and has sat under his local church teaching sessions in Roanoke County back around eight years ago. Pastor Bart has also led studies in Professor Efird's studies in Genesis and Revelation.

Our ability to utilize Efird's teaching comes through a donation from the Rev. Ronnie Morris who recently retired. Rev. Morris has given Pastor Bart all of the resources that were produced by Efird Bible Study series as a gift to be utilized in the local church.

Classes will begin on Sunday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room.

## Important Meetings in August

**There will be an SPRC BUDGET meeting** on Tuesday, August 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room All SPRC members are urged to attend.

**There will be a Finance and Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room. Please make every effort to attend.



# Fabulous Freezer Cooking!

This year's UMW Fall Food Fair on October 20th, from 8 am—12 noon will feature frozen casseroles, frozen soups and frozen chili. There will also be a bake shop, jams & jellies, pickles, and chicken salad for purchase.

The plan is to prepare these frozen items beginning the first week in October, but much help is needed. If you wish to cook and freeze ahead of time, please contact Marti Fjelstad at 787-2880 or Melinda Ashley at 787-4416 for recipes, 9 x 13 (and half-size) pans, and quart containers. If each person participating is willing to prepare 3 casseroles or 3 quarts of soup or chili, we can make this a huge success.

There will be no crafts or curiosity shop.



**The United Methodist Women** are asking for donations of Food Products for AGAPE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY CENTER,

**Here is Agape's need list:**

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|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Cereals: Cold and Hot | Boxed Mac & Cheese  | Apple Sauce     | Canned: Fruits & Vegetables |
| Instant Potatoes      | Baked Beans         | Spaghetti Sauce | Spaghetti O's               |
| Pasta (any)           | Crackers (any type) |                 |                             |

LOOK FOR THE STORAGE CONTAINER NEAR THE BACK SOCIAL HALL DOORS TO PUT YOUR DONATED ITEMS IN. THANK YOU!

The Agape Christian Children's Community Center is open Monday through Friday from 7 am until 6 pm. Their preschool is for children ages 3 and 4. The children are served breakfast, lunch and 2 sacks each day. The summer program welcomes children 3-11 with activities for each age group. It is a ministry of the Eastern Shore District of the United Methodist Church.

**Agapé—God's unconditional, welcoming love**

## UNA FAMILIA TUTOR TRAINING

Una Familia Training (even for seasoned volunteers) for the 2018-19 year has been scheduled for Saturday, August 18th from 9-11 a.m. and Tuesday, August 21, from 7-9 p.m. All volunteers must attend one of the sessions. Please put one of these dates on your calendar now! If the dates are impossible for you, please let Veronica know and we will try to work on another date to be included. Both sessions will be held at Market St. UMC, 75 Market St., Onancock.



# Three's Company



**Lee Jordan-Anders, piano**  
**Rob Middleton, clarinet**  
**Jeffrey Phelps, cello**

Three friends reunite to play a program of music for 1, 2, and 3 players. Their program includes trios by Beethoven, Brahms, and a new work composed for this occasion by Rob Middleton. Robert Schumann's Romances (Op. 94), and Fantasy Pieces (Op. 12 & 73) are also featured.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear Cokesbury's "new" piano,  
a gift from Kirk Mariner!

**Friday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Historic Cokesbury Church, Onancock, VA**  
**\$10 suggested donation/proceeds to benefit**  
**Governor's School for the Arts**



Look who came for lunch!





Born on July 12th, we welcome baby boy Jacob Douglas Young, son of Ryan and Jennifer Darnell Young, grandson of Doug and Patsy Young. He joins big brother Benson.

**THINK SAFE  
ACT SAFE  
BE SAFE**

**Todd Wessells from the Accomack County Sheriff's Department will do a presentation on Tuesday, August 28th at 7 pm in the Social Hall at Market Street UMC.**

He is going to discuss what we can do in an active shooter situation at church or anywhere; an awareness of your surroundings; things churches can do for safety. He will present for approximately 45 minutes and then answer questions from the audience. We would like to invite Holy Trinity Episcopal Church members and Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church members to join us for the presentation.



## Our consignment shop needs you!

*The Dogwood Branch is looking for a few good volunteers*

Do you love the excitement of being the first to discover treasures, have an interest in retail, enjoy meeting new people, or simply want to help the Historical Society? Please contact us today about becoming one of our volunteers at the shop in Onancock. Even a couple of hours a week would mean so much because we utilize the shop as an additional revenue stream for the society. An added bonus: Volunteers get first dibs on new items!

The Dogwood Branch is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Thursday, and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. To maintain those hours and potentially offer more, we need more volunteers. Call 757.787.8012 or email [executivedirector@shorehistory.org](mailto:executivedirector@shorehistory.org) for more information. Thank you!



*Bishop Sharma D. Lewis  
Virginia Conference*

*Market Street (Onancock) United Methodist Church*

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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Patsy Morgan	August 3
Mary Hollandsworth	August 4
Nancy Hartz	August 6
William Edwin Custis	August 6
Jacob Thomas	August 6
Paul Bowers	August 8
Faye Ralston	August 8
Henry Hollandsworth	August 10
Nadine Pinkham	August 11
Susan Pawlus	August 12
Joann Johnson	August 14
Paul Rienenrth	August 14
Ariel Barrineau	August 16
Claire King	August 16
Michael Massey	August 17
Lois Payne	August 17
Sunni Landis	August 19
Maxine Williams	August 23
Brandon Pruitt	August 25
Emilee Dize	August 26
Tyler Marsh	August 26
Laurice Hohlt	August 29
Mary McKenna	August 29
Jonathan Tapman	August 29

### Be Not Anxious

Often life is tough. Job loss, unexpected sickness, and family troubles can occur that can threaten our sense of security. It can feel like being knocked down by a wave while wading in the turbulent surf of the Atlantic. We feel like we are beaten up. We try to come up for air.

Long ago, Jesus told the crowds “Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself.” (Matthew 6:34) Jesus’ audience was the poor. Every day they sought to find food to eat and a place to sleep. For the poor that petition of the Lord’s Prayer, “give us this day our daily bread,” was a simple prayer for survival.

Anxiety is a common feeling when you are trying to survive. Jesus argues that a life crisis calls for action. Stop and put the situation in perspective. Leave the water and head for the beach. Get on solid ground. Rest and take a breath and then proceed back into the waters of life. ~ PB

**No amount of  
regret can change  
the past.**

**No amount of  
anxiety can change  
the future.**

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The single biggest problem  
in communication  
is the illusion  
that it has taken place.

George Bernard Shaw

## “Who Speaks for the Church? A Primer Before the February Charge Conference

The Council of Bishops official document concerning their proposal for the One Church Plan as the paradigm to settle the disputes within the church concerning sexual ethics and church discipline is delayed. However, as a United Methodist Church member you should be aware that many people and groups will be giving their opinions through official statements. Some will sound like an official church position. Some may get upset by what they read. Some may think it is the direction of church policy. They will be wrong.

Most Methodists are uninformed or misinformed concerning church polity. As the Special General Conference comes closer, the stakes are high and it behooves members to be crystal clear as to how the church works.

There is a reason that the February General Conference is important. Why? Because only the General Conference can make legislative decisions concerning church polity, doctrine, social policy and discipline. Anyone else, a Board or Agency, a Bishop, a pastor or even a caucus of laity can only voice an opinion.

Our Book of Discipline makes this very clear.

**“The General Conference has full legislative power over all matters distinctively connectional. It has no executive or administrative power. Chapter 4. Section I., Par. 501 (pg. 363)**

In addition, the Book of Discipline makes clear that no one but the General Conference can represent the entire denomination.

**No person, no paper, no organization, has the authority to speak officially for The United Methodist Church, this right having been reserved exclusively to the General Conference under the Constitution. Any written public policy statement issued by a general Church agency shall clearly identify either at the beginning or at the end that the statement represents the position of that general agency and not necessarily the position of The United Methodist Church Par. 509, pg. 567**

Therefore, as we approach our February meeting be mindful there will be quite a bit of discussion. There will be many opinions shared. Indeed, the denomination wants the churches to discuss the merits of each position. In the end, sharing positions, even if they are polarizing, is not necessarily a good thing. In sharing we hope that we can discern the movement of the Holy Spirit. ~ Pastor Bart

# SUNDAY Advocate

The Virginia United Methodist

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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

## Bright promise of alternative faith communities

Convergence, a worshipping community in Alexandria, Va., focuses on the yearning to connect spirituality with artistic and dramatic expression. The Wild Goose congregation in Floyd, Va., is centered around Appalachian culture, particularly its music. Simple Church in Grafton, Mass., embraces baking and breaking bread as essential to the life of its community. For Church in the Square in Dallas, Texas, its life as a worshipping community is deeply entwined with its solidarity with the homeless and mentally ill.

Tim Shapiro and Kara Faris attach a name to this type of religious community — divergent church. Their recent book, *Divergent Church: The Bright Promise of Alternative Faith Communities* examines the emergence of a new type of congregation that expresses tried and true religious practices in creative ways. The authors explain that “divergent congregations juxtapose their expression of the Gospel with some aspect of their culture that matters deeply to the faith community.” This concern or interest doesn’t just augment their spiritual focus. It is fully integrated into their very way of being church.

A key idea shared by the divergent churches is that faith community is about a way of being, rather than about a doctrine or denomination. Accordingly, *Divergent Church* gives much attention to a set of practices that define and give meaning to these alternative expressions of church — the practices of building community, engaging in conversation, expressing oneself artistically, sharing meals, reaching out to the broader community and extending hospitality. While these practices are found in traditional faith communities as well, in divergent churches they are “brought to life with a twist or an addition.”

The book affirms the creativity of the divergent churches, their ability to connect with people unlikely to be attracted to more traditional expressions of church, and perhaps most importantly their willingness to take risks for the sake of authentic community and honest encounter with the divine in everyday life. The authors caution that these unique, radically contextualized ways of being church cannot be easily replicated in different contexts. But their stories are an invitation to consider new and distinctive expressions of essential religious beliefs. They invite us to consider what creates religious meaning within our communities and how that might be expressed more authentically and creatively through novel practices. If nothing else, the authors conclude that the presence of divergent churches is a summons to loosen up, experiment and innovate.

~ Lewis Center for Church Leadership

## Megachurch weighs leaving denomination

The largest predominantly African-American United Methodist church is spending July in discussion, fasting and prayer over whether to leave the denomination. Windsor Village UMC in Houston, at 18,000 members, one of the denomination's very largest churches regardless of racial makeup, cites "turmoil" in The United Methodist Church as a main concern. "We're working through it," said Floyd LeBlanc, chair of the staff parish relations committee. "We're praying and seeking wisdom and discernment from God for his preferred path for this congregation." The United Methodist Church will have a special General Conference in February 2019 to try to deal with longstanding divisions over the denomination's stance on homosexuality, and LeBlanc said Windsor Village is weighing whether to remain under the stressful circumstances.

## Translated Way Forward report coming July 30

The organizers of General Conference, the denomination's top lawmaking assembly, announced that they expect the needed translation work of the Commission on a Way Forward's proposals to be completed by July 30 — after which it can be made public. The report is being translated from English to the three other official languages of General Conference — French, Kiswahili and Portuguese. "As a matter of equity throughout the international church, it was deemed important to ensure that the report become available in all four languages at the same time," said a statement by the Rev. Gary W. Graves, secretary of General Conference. The Council of Bishops on July 9 revised its call for a special General Conference in February 2019 so it will take up a report by the Commission on Way Forward. *The Book of Discipline*, the denomination's policy book, requires all translated legislation to be distributed to delegates 90 days before General Conference. In this case, that deadline is Nov. 26.

## Thought for the week

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

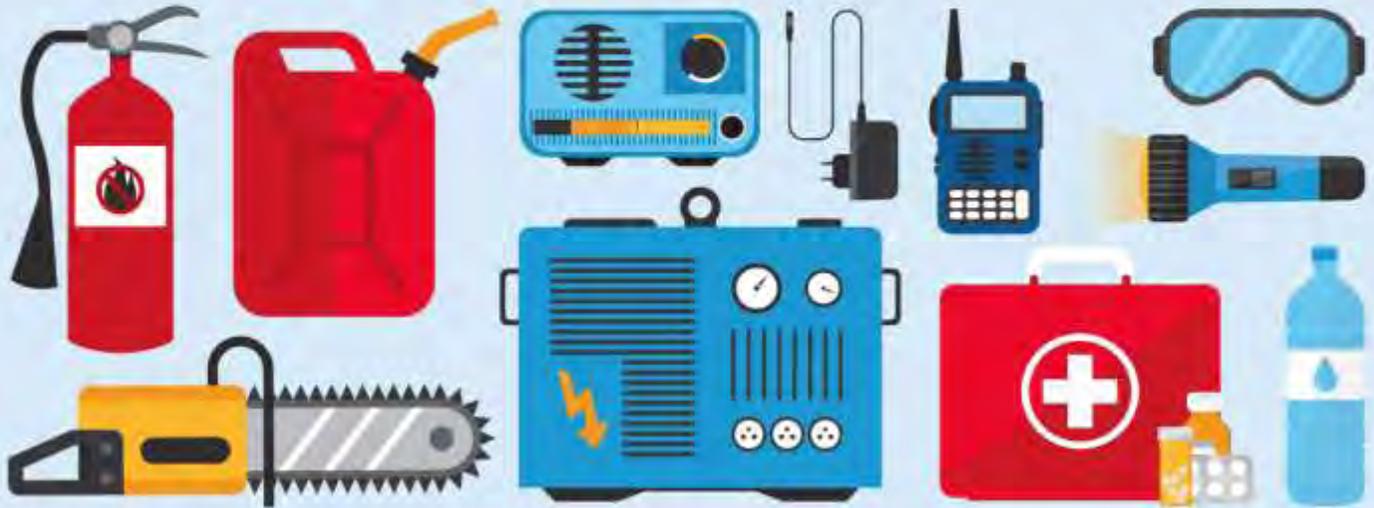
~ Apostle Paul, I Corinthians 4:12-13

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## VIRGINIA SALES TAX HOLIDAY | AUGUST 3 – 5, 2018

Many hurricane and emergency preparedness products are eligible for Virginia's tax-free weekend held annually in August. The three-day sales tax holiday starts the first Friday in August at 12:01 a.m. and ends the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m. For a full list of qualified items and additional details visit [www.tax.virginia.gov](http://www.tax.virginia.gov).

### ELIGIBLE ITEMS – \$60 OR LESS

#### BATTERIES

Excluding automobile or boat batteries. Including AAA, AA, C, D, 6 volt, 9 volt and cell phone batteries.

#### LIGHT SOURCES

Any portable, battery-operated or self-powered light sources including:

- Flashlights
- Lanterns
- Glow sticks

#### RADIOS

- Portable, battery-operated or self-powered radios (including self-powered radios with electrical capability)
- Two-way radios
- Weather band radios
- NOAA weather radios

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- Tarps, plastic sheeting, plastic drop cloths, and other flexible waterproof sheeting
- Bungee cords, rope and paracords
- Ground anchor systems or tie-down kits
- Ratchet straps
- Duct tape
- Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors
- Fire extinguishers
- Gas or diesel fuel tanks or containers
- Bottled water and water storage containers
- Nonreusable water packets
- Artificial ice, blue ice, ice packs and reusable ice
- Non-electric food storage coolers
- Manual can openers
- Storm shutter devices
- Cell phone chargers
- First aid kits

### CHAIN SAWS + CHAIN SAW ACCESSORIES

Gas-powered chain saws with a sales price of \$350 or less and chain saw accessories with a sales price of \$60 or less including:

- Chains, bars and wrenches
- Chain saw bar and nose lubricants
- Two-cycle motor oil
- Chain sharpeners and files
- Carrying cases and scabbards
- Safety apparel, including chaps, gloves, hearing protectors, helmets and protective glasses
- Repair parts

### ELIGIBLE ITEMS – \$1,000 OR LESS

- Portable generators
- Generator power cords
- Inverters and inverter power cables
- Photovoltaic devices that generate electricity

### ENERGY STAR + WATERSENSE ITEMS

Items affixed with an Energy Star or WaterSense label, with a sales price of \$2,500 or less and purchased for noncommercial use are eligible.

## EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

It can take several days or weeks, depending on the severity of the disaster and your geographic location, for government services and assistance to reach you and your family. An emergency kit is vital to keeping your family sustainable. While select emergency kit items mentioned below are not eligible for Virginia's Sales Tax Holiday, use this checklist to build your emergency supply kit by adding a few items each week or month. Regularly replace items that go bad such as water, food, medication and batteries, and remember to keep in mind your family's unique needs as you build your kit.

### FOOD + SUPPLIES

- At least a three-day supply of water and non-perishable food
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and supplies

### MEDICAL NEEDS

- Medications for at least one week and copies of prescriptions
- Medical equipment, assistive technology and backup batteries
- First aid kit and antibiotic ointment
- Sunblock

### TOOLS + SAFETY ITEMS

- Flashlight and batteries
- Multipurpose tool

### PROTECTIVE GEAR + CLOTHING

- Extra warm clothing
- Sturdy shoes
- Blankets or sleeping bags

### EMERGENCY FUNDS

- Emergency cash funds should be able to sustain your family for several days at a minimum. Government assistance and resources take time.
- Plan for funds to cover fuel, lodging and meals as well as pet boarding costs if you're asked to evacuate.
- Do not rely on credit cards or debit cards as critical networks such as internet or electrical infrastructure may be damaged. Be sure to withdraw plenty of cash before the storm.

### HYGIENE + SANITATION

Maintaining good hygiene can stop the spread of bacteria and infectious disease.

- Antibacterial soap and disinfectant
- Paper towels, toilet paper and towelettes
- Bleach and rubbing alcohol
- Toothbrush and toothpaste

### CRITICAL PAPERWORK

Prior to a storm or evacuation, collect and store your critical paperwork in a waterproof storage bag or container. Storing a password-protected backup of your records on a virtual cloud service is also recommended.

- Driver's license and passports
- Vehicle registration and proof of insurance
- Medical and vaccination records
- Prescription medicine labels
- Birth certificates, social security cards and wills
- Marriage certificates
- Proof of residence (deed or lease)
- Business and personal tax records
- Household inventory (photo or video)

### COMFORT + PRICELESS ITEMS

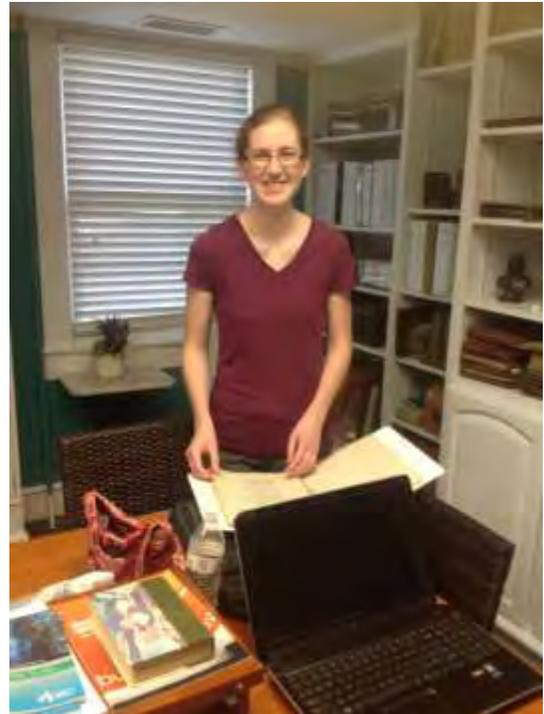
You may be away from your home for an extended period and your property may be damaged. Grab any irreplaceable items that may provide comfort to your family, especially children.

- Books, puzzles and favorite stuffed toys
- Photo albums, valuables and jewelry

## The Faith in Action Sunday

**School Class**, under the direction of Betty Martin, continues its work on The Methodist Room. It is coming along with the assistance of Stephanie Smith from The Book Bin, who is a professional volunteer to help with cataloging so that materials are well organized. In addition, more storage shelving has been added (see pictures below). Pat McArdle has noted that many daytime visitors who have stopped by this summer to see the Sanctuary and Rose Window, have also enjoyed browsing through the Methodist Room and being enlightened about its existence here in the community.

(pictured at right is Stephanie Smith)



## **THE BACK NINE**

You know ... Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is.. **The back nine of my life** and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant..but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will.. I just fall asleep where I sit!

So, now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over for here. A new and better adventure will begin!

**Yes, I have regrets.** There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done.

It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life....so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

**"Life" is a gift to you.** The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. **LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!** Remember **"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."**

*Author Unknown*

# AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p>6 9 AM - Noon - Kids Alive!</p>	<p>7 9 AM - Noon - Kids Alive!</p>	<p>1 10 AM, TOPS, Assembly Room Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>2 5:30-7 PM, Relay For Life, Social Hall 7 PM, Toastmasters, Assembly Room</p>	<p>3 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA 7:30 pm, Cokesbury "Three's Company" performance</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>12 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:30 PM, SPRC Budget Mtg. Assembly Room</p>	<p>8 9 AM - Noon - Kids Alive! 10 AM, TOPS, Methodist Room Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>9 9 AM - Noon - Kids Alive! 7 PM, Boy Scout Roundtable, Social Hall</p>	<p>10 Church Office Closed 9 AM - Noon - Kids Alive! 6:30 PM, Kids Alive Performance, Assembly Room Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	<p>11 9 AM, Una Familia Education Committee, Social Hall</p>
<p>19 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p>20 6:30 PM, Church Council &amp; Finance Mtg, Assembly Room  News &amp; Info Due for Sept. Harbinger</p>	<p>21 7-9 PM, Una Familia Volunteer Training, Social Hall</p>	<p>15 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>16 7 PM, Toastmasters, Assembly Room</p>	<p>17 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	<p>18 9-11 AM, Una Familia Volunteer Training, Social Hall</p>
<p>26 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p>27 7 PM, Boy Scout Mtg, Social Hall</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM, District Boy Scout Mtg, Assembly Room  7:00 PM, Accomack County Sheriff Presentation, Church Security, Social Hall</p>	<p>22 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>23 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Relay For Life, Social Hall 7 PM, OOTB Mtg, Assembly Room</p>	<p>24 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA 7 PM, Scrapbooking, Social Hall</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 10 AM, Church School 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p>27 7 PM, Boy Scout Mtg, Social Hall</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM, District Boy Scout Mtg, Assembly Room  7:00 PM, Accomack County Sheriff Presentation, Church Security, Social Hall</p>	<p>29 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	