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NOVEMBER



Give Thanks
TO THE LORD
HIS LOVE ENDURES
Forever.



A Very Happy Thanksgiving

A Message from our Pastor



As I write this, the destruction and death of war are prevalent throughout the world. We here, in the safety of our homeland, blessed by God, have much to be thankful for. Thankful for family, friends, food, and our homes. The list could go on and on. Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and I would like to remind everyone what Thanksgiving really means. President Abraham Lincoln, during our own civil war on October 20, 1864, made this declaration to the nation. His words are just as relevant today as they were then.

I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday in November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I do further recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid that on that occasion they do reverently humble themselves in the dust and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of Events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased Him to assign as a dwelling place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.

As I read this I began to sing..."count your blessings, name them one by one." As we count our blessings today and throughout this month, let us remember to pray for peace at home and for the peace of Jerusalem.

Psalm 122:6 (NRSV) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May they prosper who love you.

May our Lord and Savior continue to bless us as we are a blessing to him. Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving.



Blessings,

Pastor Melody



Saturday,
November 4th

Happy Veterans' Day to all of our members who served or are serving in the Armed Forces.



Friday, November 10th

The Aldersgate Experience

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"Making Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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Church Secretary..... Joyco Russo

Office Hours.....9 AM--1PM—Monday-Thursday

Worship Service/Kid Zone...11 AM
Music Rehearsals— 6 PM Wednesdays

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Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

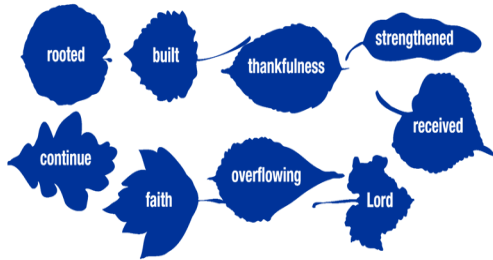
1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness



Coastal Virginia
DISTRICT

Annual Charge Conference

Saturday, November 18th

10 AM—2:30 PM

Oak Grove UMC—
472 Battlefield Blvd. N,
Chesapeake, Va

This year the charge conference will be done as part of an all day event. The District Charge Conference will also be held and all the District Training Classes. The church charge conferences will be done in 2 groups.

Watch you emails for more information as to time for our group.



Pastor's Message

All Saints' Day Presentation Service

District News Updates—Bishop's Visit

Decorating for the holidays

Mission and Ministry Opportunities

Special Services

Lay ministry schedule





Just a Note

My sincere appreciation to Lucinda Williams, Claudia Ganaden, and Norma Tipora for your continued support through, prayers and gifts for the Annual Newborns in Need Baby Shower at the Heritage UMC on Sunday, October 15.

Not only do we, the local chapter of NIN, but also the families to be served appreciate your kindness.

In faithfulness,

Rev. Joyce Wilkerson,
UMF Coordinator for NIN
Heritage UMC



Christmas Card Post Office is back!
Still Only .25 cents per card

Post Office will open Sunday, December 3rd and run through Sunday, December 24th.

Don't forget to address your cards just as if they are being mailed. Any questions see Michele Floyd



Join Us on Saturday, November 25th at 10 AM for some fellowship as we decorate the church for the holidays.

Everyone is welcome.. Many hands make light work

9 am Worship at Epworth (Norfolk) with the Bishop

Bishop Sue's visit begins at 9 a.m. on Sunday, November 12, with worship at Epworth UMC in downtown Norfolk (124 W. Freemason St, Norfolk).

Bishop Sue will be preaching. All are welcome!

Parking is available in the church's parking lot and the city parking deck across the street.



We would like to thank everyone for All of the Cards, calls and support during my recent health issues.
Millie and Dewey Hanson



We welcomed a new member to the family of God on Sunday, October 29th at the Worship service—Axel Tyler Floyd was baptized. Congrats to Axel and his family

Email issues: Cox has been busy working on email servers and up- grading security issues. As a result a lot of the church emails are going to spam files instead of the inbox. Please make it a habit to check your spam file regularly for church information.





Let's get "behind" the Union Mission ahead of the winter season!

AUMC
Captain Underpants Drive

The guests of The Union Mission's Men's Shelter are in need of donations of new underwear and white undershirts. Boxers or boxer briefs are preferred in sizes L, XL and XXL. The desired T-shirt sizes are XL, XXL and XXXL.

Consequently, we are collecting your donations of newly packaged underwear, from Nov. 5 - Nov. 19. Just bring in your donations and put them in the "Captain Underpants" collection box in the Narthex. We will deliver the donations to The Union Mission the following week.

Other ways to help Union Mission's guests

If your wallet or pocketbook allows, there is also an urgent need for new winter coats or jackets, as well as other items.

The Union Mission website has posted a list of the most-needed items:

<www.unionmissionministries.org/ways-to-give/give-goods>.

You can also drop winter wear donations in the Captain Underpants collection box.

Contact Bill Bunch, 757-323-3661 email <bbunch@att.net> or Kathy O'Hara, 757-620-3304 email <keohara@cox.net> if you have questions or if you can't get your donated item(s) to church and need to have them picked up.

Financial Stats for September, 2023:

Income: \$13,758.87
Expenses: \$13,414.20
Difference: \$ 344.67

Year to Date Income/Expenses:

Income: \$109,863.78
Expenses: \$113,280.10
Difference: \$ -3,416.32

Dedicated Offerings:
Communion \$ 50.00



A Message from your Treasurer:

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in trying to help make up for the deficit for this year.

Giving was slightly up for September. Hopefully by the end of the year we will be even

with donations and spending. Thank you!!

Please still be vigilant in keeping thermostats where they should be. When you leave a meeting, please make sure you return the thermostat back to where it was when you came in and also make sure you turn out all lights as both thermostats and lighting continue to be a problem area.
Kathy Dziagwa



Special Sale-open to everyone

Book and bling (costume jewelry, puzzles, DVDs, CDs etc.) donations are needed now by St. Andrew's UMC in VB. Book and Bling sale is being sponsored by the United Women in Faith (previously United Methodist Women).

All proceeds will go to missions. If you have donations, please contact Joyce Thompson. She has volunteered to take them to St. Andrew's.

Sale will be held on Saturday, November 4th from 8am to 2pm. Come and join in on the fun! "



Birthdays

11/1 Lily Tipora
11/8 Claudia Ganaden
11/10 Chelsie Richburg
11/11 Greg Dziagwa
11/13 Kathy O'Hara
11/15 Joyce Russo
11/24 Steve Carter



Anniversaries

11/18 Gary and Cindy Albertson
11/29 Jimmie and Carolyn Powers



Remember in Prayer

Home: Millie Hanson

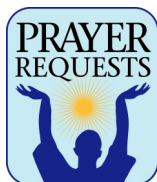
Any of our church family who are at home and still not able to attend worship in-person

Those in our church family who are in the hospital, having tests or just not feeling well.

Those who have lost family or friends.

The United Methodist church international;
Our Bishops and District Superintendents as they continue to make decisions with denomination in mind.

If you know of others in the congregation who need to be included on this prayer list, please call the church office.



Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, November 15th
for the December issue.

You do not have to wait until the deadline to submit your articles. You can email the office at any time or leave it on my desk....



Ushers

Millie and Dewey Hanson

Counters

11/5 Millie Hanson, Gary Albertson
11/12 Neal Windley, Michele Floyd
11/19 Kevin Floyd, Diane Willis
11/26 Greg Dziagwa, Jimmie Powers
12/3 Debbie Supper, Bill Bunch



Lawn Maintenance



11/6 Team 3
11/13 Team 1
11/20 Team 2
11/27 Team 3
12/4 Team 1

Trash Collection—Vic Supper

Calendar Highlights

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29--6 PM- Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30—5:30 PM -Spaghetti Dinners
Nov. 5—11 AM—Special All Saints Day Service
Nov. 14-6 PM—Vision Team Meeting
Nov. 18-9:30 am Annual Charge Conference
Nov. 19—deadline for “Capt. Underpants Collection”
Nov. 21-6:30 pm—Finance/Administrative Board Meeting
Nov. 23-24—Church Office closed for Thanksgiving
Nov. 25—10 am—Decorating the Church
Nov. 26—11 AM—Hanging of the Greens Service
Nov. 28—10 AM—Helping Hands Meeting.



The Aldersgate Choir wishes everyone a safe, happy, healthy, and vibrant holiday season of **THANKSGIVING!**



There will be **NO CHOIR REHEARSALS** on these dates:
November 22 (Pre-Thanksgiving)
December 20 (Pre-Christmas)
December 27 (Pre-New Years Day)

However, **YOU** are invited to **JOIN** the **CHOIR** to give **GOD PRAISE** through **SONG**.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays for only 90 minutes (6:00-7:30 P.M.) in the sanctuary.
Will you come? Be a blessing!

Welcome Back

We welcome back Linda Millard to our Church Choir. Linda has been away for while but we are so glad to have her back with us.

Her email is: lmillard28@icloud.com



Physical Blessings or Spiritual Blessings?

In my Sunday evening Bible Study we are learning about the Minor Prophets.

While studying Joel we were asked the question "Do You Have Physical and Spiritual Blessings? What is the Difference?".

We really had to do a lot of thinking about this. We all recognize *physical blessings*; it is anything we can see, feel or is provided for our physical being. On the other hand *spiritual blessings* are very different.

While physical blessings are things God provided for our bodies, spiritual blessings are what God gives us for our Spiritual being like; hope, joy, comfort in times of need, etc. When God gives us spiritual blessings, He is giving us more of himself.

This month as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us ponder what all of our blessings are and thank God for them.

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A little information about prescriptions that has come from Consumer reports. It has been noted that 10 or more commonly used scrips by Seniors have been mis-filled because of misspelling or misreading by pharmacy staff. The next time you have a script filled please make sure it is what the doctor ordered.



Thanks

(a list is available on line of the meds most often mis-filled)