

The authors of *Common Prayer: A Liturgy For Ordinary Radicals* write that "liturgy is food for the soul." We will begin a prayer group on Monday mornings, starting January 16th at 7:30am at the home of Wendy Scott for anyone that has a hungry soul and looking for a way to start the week off centered in God's word, in the presence of community. We will practice the tradition of common prayer using the text previously listed. It takes about 20 minutes to read the daily liturgy including time for individual prayer and bible reading. Consider stopping by on your way to work, school, or before you start your busy day of errands to be reminded of what is truly important. Contact Wendy at 376-3864 or wsaag01@aol.com for more information.

Our opportunity to serve the homeless through the NEST ministry will be Feb. 15 - 22.



COME VISIT & MEET OTHER CHURCH FAMILY & FRIENDS

Coffee House Express Today!

9:00 - 9:30
10:30 - 11:00

Get your Sunday School Class, Circle, Scouts, Family, Youth and any other group to come have fun hosting! See the sign up board in the Fellowship Hall.

Liturgists: 8:00 – Bob Dillingham **11:00** – Tim Iseminger
Acolytes: 8:00 – **9:30** – **11:00** –
Ushers: 8:00 – Tom Cotten (HU), Scott Williams, David Shoemaker, Peggy Johnston
9:30 –
11:00 –

Large Print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available on the desk in the Narthex.
Telex Hearing Assistance is available for those who are experiencing trouble hearing parts of the worship service. Ask the sound room technician for a hearing pack.
The altar flowers are given today by Donna, Steve, Kevin & Erin Clark in memory of a loving mother and grandmother, Celia French.
If you would like to sign up for altar flowers or food baskets the notebooks for reserving a Sunday are located at our Welcome Centers.

PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS AND SERVICE

DECEMBER'S RESPONSE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Average Sunday School Attendance	230
Average Worship Attendance	632
1/12 of our Operating Budget	\$65,598.14
Contributions to our Operating Budget	\$101,394.69
World Hunger/Poverty	\$851.64
New Addition Mortgage	\$548,366.50
Monthly Building Bridges Mortgage	\$5,609.24
Contributions to Building Bridges	\$10,119.00
Christmas Offering	\$8,845.44

*Thanks
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Weekly Prayers~

These were the prayer requests received last week: John Merritt, Nephew of close friend, Patsy Lipton & family, Joyce P. & daughter, Marcella's family, Mike Bourne, John, Get Smart families & mentors, Jack Hoover. For the complete copy of the Prayer List and weekly calendar, please visit one of our Welcome Centers.

We extend our love and heartfelt sympathy to Preston & Jan Garner upon the recent passing of Jan's father.

United Methodist Men Installation Dinner

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, Jan. 15th at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office with your selection of chicken or ham by Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 482-1049. A \$10 per person donation to the UMM is suggested but not required to cover the cost of dinner.

MENU - Spiral Ham or Chicken Roulade (*stuffed rolled boneless breast of chicken*); Mixed Salad Greens, Rolls & Butter, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans. Dessert choice of Cheese Cake or Chocolate Cake.



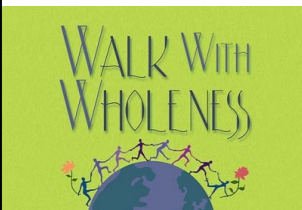
The Angel Tree Ministry would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all your encouragement, help, support & prayers for the 2011 Angel Tree Ministry. It was a huge success again this year!!! With your help we were able to deliver over 188 gifts to 94 children in 51 families - that's a lot of gifts!!! Each family also received a New Testament Bible as well as age-appropriate pamphlets entitled "Book of Hope" which relates directly to children of incarcerated parents. We were able to refer a family to the Food Closet so that she could have food delivered for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Get Smart is looking for a loving person over 21 that would be willing to plan and implement activities for children between the ages of 3 - 7 on Tuesday nights from 6:15 - 8 p.m. Contact Wendy Scott if you are interested in any way at wsaag01@aol.com or 376-3864.

Wednesday Night Bistro

returns January 18th with "Kids Night" for kids of all ages!

United Methodist Women



The Circle of Faith will hold their monthly fellowship and business meeting on Monday, Jan. 9th at 7 p.m. in room 112. All ladies are welcome.

The Circle of Love will meet on Monday, Jan. 16th at the home of Cindy Harris, 505 Yorkshire Dr. All ladies are welcome.

The UMW, UMM and Mission Committee are teaming together to prepare a meal for Park Place Community on Thurs., Jan. 26. We will leave at 5 p.m. and serve the meal at 6:30 p.m.

Important Dates -

Sat., Jan. 28th - Prayer Breakfast 9 a.m. at Wesley Memorial UMC in Norfolk. If you are interested in attending please contact Linda Brinkley at 482-4521 by Sun., Jan. 22.

Tuesday, Feb. 7th - Unit Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 136.

Prayer Shawl Ministry~

Will meet on Thursday, Jan. 12th at 7 p.m. in room 109 and Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 10 a.m. in room 109. Anyone who would like to join us & learn what we are about is welcome. For more information contact Barbara Kline at 482-2342.

Bingo will be held Tuesday, January 10th at Autumn Care Nursing Home, 715 Argyll St., Chesapeake. If you can give one hour of your time playing Bingo with the residents, meet at the Home by 7 PM. If you have any questions, please contact, Joyce Johnson at 482-1025.

If you would like to donate prizes for this ministry, there is a donation box located in the kitchen.

Calling all adults to join us for six weeks of volleyball and fun, Sundays, January 22 - February 26 at 7 p.m. A great way to meet new people and get some exercise after the holidays. Invite a friend! You don't need to be a "YMCA" member to participate.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile will be here on Tues., Jan. 31st from 2 - 7 p.m.

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today?

Life Line Screening will be at here on Fri., February 3rd offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical.

To be more proactive about your health and live longer for yourself, your family, and your community, call to register at 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/ community-partners. You can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease, prices range from \$129 to \$159. Sign-up by Jan. 15th and save \$10. There is no time like the present to take action!

Youth Update!

High School

Sunday Night Youth tonight! 6:30 - 8 PM

High School & Middle School

Tonight, 6—6:30 PM—**Feeding Frenzy**; in between HS & MS Youth. Forms for the **30 Hour Famine** and **Work Crew** are on the Youth Table!

Middle School

Sunday Night Youth tonight! 4:30 - 6 PM in the Youth Room

Girl's Refuge this week! Wednesday - 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Youth Room
For 6th - 8th Grade Girls

The Hands of Hope Mission Team will be going to West Virginia March 24 - 31. If you are interested in being part of this team please contact George Williams at 635-3542.

Spiritual Photography Pizza Party!

If you are a 4th or 5th grade student, you are invited to participate in a three-part Spiritual Photography Pizza Party! The class begins in the Season of Epiphany - God revealing God's self to the world in Jesus. Part One - Today at Noon - Learn some basic photography skills and see how to connect your own photos with John 3:16 - and eat pizza! Part Two - Noon on Sunday, January 22nd - Bring your photos on a cd/stick to share with the group & receive positive feedback - and eat pizza! Part Three - Coffee House on Sunday, January 29th - Share your Spiritual Photos with the congregation in an exhibit during Coffee House!

Beth Moore Bible Study

Beth Moore's "*James: Mercy Triumphs*" is an 8 week study of James, Jesus' own brother, who starts out as skeptic, but with one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turns an unbeliever into a disciple. Join us beginning Thurs., Jan. 12th from 9 - 11 a.m. in room 136.

"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed"

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 19 from 7 - 9 p.m. in room 132, we will offer a 6 - week study of David, called "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed." There is some homework & great DVD sessions by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer & Beth Moore. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Case at 482-4943. Everyone is welcome - dudes, chicks, young & old.

United Methodist Men hosted Bible Study - "The Thirteen Apostles"

Twelve men personally chosen by Jesus to lead in his ministry of spreading God's word and love - and later, a thirteenth. If asked, few of us could name them all; and yet, Jesus left his mission and message in the care of this small group of men. Today, their spiritual descendants fill the world. Everyone is invited to join us on Wed., Jan. 18th at 6:30 p.m. in room 136 as we begin our journey with the group that walked with Jesus.