



## Christmas Offering 2011

*Thank you for contributing \$8,845.44 to our special Christmas Offering.  
Your generosity will continue spreading God's love around the globe.*

- \$200 - Great Bridge Food Closet - Provides food for families in our community.
- \$200 - Onesimus Ministries - Provides a ministry to those that are incarcerated. To provide aftercare ministry to those released from jail or prison. To provide ministry to the families of those incarcerated.
- \$1,000 - Relay For Life - Supports cancer research.
- \$250 - CHIP - To improve young children's health & promote wellness & self-sufficiency in low-income families, through partnerships with local communities.
- \$350 - Union Mission - *Mission Statement:* To aid the poor and needy; to reform the erring; to help those that are out of the way; to feed the hungry; to shelter the homeless; to preach the gospel; to rescue citizens.
- \$300 - Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia - Provides nutritious canned, boxed, fresh, frozen and prepared food to over 400,000 individuals annually.
- \$200 - St. Paul's UMC Food Closet - Provides food locally for those in need.
- \$250 - St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children - A place where children & young adults from all across Virginia live, play, go to school and receive complex, professional, around-the-clock care in a nurturing, comfortable environment.
- \$200 - Young Life - Supports young people and their relationship with God.
- \$200 - EDMARC-Hospice for Children - Provides care to ease the trauma of a child's illness or death, and to reduce the disabling effects of pediatric illness, loss and bereavement on families.
- \$400 - Chesapeake Care Free Clinic - Provides health care services to those who cannot afford health care & who do not qualify for other assistance programs.
- \$245.44 - Discretionary Fund - Provides rental, utility & other assistance to those in need.
- \$2,000 - World Vision - This life changing gift will provide 28 farm animals which can save 10 families from hunger. Our gift provides ample protein and vital nutrition - including milk, eggs, meat & more. A bountiful and enduring blessing!
- \$300 - Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services - TPCS counselor help with: Feelings of despair & anxiety; conflict within marriage; family & love relationships; separation/divorce issues of anger & grief; the heartbreak of accepting death or living with serious illness; confusion created by career/life changes; problems associated with aging parents; stresses related to parenting & step-parenting.
- \$300 - Central Conference Pension Initiative - CCPI is a long-term solution that provides retirement with dignity for dedicated clergy & surviving spouses in central conferences, those conferences outside the United States, who would otherwise have little or nothing.

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*Christmas Offering 2011 continued.*

\$700 - Heart Havens - Provides for the residential needs of adults with intellectual disabilities through the development and operation of group homes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

\$700 - United Methodist Family Services - Provides care for youth and families.

\$700 - Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. - Provides facilities, services and programs to enhance the quality of life for older persons.

\$200 - Nothing But Nets - Provides insecticide - treated mosquito nets to people in Africa.

\$150 - Youth Service Fund - This Virginia Annual Conference Fund supports program & mission projects for the youth in our Conference through a grant process.

<i>With Sympathy</i>	<i>Preston &amp; Jan Garner &amp; family, passing of Jan's father.</i>
	<i>Gregg &amp; Meg Robertson &amp; family, passing of Gregg's father.</i>
	<i>Lucy Varker &amp; family, passing of Lucy's husband, Bill.</i>
	<i>Jim &amp; Linda Cyphers &amp; family, passing of their nephew, Mike Bourne.</i>
	<i>Family of Nadine Mariott.</i>
	<i>Ron &amp; LeeAnn McCall &amp; family, passing of Ron's father.</i>

*Baptisms*

*January 22, 2012  
Catherine Charlotte Taylor*

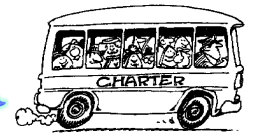
Copies of our 2012 Officers and Leaders are available at the  
 Welcome Centers. Please keep our leaders in your prayers!

## Speeders

**Who are the Speeders?**  
Seniors are 55 or older who enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Speeders will be getting together for lunch &

bingo on Wed., Feb. 1st at 11:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. Please bring a sandwich and a bingo prize. Entertainment & dessert will be provided.

Please contact Ruth Wiles at 482-1481 to RSVP.



## Confirmation

*Confirmation is a meaningful part of our faith journey. In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is open to youth (grades 7 - 12) who wish to become disciples of Christ by professing*

*their faith and becoming a member of the congregation. Invitations to attend Confirmation 2012 have been sent out, but if you - or someone you know - are interested in participating in Confirmation, please*

*contact the church office at 482-1049. The first event will be on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. Confirmands, parents and mentors are invited as we begin this spiritual journey!*



### **NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team)**

Help our church family provide shelter, warmth, food, fellowship, etc. to the homeless at GBUMC during the week of **February 15 – 22.**

There are many ways you can lend a helping hand. Help prepare breakfast, dinner or carryout snacks; sign-in & welcome guests as they arrive; or be part of

the prayer team. See your weekly bulletin for all the ways you can be involved and for a list of the supplies needed.



## Volleyball at the YMCA


Calling all adults to join us for volleyball and fun, Sundays, through Feb. 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.

**\*\*\*There will be NO volleyball on Sunday, Feb. 5th.\*\*\***

## Congregational Health Care Committee

will be meeting Thurs., Feb 23rd at 7 pm room 119. Anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry is invited to attend. You do not have to have a medical background to attend. We will be planning how to serve/assist the needs of our congregation. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Hollowell at 482-4254.



**Join us**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 29**  
**6:00 PM**  
**For our 4th Annual Chili Cook-off!**

Don't miss this great fellowship event as top cooks vie for the bragging rights as Best Chili Cooks at GBUMC!

Watch your weekly bulletin to sign-up to enter your chili or just come and enjoy the culinary expertise of others.

Congratulations to Shane McClung for bowling a perfect  
"300" game on Monday, Jan. 23rd.  
Shane is part of our church bowling league!



# Serving FROM THE HEART



## Mission Opportunities

### Chesapeake Care Free Clinic

Providing meals for the staff of the clinic.

### Great Bridge Food Closet

Sign-up to fill the food baskets on the altar & that food will be donated to the food closet.

*(Sign-up books are available at the Welcome Centers.)*

### Park Place Soup Kitchen

Volunteers prepare & serve meals.

Contact Alex Frye at 485-7667 or Sandra Cotten at 421-9729 with any questions.

Please submit  
bulletin  
announcements by  
Wednesdays at  
12 noon.

The deadline for the  
March  
newsletter is  
Wednesday,  
February 22nd.

## *Wednesday Night Bistro*

### FEBRUARY MENU

#### **Feb 1st**

Stuffed Peppers, side of corn.

Kids Menu - Fried chicken, french fries and corn

#### **Feb 8th**

Corned Beef and Cabbage, and potatoes

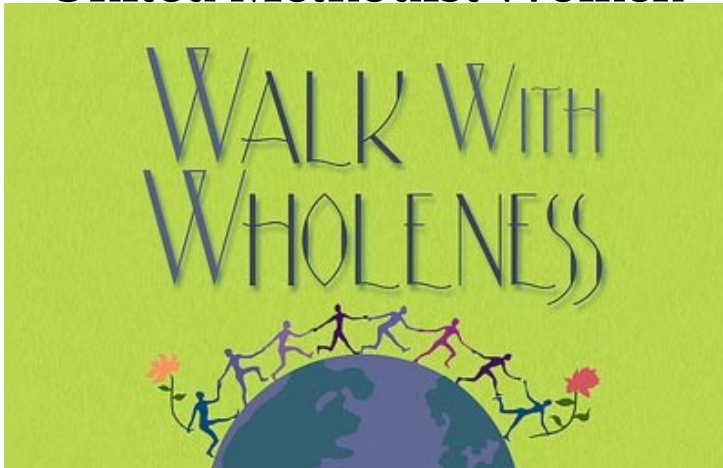
Kids Menu - Pizza

No Wednesday Night Bistro on February 15th and 22nd.



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. 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. Thank you for blessing this ministry with your help, time, and gifts.

## United Methodist Women



*The Circle of Grace will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 6:30 p.m. in room 136. Refreshments and fellowship will be at 6:30 p.m. and our business meeting will be at 7 p.m. Cheryl Graham will present the program on her recent mission to El Salvador. All ladies interested in missions are invited to attend.*

### Upcoming Events

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

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

## GREAT BRIDGE UMW MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the United Methodist Women Mission Scholarships are available at the Welcome Centers and on the Youth Table. Three \$200.00 scholarships will be awarded. Applicants may be middle or high school students. Deadline for applications is Sunday, April 1st. Applications can be placed in the United Methodist Women mailbox.

The Friendship Circle would like to thank all the people who so generously gave their time and money to help us with the family we assisted for Christmas. We were able to fulfill their wish list pretty much as asked for. Each boy who asked received a bicycle, and they were beautiful, and we were able to buy most of the other items with money donated by the Friendship Sunday school class. We thank you all so much. Without you, this family would not have had the Christmas they did. The mom was in awe of the response and very appreciative. She thanked everyone and wished them a Merry Christmas.



## Sunday, Feb. 12 at 6:45 AM

**Note that this is a change from our regular meeting date due to our church hosting NEST.**

Our speaker will be Andrew Kissell, our new Elizabeth River District UMM President. Please join us for a time of prayer, song, a great breakfast and meeting the new district UMM president.

## Looking Ahead

### Would YOU Like to Join This Church Family?

We will receive new members into the fellowship of our congregation on ***Sunday, March 11 at all 3 services***. If you would like to join in the ministry and mission of this church as a member, **please contact the church office by Monday, March 5th at either 482-1049 or [greatbridgeumc@verizon.net](mailto:greatbridgeumc@verizon.net)**. If you prefer, simply indicate your interest on your attendance slip, and someone will be in touch with you. We grow stronger in spirit and service together!

Looking Ahead to Holy Week - We will not have a Maundy Thursday service rather we have contacted Jews for Jesus and they will be sending to us a Missionary, Karl deSouza. He is looking forward to being at GBUMC to present *Christ in the Passover* on Good Friday, April 6, at 7:00 PM. We will be celebrating with a Seder meal that evening!

Our next Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 7 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome to attend!

## Community Happenings

Holy Land Pilgrimage - October 15~24, 2012

You are invited to join David, Linda & Stephanie Drinkard and New Creation UMC on a spiritual journey to the Land of the Bible. For more information, please contact David Drinkard at 484 - 8217. Brochures are available in our church office.

VOICES OF YOUTH 2012 is ***still accepting applications for both youth and adults and would love to have you join our team***. We will be travelling to Joplin, Missouri and throughout VA to share our story through mission and music. The dates of the trip are **June 27-July 15**. If you are interested in applying or would like more information please contact the VA Conference VOY Coordinator Jennifer Dixon at 757-348-7084 or email her at [coordinator@voyva.org](mailto:coordinator@voyva.org) . Applications and details about our trip and program can be found at our website [www.voyva.org](http://www.voyva.org). We look forward to hearing from you!



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February 22nd  
7 PM



Open Hearts.  
Open Minds.  
Open Doors.

### Worship Services

Traditional: 8:00 a. m. & 11:00 a. m.

Contemporary: 9:30 a. m.

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# GBUMC Youth

# February 2012

## Want detailed info?

MS & HS emails go out every week. Please email [gbumcyouth@verizon.net](mailto:gbumcyouth@verizon.net)

Like text messages better? Go to [www.greatbridgeumc.com/youth](http://www.greatbridgeumc.com/youth) and click on the link!

## MS Girls Refuge

Wednesday Nights!  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

## High & Middle School Special Events

### Watch the SuperBowl!

at Jeff and Jen's,  
Sunday, February 5  
6:30 – 9 PM

We'll have food too!



## High School Prayer Breakfast *every other Friday, 7 – 8 AM!*

February 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Addy Hawkins'  
317 Cheshire Forest Dr.

February 17<sup>th</sup> @ Erin Clark's  
912 Meadow Trail Rd.

## High School Special Events

Ski Trip @ Massanutten & Camp Overlook  
– February 10 – 12

Mission Trip in Chesapeake, VA  
– June 24 – 30

## Middle School Special Events

Spring Retreat to Rockbridge  
– March 23 – 25 with the Jeremiah Project



Mission Trip in Romney, WV  
– August 5 – 11 with the Jeremiah Project

## 30 Hour Famine Update!

\$3404.38 was raised by 26 students  
fasting for 30 hours!



After ice skating, learning how to shop for a family of 5 with a monthly income at the Poverty Level, and praying for Norfolk while riding The Tide, we finished with a delicious break – fast provided by the parents!

## Sunday Nights!!

**Middle School Youth**  
4:30 – 6 PM

**Feeding Frenzy for MS & HS**  
6 – 6:30 PM (Cost: \$1)

**High School Youth**  
6:30 – 8 PM

*\*Changes this month:  
No HS or MS Youth on February 12<sup>th</sup>*

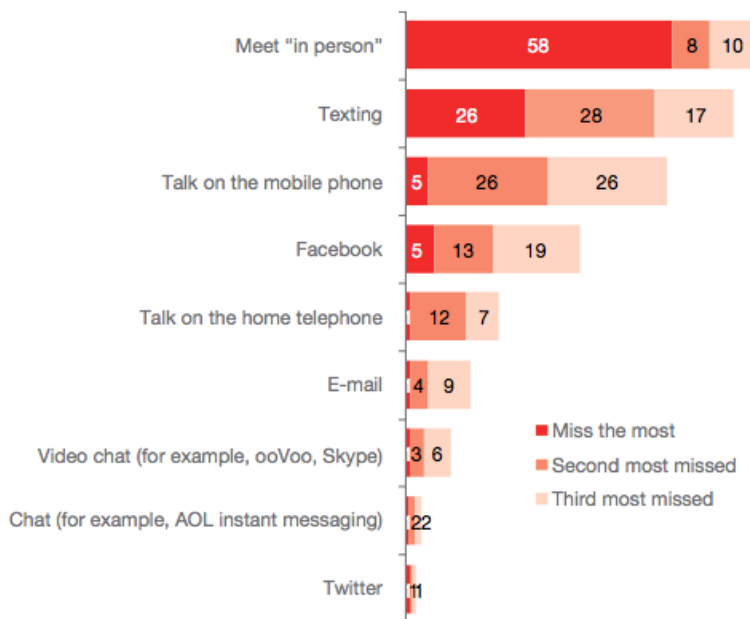
# Teenagers Want Face Time More Than Texting Time

By Alicia Eler

Despite all of the technology available to teenagers today, they still prefer meeting IRL (In Real Life) to texting and "liking" each others' Facebook statuses. A new study out from Ericsson surveyed 2000 U.S. teenagers ages 13-17 to understand more about how they socialize through technology.

Texting and Facebook in particular have changed the way that teenagers date, particularly in the "courting" process which concludes with an actual date. The initial first interaction still takes place offline. In fact, when asked the question what type of communication they would miss most if it were taken away, teens responded with **"face-to-face" (1<sup>st</sup> Place)**

## Communication methods that teenagers would miss



Source: Ericsson

## Text messaging (2<sup>nd</sup> place)

According to the study, texting is teens' second tool of choice when they can't meet up in-person because it's easy to do while multitasking. A study from Nielsen showed that teen girls text 1.5 times as much as teen boys.

## Facebook (4<sup>th</sup> Place)

When it comes to Facebook, teens see it more as an additional means of communication, and they tend to have far less friends on it than adults. Teens tend to only befriend people they already know, and have an average of 265 friends.

A recent study from Pew showed that 62% of teens on social media sites set their profile to private. Only 19% make their profile partially private, and a mere 17% left their profiles completely public.

Unlike adults, teenagers use Facebook as another means for expressing their emotions by posting song lyrics and movie quotes. There is no reason for this type of information to be public. For teens, Facebook is an extension of their real-life relationships. Adults use Facebook to take the place of forms of communication, using it more for exchanging information and less for friendships they have in real life.