



Thank you for generously contributing over \$8,500.00 this year for our 2011 Easter Offering. Your giving will spread God's love and His victory of resurrection around the globe!

**Annual Conference Offering \$1,500.00**

Provides new wells for drinking water in Mozambique; helps children in Brazil with after-school centers; supports a Christian Community Center on the Eastern Shore and immigrant and jail ministries in Roanoke.

**Human Relations Day \$200.00**

Encourages better human relations by affirming the dignity, self-development and interdependence of individuals and communities.

**American Cancer Society Relay for Life \$500.00**

Helps with finding a cure for cancer.

**Discretionary Fund \$66.31**

Helps folks with emergency needs for food, lodging, rent, gas, etc.

**Great Bridge Food Closet \$300.00**

Provides families with food.

**One Great Hour of Sharing \$200.00**

Supports our relief agency, United Methodist Committee on Relief.

**Chesapeake Care Free Clinic \$300.00**

Provides free medical care for low-income individuals.

**Society of St. Andrew - Potato Project \$250.00**

Provides transportation costs for potatoes in the field to soup kitchens.

**Native American Ministries Sunday \$200.00**

Supports ministries and educational opportunities for Native Americans.

**Peace with Justice Sunday \$200.00**

Builds an awareness of and support for peace with justice ministries.

**World Communion Sunday \$300.00**

Provides help for graduate students preparing for church and human service professions.

**United Methodist Student Day \$500.00**

Assists United Methodist students in meeting higher education costs.

**Japan \$500.00**

These funds will support The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). They have partnered with the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) and first-responder GlobalMedic to bring immediate relief to communities in Japan affected by the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami in March, 2011.

**Union Mission \$300.00**

Union Mission Ministries has nine different outreaches in three cities. From emergency shelters and substance abuse rehabilitation to a children's summer camp, the ministry is dedicated to serving the least, and the lost in our community.

**Beanee Weenee's \$300.00**

Provides this high protein and delicious (Danny's word) food item to the children in laeger, WV through Hands of Hope ministries.

**Heart Havens \$200.00**

Provides for the residential needs of adults with intellectual disabilities through the development and operation of group homes throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Nothing But Nets \$250.00**

Is a global, grassroots campaign to raise awareness and funding to combat malaria, on the largest killers of children in Africa. Ten dollars purchases an anti-malaria bed net.

**All Things New \$2,500.00**

Approved by the 2008 Virginia Annual Conference with the primary objectives to begin new faith communities and renew existing ones.  
~The Finance Committee

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&  
Contemporary  
9:30 AM

*Dear Father,  
sometimes I  
don't feel  
worthy of  
encourage-  
ment. At those  
times, I need  
Your help to  
see myself as  
You see me - a  
unique person,  
created in Your  
image. Amen.*



## NEW MEMBERS

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# Baptisms

**May 1, 2011**

**Emily Jeanne Colyer  
Scott Thomas Colyer**



**May 8, 2011**

**Nicholas James Rinehart  
Jackson Caldwell Drum  
Courtney Anne Drum**

*With  
Sympathy*

**Thom & Joanne Kinsey, loss of Thom's mother, Marian  
Bill & Janet Swann, loss of Janet's mother, Evelyn  
Kemp & Kathy Savage, loss of Kemp's mother, Betsy  
Wendell & Jodie Chambers, loss of Wendell's father, Rev. George E. Chambers**

## Ministries of Nurture

### “How To Love The Lord Your God With All Your Soul?”

Join us on Sunday morning, June 12<sup>th</sup> at either 9:30 am or 11:00 am in the social hall, as adults gather to further explore how

to have a life transformed through a personal relationship with the Lord during this season of Pentecost.

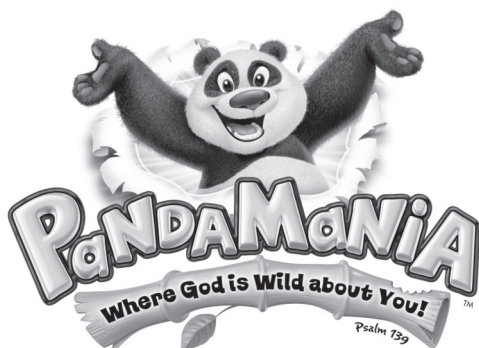
All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in this exciting time of study!

## Bible Bootcamp

Exploring the world of the Bible: the who, what, why, when, and where. Thom Kinsey is hosting this study throughout the summer for those who: are interested in the Bible, but haven't spent much time with it; have a lot of questions concerning

Scripture, but can't form the questions; are hesitant to jump into a Bible study 'cause they don't want to be embarrassed about their Biblical knowledge; want to know more about the geography, socio-economic circumstances, government

and religiosity of the day and time; have children who are asking questions they can't answer. Join Thom on Sunday mornings beginning June 5th at 11:00 a.m. in room 132.



Registration for Vacation Bible School has begun. Registration Forms are available during Coffee House or at the Welcome Centers.

# Class of 2011

## CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

If you (or someone in your family) is graduating from high school, tech school, college, grad school, etc., Let us know! Please contact the church office at 482-1049 or e-mail [greatbridgeumc@verizon.net](mailto:greatbridgeumc@verizon.net) with a picture of the graduate, the NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL, and (if college) THE DEGREE YOU RECEIVED. We want to celebrate with you and to recognize your achievement!

Join us Sunday, June 5th as we recognize our graduates during all three services and then celebrate with the graduates in Coffee House!

## Serving FROM THE HEART

Before everyone jumps into the "summer mode," we are distributing Serving from the Heart Ministry Opportunity packets through Sunday, June 19th. These packets identify (alphabetically) all the ministries and programs at GBUMC and describes what each ministry/program

is about. Please take time to read through the brochure and celebrate the many activities your church has to offer. Then pray about your gifts and graces, and let us know what you are currently involved in ... as well as the ministries you would like to become involved in. Bring your

completed card to worship Sunday, June 26th for a time of dedication or turn it in anytime to the church office.



### Music Ministries



*Great Bridge United Methodist Presents  
Jim Hendricks Ministries Since 1994  
"Expressing the Love of Christ through Music in  
United Methodist Churches"  
Prof. Jim Hendricks, Christian Pianist  
Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8 and 11 a.m. services*

# Outreach Ministries

## Kits for Conference

Everyone can help make a Kit for Conference, it's easy. Pick up a list from the Welcome Centers and pick one to make. Most of the items can be bought at one of the dollar stores. Check out the Mission bulletin board and you can see a sample of all of the kits. Thanks for your help. Kits must be turned in by Sunday, June 12!

### Cleaning Buckets

Due to all of the tornadoes and flooding this spring, UMCOR has distributed many cleaning buckets to help with clean up. Since a cleaning bucket is very heavy, the cost of shipping is high. Please consider making a contribution and the funds will

be sent to UMCOR for them to purchase the supplies and avoid shipping costs. A complete cleaning bucket is valued at \$55.

## Get Smart - End of Year Review Meeting

There will be an end of the year review meeting for Get Smart on Tuesday, June 14 from 7-8 p.m. in room

109. This meeting is for anyone that has had an interest in the Get Smart program in the past, present, or future in

order to reflect and brainstorm about what lies ahead for the program.

### Relay for Life

Thank you to everyone involved in making the 2011 Chesapeake *Relay for Life* such a success. This year GBUMC fielded a sizeable team of 41 walkers at the

relay, we lit 63 luminaries along the track honoring and remembering friends and loved ones. We raised \$4,332 for the fight against cancer. Your outstanding support and generosity will definitely help make a

difference in the battle against this horrible disease that affects so many around the world.

### Congregational Health Ministry

Our church has a Congregational Health Ministries Committee and our purpose is to advocate, educate and address health concerns in the church community based on God's love. We need volunteers to help us. Medical backgrounds not necessary but would be a great plus. Please contact Linda Ewald if interested at [lindaewald@cox.net](mailto:lindaewald@cox.net).

The Great Bridge Food Closet needs your help in providing food items for the community. Our current needs are peanut butter and jelly, canned chicken, beef stew, pancake mix, complete meal in a box, canned carrots, potatoes, mixed vegetables, mac and cheese, cereal, coffee, and tea.

Thank you for your continued support.  
THINK ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR THE TWO FOOD BASKETS LOCATED BY THE ALTAR- THE SIGN-UP BOOK IS LOCATED AT BOTH OF THE WELCOME CENTERS.

Spring is a time when most of us think about cleaning and organizing our things now that winter hibernation is over. I am guessing that most of us don't think about cleaning out our medicine cabinets and getting rid of our unused and expired medications, but that also needs to be done occasionally. We Pharmacists used to tell everyone to flush away all your old medications, but because water treatment facilities are not designed to

remove drugs, our drinking water is starting to contain trace amounts of frequently prescribed medications.

To avoid adding to this problem, the new guidelines are to throw your medications away in the trash, in a closed waterproof bag. If you are worried about them being found and accidentally ingested or diverted they can first be mixed with other household waste, especially used coffee grounds or cat litter.

Medications that should still be flushed are controlled medications such as prescription pain medications (i.e. hydrocodone, morphine or oxycodone) and medications used for "nerves" and anxiety like diazepam, alprazolam and lorazepam along with sleep aides such as temazepam and ambient.

~ Kim Veneziano, RPh



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

Celebrating  
*a new district,*

Elizabeth River District

**JULY 17, 2011**

**3:00 P.M.**

New Creation—Aldersgate UMC

**4320 Bruce Road, Chesapeake**



**American Red Cross Blood Drive here at  
GBUMC  
Tuesday, July 5, 2 - 7 PM.**

P.S. W-O-R-D

After preaching about the Bible on Sunday, May 15, here was my devotion for the next day:

***James 1: 19 - 27 (New International Version)***

Listening and Doing

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it - not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it - they will be blessed in what they do.

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Indeed, God is still speaking to His people!  
Are we listening?

Pastor Danny

Please submit  
bulletin  
announcements by  
Wednesdays at  
12 noon.

The deadline for the  
July  
newsletter is  
Wednesday,  
June 22.

## CAMP GOTCHA

2011 is the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Annual Norfolk  
District UMC  
Children's Day  
Camp. The camp is  
for rising 3<sup>rd</sup>  
through 6<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Baylake UMC will  
host this event on  
August 1-5, 2011  
from  
9 a. m. – 2:30 p. m.  
Registration forms  
are available in the  
church office.



*Colossians 3:15  
 “Let the peace of  
 Christ rule in your  
 hearts, since as  
 members of one  
 body you were  
 called to peace.”*

**Upcoming Events**

- ~ Friday, June 10 - Annual Meeting at Oak Grove UMC
- ~ August 14 - UMW Sunday
- ~ Tuesday, August 16 - UMW Salad Supper
- ~ Sept. 8 - 11 Hands of Hope Mission Trip to West Virginia

*Stop by room 111 and visit the UMW library for some awesome books about that support our purpose.*

**CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK**

*For a list of suggested books for you to enjoy, for example: Heaven is for Real, Redeeming Love, The Red Tent, The Kite Runner, A Child Called It. Visit the website and make your own suggestions. Sisters, if you would like to donate a book for others, place it on the shelf in room 109.*



**Meeting Dates**

**Circle of Faith**

*2nd Monday of the month at 7 PM in room 112.*

*Mission Project: Women’s Division of the Salvation Army.*

**Friendship Circle**

*1st Monday of the month at 10 AM at various homes.*

*Mission Project: BabyCare*

**Circle of Grace**

*1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in room 136 or at various homes.*

*Mission Project: CHIP for first time MOMs*

**Circle of Light**

*2nd Tuesday of the month at noon in room 119.*

*Mission Project: Lighting the Way to Education at Linden Elementary in Norfolk*

**Circle of Love**

*3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM in various homes.*

*Mission Project: Great Bridge Food Closet*

**Kay Reel Circle**

*3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM.*

*Mission Project: Angel’s Soldiers*

*All ladies are welcome to visit any of the circles. Please call the church office to verify meeting locations. Child care can be provided if necessary.*

**Mark your Calendar!  
 October 3 - 8**



*The Circle of Love will hold our annual fundraiser, the **Father's Day Cake and Pie Silent Auction**, on Sunday, June 19th in the Social Hall. Delicious cakes, pies and other yummy desserts will be available for bidding beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12:15 p.m. Cakes are awarded to the highest bidder at 12:30 p.m. and can be picked up at that time. Proceeds will be used to fund the Circle's community outreach projects for the coming year.*

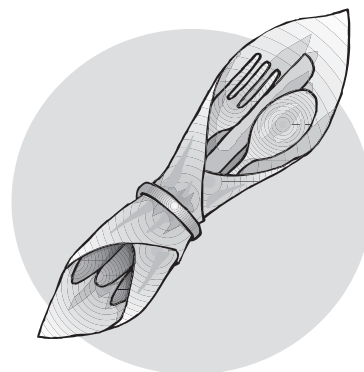
## United Methodist Men

### **BBQ Luncheon**

**Sunday, June 12th**  
*in the Social Hall*

**Menu will include:**  
**BBQ, Baked Beans, Coleslaw & Hushpuppies**

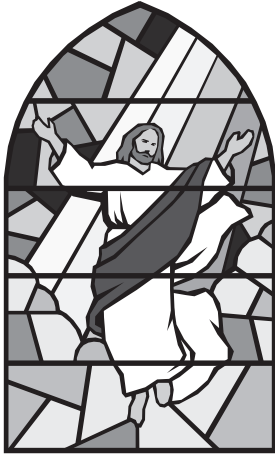
*Proceeds will go towards the  
Jim Earley Memorial Scholarship Fund.*





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Mark Your Calendar!!!

GBUMC  
Family Picnic

**Saturday, July 23**  
**4 - 8 p.m.**

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11:00 a. m.

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m.

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