



Great Bridge
united methodist church

May 

2011

Happy Mother's Day!

She gave birth to a baby
Say a prayer for a mother

She adopted a child
Say a prayer for a mother

She prepared their meals
Say a prayer for a mother

She sang them to sleep
Say a prayer for a mother

She taught them many things
Say a prayer for a mother

She hurt when they hurt
Say a prayer for a mother

She listened to their stories
Say a prayer for a mother

She guarded their secrets
Say a prayer for a mother

She worked very hard
Say a prayer for a mother

She believed in her children
Say a prayer for a mother

She did her best to protect them
Say a prayer for a mother

She watched them grow up
Say a prayer for a mother

She beamed with pride
Say a prayer for a mother

She's your number one fan
Say a prayer for your mother

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Rev. Janet Allen
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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Sunday Services
Traditional
8:00 and 11:00 AM
&
Contemporary
9:30 AM

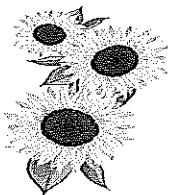


The church office
will be closed on
Monday, May 30
in observance of
Memorial Day.



*Keep your
face
upturned to
God as the
flowers do
the sun.
Look, and
your soul
shall live
and grow.*

*Hannah
Whitall Smith*



National Day of Prayer

Join us Thursday, May 5 in the Sanctuary from 10 - 11 a. m. for a congregational prayer session. The theme is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." It is based on Psalm 91:2, "I will say of the Lord; He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." We will pray for our Country, Leaders, Military, Church, Ministers, Missions, etc. There will be time

for individual prayer as well. There will be no pressure to pray aloud.

The City of Chesapeake will sponsor its National Day of Prayer program from 12:20 - 12:40 p.m. on the steps of the entrance to City Hall.

Please come and lend your support to one or both of these events.



A huge thank you goes out to Gary Ross and his entire team for providing the "delicious" Wednesday night

suppers. We appreciate all your hard work and the many hours you gave to this ministry. We are looking forward to the return of the dinners in the fall.

Baptisms

*April 10, 2011
Thomas Duane Blair, Jr.*

*With
Sympathy*

*Carolyn Salesky, loss of Carolyn's Uncle, Phil
Family of Louise Bland*



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On May 1st the following Confirmands will profess their faith in Jesus Christ and become members of the body of Christ. We welcome these individuals:

Kyle Robert Castleton
Lucas Foley Dunham
Millard Shearl (Stone) Dunham
Blake Alan Everingham
Quinn Michael Everingham
Austin Skylar Gregory
Christopher Leslie Henniker
Colin Hilton

Bonnie Lynn McClain
Dylan Michael Pereira
Ethan Gabriel Pereira
Kalib Christopher Pereira
Meridith Anne Townsend
Leah Noelle West
Benjamin Tate Williamson

Summer Bible Studies

How to love the Lord your God with all your soul?
Come find out how in June!

Join us on Sunday morning, June 12th 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

At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning, June 5th in room 132. Thom Kinsey will host a study that – hopefully – will help individuals get acquainted with the Bible.

The study will run during the summer and address different topics each week. The goal is not to become Biblical scholars, but to prepare people for further study of God's Word.



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

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

Meeting Dates

Circle of Faith

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

Friendship Circle

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

Circle of Grace

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

Circle of Light

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

Circle of Love

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

Kay Reel Circle

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

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.

Planning Meeting ~ the UMW planning meeting will be held Tuesday, May 3 in room 136 at 6:45 p.m., please try to attend. We will discuss the adopting of a UMW missionary. The program will be presented by Angie Rinehart and Jane Atkinson about their recent trip to the mission field.

Upcoming Events

Orders for the Circle of Grace annual plant sale will be taken on May 1 in the Social Hall during the Coffee House times. Come and check out the colorful plants.

Friday, May 20 ~ Prayer Supper at St. John's UMC

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

CHECK US OUT!!
WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!!

GREAT BRIDGE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

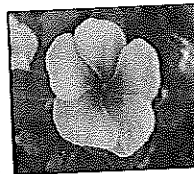
For the 5th year the UMW has awarded 3 \$200 scholarships to students to be used toward the cost of their mission trips. The scholarships are given in memory of Ralph & Margaret Nichols.

The scholarship committee was pleased to receive applications from 7 students. The 3 students who received these scholarships & the location of their mission trips are:

- Alexandra Chandler - Winchester, Va
- Emma Davis - Winchester, VA
- Matthew Johnson - Carolina Cross Connection, western North Carolina

Congratulations to these young people for being selected as scholarship recipients. The scholarship committee is very appreciative of all the students who submitted their essays. God bless you for your interest and work in missions!

~Maxine Earley
Scholarship Committee Chairman



Circle of Grace Annual Flower Sale

Spring is here!

Soon the days will be getting warmer. If your flower beds and gardens need a little bit of color, the Circle of Grace will be taking orders for summer annuals on May 1 in the Social Hall during Coffee House. These beautiful high quality plants come in 6" pots for \$3.50 each (\$3 each for orders of 24 or more). Order forms will also be available at the Welcome Centers or you may see any member of the Circle of Grace. The pick-up date will be Sat. May 7 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Proceeds will be used to support the mission work of the circle.



United Methodist Men Activities

Spaghetti Lunch

Sunday, May 15

12 - until the last

person is served.

(Take-out will be available after the 8 a.m. service.)

Menu:

Homemade Spaghetti with Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert and refreshments.

Cost is \$6 per person, \$4 per child (12 & under) and a cap of \$20 per family.

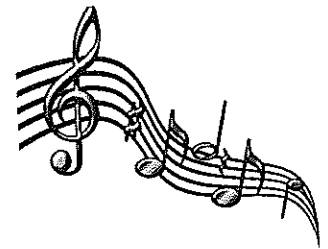
All proceeds will go to the Jim Earley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Music Ministry

Summer Music Opportunities

If you are interested in sharing special music in a Worship service, playing in a summer orchestra (2 years playing experience & up), beginning recorders or beginning chimes, contact Denise Gregory at 482-1049 or

gbumcmusic@verizon.net.
Forms are available at the Welcome Centers or in the church office.



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 office@greatbridgeumc.org with the DATE OF GRADUATION, the NAME OF YOUR SCHOOL, and (if college) THE DEGREE YOU RECEIVED. We want to celebrate with you and to recognize your achievement!



Outreach Ministries



*"Cancer Never Takes
A Holiday"
Fri., May 6 ~
Sat., May 7*

Cancer has touched almost everyone, whether personally or through friends or loved ones. Let's team up and fight back! Please join the GBUMC team for this year's Relay for Life. Taking part in this worthwhile event is a rewarding, fun and moving experience you will not forget and there is something to do for everyone: fund raising, site decorating, walking, lighting luminaries, etc. To join team "Great Bridge UMC" please sign up in the Social Hall during

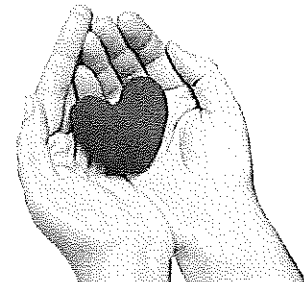
Coffee House; log on to www.relayforlife.org/chesapeake, or contact Rob or Andrew Hall at rahall5@aol.com or 482-4449. For a \$1 donation you can put a loved ones name on a holiday tag which will be displayed in the Social Hall. Please consider donating your time to help this worthy cause.

SERVING FROM THE HEART

Before everyone jumps into the "summer mode," we will be distributing a pamphlet that identifies (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

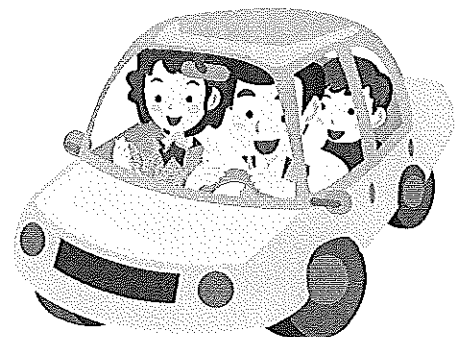
would like to become involved in. You'll be amazed by the many options available to you.



TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

Would you be willing to provide transportation for someone – living near you – who would like to attend worship, but can't provide

their own transportation? If you are willing to help, please contact the church office at 482-1049.





John Wesley's 'Aldersgate Experience'

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley wrote in his journal:

In the evening I went very unwilling to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while the leader was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

**Please submit
bulletin
announcements by
Wednesdays at
12 noon.**

**The deadline for the
June
newsletter is
Wednesday,
May 18.**

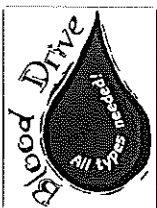
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Many of us are providing day-to-day care for friends and/or family members who have handicaps or elders/parents who require more and more attention. The demanding role of caregiver can become exhausting, if not overwhelming. A number of people associated with the church are interested in starting a support group to help sustain them through the rigors of caring for those they love.

If you are interested in joining with others to receive support, contact Thom Kinsey at 482-1049.

CAMP GOTCHA

2011 is the 9th Annual Norfolk District UMC Children's Day Camp. The camp is for rising 3rd through 6th 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.



**American Red Cross Blood Drive here at
GBUMC**

Tuesday, May 3, 2 - 7 PM.



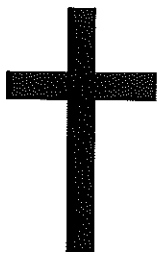
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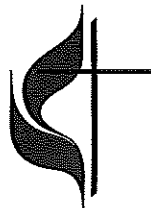
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MEMORIAL DAY

Remember our military -

past and present!



*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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