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&  
Contemporary  
9:30 AM



## Nurturing Generous Living

**Generosity** is a matter of action, intentions and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. *Outpouring* is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states this directly in 2

Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, "We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

Whether for fancy purposes or everyday usage, the "unadorned pots of our daily lives" (as *The Message* puts it) highlight the fact that **all of who we are and what we have comes from God** and is to be used for God's purposes. God can use our uniqueness, even our limitations, weaknesses and eccentricities, to communicate God's powerful presence and love.

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with **the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors** (see Mark 12:28-31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for "heart" is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives, not just the "religious" sector or the percentage we give away.

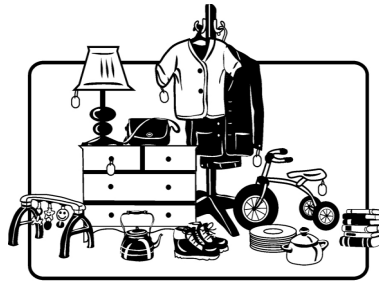
**So how do we lead stewardship in our local church?** By nurturing generous living in our personal lives and in our life together as part of our congregation and Christ's interconnected, connectional church.

**Nurturing generous living** in every aspect of our life together before God -- now that's great stewardship!

~General Board of Discipleship

## Inquirers' Class

Got questions?? Do you ever wonder what's unique about claiming the name "United Methodist?" Do you ever wonder why this church does baptism, or communion, or even organizes ministries a particular way? Do you ever wonder how you can get connected to the ministry and mission of Great Bridge United Methodist Church? Come, ask your questions at our next series of "Inquirers' Classes" Wednesdays, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 at 6:45 p.m. in the Conference Room. For more info, please contact John Case at 482-4943 or the church office at 482-1049.



*UMW Fall  
Church Yard Sale*

*Friday, Oct. 7 - 8AM - 12 Noon*

*Saturday, Oct. 8 - 8 AM - 2 PM*

*UMW annual Yard Sale will be held in the church Social Hall and  
Parking Lot. Please bring your new or gently used items to the  
Social Hall beginning Monday, Oct. 3rd  
through Friday, October 7th.  
Proceeds from the yard sale will go to missions.*

*In a world where  
discouragement is  
prevalent, isn't it  
reassuring to know  
that God is bigger  
than any problem  
you face?*



**Congratulations to  
Janell Foster & Michael McCutcheon  
who were united in marriage  
Saturday, September 24, 2011.**

**September 4, 2011  
Camden Tyler Avidson Chappell  
Brady Thomas Larson**

**September 25, 2011  
Matthew Jay Johnson  
Michael Lee Johnson**

*Baptisms*

*With  
Sympathy*

**Ed & Linda Bradley, loss of Linda's mother, Polly Hoag.**

## Flu Shot Clinic

The Health Care Committee is offering a Flu Shot Clinic during Coffee House on Sunday, October 16th . Along with receiving your flu shot, you can also have your blood pressure checked and receive a Personal Medication Record and AARP information. The Health Care Committee would also like to let the congregation know that we are starting a medical equipment loaning library. As we begin receiving items, we will post what items are available. If you have any question please ask Linda Ewald at 546-7126 or Janet Allen at 482-1049.



## CROP Walk

Sunday, Oct. 16

2 p.m. at Chesapeake City Hall

It's time to sign-up and find some sponsors or to sponsor a walker. This effort will benefit the hungry both here locally and around the world. Come join our GBUMC team and help make a difference to someone who is hungry. You can sign-up in the Coffee House.

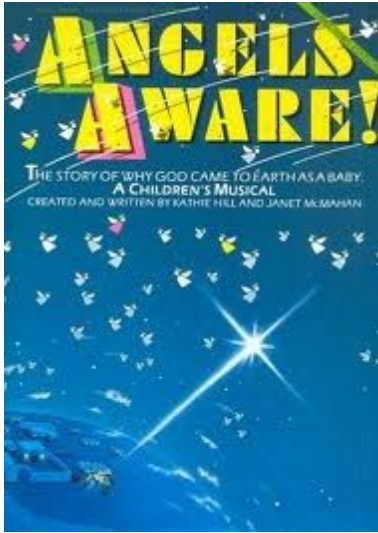


## ***Blessing of the Animals***

As fall approaches, we set aside a time celebrate the wonder's of God's creation. On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. we will have our Blessing of the Animals on the lawn of the church. You are invited to bring your pet - dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, any furry or feathery creature that can fit on the church lawn for a time of song, prayer, & blessing.



A bereavement support group is currently being formed at St. Stephen, Martyr in Chesapeake, for those grieving the death of a loved one. Join us as we journey toward healing within the Body of Christ. This eight-week program will begin on Wed., Oct. 5th from 7 - 8:30 p.m., through Wed., Dec. 7th. We will gather in Meeting Room 1 of the main church building. One need not be a member of St. Stephen's to attend. For registration or further information contact Mary Williams at [mourningsgrace@aol.com](mailto:mourningsgrace@aol.com) or 421-7416. The group is limited to 12 participants.



We need 2nd - 5th graders to present the Christmas musical *Angel Aware*.

Rehearsals will be every Sunday through Dec. 4th from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Contact Denise Gregory at 482-1049 if you have any questions.

### Connexions Contemporary Worship Director

We are beginning the process of hiring a Worship Director for the Connexions Service. This is a part-time position for someone who is energetic, enthusiastic and strong in their own faith and their understanding of worship. A background in music and worship band dynamics is required, as well as experience with Media Shout and PowerPoint. Please submit resumes to Staff Parish through

Email: [gbumcassociate@verizon.net](mailto:gbumcassociate@verizon.net)

Fax: (757) 482-0432

Or mail: 201 Stadium Drive Chesapeake, VA 23322



### Advent Study

“The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem”  
by Adam Hamilton

It is one of western civilization’s best-known stories: an over-crowded Inn; a manger in Bethlehem; Mary and Joseph; shepherds and wise men; King Herod. Come and explore the story of Jesus’ birth. Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning *November 2nd in room 132.*

## COLUMBARIUM MINISTRY

Anyone interested in learning more about columbaria is invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 26 at 1:30 pm in room 136 at the church. We have a representative from Homecoming, Inc. coming to speak to us about the columbaria products and services available through his company. While this *is* a sales presentation, it is also an opportunity to learn more about columbaria in general and to ask questions that you may have. For more information, contact Marcia Jamerson at 482-6742 or Judy Meekins-James at 421-7067.

### Higher Education

#### Calling All Moms of College Kids!

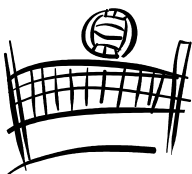
Do you have a child in college? If so, please join our Praying Moms group! Our purpose is specific and directed prayer for our college kids. The format is a group time of fellowship and discussion followed by small group (2-3 people) directed prayer. At the end of each session, you'll write a short note of encouragement to the child you prayed for individually that night and drop it in the mailbox on the way out the door. We try to keep to a strict time limit of one hour, though anyone is invited to stay afterward and fellowship. All you need to bring is a picture of your child and his/her mailing address at college, a book of stamps and a set of note cards. Our next meeting will be Sunday evening, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at 132 Avonlea Drive. Upcoming activities include a mid-term cookie box and finals package. Can't wait to see you and look forward to lifting our college kids up together in prayer! For further information, contact Kim Mullaney at 482-5836.

It's a new school year and we would like to have all the college student addresses so that we can encourage them this school year. Please email the information to Debbie Maccagnan at [dmaccagnan@gmail.com](mailto:dmaccagnan@gmail.com) or fill out the attendance slip in your Sunday bulletin. Even if you have already submitted their college address, please do so again even if it is at home. Don't forget to specify their year (i.e. freshman, senior or graduate school).

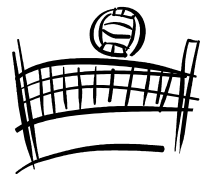
Debbie would also love to hear some of your ideas on how to support & encourage our students. We want to form a committee this year to help with this ministry, if you are interested in serving please email Debbie (at the above address) or call 277-9584 or 512-4640.

Please submit  
bulletin  
announcements by  
Wednesdays at  
12 noon.

The deadline for the  
November  
newsletter is  
Wednesday,  
October 19th.



**Come play Volleyball!**  
At the Great Bridge/Hickory  
YMCA October 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd  
at 7:00 p.m.





## ***Finding Peace***

### *Meeting Dates*

### *Upcoming Events*

*~ Oct. 7th and 8th - Yard Sale*

[CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK](#)



The Hands of Hope Mission Team worked at the Hope Chest sorting and placing the clothes on hangers for the Welch community to buy at discounted prices. We also hosted a picnic for the ladies of Welch, War, and Iaegar at the B.F. Bailey Dam. Many of the ladies enjoyed playing the cornhole game under the direction of Angie Rinehart, Janice Hawkins, Sara Howard, and Theresa Abercrombie. Pat Bradt, George Williams, and Phil Hawkins prepared the hot dogs and hamburgers. Everyone had a wonderful time.

### ***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.*

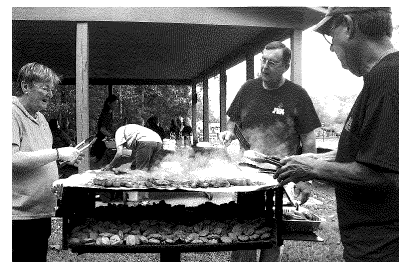
*Mission Project: Great Bridge Food Closet*

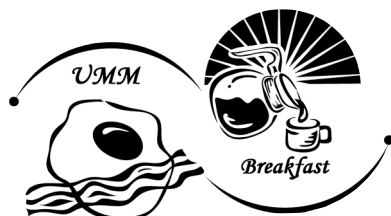
### ***Kay Reel Circle***

*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.*





**Sunday, Oct. 16 at 6:45 AM**

Come out enjoy breakfast, prayer and fellowship.



**GREAT BRIDGE UMM  
PANSY SALE**

The eighth annual UMM Pansy Sale will take place  
Sat., October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Order forms are available at our  
Welcome Centers and during  
Coffee House.

***Holy Land Ministries***

*On October 23, 2011 and during all services, we will be hearing a ministry moment about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting in the Church Narthex a nice display of handmade olivewood religious articles from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include olivewood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels and many other religious crafts that can make nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and mainly Christmas gifts.*



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

We will receive new members into the fellowship of our congregation on ***Sunday, November 13 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, Nov., 7th 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!



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Monday,  
October 17

\$75 per person

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Brochures](#) or visit our  
Welcome Centers.



Open Hearts.  
Open Minds.  
Open Doors.  
Worship Services

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