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Sunday Services

Traditional
8:00 and 11:00 AM
&
Contemporary
9:30 AM

Survival Kit

Hopefully, by the time you read this hurricane "Irene" will be history. We've heard so often about what we need in our hurricane survival kits:

Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation

Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger

As we face the storms of life, I'd encourage you to also have a Bible, an Upper Room and know that God's light and presence will always be with us. Stay safe!!

~Pastor Danny

Upcoming Seminars Offered by the City of Chesapeake

The City of Chesapeake is offering a number of helpful seminars for families. They include:

Parent/Child Life Skills Seminars: The session will be held four different times at the Juvenile Court Building from 6:30-8:30 p.m. - September 22, October 20, November 17 and December 15. Topics discussed will be: negotiations between parent and youth; use of contracts to reinforce expectations and consequences; the importance of character building; parental responsibility according to state and local laws; internet safety. The purpose of the program is to help juveniles understand how to build their character and prepare for their future in a positive way. It also provides the juvenile and parent with an opportunity to accept accountability for their actions. (contact: Lori VanHorn, 382-8182)

Street Smart: October 17, 2011 - A program for teen drivers, a FREE lecture sponsored by Kohl's, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Oscar Smith High School Auditorium, 1994 Tiger Drive, Chesapeake. To register, visit www.chkd.org/classes. This is an intense interactive program designed to teach good decision-making for teen drivers ages 14 and above.

Texting, Gaming, Social Media and Our Children: November 18, 2011 - A FREE lecture sponsored by Kohl's, 9:30 am -11:00 am; Va. Beach Central Library Auditorium, 4100 Virginia Beach Blvd; Va. Beach. *There is no contact information. You can simply show up if you wish to attend.*

Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained.

~ Marie Curie

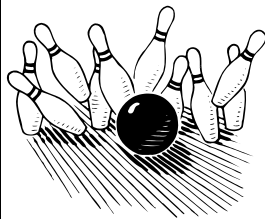


Fall Sunday School (9:30 and 11:00) Schedule

We will continue with our summer schedule through Sunday, Sept. 4th (Labor Day). For our children and youth, “moving-up day” will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11th.

Sunday School is a growing experience for all of us as we study God’s word for our lives. Accept our invitation to “get involved” in Sunday School. And why not invite a friend!

Anyone interested in having a fun evening surrounded by your church family should consider bowling with the GBUMC bowling league. We are a “handicapped” league, meaning everyone gets a little boost with their score! Beginners, intermediate, and expert bowlers are encouraged to join us on Sept. 12th when we begin a new bowling season. We bowl at the AMF Chesapeake Lanes across from Chesapeake Regional Hospital at 6:30 on Monday evenings. Please contact Reverend Kesner or Angie Rinehart at angierinehart@msn.com if you are interested in being a part of GBUMC’s Bowling League!



*With
Sympathy*

Mary Thompson, loss of her husband, Tommy Thompson.

Diane Faircloth, loss of her father, Tommy Thompson.

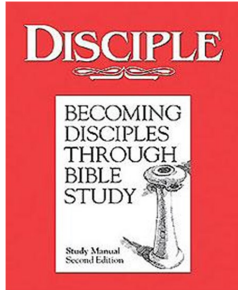
Keith & Dudley Armistead, loss of their mother, Bernice.

Edna Rugayo, loss of her father.

Berkley & Carolyn Gibbs, loss of their brother-in-law.

Kathy Seay, loss of her mother.

Betsy Williams, loss of mother, Jackie Mitchem.



Disciple Bible Studies

Beginning in September, we will offer

two Disciple Bible Studies – Disciple 1 “Becoming Disciples through Bible Study and Disciple 3 “Disciple: Remember Who You Are.”

If you ever wanted to explore the entire Bible, but

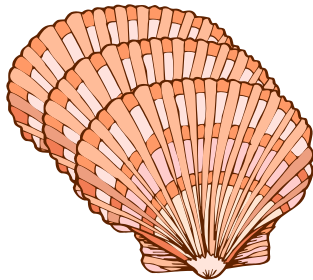
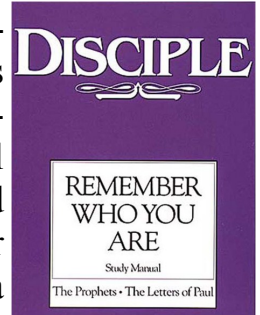
never felt you had the time, Disciple 1 is for you. This 34 week study surveys the entire Bible by having you read certain pieces of Scripture; reading what scholars say about the text; and watching/listening (DVD) to knowledgeable persons share their insight on specific topics.

Disciple 3 is a study of Old Testament prophets and the

New Testament letters of Paul. Participants will be called back to their God and to a sense of who

they are as a people “set apart.”

For more information – or to sign up – visit the Disciple table in the social hall on Sundays.



A Baptism seminar led by Rev. Kesner will be held on Sunday, September 18th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference room located in the office.

Parents of children planning for baptism are invited to attend. Please call the church office at 482-1049 to register.



American Red Cross Blood Drive here at GBUMC Tuesday, September 20, 2 - 7 PM.

Mark your Calendar for the CROP Walk Sunday, Oct. 16 2 p.m. at Chesapeake City Hall

Worldwide United Methodist Church Ministries

WORLD SERVICE FUND \$3,160,556

The World Service Fund provides the basic support for most of the worldwide mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church. This fund supports the work of missionaries around the world and funds evangelistic outreach, establishment of new churches, anti-hunger projects, social justice advocacy, and resources for local church work with children, youth, singles, students, disabled persons and adults of all ages. It provides basic support for the programs and administration of most of the general agencies of The United Methodist Church.

"The World Service apportionment represents the minimum needs of the general agencies of the Church. Payment in full of these apportionments by local churches and annual conferences is the first benevolent responsibility of the Church." — *2008 Book of Discipline* (Par. 812).

As United Methodists, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. One way is by supporting the World Service Fund at 100%.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND \$1,048,613

Men and women choose ordained ministry because God calls them. The Ministerial Education Fund is our way to help them answer that divine call. This fund provides educational support for United Methodist ordained elders and deacons and diaconal ministers, and provides essential support to the 13 United Methodist seminaries in the United States. Of the money received for this fund, 25% is returned to our annual conference for scholarships, clergy professional development and continuing education, and programs to encourage men and women to respond to the call to ordained ministry.

EPISCOPAL FUND \$962,717

Our bishops oversee and promote the church's spiritual and temporal interests. This fund underwrites salaries, housing, office expenses and travel costs of active bishops. It also provides pension and health benefits for active and retired bishops and their families.

BLACK COLLEGE FUND \$418,244

This fund supports the 11 United Methodist historically black colleges and universities in the United States, including one medical school. These schools provide opportunities for many students of promise who otherwise might be excluded from higher education. Graduates of these institutions — teachers, doctors, ministers, bishops, judges, artists and entrepreneurs — are leaders in the African-American community and in a rapidly changing, more diverse United States.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COOPERATION FUND \$83,004

United Methodists acknowledge that we are but a small part of the worldwide Christian church — the

living body of Jesus Christ. This fund supports ecumenical efforts to foster a renewal of Christian unity and understanding as we work with other Christian communions to witness to a common faith, meet human suffering and advocate for peace and justice all over the world.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY FUND \$93,606

This vital fund supports the only United Methodist-related, degree-granting university on the continent of Africa — serving students from 21 countries, all across the continent of Africa. Africa University provides higher education of excellent quality, enriched with Christian values, for both men and women, developing visionary leaders of tomorrow.

GENERAL CONNECTIONAL FUND \$611,450

This combines the General Administration Fund from the general church and the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ) Mission and Ministry Fund. The General Administration Fund finances general church administrative activities, including General Conference (the law-making body of the church); Judicial Council which adjudicates questions of church law; General Council on Finance and Administration that coordinates and administers the finances of the church and safeguards the denomination's legal interests and rights; and maintenance of United Methodism's official documents and historical artifacts, landmarks and sites. This money also supports SEJ administration plus program ministries of the jurisdiction.

TOTAL:

Worldwide UM Church apportionment... \$6,378,190

* In the shaded box below, "Your Local Church Share" is that portion of your church budget meant for others. The amount is unique to each congregation, so you may want to ask your pastor to fill in the number. This represents your "first-mile" in giving to mission and ministry beyond your local church.

TOTAL:

Virginia Conference and Worldwide Apportionments

..... \$32,530,000

*Your Local Church Share..... \$38,717.00

For more information about apportionments and how they are calculated, contact the conference Business office at 1-800-768-6040 or (804) 521-1100, ext. 109; e-mail <DavidDomnisse@vaumc.org>; or visit the Web at <www.vaumc.org>, and click on "Administrative Services >> Business Office."

Apportionments: First- and Second-Mile Giving

2011 El Salvador GIFT Program Update

Been wondering about the **Salvadoran students** whom we at **GBUMC** have been supporting for years? Here's the latest about them:

10 – TEN - Salvadoran students have graduated from a university since 2006, and since the **GIFT (God's Investment For Tomorrow)** Program began in 2003, eight years ago, with our sister church in Ahuachapan, El Salvador, New Jerusalem Evangelical Methodist Church. Photos of these students, with their names and degrees, are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway at church on a large royal blue flag. Thanks to faithful, generous donors from our church, GBUMC, these and other students have been supported in their efforts to make lifelong careers and comfortable livings for them and their families in the struggling country of El Salvador, C.A.

Currently, **28 students** ranging from elementary to secondary to university programs are being supported by **33 individuals and groups from our church**. Donations range from **one-time contributions of any amount to \$20, \$30, \$40 or \$60 monthly to quarterly or yearly amounts in the hundreds of dollars**. YOU are a generous congregation who has blessed and is being blessed by this ministry. Rev. Juan de Dios Pena Gallegos, the President and UMVIM Coordinator of the ES Methodist Church, has visited our congregation in the past and coordinates this program, forwarding applications to us of eligible students and administering the funds monthly to them as they show proof of tuition payments. He reports that many lives have been changed because of this program.

If you would like more information about this ministry contact Sue White at 436-5426 or rwhite32@cox.net, if you have any questions about the GIFT Program.

Please submit bulletin announcements by Wednesdays at 12 noon.
The deadline for the October newsletter is Wednesday, September 21.

All Heart Hospice Program

Would you like to be a spiritual volunteer? All Heart Hospice Program in Norfolk is starting a Communion delivery program.

For more information or to become involved in the program contact Amy Kelly at 961-0049 or amy@allhearthomehealth.com.



Finding Peace

Upcoming Events

~ Sept. 6 - Planning meeting at 6:45 p.m. in room 136



***Save your treasures for us!
Mark your calendar for this
exciting UMW Mission
Project!***

The United Methodist Women will have their annual Yard Sale, Oct. 3rd - 8th. Donations will be accepted beginning on Mon. Oct 3rd - Thurs. Oct. 7th from 12 - 8 p.m. On Friday, Oct.7 we will be open for business from 8 a. m. - Noon and on Sat. Oct. 8th from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. All of the unsold items will be donated to a local charity.

CHECK US OUT ON [FACEBOOK](#)

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

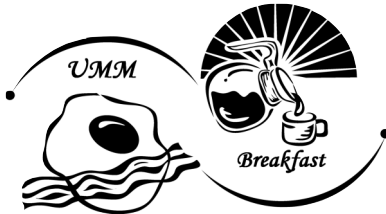
3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 AM.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fall is coming!! We need to be knitting or crocheting warm shawls and scarfs . Prayer Shawl Ministry work session begin again Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We will teach anyone who would like to learn. info? call Barbara Kline - 482-2342.



Saturday, September 24th at 7:30 AM

Come out enjoy breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Coming Soon!

Elizabeth-River District

Lay Speaking Training

Friday, October 14 & Saturday, October 15

Friday 6 - 10 p. m. & Saturday, 8:00 a. m. - 4:30 p. m.

Community UMC

1072 Old Kempsville Rd. Va. Beach

Cost is \$12 - Registration forms are available at our Welcome Centers. For additional information contact Barbara St. John, Co-District Director at 650-1577 or bstjean@cox.net.

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.



Anthem LemonAid: Kids Helping Kids
Amber Walker and her Nursery Staff "set up shop" at Farm Fresh on July 15-17 for LemonAid Weekend 2011. This annual fundraiser for Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters "put the squeeze" on childhood cancer by raising \$75,526. Let's "put a big squeeze" on our Nursery Staff for their continuing work in helping children grow.



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GBUMC
Fourth Annual
Golf
Tournament
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Country Club
Monday,
October 17

\$75 per person

Registration Forms
are available
[online](#) at or at our
Welcome Centers.



*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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