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Stewardship Campaign

Over the next few weeks we will hear from some of our Church members who will address how their faith has impacted them. Our **Consecration Sunday Service will be on October 26th**. It will be highlighted by a special message and a closing that will allow us to show our faithfulness by making our Pledges. We will then gather for a Fellowship Potluck lunch in Donaldson Hall where I will also announce our pledge total for 2015.

In preparation for Consecration Sunday please take these weeks to reflect on your Faith and the influence it has had in your life. Then I ask you to faithfully respond to the challenge of equipping this Church to remain faithful in its ministry. We pray that the Holy Spirit will enlighten us all and help us to renew our commitment as the Lord's disciples and as stewards of his bountiful gifts. Can I ask you to make this a matter of personal reflection and prayer? Chairman of Stewardship Mike Jennings



A Note from Our Pastor

"Aren't we there yet?" If you have traveled with children, you know that question is one constantly on their lips. So, all the way to Florida on our summer vacation, I heard that plaintive question, "Aren't we there yet?"

The response was, "No. We're here, not there."

It occurs to me that the same question and response could be given for our work here at St. John's. We learned through the excellent, comprehensive reports offered at Charge Conference in September that St. John's is accomplishing wonderful, generous, caring work, but we aren't "there" - meaning at the end, or at completion. Our work, our service, is a work forever in progress as we continue to follow Jesus and serve others.

The story is told of a lecturer, whose plane was late bringing him to a new city. He rushed through the airport, jumped in a cab and told the cabby, "Step on it!" After awhile, he asked, "Aren't we there yet?" The cabby replied, "I don't know, sir. You never told me where you wanted to go."

We, the church, often spend a lot of time and effort driving around without a clear understanding of where we want to go, our destination. It's time well spent to say, "Let's slow down, pause awhile and talk about just where it is that God wants us to go."

God has promised us that when the Holy Spirit is poured out on us, we will "dream dreams and see visions."

This may well be the time for us to talk and work together on where God is calling St. John's to be in ministry now and for the next decade.

I hope you will set aside some prayer time to hear from God. I hope you'll allow some conversation time with your friends at St. John's to begin considering next steps.

Maybe these questions will help prod your thinking:

What attracted you to St. John's?

What are you proud of/brag about regarding the church?

How would you like to see that expanded?

What ways of serving our membership, as well as the community,
would you like to see begun or expanded upon?

I invite you to share your dreams and vision. Talk with friends, email me, drop off a note in my mailbox, come sit and talk awhile.....

"No, we're not there yet..... we're here, but we're on our way!"

Pastor Paula



A "Note" about Music Ministry



Upcoming Musical Events

Festival Hymn Sing - Sunday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Children's Sabbath Sunday - October 19

Emmaus Sunday - October 26

Prelude Chamber Ensemble Fall Concert - Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m.

St. John's 2014 Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 21 in worship service

Choir Activities

All St. John's Choirs had a good start in the first two weeks of September.

Singing Saints now includes four men and nine women. The group visited Aarondale on September 4 and Arden Courts on September 11. The residents really enjoyed hearing the old familiar hymns and American folk songs. Some of the residents even wanted to stand with the Singing Saints to sing along.

Sanctuary Choir has started to practice the songs for UMCOR concert. In October the choir will begin to practice for St. John's 2014 Christmas Concert scheduled on Sunday, December 21 in worship service.

Bells of Praise

On Saturday, September 6 eight Bells of Praise members Michael Parker, James Ashby, Debbie Ashby, Joan Barker, Sue Holmes, Eileen Leamon, Kay Gill, and Mary Ann Houpe joined ~500 handbell ringers in metro D.C. area to perform the National Anthem at the Nationals Park. Bells of Praise will perform at the Orlean United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 26.

Bells of Joy is now working on the music required to learn and play in order to attend the spring Handbell Festival in Ocean City, MD.

Youth Music Program started on September 7. The program includes singing, instrumental playing, and the newly formed Youth Guitar Choir. There are 12 youth in the guitar choir.

Children's Music Program started on September 7. The program will be on every Sunday at 4:45 p.m. The children learn the music with lots of musical activities. The theme of fall 2014 is "Living in the Light".

Both the youth and the children will participate in the Children's Sabbath Sunday worship service on October 19. The youth orchestra directed by Kevin Pham will also perform.



A Note from Christian Education

NOTE: Make your Sunday mornings easy with a light "Breakfast for Champions," 8:50 - 9:10 am in Donaldson Hall.

CHILDREN & YOUTH -- SUNDAYS 9:15 - 10:15 AM

NURSERY: Infant to 3 Years [Rm S-3]

Your child will be well cared for by 2 Nursery attendants. Play, music, and stories are offered depending upon the child's ability and interest (available until 11:30 AM).

CHILDREN'S SUNDAYSCHOOL: Ages 4 years to 5th Grade [Rm S-5] [Led by Anne Moore, Vicki Holcombe, Judy Dubler]

EXPLORE L.I.F.E. - Living in Faith Every Day

Children learn Bible stories, scripture, do imaginative crafts and play games that emphasize the lesson. Will be doing the "Fruits of the Spirit" in Sept - Oct.

CONFIRMATION: 6th & 7th Grades [S-9] [Led by Brenda Romenius]

Children learn Bible stories, scripture, and study Christian principles and traditions of the United Methodist Church.

TEEN FAITHWEAVERS: Jr & Sr High Sch [Rally Rm]

[Led by Michael and Rachel Parker]

Teens discuss Bible stories and Christian principles in the context of their lives.

10:30 - 11:30 AM

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: 4 Yrs to 3rd Grade [Rm S-5]

Following *Children's Time with the Pastor*, children may leave the sanctuary for a program that engages them in Bible lessons, crafts and games.

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS 9:15 - 10:15 AM

ADULT FAITHWEAVER: [Resource Ctr]

[Led by Rae Winstead] Parents and grandparents discuss the Bible with an emphasis on parenting a faith-filled family.

HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL? [Library]

[Led by Barbara Turpyn] Rooted in Wesley's question, "*How is it with your Soul?*" the class explores ways to develop and strengthen your spiritual journey.

JOHN WESLEY - HOLINESS OF HEART & LIFE [Education Office]

[Led by Rusty Grimsley] Study the Life of John Wesley and his philosophy, theology and practices

IN THE BOOK [Parlor] [Led by Bob Winstead]

Study the books of the Bible, comparing interpretations of different versions. Will begin Fall session with the Gospel of John.



A Note from Christian Education

MONDAY 7:15 - 8:45 PM [Library]

CHARACTERS OF THE BIBLE. [Library]

[Led by Rev. Paula Werner] Learn about people in the Bible and how we all share in their positive and negative human traits.

THURSDAY 10:30 AM - Noon [Library]

[Led by June Aylor] A casual gathering to study books of the Bible and Christian topics of interest. Studying "Grace," using book written by Max Lucado.

NEW CLASS - November 2 and 9, 12:00 - 1:00 PM [Library]

Bright Horizons

"Love is how you stay alive, even after you are gone." Mitch Albom

All of us are working towards that glorious eternal life with our Heavenly Father in Paradise. At some level, however, we all know that our lives here on earth are finite and there are issues that need to be addressed here before we go to the heavenly beyond.

It isn't pleasant to think about our mortality or what happens to the lives we built or will happen to the ones that mean so much to us after we are gone - but sooner or later, we have to - or someone will have to do it for us. But it doesn't have to be that way.

On November 2 and November 9, 12 - 1 PM, St. John's will offer a workshop on "Bright Horizons." Donald Young, a retired attorney and member of St. John's, will guide participants through a process and series of questions on how to approach "End of Life" concerns. Using his knowledge, experience and good humor, Don will lead the group through an informal session of workbook exercises, discussions and questions.

He and partner Bernard Nolan have developed a useful workbook that addresses estate planning; wills and inheritance; health care plans; burial; what and to whom do you want to leave material items or wealth; the family budget after you are gone; and more.

The booklet "If I Should Die Before I Wake" is provided by St. John's.

Recommend this class for anyone over the age of 50, or with aging family members. The class is free. Registration is required in order to have enough workbook materials on hand. Participants can sign up on Registration form in Donaldson Hall or contact education@saintjohnsumc.org.



United Methodist Women



Candle Burning

Candle Burning is a Virginia Conference UMW project which was started in 1990 to fund missions. Through Candle Burning UMW members have the opportunity to be in mission with women, youth and children who need help in the United States and around the world AND the opportunity to honor or remember special persons in their lives. We can honor or remember our friends and loved ones through the Candle Burning program by donating \$.60 for a second, \$36.00 for a minute or a donation of any amount. At the December UMW General Meeting we will burn a candle for those honored by St. John's UMW members.

Forms are available in the October "Words to Grow On" or from Vicki Holcombe. Please return form with your check (payable to St. John's UMW) to your Circle Treasurer or Vicki Holcombe by **November 1**.

Harvest Banquet



Get ready for a wonderful evening on **Tuesday, October 28**. The UMW cordially invites all of the women at St. John's to Donaldson Hall at **6:30 p.m.** for dinner, prepared and served by the UMM.

Lisa Begg will be our guest speaker. Come hear how she and a local community church in Winchester have been instrumental in the ongoing collection of gently-used bras for "Free The Girls," an amazing organization that helps women who have been rescued from sex trafficking, earn a living. We'll also hold a brief business meeting to elect officers and adopt a budget for 2015. More information, including the ticket price, will be posted around the church, or sent to your Circle chairs soon. If you need child care or a ride, send an e-mail to Marty Bickford at martyb@martfour.com. Please plan to join us for this special evening.

Save the date - November 8!

It's the UMW's Christmas Bazaar/Yard & Bake Sale from **8:00 A.M. to Noon** in Donaldson Hall. Donations of Christmas ornaments, baked goods, and miscellaneous "stuff" will be accepted (no clothing or furniture please). Check this space later for drop-off dates and more details.

"District Day"

Ladies, you are invited to the Alexandria District UMW's "District Day" at St. Matthew's on **Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** The program will include the election of District officers for 2015, a guest speaker, and recognition of the UMW units that have achieved certain goals in four categories: Mission Today, Social Action, Mission Giving, and the Reading Program. The price of admission is a baked good or fruit for the breakfast buffet.

A Major Mission

Remember that your help is needed on Saturday, October 18, to assemble 10,000 meals for "Stop Hunger Now." Many hands make light work, so let's all pitch in and support this major mission at St. John's.

"Free The Girls"

"Free The Girls" is a non-profit organization that was launched in August 2010 to provide job opportunities to women rescued from sex trafficking. Here is what this organization does: it collects new and gently-used bras and ships them to places like Mozambique, Uganda and El Salvador. There, the survivors of human trafficking sell the bras to earn a living, making in some instances five times their country's minimum wage. Starting immediately, the UMW will be promoting "Free The Girls" here at St. John's. Did you know that October is bra recycling month? Raid your dresser drawers, and bring in your bras that you no longer wear. Spread the word! Let's fill the box in Donaldson



YOUTH



October 5th - Youth Bible Study with dinner at 4:45pm in the Youth Rally Room

*October 13th Columbus Day - Day Hike

October 18th - Stop Hunger Now event and is a great chance for those who need Community Service to earn some hours. Please bring friends as this will be a fun-filled event.

*October 25th - Corn Maze in the Plains: Leave St. John's around 4:30 pm for the night maze adventure (\$10 cost for tickets) (Bring your flashlight and be dressed appropriately for the weather)

October 26th - Pumpkin Carving at 4:45pm bring your pumpkins with you



Every Sunday will be having Sunday School at 9:15 am in the Youth Room.
We encourage you to bring friends to all our events!

*Weather permitting and please let us know in advance

We had a total of eight individuals for the August Corn Gleaning down in the Northern Neck and had a wonderful time going through the fields picking the corn and collected around 6,000 pounds of corn in just two and a half hours.

Eleven showed up for the Winchester Apple Gleaning and couldn't have asked for a better day. The sun was out with a nice breeze blowing as we gathered apples. We collected around two tons of apples which were going to DC later in the day.



ZUMBA Low Impact Classes

Low Impact ZUMBA Classes in DONALDSON HALL. Come try it out! Promise you will enjoy the fun and not even feel like you are exercising and it is Heart healthy.

Class times will be:

Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Thursday, 6:15 - 7:00 pm

Come for some great fun, laughter and fellowship. Classes are free. Donations welcome. Any questions feel free to call Judy Dubler on 703- 203-2008 or email at jasdub@cox.net.

Welcome New Acolytes

I am pleased to announce that I have trained two new youth for acolyting.

Please join with me and welcome:

Danny Bugby - 7th Grade

Jada Burgess - 7th Grade

My total for acolytes or cross bearers is 14 youth. Any youth that is in the 7th grade or higher and would like to be an acolyte, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to train you.

Patti Parker - Acolyte Coordinator



Prayer Ministry

Focus: reaching children and youth of St. John's
Question: What are you doing to grow our future church?

Thank You for Your Blood

The blood drive on September 14 was a huge success. We partnered with Springfield Christian Church and collected a total of 37 units - our best yet! Thank you to all who were able to donate and to those who came but will have to wait until next time.

If you are a regular blood donor, remember these dates: Wait 56 days after a whole blood donation, 14 days after a platelet donation and 112 days after a double red (ALYX) donation to participate again.

Our next drive will be in the Spring of 2015. I will forward information on a date as soon as it is confirmed.

What a pleasure to be a part of such a wonderful, generous team of donors.

Thank you, Judy Bennett

Operation Christmas Child Presentation

On **October 4th**, there is an open invite for all to come to an Operation Christmas Child speaker presentation at **2:00 pm** in the Sanctuary.

Vladimir "Ted" Foreman will be speaking about his early years growing up in an orphanage and it wasn't until he was nine years old when he received his first gift, which happened to be through OCC. God planted a seed in his heart and four years later he was adopted by a family in the US. He began hearing about Jesus and realized there was a connection between the moment of hope he felt when he received the shoebox gift and the eternal hope he was hearing about in Jesus Christ. As an adult, his aim is to make a difference in the lives of children and share that truth with them.

This will be a great chance for you to hear from someone who has received a box and how it has changed their life.

News Around the Church

Stop Hunger Now: It's Time for the Volunteers!

Life Line Screening

St. John's United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event.



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on **10/20/2014**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

With the fundraising efforts of the Spaghetti Luncheon and the Hymn Sing on September 28, we will have met our goal of raising \$2900 (10,000 meals) for our Stop Hunger Now event.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause. We can always do more so we will keep the "Change for Change" jar in the narthex each Sunday.

Now we need to do the hands-on mission part! Many volunteers are needed for our food packaging event on Saturday, October 18 and there will be a job for everyone. The work begins at 7:00 am and the tasks will include:

- unloading the meal ingredients from the truck
- setting up the packaging stations
- packaging the meals
- weighing the meals
- boxing up completed meals
- loading the truck with full boxes of meals.

Just like our potato drop event, lots of volunteers will make the work go faster and more efficiently. So see the Stop Hunger Now Volunteer Board and sign up today. You won't want to miss this awesome, life-changing mission project. For more information, contact Anne Moore at atrd@verizon.net.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Remembrances

October Birthdays...

- 2 Lydia Huebner, Matthew Perlish,
Dorothy Soter
- 3 Linda Matkins
- 4 Jennifer Kuehnle
- 5 Michael Leasure
- 7 Robert Brasse, Robert Gray
- 8 Emma Anderson
- 9 Amy Gilchrist, Laura Grimsley-Corn,
Dollie Hankinson, Ernest Settle
- 11 Zachary Crandall
- 12 James Rice
- 13 David Chadwick, Amy Hetzer
- 14 Zachary Pacak
- 15 Andy Freeman
- 16 Bobbie Robinson, Diane Young
- 17 Mackenzie Crandall, Aaron Listopad
- 18 Chris Butler
- 19 Josh Blaine, Barbara Shinton
- 21 Helen Houff, Ciara Prencipe
- 22 Margie Gibbons, Tim Gibbons
- 23 Don Young
- 24 Rae Winstead
- 25 Jim Hickey
- 27 Allison Kraft
- 28 Hannah Andrews, Michael Meaney
- 29 Linda Hitchcock, Crew McCarthy,
Barbara Teats, Betty Yoast
- 30 Kerby Houff, Kelly Lunsford



In Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Sandy Greer and family in the death of Sandy's brother, Steven Nelson.

In Our Prayers



Luke Catania IV, Vicki Collins, Tiny Hartzell, Ed Jones, Jonah Kuhlman, Margaret Marsh, Hazel Marshall, Harlin Matkins, Patti Parker, Joann Raison, Betty Rampy, Jim Robinson, Anne Stegall, Barbara Teats, Macel Thompson, and Connie Ward.

Extended Family: Bridgett Barbarto, Cindy Bronder, Tippy Cameron, Steve Cooper, Lynn Foster, Carol Full, Robert Giannini, Nancy Gonzales, Robin Harlow, Doug Johnson, Kirk Marshall, Dolores Martin, Virginia Rainey, Bill and Betty Smith, Linda Stocks, Danny VanGorder, Ray Wardlow, William Weist, Bert Wood Jr.

Law Enforcement and those Serving in the Armed Forces

Bryan Teats, serving in Kuwait
Jared Davis, serving in the Army Intelligence Branch at Ft. Meade, MD.
Des Walton, serving with the Army in Bangkok, Thailand.
Jeremy Honaker, nephew of Debbie & Jerry Ashby, Warner Robins, GA.
Matt Stratton, serving in the Army, Ft. Collins, CO.
If you have a family member serving on active duty we would like to include their name on this prayer list. Let the office know.

October Anniversaries...



- 3 Suzanne Dorick & Jim Hickey
- 4 John & Ellen Eggerton
- 5 Tony & Alison Andrews
- 9 Joseph & Sandy Listopad
- 11 Tom & Cathy Gray
- 17 Craig & Kiersten Miller
- 21 Alyson & Ben Smith
- 27 James & Mardrey Amery

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