



NOVEMBER 2011

DECEMBER CHIMES DEADLINE

Wednesday, November 7, at 9 AM

Email entries to Terry at cumcsecretary@chesterumc.org OR

Place articles in Secretary Mailbox



NEXT CONNECTIONS CLASS

Interested in joining Chester United Methodist Church?

Get Connected: Sundays, November 13 and November 20 at 9:30

AM in Room 166.



REMEMBER TO FALL BACK

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6, so be sure to set your clocks back one hour .



DEAR FRIENDS,

It is fall and change is in the air. Change - sometimes it is embraced with both arms wide open and other times it is resisted tooth and nail. My own perspective on change is that it is welcomed when we initiate it and resisted when it is simply given to us. All the changes in staff in the past month have been more than difficult to absorb. The resignations of our Director of Spiritual Formation, Nursery School Director, and Executive Secretary have initiated significant change. It is as if the leaves are falling from the trees while we are still needing all they provide!

But just as God is in the changing autumn leaves, God is in the many changes at our church. Mixed with the challenges that change brings are the tremendous opportunities to serve God. God continues to bring many new people to our church. Our three Sunday services are feeding people's need to worship. Our home groups are fulfilling both discipleship and relationship needs. The fall stewardship program is holistic in its approach and the team working on it is very excited to share it with the congregation. Our youth ministries are off to a very strong start. The choir is as large as it has been in the history of our church. Last year we had the challenge of providing food for 29 elementary students in our community. This year that number has grown to 43. Our ministry with Broadwater has taken a major step in deepening our impact by providing tutoring every week. Indeed, there are many opportunities to serve God.

Changes have a way of derailing us. Certainly it is good to stop, listen and look, but then we are called, like Elijah, to "go back" to the work God has given us to do. It is my honor to be a partner with you in this God-given work. We are blessed with a dedicated team of leaders who are steadying the boat as we sail through these turbulent waters. May God protect us from division, bless us with compassion, and guide us to faithfulness.

Pastor Marg

Consecration Sunday

November 20, 2011

A Concert of Worship 8:30 AM
featuring Joshua Wortham

Potluck Brunch 9:45 AM

Traditional Worship 11:00 AM
with Guest Speaker William "Boogie" Henderson

Potluck Lunch 12:15 PM

Illusionist David Garrard 5:00 PM
Christian Magician

Potluck Dinner 6:15 PM

TIME TALENT TREASURE

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WILLIAM HENDERSON

2011 FALL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Fall Stewardship Campaign will culminate on Sunday, November 20 (**Consecration Sunday**) when members of the congregation of Chester United Methodist Church (CUMC) will be invited to submit their commitment for giving (pledge) cards for offerings to be made to the church in calendar year 2012. "Pledge cards" will be distributed by CUMC on or about November 14, 2011. This will allow time for prayerful consideration by each member for a commitment to giving financially and practically to the church. In addition to showing monetary donations, the pledge card will contain space on which members may indicate how they would like to commit their time and talent.

The theme for the 2011 Fall Ste2wardship Campaign was set at "T3" referring to the "time, talent, and treasures" of the CUMC members. Ministerial and/or liturgist announcements and other informational listing in the weekly bulletins have frequently referred to opportunities for members to donate their time or their talent or to give of their personal funds to support the activities or the functions of the church. CUMC is a member –sponsored church meaning that most of the paid-for activities and/or functions are made possible by offerings from the congregations. Making regular donations is a core spiritual responsibility of all church members. It also enables members to put God first in their lives and helps the church to support His work and that of Jesus in the communities serviced by CUMC.

Children's lessons with stewardship themes are scheduled for November 6 and 13. Parents are encouraged to give children the opportunity to make commitments to the church. The children will be urged to discuss their proposed commitments in advance with their parents.

Offerings may be made at any of the three regular church services on **Consecration Sunday** (November 20) in cash or by personal check payable to Chester United Methodist Church. Additionally, members are welcomed to submit their monetary gifts through a once-a-year means or by periodically scheduled "eGiving" via Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF/s). The use of ETF/s has been referred to as making "good stewardship easy." Parishioners may use their designated offering envelopes or any of the generic envelopes that may be found in the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, or in the Sanctuary pew racks. There will be a celebratory **Pot Luck Meal** following each of the 3 services on Consecrations Sunday.

All members of CUMC will receive an invitation to attend one of the **Informational Dessert Sessions** for congregants to learn more about how the church impacts the local community and the world, how resources are used, the 10-year plan, endowments, and other ways in which they may support the church's work.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: RECEPTIVITY TO CARE

Most people are much more open to giving care than receiving it. giving care, a person is in the position of strength, stability and authority. receiving care, he or she is acknowledging weakness, insecurity and vulnerability. As a result, there are countless people today who, though really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own.

But God did not create us to be independent. God's word is clear about this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (Genesis 2:18) The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contains the words "one another": "love one another", "encourage one another", "build up one another", and "pray for one another." It also tells us that we are to allow other people to love, encourage, build up and pray for us! Suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Jesus promises, **"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)**

Our Stephen Ministers know all about receiving care. Many of them have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier point in their lives—something that has motivated them to give care now. They know the great personal and spiritual growth and healing that follows. They know how to respond in a loving, caring and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped, ready and waiting to provide the comfort and care God very much desires for you. Our Stephen Ministry offers the opportunity of a very confidential relationship with someone who will listen to you and provide you with the care and encouragement you need, while Christ works inside to bring rest to your weary, burdened heart.

For this care, whether for yourself or someone you know, please contact:

Pastor Mary (748-6006) OR

Louise Ross (748-5099), Referrals Coordinator



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BROADWATER COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING 2011

Please come join us on Friday, November 18th and Saturday November 19th as the residents of Broadwater and members from Chester Christian and Chester United Methodist Church join together to celebrate Thanksgiving. Festivities will begin on Friday at 7:30 pm at **Chester United Methodist** with an evening of arts and crafts as well as baking in preparation for our meal on Saturday. On Saturday, Chester Christian will host the lunch from 12:00-2:00 pm.

There are many ways in which you can assist with this year's Thanksgiving celebration.

- Prepare a turkey, side dish, or dessert.
- Assist with the activities on Friday, Saturday, or BOTH
- Monetary donations (please note: Broadwater Thanksgiving)
- Prayers for the event

More details will be announced in the bulletin and at church in the coming weeks. However, if you are interested in joining us for the meal please contact Amy Dodd (399-8680 or alwdodd@comcast.net) by Monday, November 7.

BACKPACK MISSION UPDATE

The needs of the CUMC Backpack Ministry are growing. Through this program, Chester United Methodist Church is working with the school counselor at Curtis Elementary School to meet the week-end food needs of **47** children. Last year we fed 29 children. According to the school counselor, most of the families in the program this year are "new" to being in need, and for the most part, are struggling due to lost jobs. Every Friday (September-June), each of these 47 children takes home a backpack filled with food to provide them with enough food for 7 meals over the week-end. Without these backpacks, the next meal for these children might not be until Monday at school where they receive free breakfasts and lunches. The Backpack Mission operates on our congregation's food and monetary donations (Memo: Backpack). Please place food items in the labeled bin in the Mission Closet. See the list below of suggested food items to donate:



Food Items Needed for Backpack Ministry (September-June)

Oatmeal Packets (single serve)	Spam
Pop Tarts	Beef Jerky
Cereal	Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli
Cereal/ Fruit Bars	Beenee Weenee
Rice-a-Roni	Vienna Sausages
Soups	Crackers and Cheese (single serve packs)
Ramen Noodles	Peanut Butter Crackers (single serve packs)
Meals Complete	Fruit/Applesauce Cups
Macaroni and Cheese	Pretzels/Nuts/ Muffins /Crackers (single serve)
Tuna/Chicken Helper	Dried Fruit
Canned Tuna/Chicken	

CUMC FOOD PANTRY

Items we receive through donation stock our Food Pantry which we use to help feed the hungry in our community and church. We work closely with CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance of Social Ministry) which screens and refers families in need to us. Each family is provided bags of food from a specified list created by CCHASM. This insures that all families get the same food (amount depending on the size of family). It is from this list that we ask for food to stock our shelves. Donations may be placed outside the Food Pantry Door.

Below is the list we use to supply bags with an asterisk (*) beside those items that typically run low. Donations of any of these items are always appreciated. Please retain this list for referral throughout the year as you do your family shopping, and fill a bag for our neighbors in need. Remember that the holiday season takes a great toll on any Food Pantry. Please help see that ours is fully stocked and ready.

Food Items for Packing CCHASM Referred Grocery Bags:

Beef Stew – 16 oz can	Juice – lg. can/bottle
Corned Beef Hash – 12 oz can	Coffee – instant/regular
Ham – canned 1 lb (Dollar General) Tuna Fish – 8 oz. can	Tea – instant/bags
Spam/ Treat Luncheon Meat – canned	Cold Cereal
Chicken – 8 oz. can	Hot Cereal
Chili w/Meat – 16 oz. can	Peanut Butter – 16 oz. jar
Soup – can/ dry	Jelly – 16 oz. jar
Spaghetti Sauce – 20 oz. can/jar	Fruit-16 oz. can
Spaghetti Noodles – 16 oz. pkg.	Corn – 16 oz. can
Macaroni & cheese – boxed	Green Bean – 16 oz. can
Hamburger Helper Meal- box/pouch	Carrots – 16 oz. can
Mayonnaise – lg. jar	Peas – 16 oz. can
Biscuit Mix – lg. box	Pork & Beans – 16 oz. can
Pancake mix – lg. box	Bath Soap
Pancake Syrup	Toilet Tissue – 4 rolls
Mashed Potatoes – Instant boxed	Laundry Soap – lg. Box
White Rice – lg. box/bag	Shampoo – 12 oz.

CCHASM THANKSGIVING MEAL GIFT PROGRAM Your help is needed in preparation for the annual Thanksgiving Meal Gift Program that will help feed over 5,000 people in our community. Here are ways you can participate:



- Bring a **COMPLETE** Meal Grocery Bag to the church **by Wednesday, November 16**. (Place in the labeled bin in the Mission Closet beside the Atrium.) A Meal Gift Bag includes the following items:
 - 1-40 oz. can yams or sweet potatoes
 - 1-13 oz. box mashed potatoes
 - 1-16 oz. can cranberry sauce
 - 2-15 oz. cans corn
 - 2-15 oz. cans green vegetables
 - 2-16 oz. boxes packages of stuffing mix
 - 2-10 oz. cans gravy
 - 1-box hot chocolate mix
 - 1 small box tea bags or 1 jar ice tea mix
 - 1 package cookies
- **FOOD GIFT CARDS:** In addition to a Meal Gift Bag, we will also be giving each family a Food Gift Card (in the amount of \$15) for the purchase of perishable items. This year CCHASM will be receiving a 5% discount on all Gift Cards they purchase from Martin's. Therefore, if you plan to contribute Gift Cards, please put your check in the offering plate or drop it by the Church Office. Make checks payable to CCHASM (Memo: Thanksgiving Gift Cards). *CCHASM will be able to make your dollars go farther with their Martin's discount.*
- Pray daily for the thousands of families and individuals, especially for the children, who do not have adequate food.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



The Power of a Simple Gift ... Operation Christmas Child – one small shoe box filled with toys, school supplies and necessity items is just the beginning of the gift. Many children have the opportunity to hear the Gospel message about the best gift of all – God's Son, Jesus Christ. Brochures with packing directions, gift suggestions, and labels to put on each shoe box are available at Welcome Center in the Atrium. Filled shoe boxes are due **Tuesday, November 15**. Thank you for your partnership in this ministry as we work together to take the true meaning of Christmas to children around the globe. If you need more information, please contact Sharon Buchanan at 748.9657. See below for **PACKING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. **SHOE BOX:** Use an empty shoe box (standard size) or a small plastic container. you can wrap the box (lid separate), but wrapping is not required. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift
2. **BOY OR GIRL:** Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category (2-4; 5-9; or 10-14). Use the appropriate boy/girl label from the packing brochure (or download label from www.samaritanpurse.org/occ). Mark the correct age level on the label and attach to the top of your box.
3. **FILL WITH GIFTS:** Fill the Box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

4. **INCLUDE \$7 DONATION:** Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project cost. You can give online at www.samaritanspurse.org/occ or you can use the donation envelope attached to the packing brochure.

5. **DROP OFF:** Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at church in the Mission Closet by Tuesday, November 15.

CHESTER UMC SHARING TREE

There is a Christmas tree by the Welcome Center that needs your attention! It is the Chester UMC "*Sharing Tree*." There are ornaments on the tree **free** for the taking! Each ornament represents an adult with an intellectual disability who lives in Chesterfield County and does not have family or will not receive Christmas gifts without your help. Here's how it works:

Choose an ornament from the tree no later than **December 11th**.

Bring your items back to church, labeled with the ID# of the ornament you chose & place under the tree by **December 18** (wrapped or unwrapped: your choice!)

Gift ideas are on the ornament for your convenience. Even in tough times, there is always enough to share! Help make the difference in the life of someone who is in need this Christmas! Individuals, families, small groups, & Sunday school classes are all welcome to participate! There are also whole families in need! Please contact Melissa Moore if you or your class/group would like to sponsor a family. For more information, contact Melissa Moore (314-6589 or moorem@chesterfield.gov).

ANNUAL USED CELL PHONE COLLECTION

It's that time of year again! Our 2nd annual used cell phone collection will be held November 1-30. Please place old cell phones in the labeled bin in the Mission Closet. The cell phones go to a woman's shelter called SafeHarbor. The phones are wiped cleaned and specially programmed to be used by women that have left violent homes and are seeking a new/safe life. For the phones that are too old or damaged, they are recycled and the money is used to support their programs. Please take a moment, clean out your drawers and closets and donate your used cell phones. Contact Katey Petrey McCarney (802-0084 or ks.petrey@gmail.com) for more information.

CHRISTMAS RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN Please see below for information regarding the Salvation Army Angel Tree for families (with children) that still need assistance and missed the deadlines for the Christmas Mother and MDMA Christmas store. The parents will need to make sure to follow instructions below exactly in order to be able to register. Assistance is available for children ages birth to 14 however, children are not allowed at registration.



WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO REGISTER FOR ASSISTANCE:

Please note, The Salvation Army will not register clients without this information.

- 1) A photo I.D.
- 2) Social security cards for applicants and ALL children
- 3) If not your children, you need proof of guardianship
- 4) Proof of expenses (rent/mortgage, cable and cell phone)
- 5) Proof of income (recent paycheck stubs)

REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD at Salvation Army, Richmond Area Command, 2 West Grace Street, Richmond VA on the following dates:

- November 17th from 9 am to Noon
- November 18th from 9 am to 6 pm
- November 19th from 9 am to Noon

Directions: (804) 225-7470

Schedule:

- Falling Creek Elementary: Monday/Tuesday; 743-3630 x 5289
- Falling Creek Middle: Wednesday/Thursday; 743-3640 x 5620
- Fridays: Home Visits/Office: 240-3714 - cell phone

TURKEY POT PIE DINNER and the MUSIC OF ALLFORONE

Saturday, November 12, at 6:00 PM.

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHESTER COMMUNITY are invited to feast on Turkey Pot Pie and all the trimmings and enjoy Chester UMC's own men's quintet, **AllforONE**. Proceeds will help support the mission projects of the United Methodist Women. Tickets (\$10 per person) are available from Susan Petrey (275-9258) or the church office (748-6006). Please make checks payable to **Chester UMW** (memo: pot pie).

CHARGE AND DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, **November 13, 2:00 PM** at our church. Every member of the church is welcome to attend. Our new District Superintendent, Rev. John Vest, will lead us.

The **James River District Conference** will be held Sunday, **November 20, 5:00 PM**. (Location to be determined). Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting to meet people from other churches on our district and to hear about the work of our district.

MUSIC NOTES

Christmas is in the air! Yes, you heard me! The Chancel Choir has been celebrating Christ's birth since the beginning of October and now the children are hard at working preparing for Christmas as well. Thank you for your prayers for all who are participating in these musical celebrations of God's gift to us.



God Moves (now open to any young person in grades 5 through 12) will be rehearsing at 3:30 PM during the month of November on Sunday afternoons (instead of Wednesday evenings). In working to find a best possible time, we have decided that God Moves and Youth Choir will take turns in the 3:30 rehearsal slot. Watch your parent e-mails (for parents of youth and children) and the bulletin to confirm the rehearsal schedule. God Moves allows young people the opportunity to express themselves in worship primarily using sign language.

All are invited to the **Fall Festival at Ramsey Memorial UMC** on Hull Street on Saturday, November 12. The festival (which runs from 11 AM -4 PM) will include free food, games and fellowship for all ages along with live music. Our own Fresh Start Band will be on stage to perform for one hour starting at 11:30 AM.

Lastly, thank you to all who attended my concert at Wesley UMC in Hopewell in October. There was a great turn out and an even great spirit alive in the room that afternoon. Thanks in part to your generosity, the youth collected 401 canned goods for the Hopewell Food Pantry! Praise God! "Sing"-cerely,

Joshua

YOUNG ADULTS OUTING

We had a blast in October with 12 people taking part in dinner at Don Papa Grande followed by a fierce bowling match. Plans are in the works for our next monthly get together on **Wednesday, November 16!** If you are between the ages of 22 and 35 (or you act like you're that age!) join us! Look for more info in the bulletin and the weekly highlights. Planning to attend? Let me know you're coming! E-mail Joshua at music@chesterumc.org

UPWARD SOCCER PROGRAM

Bob Argabright, a Richmond District lay person, is involved in starting an Upward Soccer Program this spring in the Richmond southside community of Oak Grove-Bellemeade (near North Hopkins Road and Jeff Davis). He can utilize in the program all the used soccer equipment he can collect. He needs cleats, shin guards, socks and uniform parts. He will be glad to pick up donated items. Please contact Bob at:

Robert Argabright II
rargabright@verizon.net
804/288-3287

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Wow! We are off to an awesome start. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Youth Parent Meeting. It is so great to see so much support on behalf of our youth at Chester. No wonder the youth are amazing—they have the best parents! We spent our first meeting getting to know one another and getting ideas for our future meetings. Our second meeting was filled with pumpkins, paint, and chalk. We love to get messy. We focused on ***1 Timothy 4:12***. We will continue to impress this scripture upon our minds and grow, grow, grow. We are now in the midst of planning for one of our favorite mission opportunities. CARITAS! **November 13** will be dedicated to our very own food pantry. We will be asking for donations to supply our pantry.



Our schedule is: Sunday afternoons from 4 to 5 PM. We would love to see you. Families, stay for our 5 o'clock Jump Start service. What a better way to "Jump Start" your week of busyness.

We would love for our youth to get in the habit of bringing their Bibles to youth group. If youth do not have a Bible, don't fret, we have plenty on hand. It is nice to have your own so that you can highlight or mark scripture in your Bible. We are reading from the NIV version.

Feel free to contact us with any questions: Gordon or Susan @ msyouthdirector@chesterumc.org

Blessings,

Gordon Morris and Susan Nixon

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

The high school youth have had a great start to fall. We have been meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm at the youth cottage. This has been a wonderful opportunity to fellowship and get to know one another. The youth have been participating in devotions from John 3:16. We have taken a very close look at God's love, His character, His Grace, and how we as high school youth can share His love with the world. During youth time, we also enjoy team building games and activities. The youth have been very busy preparing for the fall games and trunk or treating that we will provide for the children of CARITAS. We will be hosting a spaghetti dinner, games, and trunk or treating on Sunday, October 30 beginning at 3:30pm.



A recent Destination Unknown excursion took us to Maymont where we had a time of fun and relaxation. Wonderful memories were made on the beautiful fall afternoon.

The High School Youth are also looking forward to participating in the "Operation Christmas Child." On Sunday, November, 13th at 12:15pm (meet at the youth cottage), the high school youth will be going to a local church that heads the program in our area. We will enjoy the speaker and will have an opportunity to make shoe box gifts.

We extend an open invitation to any high school youth in grades 9-12! We love new faces and have many exciting activities planned for the months to come! Please contact Jenni/Jason Deckert @ hsyouthdirector@chesterumc.org.

A great big THANK YOU to all of the wonderful church members who have donated snack munchies for our Wed. evenings! We appreciate and love you!

-Jenni and Jason Deckert

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

- **Fellowships:**

- **Frances Allen Fellowship**--will meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 PM at the home of Louise Ross. All women of the church are welcome. Call Janis Hargrave, 526-4156, for details.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship**--will meet Thursday, November 10, 10 AM, in Davis Fellowship Hall. Call Martha Miles, 748-5476, for details.
- **Jean Craig Fellowship**--will meet Monday, November 14, 7:00 PM in room 116 to continue to work on shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and begin packing Christmas gift bags for UMFS. Visitors and new members are always welcomed. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for details and to learn what you can bring.



- **November 6--District UMW Fall Day Apart**--3 PM, Main Street UMC, Emporia, mark your calendar and plan to travel together—contact Susan Petrey if you plan to attend.
- **November 12--Turkey Pot Pie**--9:00 AM preparation, 6:00 PM dinner--watch for details on how you can help.
- **December 4--Salad Luncheon**--mark your calendars for our next General Membership meeting—we'll prepare gift bags for United Methodist Family Services, call your fellowship leader or Susan Petrey to see what you can bring.

Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, to learn more about UMW, our three participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

- **United Methodist Men Sunday:**

- All men of the church are invited to celebrate United Methodist Men Sunday on November 20th. **(We had a great time last year! We can use all men of the church to serve as greeters, ushers, or sing in our Men's Day Choir. Please plan to meet, here at the church, on Wednesday, Nov 9, 2011 at 6:30 PM for choir rehearsal.)** We are excited to have as a guest speaker William Henderson, a Thomas Dale Alumni who played 12 years with the Green Bay Packers in the NFL, including their Super Bowl XXXI winning team. William was recently inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame! William will be speaking about the importance of team work when it comes to accomplishing goals. As part of recognizing the United Methodist Men and all that they do in our church and our community we're asking all the men of the church to donate \$20, or whatever amount you see fit, to support the projects that the UMM fund during the year. Projects like the roof fund, mission work, and the Gideons to name just a few. Special envelopes will be handed out prior to each service.



- **November UMM Meeting:**

- Due to conflicts with several activities going on the first two weeks of November, the United Methodist Men will not be having dinner during the November meeting. Instead, we will be holding a shorter meeting to prepare for UMM Sunday. In particular we will be working with our own Josh Wortham as he attempts to coax a joyful noise from our members as we rehearse to sing in the choir on UMM Sunday! All men of the church are welcome, regardless of singing ability! Please join us on **Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary for rehearsal! Josh will have us out of there by 8PM.

JOIN THE FRESH START SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

in study, fellowship and service

- **Faith Lessons on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah**—Pack your bags. We're going on a journey; a quest to uncover Scripture and its meaning across history. Filmed on location in Israel and throughout the Middle East, the Faith Lessons DVD series led by biblical professor and archeologist Rev. Ray Vander Laan is a life-changing experience with the Bible. You will discover why Jesus turned the world upside down with his compelling call to follow him.
- **Dinner for CARITAS**—join us as we plan to serve dinner to our CARITAS guests on Wednesday, November 2.



The Fresh Start Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 in room 207. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Call Susan Petrey, 275-9258, for more information.

NEXT COUNTRY STORE AT THE HERMITAGE

HERMITAGE COUNTRY STORE

(1600 Westwood Ave.; Richmond; 804-474-1800)

Friday, December 2, 2011

Open to the Public

11 AM-3 PM

WANT TO GO TO ENGLAND?

How about a Wesleyan Heritage Tour with Alpha Christian Tours? The trip is a 10 day tour of England, from **May 13-22, 2012**, visiting York, Epworth, Coventry, Stratford-on-Avon, Oxford, Bristol, Windsor Castle, and London. The cost is \$2800 and includes airfare, superior hotels, motorcoaches, guides, daily breakfast and dinner, entrance fees, taxes and gratuities. For more information please contact **Cynthia Corley, 241-9809**.

RECYCLE USED INK CARTRIDGES

Please recycle your used ink cartridges to help offset our church office expenses. We participate in the Office Max recycling program which pays us \$3 per used cartridge (Lexmark, HP or Dell) which we can apply to future purchases. Thank you for putting your empty ink cartridges in the labeled bin in the Mission Closet.

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

BIRTHS:

Brady Armstead Dyson, born to Kelly and Andrew Dyson on September 30 at 2:51 PM and weighing in at 6lbs. 11 oz. He was 1 month premature. All three are doing well. The proud grandparents are Judy and Jim Dyson.

Kendall Lacy McCormack, born October 7, 2011 to *John & Caroline McCormack* and measuring 8lbs. 13oz. She is received by her brothers, Cooper and Brady, and her grandparents, Lee and Louise Ross and Jay and Sue McCormack.

Elise Kathryn Duffy, born October 10 (at 5 lbs. 13 oz.), and *Bryson Charles Duffy*, (born October 10 (at 6 lbs. 2 oz.), to Darren and Michelle Duffy. Paul and Diane Duffy are the proud grandparents.

NEW MEMBERS:

Jack and Betsy Price
412 E. Westover Avenue
Colonial Heights, VA 23832

DEATHS:

Virginia Hornsby Woodbury: October 10, 1921-October 23, 2011

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

The family of Earl and Betty Tatum and Doug Pike would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, prayers, and food during Doug's surgery and Earl's back problems. We are so fortunate to have such a loving church family - we are so blessed.

~ Earl and Betty Tatum and Doug Pike

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, visits, and all kinds of support during my surgery and recovery. Louan and Vann [Stanfield], thank you for visiting me, praying with me, and preparing the wonderful food you brought me. Pastor Marg, thank you for your visits. It's so wonderful to have such a loving "family".

Blessings, Tish Manuel

Dear Pastor Marg and Friends at Chester UMC, Thank you so much for remembering Hatcher [Cook]. We are now attending a small, country church where Hatcher's PaPa is the minister. There are no other children who regularly attend Swansonville UMC, so this bible is extra special. Thank you for the gift.

Sincerely, Matt and Tara Cook

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Carowan (formerly Janet Maxwell) are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, *Stephanie Marie Carowan*, to *Russell Jay Courter*, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Courter of New Jersey. Stephanie is currently a Trial Lawyer for the U. S. Department of Justice and Russell is a composer and Technology Consultant for a large consulting firm in Washington, D. C. The couple will be married on the Outer Banks of NC on October 29, 2011. Following their honeymoon on the island of St. Lucia, the couple will reside in the Washington, D. C. area. Stephanie is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Adele Maxwell and Carolyn Maxwell is her very proud aunt. For more information and pictures, please visit their wedding website and blog at: <http://stephanieandrussell.beachbridesblog.com>.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS RECEIVED

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