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November 2017 Newsletter

All Saints Sunday – November 5

Come to Remember and Celebrate!



From the Pastor's Pen

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. ~Psalm 116:15



By the time you read this, All Saints Day 2017 will be over (we will celebrate on Sunday, November 5). Bethany's altar will be covered by a white cloth bearing the names of members and loved ones who have already finished their earthly journey. (See photo on outside of this newsletter.)

For us, All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Christian saints. Many western churches celebrate All Saints on November 1; many eastern churches celebrate it on the first Sunday after Pentecost. While only those who were martyred for their faith in Christ were once the focus of this honor, today we remember the lives of all whose lives are worthy of our imitation. Saints are not perfect people; they are people through whom God works to do God's will.

I love the words of Hymn 712 – *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*. This hymn embodies what it means to be a saint:

*I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave the true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the
Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.*

*They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake the
whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why
I shouldn't be one too.*

*They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints who love
to do Jesus' will.*

*You can meet them in school, on the street, in the
store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor, and I
mean to be one too.*

Think of one person in your family tree who is an example of Christ for you and others. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for their life and for the courage to follow in their steps as they followed Christ.

*On the journey together,
Pastor Suzanne*



Study of the Gospel of Mark

Each Monday morning, 10:00 a.m.

(in Rick's Class)

Join Pastor Suzanne for a wonderful
time of discovery in this Gospel.

Special Service – November 19
With Dr. Youtha Hardman-Cromwell

Selections from



GOD'S TROMBONES

(by James Weldon Johnson)
and Negro Spirituals

10:30 a.m.

Invite a neighbor!



Charge Conference

Sunday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
at Wesley UMC
2510 North Armistead Avenue
Hampton, VA

Theme: "A New Thing"
Everyone is invited to come!



FRUIT SUNDAY
November 19, 2017



We are in need of a variety of fruit for Fruit Sunday. Baskets will be filled with our Altar Fruit and taken to our homebound members and to head-trauma patients at the Veterans Hospital.

Your help is needed:

- Bring Fruit for the Altar by 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 18.
- Volunteer to help fill the baskets on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.
- Volunteer to deliver the baskets on Sunday, November 19, to our shut-ins. (Our Boy Scout troop delivers the baskets to the Veterans Hospital.)
- Please provide the Church Office with any names and addresses of shut-ins and others that you are aware of that would appreciate baskets of fruit, no later than Sunday, November 12. We need many people to participate in this project to be able to serve our church and our community. Thank you!

New Member & Staff Spotlight



On October 1 we welcomed **Christian Ochillo** as Bethany's new organist. Christian hails from Antigua, is a senior at ODU in Norfolk,

works with ODU students through the campus organization of the Episcopal Church, and is a Starbucks barista – a busy man! We appreciate Christian's ministry of music as he shares his talents with us each week in worship. We hope to be a blessing to him, as well!



Sam and Barbara Fowler come to us officially as transfers from St. Mark's UMC

in Hampton. Actually, they were members of East Hampton UMC, which closed after the last Annual Conference, and they have been regularly attending here at Bethany.

Sam was born to Eugenia and Samuel Fowler on January 21, 1946 in Hampton, VA. Barbara Hensley Fowler was born to Geraldine and Dock Hensley on March 20, 1948 and grew up in Stone, Kentucky. Sam graduated from Kecoughtan High School in 1967 and Barbara graduated from Belfry High School in 1966 in Belfry, Kentucky. Their parents were good friends for many years, which brought the two

of them together. Their parents have since passed away, as well as Sam's sister, Floyetta. Barbara's brother, Tommy, has also passed away. Barbara's brother, David, resides in Michigan; her sister, Janet, lives in Kentucky.

Sam has lived all his life in Hampton, while Barbara lived in Kentucky until 1966. The two of them were married on June 18, 1967 in (Phoebus) Hampton, VA.

They have two children: a daughter, Katrina, who lives in Hampton with her family, and a son, Scott, who lives in Williamsburg with his family. They have six grandchildren, ages 25 to four years. Their names are Tyler, Alex, Cameron, Dylan, Cash, and Paige.

On October 1, 2017, Sam and Barbara joined Bethany, after their church, East Hampton United Methodist, closed its doors on June 30 of this year. They were very active in their church. Barbara served as Pastor Parish Relations chairman and worked with the youth. Sam served as Trustee, as well as a "jack of all trades." (We are blessed with a group of such men here at Bethany, as most of you know.)

After over 25 years, Sam retired from the Shipyard. Since then, he has worked at Super K Mart in Yorktown, Gateway Computers, Superior Marine, and currently at Wynne Ford. Barbara worked retail for many years, as well as Family Service of United Way, Big Brother Big Sisters of the Peninsula, and as a secretary for a law firm. Sounds like she is a "jack of all trades" like Sam.

They have lived on Myrtle Street in Hampton for 50 years, and love spending time with family and friends. Even though she has retired, she watches two of her grandkids three days a week ... the best job she's ever had!

We welcome Sam and Barbara to Bethany and look forward to getting to know them even better.

~ Submitted by Pat Smith,
Membership Care Committee

Craft News

The **Cookies and Crafts Walk** is coming real soon – **Saturday, December 9**, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Once again, we are asking for Bethany's support in helping with this wonderful program. We need helpers and bakers. There will be a sign-up sheet in Tyler Hall.

Bakers can bake about 3 to 4 dozen of your favorite cookies and we are having a table for those who love to bake breads, cakes, cupcakes or make candy, fudge or canned goods, like jams, jellies and pickles.

On Friday, December 8th we will be setting up for the big day. You can bring your cookies and baked goods between 10:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

~ Rita Honeycutt

Altar Guild – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Altar Guild will be **Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in Tyler Hall**. All current members are encouraged to attend to learn about upcoming events and review their personal schedules for Sunday Worship for 2018. If you are interested in joining the Guild, come to the meeting and find out all we do!

Altar & Narthex Flowers for 2018

Yearly reservations for Altar and Narthex flowers will be held on two Sundays, **November 5 and November 12**.

After these dates, you may call the church office.

Our florist is Jeff's Flowers and the cost is \$20.00 each.

Happy Hearts

A special thank you to John and Carol Wilson for their presentation of their trip to Iceland at our last meeting. **For November, we will meet at Mission Barbecue in Hampton on Thursday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.** Please come and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome. Sign up sheet will be in Tyler Hall. Hope to see you there.
~ Mary Faulk, 874-3949



Thank you so very much to all who participated in making the Pumpkin Patch a success. The overall income for the church will be **\$3,275.89**. We couldn't have done it without your help and participation.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

~ Anne & Roy Tucker and the Pumpkin Patch Committee

Join us for Prayer Time!!

Monday Mornings
9:30-9:55 a.m.

Immediately before Bible Study
(We meet in the Parlor.)

Church Office Closing

The church office will be **closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24** for Thanksgiving. We will resume the normal hours of 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 2017. The Church Staff wishes the Bethany Family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

BUMM NEWS

Our 3rd Sunday of the month **Prayer Breakfast** will be on **November 19, at 8:30 a.m.** in Tyler Hall. Join us for a delicious breakfast, great fellowship and much-needed prayer for those we love and care for.



The upcoming **BUMM's Brunswick Stew** is on **Saturday, November 4**, and our delicious **Homemade Chili** is on **Saturday, December 9** in conjunction with Bethany's Cookies & Crafts, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Appreciation Expressed

Thank you, **JoAnn Wyatt** for your faithful membership in the Bethany UMC Altar Guild. As a member since the 1960's you have provided invaluable service to the Guild with your unending dedication. Even though you are retiring, we look forward to seeing you in and around the Church and participation in its many activities. ~ Bethany UMC Altar Guild



Thank you from the Wesley Class by attending and or supporting the spaghetti dinner and silent auction held on October 7th. The total profit was \$1,126.18. \$500 of this was immediately given to the church for World Service and the remainder will be disbursed through various mission projects. We appreciated your donations.

Appreciation Expressed

A special thank you to **East Hampton UMC** for the choir robes and the beautiful wall hanging of the Cross and Flame in Tyler Hall.

Hi! – I miss my church family and hope to return soon. Love to all, Mary Lou Simmons

Thank you to our Bethany family for the cards, prayers, visits and phone calls. We deeply appreciate your kindness and love from Pastor Suzanne, Elaine and Pat Smith.

~James & Judy Woodard

Dear Bethany Family,

I appreciate the many beautiful cards, visits, and other expressions of concern during my stay at the Rehab Center. These acts of kindness helped to brighten my days. My family, Helen, Carla, and Ed also appreciate the caring love and support from the Bethany family. I'm grateful for being part of such a caring and supportive group. Thanks to Pastor Suzanne for her many visits and her steadfast love and support.

Sincerely, Frank Westerman

Thanks to those serving as our Ushers for November:

Nov 5th - Carol and John Wilson

Nov 12th - Judy and Ray Letourneau

Nov 19th - Diane Hendrickson and Carolyn Widener

Nov 26th - Jackie and Terry Rosser

Opportunities for Ministry

Sound Techs and DVD Techs are needed at Bethany. Your helping hands and minds are wonderful. If you are interested, please see Pastor Suzanne or call the church office for more information.

Church Finance Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 7:00 p.m.



Bethany UMW

The next meeting of the United Methodist Women will be on **Wednesday, November 8, 10:00 a.m.**

We will have Matthew Stearn, executive director of HELP, present his program at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. We will meet in Tyler Hall to allow more room for everyone. Remember that we will be hosting "A Night's Welcome" in January. This will give us a chance to ask any questions that we might have. This year, our usual annual covered-dish dinner in December has been cancelled. There will be a **covered-dish luncheon on Sunday, December 17** so we are giving our wonderful cooks a rest this year. We will discuss what we will do instead at our meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

On Saturday, **December 9, 2017**, at 9:30 a.m., the annual **York River United Methodist Women Advent Prayer Breakfast** will be held at First Fox Hill UMC. The speaker will be Nancy Walsh, who serves as the Conference UMW Membership, Nurture and Outreach Chairperson. See me if you will attend.

As you shop for the holiday, remember that we are still collecting EDUC coupons. These are sent to the Red Bird Mission, one of our national missions that serves the Appalachia mountain range involving states from PA to TN. This is primarily in the areas that have been touched by the coal mine closings. So go shopping for items with the EDUC coupons, such as small articles – those add up and together make a lot of difference to so many people. Also, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is still collecting cancelled stamps.

Thanks for all your help in the future, as well as the candies donated for the Hilton Adult Home Halloween treat bags.

In God name, Betty Archer

November Birthdays

- 3 Everett White
- 10 John Garrison
- 20 Megan Atkinson
- 21 Anne Tucker, Carl Settle
- 22 Daphne Tennant
- 23 Ray Robbins
- 24 Kellie Adamowski
- 25 Lane Green
- 26 Roland Bugg Jr., Wayne Marshall
- 27 Beverly Belvin, Robyn Honeycutt, Parri James
- 30 Betty Tawes

** If your birthday or if you have a wedding anniversary in November and it is not listed and you wish for it to be included on the list, please call the church office @826-2493.

November Anniversaries

- 16 Edward & Donna Greenside
- 27 Danny & Carolyn Taylor



Contact Updates

Sam & Barbara Fowler – New Members
19 Myrtle Street
Hampton, VA 23669
(757) 723-8724

Jewel Moon

13030 Warwick Blvd., Unit 312
Newport News, VA 23602
(757) 269-4312

Sincere Sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to:

The family of our beloved **Edward Earl Tyndall** who passed away on October 9, 2017. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Laity Sunday a Special Day!

Martha Steppe



October 15 was a special day all the way around! We enjoyed a delicious Prayer Breakfast; Joyce Winston blessed us with her “*Be a Dandelion*” sermon; and many of you led worship,

sang, and presented Children’s Time. (Your pastor enjoyed everything from the pew!) Thank you all!

Judy Letourneau



Rt.: Carol Wilson, Glenda Adamowski, Pete Chilcott, & John Wilson sing



Below: Ruth Swindell teaches the children.

Children’s Sabbath a Blessing!

On Sunday, **October 22**, we enjoyed the ministry of our children and teens. We give special thanks to Brenda Cannon and Ellie Worrell, our Children’s Coordinators, and everyone else who helped plan and participate in this special service! (**Note:** If anyone has photos from this service, *please* share them with Pastor Suzanne so we can put them in the next newsletter – thanks!)



Wesley Class

For decades, the Wesley Class has provided Christmas gifts for the approximately 80 Residents at the Hilton Adult Home and a smaller local similar home. Since our able membership has shrunk we need help to ensure all these residents receive some gifts for Christmas. We invite the congregation to participate with us in this rewarding Christmas tradition.

In most cases the resident is given a Christmas gift bag containing several of the following: a garment (the homes provide names and sizes) hygiene items, some sweet/salty item, something for fun (Word Search Book, deck of playing cards, etc.), small decorative item or whatever the giver decides is a suitable gift.



Carolyn Widener will soon have names available for “adoption.” If you’d like to participate and do not want to shop, please feel free to donate \$20 per name and shopping will be done for you. Funds may be given to Carolyn Widener, Kathryn Freeman or Jean Lucy. Thanks for your support.

Starting Wednesday, November 8 ...

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- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions.
- Talk through issues and ways of coping.
- Share feelings, needs and concerns.
- Learn about community resources.

**Right here at
Bethany UMC,
beginning
November 8
6:00-7:30 p.m.
(Smith Class)**

NO COST TO ATTEND

See reverse side for dates, times and locations in your area

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