



### From Pastor Steve

**Spiritual Reading**, a 2 part class offered as part of the *Christian Spirituality* series, **March 6 and 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**, Aldersgate Classroom - lead by Pastor Amanda.

**Church and Society:** Now that the Virginia General Assembly is over, we will focus our attention on the national scene. Free telephone connections to any Senator or Representative are through 1-888-508-2974 or 1-800-839-5276. Darley Storey will have information distributed through our national Board of Church and Society and additional information.

### **Sanctuary - March 2nd: "No Big Deal"**



You don't hear very much about it these days ... in fact, it's pretty unusual to hear it mentioned - even in church! Our culture says it's "no big deal." In fact, it's almost "taboo" to talk about it. So what is "it", exactly? *Sin*. The Bible is very clear that we all are sinners, and it is very clear that we should take our sins seriously. Our brokenness ... our separation from God ... our sin IS a big deal. Come and find out more ... and hear the good news - our God forgives sins and redeems lives!

*Bring a friend and come for dinner at 5:15 and stay for worship at 6:30 p.m.*

### Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class is going to a local mosque this afternoon. All church members and friends are invited. Please **meet here at the church at 2:00 p.m.** if you would like to join us.

### Thank You from the Russia Mission Team

The Russia Mission Team would like to thank everyone who supported our barbecue fundraiser and our silent auction. Thanks to you, both projects were extremely successful! Please remember to pick up your silent auction items if you haven't already.

### Covenant Class Bible Study

In March, the Covenant Class will begin a Bible study called ***Life from the Upside—Seeing God at Work in the World***. It is by the author of the Back Side books. The author takes some familiar Old and New Testament Bible stories and opens up new possibilities of insight and meaning. Some of the themes of the stories are *overcoming a bad start in life, dealing with rejection, capitalizing on adversity, not letting others define you, never giving up, finding the gain in your loss, and measuring your true self-worth*. If you are not currently attending a Sunday School class, please come and join us for this exciting study. Our class provides in-depth study and plenty of discussion opportunities.

### Youth Stuff

- ☺ **Today - Potato Bar for Missions** - right after the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall. **\*\*NOUMYF** (we will need a break after Friday and Saturday)
- ☺ **Tuesday - District Youth Council - Wesley UMC**—6:30-8:00 p.m. (District Reps and Youth Director)  
**Middle School Bible Study** 7:00-8:30 pm at Mingeas - "Pictures of God II"  
**High School Bible Study** 7:30-9:00 p.m. at At Lee's - "Acts"
- ☺ **Saturday - Leaf Raking Service Project** at Mary Dudley's, 9:00 a.m. We're starting early 'cuz it's a big job! Bring your leaf blowers, rakes, gloves and energy (parents are welcome, too! We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at Mrs. Dudley's house. Lunch will be provided.

For

more info, call Steve Crossett.

**Next Sunday - Regular UMYF** (snack supper starts at 5:45 p.m., programs ends at 7:30 p.m.)

**Upcoming Stuff...** Watch Youth Bulletin Board for more info and signup sheets:

- **Canned Food Drive** for DUCO Sunday March 13
- **Church Cleanup Day** Saturday March 19 (also, Twinkie's bath day!)
- **Special UMYF** Sunday March 20: with the Movie: Passion of the Christ
- **Easter "Sonrise" Service** Sunday March 27 (6:30 am) with breakfast afterwards in the Fellowship Hall

**Sign up NOW for summer mission opportunities!**

**Middle School: \*New!\*** This is a **Local Mission Week**...Being Jesus' hands and feet RIGHT HERE in our own church, for our own members. Radically different way of doing a summer mission week—but you'll be challenged...you'll make a difference...and you'll enjoy it! Steve Crossett's putting the finishing touches on it—will be in mid-August...more info coming!

**High School: Harvest of Hope**-Gleaning Mission Week in Ashland, VA-July 17-23. We've got a full team signed up at the moment, but you can sign up for standby slot if you're interested.

**Washington DC Urban Mission Week**-at Southeast White House in DC, August 7-13.



## **Youth Potato Bar today!**

**Serving begins at 11:30.**

**Donations support Youth Missions.**

**Annual Dinner Meeting of the Peninsula District Board of Mission**  
**March 17, 2005 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
**Cost of Dinner - \$6.00**

Register by sending your check made payable to Peninsula District UMC prior to March 11th.

Paul Phillips will speak on his VIM trip to Russia.

### **Eight is Enough**

Eight is Enough is a great opportunity for our congregation to get to know each other in an "informal setting". Once a month each group of adults goes to a local restaurant of their choice for dinner -- the date and time is decided by members of each group. Below are the names that are participating for **March, April, May and June 2005**. The first name \* indicates the person or couple to call the others on the list and coordinate the date/place for the first dinner.

#### **Snickers**

\* Sina Hofler  
Ted and Betty Potter  
Chet and Michele Guyer  
John and Christine Griggs  
Lynne Enos

#### **Sweet Cakes**

\* Bob and Anne Greene  
Elton and Carol Bennett  
Jim and Beth Cumming  
Dave and Barbara Amaker

#### **Nutty Buddies**

\*Bill and Joan Brockett  
Bob and Lorna Lawrence  
Tim and Judy Claus  
Kat and Randy Heitman

#### **Sweet & Sours**

\*Jim and Lane Rogers  
Blair and Nancy Gloss  
Lew and Jane Dillon  
John and Lynnah Mancil

#### **Zeros**

\*Fred and Dean Townsend  
Jim and Betty Brennan  
Nolan and Clara Reid  
Ralph and Doris Comer

#### **Tutti Fruities**

\*Brad and Ann Marie Comer  
Warner and Charlotte Williams  
Dick and Robin AtLee  
David and Laurie Lauthers

#### **Honey Buns**

\*Henry and Joyce Bennett  
Cliff and Doris Swilley  
Peggy Langille  
Carol Hollingsworth  
Jim Corliiss  
Kay Krusie

#### **Cracker Jacks**

\*Cathy Haskell  
Dave and June Munro  
Kay Fippinger  
Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane  
Eugene and Helen Wingo  
Diana Chan

#### **The Puddins**

\*Josie Mitchell  
Norma Mac Luskie  
Ken and Sandy Marcuson  
Jerry and Lee Lafferty  
Gary and Glenda Green  
Kay Fries

#### **Jaw Breakers**

\*Belinda Gaskins  
Lynne Enos  
Beth Murray  
Norma Coleman  
Jean Scott  
Jane Shaffer  
Karen Haynes  
Josie Mitchell  
Judy Wilson  
Pam Agnor  
Debbie DeGood  
Cathy Haskell

If you want to add your name to Eight is Enough or you no longer wish to participate, contact Cathy Haskell at [jjboys@aol.com](mailto:jjboys@aol.com) or 875-1604. Please join us!

### Corazones para Honduras (Hearts for Honduras)

The Honduras Medical Team will be in the hallway displaying and taking orders for the following items **February 13 - 27** before and after Sunday School:

- ⇒ **400 recipe cookbook titled *From Williamsburg Kitchens* for \$8.50;**
- ⇒ **packet of 12 Williamsburg note cards and envelopes for \$7;**
- ⇒ **Williamsburg magnetic notepad for \$2.50.**

These items will be delivered on March 13.



### Support Your Russia Mission Team

- ☆ **Spaghetti Supper - Wednesday, March 2 - 5:00-7:00 p.m.**
- ☆ **The Silent Auction closes at 1:00 PM today. Place your bids now! Thank you for your support!**
- ☆ **“Rhythm ‘n’ Pews”** will be Friday, April 22 here at the church. A great show is already in the works! Plan to be here. This year the show will benefit our Russia Mission Team. Watch for more information.
- ☆ **Russian Orphanage:** Our Russia Mission Team will be staying and working at a school for deaf children in Stavropol Russia, and we will also be doing some work at a state run orphanage. We need to take for the orphans some school supplies: 50 colored pencil sets; 20 felt tip pen sites, 50 rulers, 60 paint brushes (for water colors), 5 pair of scissors.

### Singles News

**Thursday Night Together (TNT)** - every Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share in the pot luck and \$1 to cover paper goods and drinks. Varied programs.

**March 3—The World Through Deaf Ears:** Angela Hutto shares her experiences of being deaf in a hearing world.

**March 10—Discussion Group:** To be determined.

**March 17—Game Night:** Play cards or join in a group game.

**March 24—Protection from Violence:** Learn some self-defense techniques. Instructor is James Goalder, Ph.D., from the Veteran’s Hospital.

**March 31—Humor Night:** Bring a joke to share.

**Dinner Out:** **Saturday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. County Grill and Smokehouse**, 1215 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown. (On Rt. 17 near Newport News city line.) Please make reservations with Sarah by 2 pm on 3/12.

### Bread Maker Needed

If you would be interested in helping make small loaves of bread that are given to visitors each Sunday, contact Norma Mac Luskie. You would needed to make 6 loaves (3 1/2” x 5”) only those weeks that Norma is away. This is a great way to welcome our visitors.



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### Text for Anthem

#### **O Lamb of God Most Holy**

O Lamb of God most holy who takes away my sin,  
You came to earth so lowly, for all your victory win.  
You bare the cross of anguish and suffer long for me.  
O Lamb of God most holy, I praise you, I praise you, I praise you at Calvary.  
O Lamb of God most holy, Your precious blood is poured,  
You came to earth so lowly, I praise your name, O Lord,  
I praise your name, O Lord.

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### DUCO Needs/Wish List

All donations are tax deductible; used items acceptable. Donor should call DUCO, 877-9079, for coordination before bringing items to the Center.

- ◇ Christians to serve those in crisis!!!
- ◇ Compact “college-size” refrigerator
- ◇ Coat rack (vertical coat “tree” - not long horizontal type)
- ◇ Computer (call for specs)
- ◇ RCA 4-line phone (call for specs)
- ◇ CD player (for training and for providing background music so client consultations can be afforded greater privacy)
- ◇ Tape recorder (for training and meetings)
- ◇ Bulletin board
- ◇ Donation and/or installation of cabinet doors for existing shelves
- ◇ Snow shovel
- ◇ Basic cleaning tools (floor mop, bucket, etc.)
- ◇ Small devotion booklets; e.g., The Upper Room; Daily Bread (Gospel of John booklets are already supplied and distributed)
- ◇ Office supplies always welcome (letter size file folders, copier paper, staplers, etc., or gift cards to office supply store)
- ◇ Area rugs, runners, door mats/rugs (or gift cards to Lowes, Home Depot, etc.)
- ◇ Artificial plants

Please pray for this ministry! Many thanks.

**-Your DUCO Team**



**Note: If you have one of the church’s wheelchairs that you are not using, please return it so it will be available for someone else who needs it. Thanks!**