

Welcome, Rev. John Ericson

We welcome Rev. John Ericson as our Minister of Pastoral Care (part-time). John has fifteen years of experience as parish pastor in Virginia and is Assistant Minister at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Hampton, serving as primary pastor of True North, a mission of St. Mark's congregation that worships on Sunday evening (www.truenorthchurchonline.com). His congregation held their first worship service on September 13.

A graduate of Lutheran Theological Seminary and an ordained Lutheran minister, he received his Clinical Pastoral Education at Riverside Hospital under the supervision of Rev. Doug Watson.

With John's service among us, we share in the relationship of "full communion" between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) and the United Methodist Church, affirmed by our General Conference in 2008 and by the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA on August 20, 2009. "Full communion" means the denominations formally honor each other's baptisms and sacraments, their local churches may share in Holy Communion, and United Methodist and ELCA pastors may serve in churches of either denomination.

John and his wife, Oneita, have three children: Matt (21), a senior at Virginia Tech, Tom (17), a senior at Kecoughtan High School, and Jimmy (12), a sixth grader at Syms Middle School.

Today Christians around the world will be receiving Holy Communion together. We are pleased that you are here to worship and partake in God's body and blood. May the warmth of Christ's love be in all of us.

Please see an usher if you need large print bulletins or hearing devices to amplify the sound for use during the worship services.

Prayer Chain: If you have a person in need of prayer, call the church office (877-2270) and your request will receive prompt addition to the prayer chain. If you would like to be a part of the **electronic prayer** chain and receive 5-10 prayer requests a week or place a prayer request on the chain, send your name and email address to **Sharon Ellis** at cutygrgal@cox.net.

Serving Today

Ushers: (8:30) Dave Loudermilk, Bill Schregardus, Matt Thompson
(11:00) Lamar Williams, Jim Hackett, Paul Ramsey

Greeters: (8:30) Clara Reid and Ann Woodward
(11:00)

Junior Church Today: (8:30) Andrea Legreid; (11:00) Christi Girvin

Junior Church Next Sunday: (8:30) John and Ellen Guthrie (11:00) Rella Girvin

Acolytes Next Sunday: (8:30) Tucker Bradley
(11:00) Nick Bella

Prayer Thoughts

Gracious God, as we celebrate World Communion Sunday, grant that Christians everywhere experience inner renewal and the burning desire to please you always.

Today's Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by **Kay Fippinger** to the glory of God and **in honor of her grandchildren, especially Tracie's birthday on this date.**

In Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family of **Harry Russell** who died on Tuesday night.

Prayer Concerns:

Care Facility: Butch DePremio, Kitty DeWees, Lois Eason, Paul Green, Ruby Lusby, Evelyn McKay, Darley Storey

Hospital:

Home: Elton Bennett, Vince and Marian Bonacci, Bill Brockett, Kristi Buckman, Celeste DeVault, Hester Dymond, Beth Ellis, Paul Evans, Bill Hanlon, Jim Hofler, Amanda Jones, Shaun Kelley, Pat Kilroy, Tracy Lawrence, Paul Lowe, Beverly Mayeaux, Judy McConnell, Del Miller, Jerry Murray, Elaine Phillips, Janie Rogers, Harry Rountree, Jean Scott, Ruth Snipes, Karen Wilcox, Jean Williams

Other: The family of Harry Russell on his death

Deployed Military: Tim Claus, Christopher Davidson, Joe Mungin, Jack Nothstine

Relationship Missionary: Steve and Diantha Hodges - Kyles Ford, TN

Lectionary Readings: Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16



Folks have been bringing me stuff to store for future events and I'm running out of places to put things. I'm going to put up some shelving behind the curtain in the Celebration Center to store Puppet Ministry things and you are welcome to any left over space. I'll keep the twelve foot ladder back there so you can get to the storage. After that, I've got one or two more places for shelving and then I'm out of options.

PORT is coming and the operating hours have changed! Volunteers now report at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:30. Dinner is from 7:00 to 8:00. Overnight volunteers, including the person from our congregation who spends the night, report at 8:45. Morning shift people now report at 4:30 a.m., lights are turned on and breakfast is served at 5:15. The shelter now closes at 6:30 a.m. and volunteers leave when we get cleaned up from breakfast. Signup sheets will be out the first weekend in November.

We've ordered new folding chairs for the Fellowship Hall. The new ones will blend in with the chairs in the Celebration Center. The new ones will be vinyl instead of fabric. If you know of an organization that would like some of our old chairs please let me know because we've got lots of them to get rid of.

Dave Munro, Coordinator of Ministries

"Inquiry Class" with Pastor Bill

The inquiry class continues and is for those who are curious about the United Methodist Church, want to learn more about the Christian Faith, or have just joined our church. The classes are taught by Rev. William G. Davidson on Sundays from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall section closest to the kitchen.

Schedule of topics:

October 4	"The Bible: You Can Take It At Its Word" (2)
October 11	"What Time Is It? — The Christian Calendar"
October 18	"The Sacraments: Signs of God's Love"
October 25	"United Methodists: Connected and Called" (1)
November 1	"United Methodists: Connected and Called" (2)
November 8	Conclusion

Have you considered a Memorial Gift for WMUMC?



Youth News

- **Sunday—UMYF**, 5:45-7:30pm. Join us for an awesome time of fellowship! Don't forget to bring a dollar for snack supper!
- **Wednesday—Bible Study continues with a study of the parables**, 7:30-9pm at the Warthen's (74 Dillwyn Drive).
- **Today, The Potato Bar is back!** Don't forget to come help out with our first fundraiser of the fall.
- Mark your calendars early!! Middle School Fall Retreat—November 13-15
High School Fall Retreat—December 4-6

Young Adult Koinonia

- ◆ Join us after church today and every Sunday for lunch with all the young adults. We will have time for a great meal and fellowship with one another. What an awesome way to begin the week!
- ◆ Young Adult Bible Study at Panera by CNU at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.
- ◆ Alpha continues on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Celebration Center. All are welcome.



Young Adult
Koinonia

Farm Fresh 123-4 Community Program



Bring in your Farm Fresh receipts dated September 8, 2009 through May 31, 2010 and place them in the container in the narthex or turn them in to the church office. Let's see if we can top last year's total.

Text for Anthem

(8:30) Gather 'Round the Table of the Lord

Gather 'round the table of the Lord. "Eat this bread!" Jesus said; "Think about my body broken. Eat this bread!" Jesus said; "Let it feed your soul!" Gather 'round the table of the Lord. "Take the cup. Lift it up. When you drink, remember me. Take the cup. Lift it up. Satisfy your soul."

Gather 'round the table of the Lord. Seek his face! Claim his grace! Offered at the table. Seek his face! Claim his grace! Come and be made whole. Gather 'round the table of the Lord.

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(11:00) Bread of Heaven

Bread of heaven, on you we feed, a blessed food indeed.
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread.
Vine of heaven, your love supplies this blessed cup of sacrifice.
So we drink, and you forgive. Lord, to you we look and live.
Day by day with strength supplied, through the life of him, who died.
Take our lives and let us be rooted, grafted, built on thee.
Blessed Jesus, do not depart; spread your table in my heart.
Now, O Lord, we see your face, and we know your warm embrace.
Bring to us eternal grace on this day, in this holy place. Amen.

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Thank You, Keith!

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to **Keith Robinson** for his generous service as our interim Director of Youth Ministries and his valuable assistance to our Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Megan Saucier, in this transition. Our youth are especially thankful to him for his leadership in the summer mission and program.

Craft Workshop

The United Methodist Women invite any members of the church who may have an interest in arts and crafts to help prepare for the annual Cookie Walk/Craft Sale to be held on December 5 this year. You may help in several ways: work on your own ideas at home and donate them to the sale or attend one of our workshops where ideas, supplies and instructions are provided for you.

We are **meeting every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.** If you are interested in staying for lunch, you may bring a light luncheon item to share.

We are still collecting empty honey bear bottles with lids but thanks to your generous donations, **we do not need any more baby food jars or colored plastic shopping bags.** We are looking for silk Christmas greenery trim pieces and miniatures. We will appreciate any “craft” items that you may want to get rid of. Questions: call Billie Quigley.



Mary Freeman Circle

The Mary Freeman Circle will meet **tomorrow, October 5, 7:00 p.m.**, at the home of Cynthia Nothstine, 244 Tutters Neck (Kings Mill) in Williamsburg.

Upward Update and Thank You

First a big thank you to all who helped with our Upward registration and a special thanks to those who worked multiple shifts and came in on short notice to help. This year we have 99 children in our leagues. We reduced our league to have only K-4 grades instead of K-6 grades as in the past. Last year we only had 44 children in our K-4 basketball leagues. This year we have 70 so our league is growing. In addition, out of the 99 children, 20 do not list having a church home so this offers us an opportunity to share the love of Christ with those who may not have heard about Jesus.

Is God Calling You?

We are looking for new adult volunteers to work with our youth group. Please be in prayer for our youth group as we seek out God’s direction in the area of additional mentors and leadership. If you would like to talk more about youth ministry, please contact Megan at the church or email her at meganjsaucier@gmail.com.

Green Church Announcement

When you need a take-home container from a restaurant, you might consider requesting aluminum foil rather than the standard styrofoam box. If you explain that you prefer foil since it can be recycled, most waiters are very willing to oblige. Some waiters will actually thank you for being environmentally conscious!

Operation Christmas Child

We have a coordinator for the “shoebox ministry” — **thank you, Dorothy Scott-Wrenn!** Watch for further information beginning next week.

Thank You

I would like to thank the church members for their prayers, calls, visitations, cards, goodies, and concerns following my recent surgery. This has meant an awful lot to me during the past two months. Thank you. **Elton W. Bennett**

AVL Team

The Audio Video Lighting Mission Team is open for new members interested in servicing in this creative and fun mission. All ages and abilities or beginners are invited. There will be a training session on **Wednesday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Celebration Center. Training will be hands on. Email Paul Cummings at pcummings6@verizon.net for more information or call after 6:00 p.m.

Announcement from the Nursery Coordinator

In order to provide a safe and quiet atmosphere for all our children in the nursery, the nursery staff requests that **quiet hours be observed** in the hallway where the nurseries are located between the hours of **9:30 a.m. through 12:00 noon.** Thank you in advance for moving your Christian fellowship to the narthex or the entrance of the Celebration Center.

The Alpha Course is Here. Come Join Us!!

New guests are invited up through October 7th

What: A practical introduction to the Christian faith offering answers to some key questions.

What does Alpha stand for?

Anyone can come.

Learning & laughter.

Pasta (or other great food).

Helping one another. Dinner is followed by large group presentation & small group discussion.

Ask anything.

Everyone is welcome! The Alpha Course is free. A small contribution may be requested for the meals.

When: Starts Wednesday, September 9 and continues on each Wednesday until November 18, 2009 with a one-day program on Saturday, October 24. Each session is from 6-9 p.m. **New guests are invited up through October 7th.**

Where: Warwick Memorial UMC Celebration Center
38 Hoopes Road, Newport News, VA 23602
(757) 877-2270; warwick.memorial@juno.com

For more information call or Email:

Carlos Liceaga; carlosliceaga@cox.net

Gail Slocum; gailsloc77@verizon.net

Website: www.alphausa.org

Come and bring a friend and see for yourself! You can register on line at www.wmumc.org (current events); call Carlos Liceaga or Gail Slocum. Don’t hesitate to call if you have any questions. Remember, **everyone is welcome!!**

Pastor Jessie's Travels

Pastor Jessie will be traveling from Thursday, October 1 through Thursday, October 8. First, she will attend Duke Divinity's Convocation and Pastor's School where she will focus on the seminar "Preaching with the Next Generation." Then she will travel to Richmond, VA, where she will attend the Prepare/Enrich Premarital Counseling Training Workshop. During this time, Pastor Jessie will be available via email at pastorjessiesquires@gmail.com.

8 is Enough Dinner/Lunch Groups

Are you new to the church and want a fun and easy way to meet members? Have you been going to church here for a long time but would like to get to know other members better? If so, then being in a 8 is Enough Group may be for you. It's only a 4 month commitment. At the end of the 4 months, the members of the groups will rotate to form new groups. At that time, you can choose to not continue in the program, if you wish. New Groups will be formed soon for November, December, January and February. Once a month each group goes to a local restaurant of their choice for dinner/lunch -- the date and time is decided by members of each group. It's a fun and informal way to meet other members of the church. If you would like to be added to a group or if you would like your name removed from the list, please call Cathy Haskell or email at jjboys@aol.com. If you would like to be in a women's only group or a group that only meets in the daytime, please indicate that in your message.

Respite Care

Respite Care Volunteers will meet **October 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Aldersgate classroom**. The ministers will meet with us for the first time, so we can define our ministry and what our goals and objectives are for the congregation. Please join us for this meeting. Jean Lowe

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Support the ministry of Denbigh United Christian Outreach by gifting your family, friends and/or yourself with **Entertainment 2010**. Filled with a multitude of discounted shopping, dining, sports and other entertainment opportunities, this \$20.00 gift book pays for itself many times over with coupons that are valid now through November 2010. At no additional cost, register online to avail yourself to bonus retail, travel, lodging, and other savings throughout the year. **The added blessing is that purchasing these books provides DUCO with financial resources to help our neighbors with emergency needs of food, housing, utilities and budget counseling.** To give the gift that keeps on giving, contact DUCO Board Member Carol Bennett at the table in the hallway, Maria Cory or DUCO (877-6211) between now and the 12/10/09 order deadline. Many thanks!

Bus Drivers Needed!

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer bus driver, please contact the church office for information on acquiring a Commercial Driver's License. Your church would deeply appreciate your service.

Church Conference

Thursday, October 15, 2009

7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

Leave the cooking to us
TODAY.

Come and enjoy a
loaded baked potato,
salad and dessert.



in the Fellowship Hall
Serving begins at 12:00 noon

Donations only!
All monies go to support
the activities for our youth.

Thanks for your support!