

The Carillon

MARCH/APRIL 2014
VOLUME II

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Lent will soon be upon us. It will begin on March 5, Ash Wednesday -- and will conclude with the Alleluias of Easter on Sunday, April 20. The journey will take us from death to resurrection, i.e., from death we have earned to the gift of life offered to us in Christ Jesus.

In preparation for this journey, I share with you a prayer for use throughout Lent. The prayer was written by Obie Wright, Jr. an Elder in the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church.

“God of all good life,
on our journey toward Easter,
cleanse our hearts of every desire to mimic
the violence of wrongs that befall us.
Save us from becoming the evil we hate.
Save us from denial of abuses which daily crucify Christ afresh.
Drive away
the chilling cold, the wintry frost of numbing detachment
from others' pain,
and our own hurts, also.
Breathe, O breathe your empowering Spirit
into the troubled hearts of your children
who wish they could wish to love but cannot.

Creator of our bodies, Father and Mother of our spirits,
how we yearn to see you and our friend Jesus face to face.
Precious to us are the Christ-like influences,
and the whispered encouragement to keep on keeping on,
of souls whom we have loved long since and lost awhile.
What a morning it will be when
we mingle our voices with theirs,
and with all the souls invisible,
and adoring angels in a mighty chorus of unending wonder.
My Lord, what a morning when you shall crown us
with the crowns you are holding now above our heads.
Chastise, charm and enchant us
until we have grown tall enough to wear them.
Hear our prayer in the name of Jesus,
the Shining Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Through the power of the cross this Lenten season,

Pastor Gay

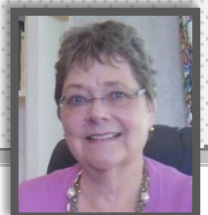


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Toni Hildreth	March 1
Heather Grossman	March 2
Ruth Hart	March 3
Jeanne Tomlinson	March 5
Lee Ann Looman	March 5
Barry Howlett	March 6
Rhonda Wahrenburg	March 7
Charles Hurd	March 8
Gail Locklear	March 9
Kasey Cook	March 9
Randy Arrington	March 9
Amy Demeter	March 10
Jennifer Permenter	March 11
Marilyn Sarko	March 13
Tom McNeilan	March 13
Ed Hurd	March 13
Donna Phaneuf	March 16
Megan Simms	March 18
Wendy Holley	March 19
Jamie Wetherell	March 19
Jean Filetti	March 22
Carol Evans	March 25
Ann Gatling	March 29
Brandi Poort	March 31



BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Sandra Lee Ott	April 4
Alacia Earley	April 7
Joan Harris	April 7
Harry Thorbjornsen	April 10
Jeffrey McNeilan	April 12
Jonathan Ramey	April 15
Peggy Sumner	April 17
Ronnie Bagwell	April 18
Lana Ives	April 18
Les Hall	April 19
Ginny Stewart	April 19
Mark Sumner	April 20
Parker Bagwell	April 22
Anna Lee Bamforth	April 22
Bryan Graves	April 23
Jonathan Ward	April 24
Linwood Tabb	April 25
Parker McBrayer	April 25
Holly Pennington	April 27
Tory Demello	April 28
Cathy Grieve	April 29
Sverrir Hauksson	April 29
Cynthia Sarko	April 29
Marguerite Silverson	April 30

If you would like to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion, please contact the church office to schedule your flower date selection and the dedication you would like placed in the bulletin.



Altar Flowers

There are still unclaimed Sundays waiting!!!

DIRECTORY UPDATES:

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Wetherell
2710 Green Range Drive
San Antonio, TX 78231-1713



Our Deepest Sympathy

To Ann Carswell, family and friends of Alton Carswell who died January 13th; Family and friends of Jane Wingfield, who died January 19th, in Wyoming, Delaware.



WORSHIP CDs

CD's of the Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship services are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to take one home!



Epworth UMC Book Club

Will meet Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Parlor. The book for March is **The Dressmaker** by Kate Alcott; led by Ann Long.

If you like to read or would just like to preview a good book, please join us.

All are welcome!

Make someone's day special by participating in our monthly "Card Shower" for members who are either in Health Care facilities or Homebound. AKA our Missing Angels

A – C send to:

Thomas Cherry
1937 Edgewood Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23503

Elinor Edwards
538 Washington Park
Apt. B-1
Norfolk, VA 23517-1936

Ann Gatling
4416 Prestige Place, Apt. 101
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

D – G send to:

Jackson Burgess
830 Donnington Drive
Chesapeake, VA 23322

John Smeltzer
1010 Collection Creek Way
Virginia Beach, VA 23454-2428

Ed Hurd
1127 Vintage Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23454



R – Z send to:

Marguerite Silverson
Beth Shalom Terrace
1049 College Park Blvd.,
The Home Rm. #222
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Ms. Clara Ellis
Leigh Hall Assisted Living
890 Poplar Hall Drive
Rm. #307
Norfolk, VA 23502

Ruth Hart
7054 Kirby Crescent
Norfolk, VA 23505

H – L send to:

Jack Sumner
1024 Kempsville Road
Norfolk, VA 23502

Ms. Louise Gwaltney
c/o F.X. Shannon
10 Applewood Drive
Hopewell, N. J. 08525

Mary Lee Lowe
6311 Granby Street, Apt. #209
Norfolk, VA 23505

M – Q send to:

Mary Banks
Madison House
25 Monroe Street, S. E., #307
Leesburg, VA 20175

Dorothy Whitfield
604 Burleigh Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23505-3306

Lois Davenport
6311 Granby Street, Apt. #413
Norfolk, VA 23505

Just for KIDS
Easter

Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate! Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

great happiness
a place where plants grow
opposite of evening
a shape that means love
it rises every morning
a close companion
Jesus was nailed to it
it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb

Jesus rose from the dead!
joy, garden, morning, heart, sun, friend, cross, stone

Just for KIDS
Changes

Everyone experiences changes in life. Sometimes they make us happy – sometimes not! What does the Bible say about this?

Find Ecclesiastes 3:1 below. Change some letters – then read the verse.

Change:
L's to T's
J's to E's
Q's to I's
K's to S's

W's to N's
Z's to O's
P's to H's
X's to R's
B's to A's

" L P J X J Q S B
L Q M J F Z X
J V J X Y L P Q W G' B W D
B K J B K Z W F Z X
J V J X Y B C L Q V Q L Y
U W D J X P J B V J W "

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven."



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

Embracing 1500 Years in Worship Music Tradition: Prayerful Penitence Practice in Lent

Both Jewish and Christian traditions celebrate seasons of repentance and self-examination. For United Methodists, Lent is one of these seasons. It begins on Ash Wednesday, extends to Easter Eve and comprises the forty days of Lent omitting Sundays. Lent is a time when joyful celebratory music is withheld, and reserved to break forth afresh on Easter morning.

In worship, the prayer focus is one of penitence from earliest times (500 A.D.). In the Twelfth Century, musical themes of Christian and Jewish origin were intermingled. In earliest Jewish music, elements of folksong impacted the spontaneous improvisation sung by a cantor, which was, then, repeated by the choir.

Earliest Christian music was chanted in unison, and the practice was to chant Scripture, not only Psalms. Even in those years, we have records of the practice that newer texts were set to the older (known) tunes. We see examples in our service song books: The United Methodist Hymnal (1989) and in The Faith We Sing (2001).

In either book, there is an abundance of examples. In the Hymnal, # 60, "I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath" sets words of Isaac Watts, written in 1719 to a tune attributed to M. Greiter, dated 1525. In The Faith We Sing, #2001 combines a new text "We Sing to You, O God" published in 1993, with a well-known tune in print over one-hundred years earlier in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, (1875).

While music affects the mood of the text, and texts affect the musical character in the singing, it is a unique partnership with more than a few dramatic connections. Think of the hymns we associate with Lent, such as "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded."

Reading the text alone might bring a tune to mind, and hearing the tune alone might recall some of the text. The next step is to consider the text and tune together when a congregation sings in earnest. We experience the impact produced by work of a poet combined with the music which matches the meter of the poetry and experience the effect of a biblically-based text with music, expressing, during Lent, the anticipation of Passion Week.



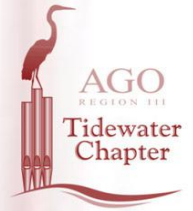
Peace to you,
Jean Thiel



TIDEWATER CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN GUILD of ORGANISTS

THE ORGAN SWELL, 2014

PEGGY KELLEY REINBURG, Artistic Director



Celebrating its 15th annual series of weekday pipe organ recitals, an event in the **VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL**, The Tidewater Chapter of The American Guild of Organists announces the schedule for **THE ORGAN SWELL**.

The series will take place in churches throughout Hampton Roads, Virginia region with hour-long recitals at **12:15 p.m.** on selected weekdays from **Monday, April 28** through **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

Marking the 300th anniversary of the birth of Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, who was responsible for protecting and preserving many of the compositions of his father, Johann Sebastian Bach, the recitals will include numerous works by the younger Bach and will feature outstanding organists from the region performing with **Virginia Symphony Orchestra** musicians. The series provides a rare opportunity to hear these excellent VSO members in a wide range of music for organ and other instruments.

There is a suggested minimum admission donation of \$10.00 per adult per recital to assist in defraying the costs of honoraria for the musicians. The suggested donation for children is \$5.00 per event.

Due to the recording of the recitals, children under the age of five will not be admitted.

For further information, please contact (757) 625-5888.

Peggy Kelley Reinburg **Monday, April 28, 2014** ~ **St. Andrew's Episcopal/Norfolk**
with **Joanne Meyer White**, Flute; **Jocelyn Smith**, Viola;
and **Peter Greydanus**, Violoncello

Gustavo Andres **Monday, May 5, 2014** ~ **First Presbyterian /VA Beach**
with **Kirsty Barnett Green**, Violin

JanEl Will **Friday, May 9, 2014** ~ **Main Street United Methodist/Suffolk**
with **Barbara Chapman**, Harp

James W. Kosnik **Monday, May 12, 2014** ~ **St. Andrew's Episcopal/Norfolk**
with **Rebecca Gilmore Phillips**, Violoncello

Martin R. Sunderland **Friday, May 16, 2014** ~ **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church/Hampton**
with **Michael Dressler**, Oboe

Bradley R. Norris **Monday, May 19, 2014** ~ **St. Andrew's Episcopal/Newport News**
with **Patti Ferrell Carlson**, Clarinet

Michael R. Regan **Thursday, May 22, 2014** ~ **Larchmont United Methodist/Norfolk**
with **Hazel Dean Davis**, French Horn

Marjorie Setnicky **Friday, May 30, 2014** ~ **Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal/Norfolk**
with **David Vonderheide**, Trumpet



Praise God! What a joy it is to minister to those in our own backyard!

Our local mission projects these past few months included the delivery of poinsettias to our home-bound members, a.k.a. Epworth's "Missing Angels", over 80 items of food collected on Souper Bowl Sunday, delivered to Ghent Area Ministry for those in need in the Norfolk area, and shoe boxes filled with small toiletries, notepads, and candies, etc., delivered on Valentine's day to our Missing Angels.

Although perhaps not vast in scope, these things are appreciated in a very big way. Several of our missing angels called and sent cards to express their appreciation for the poinsettias and valentine boxes and for the visits by those who delivered them. And how many are touched by the food which was donated on Souper Bowl Sunday and distributed by Ghent Area Ministry.

Giving gives back in so many ways!

Acts 20:35 reads: *"In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

Our committee strives to be responsive to missions not only on the local level, but also on the international level, with projects such as UMCOR, an international mission of the United Methodist Church, and on the national level by supporting projects such as the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, and the Society of St. Andrew. On the international level we will again support UMCOR by donating health kits during Annual Conference in June. On the national level we have supported Red Bird Mission by donating gently used toys and clothing at Christmas time and will again this year. We have also supported the Society of St. Andrew with monetary donations and gleaning efforts throughout the year – in fact on Giving Tuesday, December 3, 2013, a project we participated in, The General Board of Global Ministries reported a record setting 6.5 million dollars given to missions by United Methodists around the world in a 24 hour period. Our earmarked contribution to the Society of St. Andrew joined 11,000 others in giving 16,300 gifts through The Advance to mission and ministries. Now that is **VAST!**

Back to our own backyard we will again host an open house during the season of Lent beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th, through Good Friday, April 18th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will be our third year hosting this event and we believe it is a wonderful way to let those who work and live nearby know that there is a place they may come to reflect and pray during the Lent season. Please consider volunteering to be a host for this event. A weekly or one time commitment is all we ask. These couple hours can be a special time for your own reflection and prayer.

As the year progresses more mission opportunities will be announced along with occasional congregational outings; Epworth Fun Days. So remember - keep your eyes and ears open!

In Christ,
Faye Joseph, Outreach Chair; Ann Gatling, Diane Maxwell, Jean Hart,
Mary Lee Howlett, Donna Benken, Melody Diehl, Mary Baker and Vivian Rogers

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Thursday, March 27, at 10 a.m. & Thursday, April 24, at 10 a.m.

MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Outreach: Saturday, Mar. 1, 9:30 am
- Finance: Wednesday, Mar. 11, 6 pm
- Church Council: Monday, Mar. 17, 6 pm
- EDS Board: Monday, Mar. 24, 6 pm
- Trustees: Tuesday, Mar. 25, 6 pm

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Finance: Wednesday, April 8, 6 pm
- Church Council: Monday, April 21, 6 pm
- EDS Board: Monday, April 28, 6 pm
- Trustees: Tuesday, April 29, 6 pm

HOLY WEEK

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- † Palm Sunday - April 13, @ 11 am
- † Maundy Thursday - April 17, @ 7 pm
- † Good Friday - April 18, @ 7 pm
- † Easter Sunday - April 20, @ 11 am

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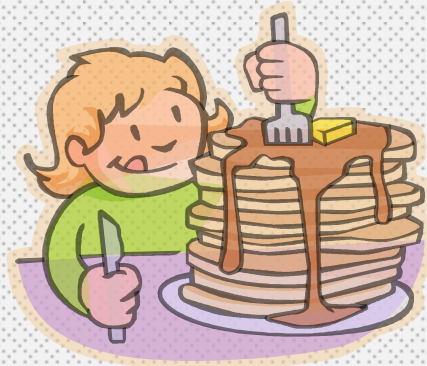
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March 5, thru April 18,
 Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 We will open our doors
 for a time of prayer and
 reflection during the Lenten season.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH, AT 6 P.M.
 IN THE CHURCH SOCIAL HALL.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ENJOY A DINNER OF
 PANCAKES, SAUSAGE & FRUIT.
 AND FREE FELLOWSHIP TOO!

Volunteers are needed to host our annual open house during
 Lent, Monday through Friday,
 March 5th, Ash Wednesday, through April 18th,
 Good Friday from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Keep in mind that hosting a couple hours can also be a special
 time for your own personal reflection and prayer.

A weekly or a one-time commitment is all that we ask.
 A sign-up sheet will be posted in the church sanctuary and
 in the Sunday school classes

EASTER LILIES

You are invited to place an Easter lily in
 the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Please
 submit your check payable to Epworth
 UMC and mark it "Easter Flowers."

Deadline for order is Weds., April 9th.

Please place: _____ 6" Lily(ies)
In honor of/memory of (circle one)

GIVEN BY:

 _____ Please take my Easter Lily(ies) to
 an Epworth shut-in or sick member.
 (tax deductible) \$10.00 ea.

_____ I will pick up my Easter Lily(ies).
 (non tax deductible) \$10.00 ea.

Paid: _____ Ck# _____

(please cut out & mail to Epworth UMC,
 124 W. Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA
 23510, or place in the offering plate.)

SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

Lent devotions by the Society of St. Andrew along with a coin
 bank were handed out February 23rd.

The money collected will assist with the gleaning projects that the
 Society does. We are asking that people construct their
 banks and put whatever you can afford
 on a daily basis. Your gift in any amount
 will provide healthy food to hungry people.
 Banks are due back no later than April 27th.



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