

Get Involved Make "A Night on the Lawn" -Revival Coming

The Witness Committee, under the direction of Ben Willis, has been planning a special outreach night they are calling "A Night on the Lawn" to be held September 11, 2010, from 5pm to 8 pm. The committee would like to host the revival on the grounds of the Randy Custis Park in Nassawadox, pending confirmation of availability. The Eastern Shore community will be invited.

The committee's vision will take a different form this year. The revival will include a family-friendly gathering time to enjoy music performed by various groups while they have a picnic-style dinner, followed by a time when the children will go to a separate part of the park for children activities, and the adults can listen to guest speaker David Vaughan, Associate Pastor of Thrasher Memorial UMC in Vinton, VA. David is a dynamic young pastor with a great gift for

speaking and delivering God's Word. The night would end after prayer and communion. Guests will be told in advance advertising to bring their own seating (blankets/chairs) and a flashlight!

The witness committee will need a variety of volunteers to help to do things such as:

Communications: creating and distributing flyers, contacting newspaper agencies and radio stations.

Organizing Parking: plan where to park vehicles and to assist with parking vehicles.

Lighting: place and light Tiki torches, or recommend or provide any other lighting.

Food: planning, purchasing/donating food, grilling, serving and/or clean up.

Trash: Clean up of grounds and/or disposing



of trash after the event.

If you are interested in helping make this outreach event happen, please contact Ben at benwillis27@hotmail.com, or Rae LeCato at 442-4379 to sign up for your areas of interest.

You may be contacted personally regarding a specific area..

Please work with the committee to host this event so that it will not be a burden on any one person or group. With such a big church family, we are looking forward to hosting this event with ease.

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Rural Family Development, a non-profit organization, and a program of the Virginia Council of churches, would greatly appreciate your assistance in "Las Familias,"

"Las Familias" is a prenatal care outreach program targeting pregnant farm workers who temporarily reside on the Eastern Shore during the harvest season. In brief, the program provides prenatal education and ensures access to prenatal health care.

We are in great need of volunteers to help drive women to and from their clinic appointment, which are primarily in the county health departments in Accomac and/or Nassawadox.

Volunteer training is available. Also, for volunteers that are ages 55

years and older, extra transportation insurance, mileage reimbursement and recognition events are available through RSVP (The Retired Senior Volunteer Program). For all volunteers, regardless of age, you time and mileage costs are tax deductible.

Please contact Eva Lamas or Jelissa Suarez at 757-787-7755, ext 308



The ARC:
(Association For Retarded Citizens)

annual Fish Fry is Saturday, August 7th on the grounds of the Edwards Seafood in Onley.

In addition to seafood there will be hamburgers and hot dogs, fried chicken, coleslaw, cake and ice cream for sale. Eat on premises or take home.



Activities begin at 10 am and will run until around 3 pm.

Please come on out, bring your friends and neighbors and help support the ARC of the Eastern Shore.

August Worship Assistants

8-01-10

8:30 a.m.

CA KJ & Chris Bentley
LR Brenda Heinz
G Norma & Claude Jones
N Beth Robbins/Chris Stodghill
Sunday School Nursery: Liz Freund
(First Sunday of the month)
and Beth Robbins

11:15 a.m.

C.A. Patsy Stith & Daniel Hiler
A Ada Garvis
CA Dick Myer & Patsy Stith
LR Liz Freund
G Jeff & Susan Mears
N Suzie Henderson and Brenda Shaffer

8-08-09

8:30 a.m.

LR Diane Stead
G Jan & Phil Snyder
N Sue Map/Kristin Webb

11:15 a.m.

A Jacob McClaskey
LR Dave Ennis
G Laura Dennis & Nancy Mears
N Philip Smith/Jennifer Credle

8/15-09

8:30 a.m.

LR Michelle Surran
G Liz Horner & Rae Lecato
N Penny Holland and Susan Nottingham

11:15 a.m.

A Mawyer Garvis
LR Cheryl Nottingham
G Jennifer & Tom Rippon
N Jennifer Hume/ Suzanne Hiler

8-22-09

8:30 a.m.

LR Tom Savage
G Penny & Jeff Holland
N Jan Snyder/Tonya Tankard

11:15 a.m.

A Lauren McClaskey
LR Wayne Mears
G Marcia Mink & Susie Jones
N April Etheridge/Susan Price

8-29-10

8:30 a.m.

LR Jack Hiler
G Mark & Brenda Shaffer
N Michelle Surran and Holly Hubbard

11-15-10 am

A Charles Hume
LR Leslie Savage
G Kristen Dennis / Emma Rhyne
N Jennifer Rippon and Maggie Stodghill

Legend:

A Acolyte
CA Communion Assistant
LR Lay Reader
G Greeter
N Nursery



Update on New Children and Youth Ministry MYFire Program



In September we will be starting up our new children and youth ministry program, called MYFire!

In some ways, it will look much as it did in the past because the elements of a great program were already in place through the dedicated work of Karen Hatch, youth minister for six years, and Jennifer Hume, head of children's ministries. So, there will still be youth group on Sunday evenings and Kid's club on Wednesday nights. The regular events that our children have loved for years, like the Easter Egg Hunt, will still happen. The biggest change will be in the ways that these will be carried out.

For most of the month of July, I have been meeting with people one-on-one who have expressed interest in ministering with our children and youth. As the newly appointed Age-Level Coordinator, I have been charged with putting together teams of

people to implement ministry programs to each group: Children, Middle & High School students. I have been pleased by responses I have received. I can tell that there is a sense that ministering with our children and youth is the corporate responsibility of the whole body of Christ.

On Sunday July 25th, the entire congregation was invited to respond to the challenge to take their place in the new program by signing a response card indicating the area or areas in which they would be willing to serve. So that everyone has a chance to participate, the card is included in this newsletter.

Please prayerfully consider in what way you will be involved in the nurturing of the faith of our children and youth, fill out the card and return it to me (Pastor Peter) at the church office. I hope everyone will check the "Prayer Team" section and begin right away praying for your children, youth and those that work with them!

Today, I reaffirm my Commitment to nurture the faith of our children and youth as a member of the Body of Christ. I wish to explore ways to minister with children and teens, particularly through:

1. The Core Team: Implementing children and youth programs as part of a team-providing for weekly youth group meetings and occasional outings.

2. The Support Team: Assists with Logistics for outings, activities and events, such as arranging meals, transportation, etc.

3. Sunday School Teacher: Plans and implements Sunday School curriculum working with another adult leader.

4. The Prayer Team: Commits to pray daily for the children and youth of Franktown UMC and the adult leaders who minister with them.

5. The Work Team: Working with others to spruce up the spaces used for youth and children's ministries such as the Fray Building and Sunday School classrooms.

6. Being a Mentor/Witness: I would be willing to share the story of my faith journey with children and youth.

Name: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

Help for Teachers in Northampton County

Franktown United Methodist Church has members in the church who call themselves the FONSY Group: "Friends of Northampton Schools and Youth.

This group was formed to assist teachers, when needed, in the Northampton School District in numerous ways. They help host a luncheon for new teachers coming into the district, help with the

"Teachers Appreciation Day", assist in the classroom by mentoring and tutoring students, in collecting supplies for teachers. Oftentimes the teachers have to buy supplies out of their own personal funds for their classroom. So the FONSY members of FUMC felt that it would be very helpful to supply some of the needed items for the teachers and the classrooms for this school year.

A list of needed items are:
3x5 inch plastic boxes, glue sticks, magic markers, stickers (any kind appropriate for school), crayons, pencils and bulletin board borders.

If you can help with any of these items please bring them to the church prior to the beginning of school and they will be distributed to the teachers as needed. Thank you on behalf of the FONSY group.

UMW Fall Bazaar and Auction



Watch for next month's edition of the Franktown Focus for more details on

the United Methodist Women's Fall Bazaar and Auction on October 9th here at Franktown UMC.

Mark your calendars and start your projects now so that you will be ready. We need homemade



baked goodies, jams, jellies, pickles, hand crafts, frozen foods and anything that you can do to help make

this "Festival" a success.

If you have items you would like to donate for the auction please call Debbie Bridges at 442-6440 or Patsy Stith at 442-3439.

This event is the largest fundraiser for the UMW. All proceeds go for local and worldwide missions.

Back to School Supplies Needed



It's time again to collect back to school supplies for foster children of Northampton County. There is a display in the narthex with postcards asking for specific items that individuals can donate. Please take a card from the display and bring your items to the church no later than August 22nd.

In addition to individuals taking a postcard from the display, we are asking that Sunday School classes make donations again this year to help purchase back packs. Checks can be made out to FUMC, with "Backpacks" on the memo line.

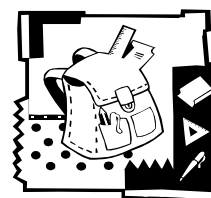
This is a really neat program to get these children the supplies they

need to start the school year.

Once everything has been collected, Dick Myer takes them to Social Services where they are displayed as if in a store. Children can then come in and "shop" for their school supplies, just like other children do. It's a wonderful way to equip them for school, while making it fun and boosting their self esteem.

The smiles on the children's faces as they make their selections from the display makes it all worthwhile.

We thank each one of you in advance for your help in this worthy cause.



Habitat Volunteers

It's summer, and Franktown UMC is once again blessed to be hosting Habitat volunteers!

We have two volunteer mission teams staying at Franktown church this summer, while they spend a week working for our Eastern Shore Habitat affiliate. Both groups have been here before, and we welcome them back!

The first work team, here this week, July 25 – July 31, consists of 16 students and 4 adult chaperones, under the leadership of Steve Pomplon. They are from Notre Dame Prep and Calvert Hall Schools, in the Baltimore area.

They have been coming to the Eastern Shore for several years to work on ES Habitat houses, and to assist Rev. Carmen Colona with

her ministry at Casa Esperanza, and are always wonderful guests.

The second team, who will be here from August – August 7, is a church youth group of 15 students and 4 adult chaperones from Reveille UMC in Richmond VA, under the leadership of Youth Director Dwayne Stinson. Dwayne brought a work team to the Shore to work for Habitat three years, and we are delighted that he is back with the group! Both groups will be working on a Habitat house on the Seaside Road, just north of the intersection with the Wachapreague Road. If you have the time, stop by the house and see the awesome work that these young people do – join them!

If you are at the church in the

evenings, please stop by and say hello—you will be glad you did!

Franktown will be hosting covered-dish dinners for both groups on the Thursday evening of the week they are here, at 6:00 pm. All church members are invited to visit with them, and hear about their work week and why they chose to spend part of their summer vacation sleeping on the floor, working in the heat, in ministry. Local habitat staff and volunteers will be at the dinners as well, so this is a chance to learn more about this ministry on the Shore and why Franktown UMC supports it.

August Anniversaries

Beth and Steve McClaskey	8-01
Dora & W.T. Wilkins	8-02
Jan & Phil Snyder	8-02
Tonya & Van Tankard	8-05
Frank & Sallie James	8-06
Dan & Jennifer Credle	8-06
Doug & Betsy Kennedy	8-12
Dick & Phyllis Myer	8-12
Mickey & Randi Merritt	8-18
Philip B. & Jane Tankard	8-18
Tommy & Ann Custis	8-21
Jamie & Jennifer Parks	8-21
Arthur & Susan Nalls	8-24
Gordon & Wanda Ward	8-24
Terri & Lynwood Guy	8-26
Judi & Gerry Tracy	8-26
Fede & Jo Ann Molera	8-28
Claudia & Frank Dorsch	8-30
Pat & Ted Bomb	8-31

VBS High Seas Expedition Coming



Vacation Bible School is coming to Franktown UMC Monday, August 9 thru Friday August 13. All youngsters, preschool thru 5th grade are invited and encouraged to come from 9 am to 12 noon. We will be exploring the Mighty Love of God, doing amazing crafts, swashbuckling Bible story adventures, wild games and lots of incredible music.

If you have not registered your child please do so today by calling the church office with name of child, birth date, and grade level.

Come and have a great adventure on the High Seas.

Call now to register: 442-3481

Alien Life

Pastor's Column—August 2010

By Alex Joyner

Do we have what it takes to be aliens? As the immigration debate heats up and we hear lots of conversation about citizenship and border control, I wonder if we Christians consider how we are called to be aliens in the land. The place we call home is not identical with the place we live. We are always looking ahead to a land where God is the remedy to our perpetual homesickness.

Every year when I pack up my books to go teach local pastors at the Course of Study School I think about what I am asking these pastors to read. I teach theology and I wonder: Are these books still relevant? Do they help pastors think through the great challenges they face in their ministries? Do I still want to read them?

I've changed most of the books I use over the years, but one that I keep assigning is one called *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon. The book is over twenty years old now but it raises some very important questions, the most important one being: How do we 'be' Christian in a culture that is not Christian? The authors are under no illusions that our nation is helping us be better Christians. The time has long since gone when Christians could assume that their values were being lived out throughout society. Actually, we might wonder whether that was ever true.

The culture does not have a primary allegiance to Christ, but Christians do form their identity based on that grounding. So the role of the Church is to be a community that looks different from the world – to be resident in it, but different from it. As the authors put it, "The

church exists today as resident aliens, an adventurous colony in a society of unbelief" [p. 49].

Are the good folks at Franktown

aware that we are an adventurous colony? Or are we too captivated by the society of unbelief? What things are we doing that we wouldn't be doing if we weren't Christians?

As we live into a new understanding of children and youth ministries one of the things we hope we're claiming is the sense that we exist for the telling and passing on of our peculiar story. We claim our children because they are the ones who are being claimed by many different stories in our society. If they are not formed by the Church they will be formed by some other story and those other stories will not tell them the truth about who they are in God's eyes.

Why do Christians have children? Even those of us who have not had children of our own know that the Church has an interest in having children. As the authors say, "Christians have children, in great part, to be able to tell our children the story" [p. 60]. It doesn't make sense to a world that has no narrative to explain why we should have children, but it makes perfect sense to those of us who have been told that God loves life and desires more and more of it. So what are we doing...what are you doing to be a resident alien in the land?



The Finance Team is Recognized as Barnabas of the Month

Before writing this article, I had to figure out what the plural of “Barnabas” might be. I believe it would probably be “Barnabi.” This month, then, we are recognizing three Barnabi, in no particular order, Jeff Holland, Drury Stith and Cheryl Nottingham. Jeff is our church treasurer, Drury is chair of the finance committee and Cheryl serves as financial secretary.

Besides the weekly duties of counting and depositing the offering, there are a number of tasks the group performs, including preparing the church budget and presenting it to the congregation. “Budget

Moments” occur periodically at each service during the year so that everyone knows where the money goes and how it is used. Listing each thing that these Barnabi do would take more room than I have for this article!

There is much that could be said about these Barnabi. I wanted to highlight them this month because they are an example of the variety of gifts needed to ensure the church continues its ministries. So, if you want to get involved in the life of the church but feel you do not have the gifts for youth ministry or lay speaking, but you are gifted in other

areas there is a place for your gifts at Franktown.

Please see Pastor Alex or Rae LeCato for more information about how you can become involved.

If you see Jeff, Cheryl or Drury this month, please thank them for being Barnabi!

If you know of someone who needs to be recognized in this space, please let Pastor Peter know.

August Sermons

August 01, 2010 Pentecost 10
Communion
Preacher: Pastor Peter

August 08, 2010 Pentecost 11
Preacher: Pastor Alex
Primary Text: Luke 12: 32-40
Sermon Title: “Not Home Yet”

August 15, 2010 Pentecost 12
Preacher: Pastor Alex
Primary Text: Isaiah 5:1-7
Sermon: “Vintage Faith”

August 22, 2010 Pentecost 13
Preacher: Pastor Alex
Primary Text: Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Sermon Title: “Born to the Burden and Beyond”

August 29, 2010 Pentecost 14
Healing Service
Preacher: Pastor Alex
Primary Text: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Sermon Title: “Rules of the Road”

September 05, 2010 Pentecost 15
Communion Labor day
Preacher: Pastor Alex
Primary Text: Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Sermon Title: “Planted Firm”

August Birthdays

8-01	Ashlee Diehl	Adam Lattimore	8-17	John Long	8-24	8-28
Yeats James	8-05	8-11	8-19	Erica Fulmer	Pam Smith	
Susan Nottingham	Cynthia Lattimore	Isaac Stodghill	Harold Tilghman	8-25	8-29	
Claude Jones	8-06	8-13	8-20	Emmett Sanford	Penney Holland	
8-02	Mary Tilghman	Nancy Stern	Santiago Pereira	Faye Godbey		
Jim Eaton	Kathlen Powell	Joseph Boole	8-22	8-26	Aarin Nottingham	
Cara Ames	Matt Foley	Nathaniel Long	Erika Peterson	Benjamin Stodghill	Gabriel Jackson	
8-03	Larry Lathbury	8-14	Bruce Try	Jeff Horner	8-27	
Peter Henderson	8-07	Liz Horner	8-23	Kathy Payne	8-27	
8-04	Wayne Mears	Megan Willke	Robert Map	8-27	Erick Willke	
Polk Kellam, Jr.	8-10	8-15	Harlin Johnson			
Elizabeth Oschner	Robert Sexauer	Debbie Bridges				



August 2010 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7:30 am radio Program 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship 2:00 pm Worship at Heritage Hall Habitat Group here from Reville UMC	2. 9:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	3. 8:30 am Reunion Group 6:15 pm COM 7:30 pm Admin. Board Meets	4. D. A. R . 9 am-2 pm Luncheon and meetings 5:30 pm Community Dinner	5. 5:30 pm Habitat Dinner	6.	7. ARC Annual Fish Fry on the grounds of Edwards Seafood in Onley, 10 am until 3:00 pm
8. 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship	9. VBS 9 am-12 noon 9am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	10. 8:30 am Reunion Group VBS 9am-12 noon	11. VBS 9am to noon 5:30 pm Community Dinner 7:15 pm Choir Pack Food Boxes	12. VBS 9am-12 noon	13. VBS 9am-12 noon	14.
15. 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship All God's Children Camp thru 20th at OOTB	16. 9 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Vision & Design Team Meeting in Media Room	17. 8:30 am Reunion Group	18. 5:30 pm Community Dinner Pack Food Boxes 7:10 pm Choir	19.	20. 11:00 am Food Bank	21.
22. 8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:15 am Worship	23. 6:30 pm Bible Study	24. 8:30 am Reunion Group	25. 5:30 pm Community Dinner 7:10 pm Choir	26.	27.	28.
29. Worship: 8:30 am Sunday School 10am Worship 11:15 am	30. 6:30 pm Bible Study	31. 8:30 am Reunion Group				
<p>Items for the Sept. Newsletter should be sent to the Church Office before Aug. 23rd.</p> <p>News Flash!! Revival coming to Franktown Next Month</p>						



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