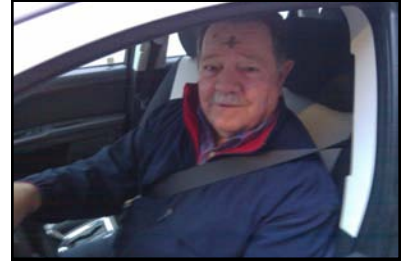


"Drive Thru" Ashes



THE HARBINGER

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with EVERYONE.

APRIL 2011

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

The churches of Onancock and Accomac are sponsoring a series of worship services at noon each Wednesday during Lent followed by discussions. The services will be led by Rev. Will Baker, pastor of Drummondtown Baptist Church; Rev. Carl Perez, pastor of the Lee Mont United Methodist Charge; Rev. Bob Chapman, pastor of Market Street United Methodist Church; Rev. Robert Close, pastor of Naomi Makemie Presbyterian Church; Rev. Betty Marshall, pastor of Drummondtown United Methodist Church; Rev. Cameron Randle, rector of St. James Episcopal Church; and Rev. Berkley Ford, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Lenten Services. Services are held each Wednesday and begin at noon, followed with lunch and a brief time for teaching and discussion, which should conclude around 1:15 PM. Participants are asked to bring their own bag lunch. The hosting church will provide coffee and light desserts.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hosting Church</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Leading Discussion</u>
March 9	Naomi Makemie Presbyterian	Rev. Will Baker	Rev. Carl Perez
March 16	Holy Trinity Episcopal	Rev. Bob Chapman	Rev. Cameron Randle
March 23	St. James Episcopal (Accomac)	Rev. Carl Perez	Rev. Robert Close
March 30	Market Street UMC	Rev. Betty Marshall	Rev. Will Baker
April 6	Drummondtown Baptist Church	Rev. Cameron Randle	Rev. Bob Chapman
April 13	Metropolitan UMC	Rev. Berkley Ford	Rev. Betty Marshall
April 20	Drummondtown UMC	Rev. Robert Close	Rev. Berkley Ford



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 21

*Maundy Thursday Service @ Cokesbury,
8 PM*

April 22

*Good Friday Service @ Cokesbury,
12-12:30 PM (Office Closed)*

April 24

EASTER

April 25

Easter Monday (Office Closed)

WIDOWS FORUM - APRIL 11, 2011

We are exploring the possibility of a ministry to the widows of our church. You are invited for coffee, tea and conversation on Monday, April 11 at 11 AM in the church Assembly Room.

We will spend time together with one another listening, talking and discerning what our goals and objectives will be.



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations given "in honor of" and "in memory of" loved ones will be used to purchase Easter flowers, with the remaining funds to go to A.I.C.C. and Redbird Mission. The list will appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 24. Please contact Faye Ralston (787-3716) or Wayne Parsley (665-5805) or the office to place your order no later than Tuesday, April 19.



The suggested donation is \$8.00. Please make checks payable to MSUMC earmarked "Easter Flowers."

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & LUNCHEON

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 11 AM at the home of Walta and Glenwood Pruitt (10 Ashton Street, Onancock).

We are asking for bags of individually wrapped candy to be brought to church and left in Walta's Sunday school room so the youth can fill the eggs.



KIDS' STUFF DISCONTINUED

After 21 years, our Kids' Stuff program will regrettably be discontinued. Kids' Stuff was our after-school program for elementary children in grades K-5.

As we reflect, it is a time for celebrating and also letting go. We will prayerfully and patiently wait to see what new opportunities lie ahead as part of God's plan for our children, our leaders and our community. We would especially like to thank your faithful and dedicated volunteers for the past two years: Linda Courtney, Becky Cumming, Nadine Pinkham and Walta Pruitt.

THERE STILL TIME... IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Would you like to join in on a little friendly competition? We have a contest going for our Sunday School participants. We're encouraging you to bring a friend to Sunday school. This contest began on September 5, 2010 and will continue until August 28, 2011.

As of Sunday, March 6, the "Welcome Friends" attendance books show that Turner Saunders, pictured, of Walta Pruitt's Kindergarten class has brought the most friends! Our pastor has offered to cook dinner for the winner and his/her guest. Would you like to enjoy a delicious dinner for you and a friend with Bob? Bring a friend to Sunday school and join in the contest!





CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY POSTPONED

Due to scheduling conflicts, the April dates originally scheduled for the church pictorial directory have been postponed, however, a future date in June is being considered.

Please consider volunteering in this project once a date has been finalized. If interested, please contact Lisa Gibb at 757-787-8280.



At the Boy Scouts Virginia District Annual Recognition Dinner, held on March 12, Heather Hargis received the "Spark Plug" Award in recognition of her dedication and hard work behind-the-scenes in helping and working with the Scouts. Pictured with Heather is Mr. Chris Trapp, Assistant District Commissioner.

MEMBERSHIP & MAILINGS



We are updating our membership and mailing lists. If you have changed your church affiliation, please let us know.

If anyone has information on the following congregants (address, attending another church, has moved, etc.), please let us know:

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| Madeline Beach | Jenny Lynn (Phillips) Jaspen |
| Rich Bernard | Joyce Lassiter |
| Daniele Bundick | Walter Marks |
| Glenn & Darcy Bunting | Mike & Dawn Mason |
| Patrick Doss | Amanda Phillips |
| Kelly Fulk | Mark Pruitt |
| Marie Hamilton | Ronald & Amanda Reed |
| Jerry & Virginia Hartman | Jackie Ross |
| Tineesha Haynes | Sarah Mapp Thomas |
| Brenda Holmes | Steve & Cindy Walton |

We also request email addresses! *All email addresses will be for church use only and will not be shared.*

All information can be sent to: mktstumc@verizon.net or mailed to:

Market Street UMC Church Membership
75 Market Street
Onancock, VA 23417

POETRY READING

Historic Cokesbury Church in Onancock will be hosting The Writer's Studio, a reading of favorite poems, on Saturday, April 2 at 7 PM.

This event is free and open to the public. You do not have to be a poet to attend, just have a love or curiosity of poetry.

Bring your favorite poem to read aloud or simply come to experience an evening of poetry.

For more information, contact Elaine McFerron at 757-650-8735, ewmcferron@gmail.com or www.thewritersstudio.wordpress.com.



MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Recurring Weekly:

Sunday	8:30 AM 9:30-10 AM 10-10:45 AM 11 AM	Worship Morning Fellowship in Social Hall Sunday School Worship
Monday	9 AM 5 PM	T.O.P.S. - Take Off Pounds Sensibly Weight Support Group ALANON Support Group
Tuesday	12 PM 5:45 PM 6:30 PM 7 PM	AA Women's Closed Meeting Terrific Tuesday Dinner Joy Bells Market Street Ringers
Wednesday	7:30 AM 10 AM 12 PM 7 PM	Morning Prayer Group Lectionary Bible Study (Group 1) AA Open Discussion Meeting Lectionary Bible Study (Group 2)
Thursday	11 AM 6:30-7 PM 7:15-8:15 PM	Lectionary Bible Study (Group 3) Choir Practice for 8:30 AM Choir Choir Practice for 11 AM Choir
Friday	12 PM	AA Step Discussion Meeting

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Special Events in APRIL:

Wednesday, April 6	6:30 PM, Hymn Sing at the Hermitage
Monday, April 11	6 PM, UMM Dinner Meeting 7 PM, UMW Quarterly Meeting
Sunday, April 17	<i>Palm Sunday</i>
Thursday, April 21	8 PM, Maundy Thursday Service @ Cokesbury
Friday, April 22	12 PM, Good Friday Service @ Cokesbury (<i>Office closed</i>)
Sunday, April 24	<i>Easter</i>
Monday, April 25	<i>Easter Monday (Office closed)</i>
Thursday, April 28	6 PM, Dining for Women @ Cokesbury

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY...

Saturday, May 7	9 AM-12 PM, Church Council Meeting
Sunday, May 8	<i>Mother's Day</i>
Monday, May 9	6 PM, UMM Dinner Meeting
Monday, May 9	7:30 PM, Carrie Radcliffe UMW Meeting at the home of Marti Fjelstad
Sunday, May 15	12:30 PM, Covered-dish Reception for Bob & Elaine
Thursday, May 19	7-9 PM, Lay Speaker Spring Training
Friday, May 20	7-9 PM, Lay Speaker Spring Training
Saturday, May 21	8:30 AM-4 PM, Lay Speaker Spring Training
Sunday, May 29	TBA, YouthWorks Staff to arrive
Monday, May 30	<i>Memorial Day - Office closed</i>

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PARK BENCH ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTIONS



The late Dewey Beegle took Ash Wednesday seriously. A respected biblical archaeologist, Dr. Beegle was my advisor and Old Testament professor in seminary. Each year on Ash Wednesday, he walked around campus distributing a 2-4 page typed document *reflecting* on his life. While most all of us greet family and friends with traditional cards and notes during the Advent/Christmas season, he chose Ash Wednesday as his holy day of offering both his greetings, reflections and thanksgivings.


After all of these years, there has never been an Ash Wednesday come or go, when I have not remembered him. In my memory, I still see him walking around the halls, handing his epistle out to his colleagues and students. I have always wanted to follow him in this tradition, but I must *confess*, I have failed in this attempt. Admittedly, I have not been as deliberate and faithful in the greeting, thank you note writing or card sending department, as God would have me. I offer no excuse as this is my admitted *self-confession*. Amongst all of my clutter, I have stamps and notes on my living room table, waiting for my pen. I do not even have to lick, these new self-adhesive stamps, which I hear have been around for some time now.

Whereas Lent is admittedly a time of *self-denial* and *prayer*, it is also a time whereby we can resolve to improve our lives and matters in relation to *faith* and *belief*. Through our reflections, we are invited to make amends with ourselves, our relationships with each other and the church. The discipline of *abstaining* can be countered with making positive *contributions* toward avenues of renewed faith and commitment. Your church and your community is a place where this can happen.

On Ash Wednesday, I sat outside for a total of four hours, offering the traditional "smudging" of ashes on the foreheads of our parishioners who "drove-by" for the practice of this ancient longstanding ritual. We shared prayer with each other, seeking a meaningful 40 day period of Lent with each other. The day was a little chilly and overcast, yet the birds were chirping, and it was quiet. I could even hear the voice of the bank teller across the street, as bank customers drove by for their business transactions. Once again, Ash Wednesday was a day of meaningful *faith* transactions, reflections and prayers for me. I offer thanksgiving for the people of faith in my life, and the people who have influenced my life in either a small or big way. Thank you Dr. Beegle.

A time of good food & fellowship was had by all at the United Methodist Men's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8.



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