

### CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED!

Choir Rehearsal for the 8:30 AM Sunday service is held every Thursday night from 6:30-7 PM in the Choir Room. If you would like to share your voice with the choir members for this service, please come to practice! It's only 30 minutes! Hope to see you Thursday nights!

Adelaide Hollandsworth, Choir Director

### UMM'S HAM & CLAM DINNER

The UMM Of Market Street will be hosting an all-you-can-eat "Ham & Clam (Fritter) Dinner" on Friday, February 22 from 5:30-7 PM in the church Social Hall. Dinner is \$8 per person and the menu will include ham, clam fritters, potato salad, green beans, hot rolls, assorted desserts and beverage. Reservations are required. Contact Wayne Parsley at 757-665-5905.



# THE HARBINGER

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

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## POLAR DUCK DIP 2011

### Controversy Looms

The 3rd Annual Polar Duck Dip was held on Saturday, January 29 at Camp Occohannock on the Bay. The event proved to be a successful fund raiser for our United Methodist Camp Occohannock raising over \$8,000, and for the Mid-High United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) at Market Street, raising \$885.28 for the cause.

The Mid-High UMYF invited Bob Chapman, pastor of Market Street, to be their sponsored duck. When approached by UMYF leader Susan Olmsted, Chapman did not immediately accept the challenge, only to accept the invitation a few days later, to the delight of Mrs. Olmsted and the mid-high youth. Once the word spread, competitive challenges were issued by a long-time loyal church member of Market Street and the United Methodist Men, who pledge significant amounts of monetary contributions if Chapman would immerse his head into the water. However, the United Methodist Women were satisfied with Chapman just going up to his ankles. Witnesses included Wayne Parsley who was on hand representing the UMM and Millie Mason for the UMW.

Despite going out into the water, further than anyone, and dipping his uncovered head into the frigid water three times, hard-line enthusiasts are calling "fowl" as Chapman wore a diver's "wet suit" into the water. Signs of protest, murmurs, disqualifications, drug test, and rumors of steroid use greeted Chapman on Sunday morning at Market Street. However, their contentions were countered as other church members and supporters appreciated his wise judgment. There are even calls for Chapman to return his gold coffee mug. "I now know how Lance Armstrong feels," said Chapman.

According to Susan Olmsted, who has done research into the rules of the competition, there were not any stipulations as to what the Polar Ducks could or could not wear.

High powered satellite photographic images from NASA and several secretive and scandalous photographs are now emerging. In what was thought to be a lost whale appearing in the water photographic evidence from several photographers and Ann Byrum reveal it was indeed Chapman in the wet suit and not a whale as had been rumored.

At the end of the event, in the midst of the award ceremonies and a luncheon, Chapman huddled the youth together for his "teaching moment." He said to the youth, they would meet challenges in their lives in the years ahead. The lesson for today was immediately interpreted by an enthusiastic youth saying "don't take risks." Chapman replied and encouraged the youth to indeed take risks. However, he said, "Take risks, but be sure you take the necessary precautions in making good decisions by taking care of yourself without causing harm."



Photo courtesy of Ann Byrum

## AICC FUNDRAISER

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual fund raising dinner for AICC will be held Friday, February 18, at Downings UMC on Route 13 in Oak Hall. The menu will include baked chicken, party potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad and a selection of pies and cakes for dessert.

Dinner will start at 6 PM followed by entertainment from the Horntown Charge Male Chorus. Tickets are available at CD Marsh Jewelers in Onancock, Martha Joyal or Jo Johnson at Market Street Church or may be purchased at the door that evening. Suggested donation of at least \$10 a ticket will be accepted. Since the location of the dinner is up-county this year, think about carpooling with a friend or two.

This is AICC's 19<sup>th</sup> year of operation, helping to provide emergency assistance to those in crisis in Accomack County. Out of 493 applications for assistance in 2010, AICC was able to help 208 families, that's 545 individuals, with crisis needs such as heat, utilities, rent or mortgage, transportation to doctors and other medical needs. AICC is an INTERFAITH group relying on volunteers and support from many different churches and communities in Accomack County. The dinner is the only fund raiser each year put on by AICC. We are dependent on donations to keep the operation going. If you cannot attend the dinner but would like to make a donation to AICC, please mail your check to P.O. Box 738, Onley, VA 23418. If you are interested in the program and would like more information or would like to become a volunteer, either on intake or approval, contact Martha at 787-7849 or Jo at 442-3533. And – come to our dinner on February 18<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be a fun evening!

## BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

### GROUP 3 - NOW Being Offered

With the successful beginning last fall of two spirituality/ bible study groups, our pastor Bob Chapman, is now offering registration sign/up for the beginning of a new group, Group 3, starting on February 24, meeting on consecutive Thursday mornings from 11 AM to 12 PM in the Assembly room. The class is limited to the first 12 people who make a commitment for the study. Ten seats are available.

Group 1, meeting on Wednesdays at 10 AM, and Group 2, meeting on Wednesdays at 7 PM, are currently filled, thus the need for an opening and offering of Group 3.

Pleased with such a wonderful response, members of the first two groups have already committed and reserved their places for the Group 1 and 2 meeting times on Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening. There was such a wonderful response from both groups in the fall when they studied *Soul Feast* by Marjorie Thompson.



The spring study for each group will be focused on the Common Lectionary, featuring the scripture lessons which be read in the upcoming worship service on Sunday mornings. The central and cohesive fea-

ture of all 3 groups is their studying the same material in each session.

## LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFAST

As we approach the season of Lent, Market Street will hold a prayer breakfast on Saturday, March 5, beginning at 8:15 AM and ending at 9:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. Cost of the breakfast will be \$5.00 with remaining proceeds being shared with The Rev. Wayne Parsley, who is preparing to attend the 20th World United Methodist Conference in Durbin, South Africa August 4-8.

The prayer breakfast will feature morning devotions, witness, prayers and special music by representatives of our chancel choir. The morning breakfast will be prepared by Walta Pruitt (787-1842) with the assistance of her hospitality committee and other wonderful Market Street cooks. Please call the church office at 787-4873 if you would like to make a reservation and reserve your seating. Deadline for reservations: Wednesday, March 2 at 12 PM.

## BYRUM, BLAKE & GIBB EQUAL NOW!

Beginning January 1, Ann Byrum, Susan Blake and Lisa Gibb assumed key leadership positions on the Market Street Church Council. Ann will chair the **Nurture** committee, Susan will chair the **Outreach** committee and Lisa will chair the **Witness** committee.

Along with Theresa Tyson, Lay Leader, Jean Kranich, Church Council chairperson, and Ruth LeMoyne Director of Christian Education. two Saturday morning orientation sessions were shared at the parsonage.

The **Nurture**, **Outreach**, and **Witness** committee are the three areas of ministry which comprise the programmatic structures related to the Church Council. Under the leadership of these new leaders, they will be responsible for organization, implementation and planning programs related to worship services, mission endeavors, and communication.

"I am delighted we have three new individuals coming into these key leadership positions at the same time, whereby they can learn and grow with each other and in their relationship to the membership at Market Street. They are excited, and they have new ideas. I am confident they will work well with other people, which is such a key component in relation to their work," says Bob Chapman, Pastor. In order to foster a better sense of organization, they will each share and give reports to the Church Council, related to their work areas of ministry, in addition to having meetings with their committee members, prior to the quarterly meeting of the Church Council.



*Ann Byrum,  
Nurture Chair*



*Susan Blake,  
Outreach Chair*



*Lisa Gibb,  
Witness Chair*

## MR. ED TYSON: EQUIPPED WITH WRENCH and HAMMER

Mr. Ed Tyson has accepted and received the arduous and difficult responsibility of being the sole property manager for both the Market Street United Methodist Church and the accompanying church owned parsonage. Mr. Tyson, working in cooperation with the Market Street Trustees, will be the one and only contact person in relation to the upkeep, maintenance and repair of either facility.

According to Bob Chapman, pastor of Market Street, his appointment represents a new direction in having only one person accountable and in charge of our facilities. Under his leadership, there will be a definite improvement on who shall be responsible when repairs and improvements are needed and when they shall be completed, eliminating any confusion or lack of direction.

Meeting with the Church Trustees at their January quarterly meeting, there was mutual consensus of this arrangement representing greater clarity and order toward maintaining our facilities. Whether it be the changing of a door handle or a exploring a repair in relation to heating and air conditioning, Mr. Tyson is to consulted. One of his many responsibilities will include signing-off and approving any job request or project.



# FEBRUARY

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
		<b>1</b> 12 PM, AA Women's Closed Meeting 4 PM, Kids' Stuff 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells	<b>2</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group 12 PM, AA Open Discussion <b>6:30 PM, Hymn Sing at Hermitage</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30-7 PM, Choir Practice for 8:30 service 7:15-8:15 PM, Choir Practice for 11:00 service	<b>4</b> 12 PM, AA Step Discussion	<b>5</b> <b>9 AM-12 PM, Church Council Workshop</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 AM, TOPS 5 PM, ALANON Support Group	<b>8</b> 12 PM, AA Women's Closed Meeting 4 PM, Kids' Stuff 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells	<b>9</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group 12 PM, AA Open Discussion 6 PM, Girl Scout Mtg. @ Cokesbury	<b>10</b> 6:30-7 PM, Choir Practice for 8:30 service 7:15-8:15 PM, Choir Practice for 11:00 service	<b>11</b> 12 PM, AA Step Discussion <b>5:30-7 PM, UMM Ham &amp; Clam Fritter Dinner</b>	<b>12</b> <b>9:30-11:30 AM, S/PPR Training @ Painter-Garrison UMC</b>
<b>13</b> <b>8:30 &amp; 11 AM, Scout Sunday</b> <b>1:30-3:30 PM, Jr. High UMYF Mtg. @ Cokesbury</b>	<b>14</b> 9 AM, TOPS 5 PM, ALANON Support Group <b>6 PM, UMM Dinner Mtg.</b> <b>7:30 PM, Carrie Radcliffe UMW Meeting @ Evelyn Nock's home</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i>	<b>15</b> 12 PM, AA Women's Closed Meeting 4 PM, Kids' Stuff 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells	<b>16</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group 12 PM, AA Open Discussion 7 PM, Cub Scout Leaders Meeting <b>7 PM, Dennis/Ayres UMW Mtg.</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30-7 PM, Choir Practice for 8:30 service 7:15-8:15 PM, Choir Practice for 11:00 service	<b>18</b> 12 PM, AA Step Discussion	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 9 AM, TOPS 5 PM, ALANON Support Group  <i>President's Day</i>	<b>22</b> <b>9 AM, Newsletter deadline for March</b> 12 PM, AA Women's Closed Meeting 4 PM, Kids' Stuff 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells	<b>23</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Group <b>10 AM, Lectionary Bible Study (Grp 1)</b> 12 PM, AA Open Discussion 6 PM, Girl Scout Mtg. @ Cokesbury <b>7 PM, Lectionary Bible Study (Grp 2)</b> <b>7 PM, YouthWorks Mtg. (Social Hall)</b>	<b>24</b> <b>11 AM, Lectionary Bible Study (Grp 3)</b> 6:30-7 PM, Choir Practice for 8:30 service 7:15-8:15 PM, Choir Practice for 11:00 service	<b>25</b> 12 PM, AA Step Discussion	<b>26</b> <b>5:45 PM, Boy Scouts Blue &amp; Gold Dinner (Social Hall)</b>
<b>27</b> <b>1:30-3:30 PM, Jr. High UMYF Mtg. @ Cokesbury</b>	<b>28</b> 9 AM, TOPS 5 PM, ALANON Support Group					

## THE TRUTH FROM THE GARDEN OF YOUTH

*submitted by Susan Olmsted, Jr. High UMYF Leader*

It's been mighty cold outside but that hasn't stopped our youth group from remaining active!

In December we spent an afternoon at Four Corner's Plaza ringing bells for the Salvation Army. Singing all our favorite carols helped to pass the time away and really made people smile and donate! Later in the month we joined with the Sr. High youth group and Franktown UMC's youth group for a pizza dinner and a trip up to Pocomoke to see "Walk through Bethlehem". We loved the narrative trip through the village and the live animals!

In January, twenty-four of us had a fun night at the YMCA with swimming, soccer, chasing dragons on bikes and other great activities. Then we got busy with collecting funds to sponsor our "duck" (AKA "Chappy") for the 3rd Annual Polar Duck Dip at Camp Occohannock. Thanks so much to Chappy for volunteering as our duck and for the support of the whole congregation. We raised \$885.28!!!

In February we will focus on preparations for our 2nd Annual Homemade Pizza and Lasagna Dinner which is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 from 5-7 PM. Be sure to mark your calendar! This year our proceeds will go towards two worthy causes, adopting the animals at Camp Occohannock and our own G3 campaign.

Our February meetings are scheduled for Sundays, February 13 & 27 at Cokesbury from 1:30-3:30.



## FAITH IN ACTION

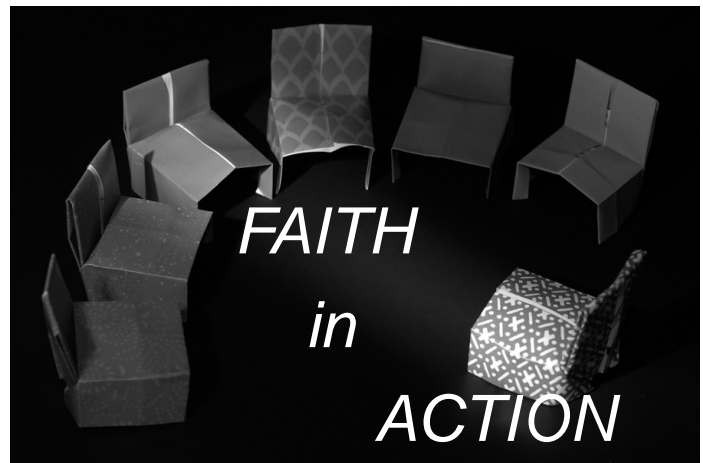
*submitted by Mary Hollandsworth*

Come and see what is happening during the Sunday School hour. The downstairs Sunday School class now has a name - "Faith in Action." We meet every Sunday, from 10:00 until 10:45 in the Assembly Room under the sanctuary. We are always open to new members. Come to visit, come for a few sessions, or join us for good. We don't follow a prescribed curriculum. Instead, class members sign up in advance to teach a week or two. The topic can come from a favorite book, a newspaper or magazine article, or just an idea that interests you, and the goal is to find out how that topic relates to the Bible and how it can influence our lives today. All positions are valued and we grow by learning from each other.

We also have an ongoing mission project in our support of the local Methodist-sponsored Agape House. This is a Christian preschool located right here in Accomack County that serves a population of local children. We have agreed to finan-

cially support this ministry by a voluntary weekly offering and also by holding a dinner fundraiser sometime this spring.

Our class is multigenerational and welcomes anyone who would like to join us. We hope to see you!



## PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2011 BAZAAR

*submitted by Mary Lou Podelco*

A planning session for the 2011 Bazaar to be held at Market Street United Methodist Church was held on Saturday, January 22. The date of the Bazaar has been set for Saturday, October 15.

Changes will be made in the Bazaar setup this year. There will be a live Auction of quality items with Pastor Bob Chapman as Auctioneer. There will be a Country Store consisting of veggies, craft items, baked goods, candies, snack foods, chicken salad, home-preserved jams, jellies, pickles and pickle relish. There will be no Curiosity Shop (white elephants) for the 2011 Bazaar and all items for the Country Store will be located in the Assembly Room.

For lunch, a chicken salad platter will be served with cranberry salad, marinated vegetables, rolls and assorted desserts.

Beginning immediately, Church members will be encouraged to select items to be donated for the Auction. Hopefully, starting early in the year, many great items will be available for the Auction on October 15. June Evans will be the contact person for Auction items. Please call her at 787-1114 if you have any questions. Arrangements will be made to pick up larger items at your home.



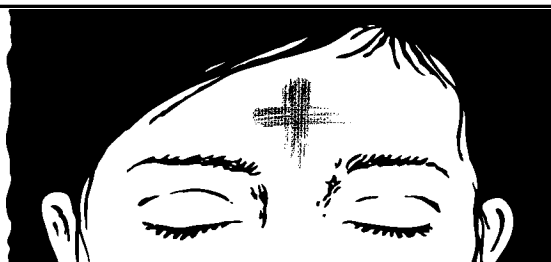
Attending the planning session and pictured are: Virginia Belote, June Evans, Laurice Hohlt, Jo Johnson, Martha Joyal, Mildred Mason, Nadine Pinkham, Mary Lou Podelco, and Carolyn Richardson. Not pictured in the photograph are Bob Chapman and Theresa Tyson.

## “DRIVE-THRU” ASHES

On Ash Wednesday, March 9, from 8 AM - 10 AM and from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM church members and friends of the community will be able to drive-thru/sit and park in the parking lot at Market Street and receive the imposition of ashes upon their forehead from our pastor Bob Chapman - *rain or shine*. Coffee & hot chocolate will be offered for those who have a minute to linger.

The imposition of ashes on the forehead may be thought of as being a rather "Catholic" ritual. However, it is a Christian practice which dates back to the early days of Christianity. In recent years it has been re-discovered and shared within the life of the church and shared by many Protestant denominations as the liturgical day of repentance, launching the season of Lent.

Upon marking the forehead of each individual, the pastor will say: *“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*



### Ash Wednesday

## Coming in March...

- Sat., Mar. 5, Lenten Prayer Breakfast
- Tues., Mar. 8, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Wed., Mar. 9, Ash Wednesday
- Sun., Mar. 13, Daylight Saving Time begins
- Sat., Mar. 19, Jr. High UYMF 2nd Annual Homemade Pizza & Lasagna Dinner
- Sun., Mar. 20, Spring begins

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PARK BENCH

### HOSPITALITY 101 - Mission Being Accomplished

On Sunday, January 30, we welcomed eight new members into our congregational life at Market Street. Attending and joining at our 8:30 AM service were Kim Garton, Keith Belcher, Pat and Judy Manning. At our 11 AM service we welcomed into membership Kelly Saunders, Adelaide and Bob Hollandsworth, and Elaine McFerron. Last August, our Church Council set as one of our 2011 goals, an increase in membership with the addition of 20 new members by next December 30. We are well on our way and can accomplish this goal with inviting and receiving people who are interested in attending and hopefully deciding to join Market Street.



We can accomplish this in several ways. I have requested our Trustees to work on providing specific and well marked parking spaces for both our new visitors and for lack of a better word, "handicapped" parking spaces for many of our folks, currently faced with having obstacles to overcome in gaining entrance into our building. A second way, currently being considered, is through brushing up on our physical appearances both inside and outside our facilities. One may already notice attractive new direction signs in the building. The third way is simple and profound. Being friendly, welcoming and greeting our guest with a warm and sincere spirit through a hospitable welcome. Smile and say good morning. Invite them for coffee, invite them to your Sunday school class offer them a seat next to you in worship. Eventually, when our sanctuary becomes filled, with both new and returning members, offer them your pew, especially when we have standing room only.

I am grateful to the many individuals who make Sunday morning happen. There are many individual people who make sure small details are accomplished. They include: flower arrangements, oil in the candles, greeters, ushers, acolytes, choir members, bell ringers, coffee makers, hospitality workers, food providers, and Sunday School teachers, offering counters, record keepers, just to name a few. Your attendance each Sunday morning supports their efforts.

If you are attending our services, please thank these people who serve. If for some reason you are not attending worship, if you feel disconnected from the church, or if you would like to renew your responsibility toward sincerely living out and being faithful to your membership vows, please call me at the church, and I will be delighted to visit, listen and share with you, I am willing to meet with you either in your home, at a bakery or in my study at the church. Please call the church office at 757-787-4873 and I will arrange a time to visit with you. The doors at Market Street are open to *EVERYONE*.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally there is a need for nursery workers on Sunday mornings. Our list of substitutes has shrunk and we need to beef it up again. If you would be willing to give some time to this effort, please let one of the following people: Laura Bundick (church secretary), Theresa Tyson, or Betty Martin. Our children are our church's future and your gift of time to them is valuable. There are three shifts: that need to be covered: 8:30 AM service (8:15-9:30 AM), Sunday School hour (9:30-10:45 AM), and the 11 AM service (10:45 AM-12 PM). You may specify which suits you best or volunteer for all three. There are normally no more than four children there, and it is not anticipated that the need will be frequent. However, we do need to be sure this very important service is covered.



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**FEBRUARY FACT:**

According to the Georgian calendar, February is the second month of the year, and also the shortest month. February has 28 days until Julius Caesar gave it 29, and 30 days every four years. According to tradition, Augustus, the Roman emperor, took one day off to add one day to August, the month named after him. We now have February with 28 days, and 29 on leap years.



## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!!!!**

01, Linda Jones

07, Charlotte Olmsted

08, Tom Hollandsworth

09, Susan Olmsted

09, Martha Rogers

10, John Dennis

10, Laura Thomas

11, Landry Bernard

11, Kristen Bowers

11, John Chandler

11, Seth Dize

12, Walt Chandler

12, Kristina Ormsby

12, Linda Trapp

15, Jean Scott

16, Sara Grace King

17, Williams Bishop

19, Tom Cardaci

19, Alex Gibb

20, Amber Moore

22, Nancy Ashby

23, Cecil Powell

24, Josh Evans

24, Jack King

27, Justin Kilmon

28, Zachary Brooks

