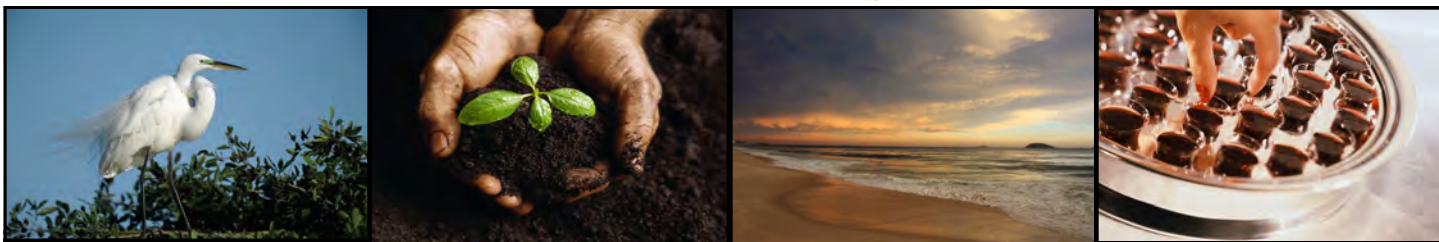


THE HARBINGER



Market Street United Methodist Church
75 Market Street
Onancock, VA 23417



NOVEMBER 2011

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY & FALL COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 6

We will be receiving new members into our congregation on Sunday, November 6. If you are interested in becoming a church member at Market Street, please call the church office at 787-4873 by Tuesday, November 1 to schedule an appointment to meet with our pastor, Bob Chapman. Following the 11 AM worship service that day, a covered-dish luncheon will be held to meet & greet our new members and enjoy good food and fellowship. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish/dessert. Chicken, rolls and beverages will be provided.

DISTRICT CHARGE CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 13

District Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 13 at Grace UMC in Parksley beginning at 4 PM with special music from local churches. The Rev. Ken Jackson, District Superintendent from Alexandria, will be the Conference Preacher.

DINNER TO HELP AICC SET FOR NOVEMBER 19

The Faith In Action Sunday school class will be hosting a Brunswick Stew Sale on Saturday, November 19 from 5-7 PM in the church social hall. Dinner will include Brunswick stew, coleslaw, hush puppies, beverage and assorted desserts. The cost of the dinner will be \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and children under 6 are free. Proceeds from this event will go to the Accomack Interfaith Crisis Council (AICC).

2012 ONANCOCK DESK CALENDARS

The 2012 Onancock Desk Calendar featuring pen and ink drawings by Marie Cataffo and Katherine R. Wescott, sold by the Carrie Radcliffe Circle, is ready for distribution. The drawings feature Welcome To Onancock, Market Street United Methodist Church, Runinger's Pharmacy, Historic Cokesbury Church, Inn & Garden Café Inc., Onancock Port of Entry, Onancock Baptist Church, Williams Funeral Home, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Historic Onancock School, Harbor Master House with Liar's Bench, Naomie Makemie Presbyterian Church, and Gazebo In Town Square. Complete calendars are \$6.00; refills are \$4.00. Contact Mary Lou Podelco (787-2984) or June Evans (787-1114) to obtain your calendar(s). They may also be purchased on Tuesday nights at the Terrific Tuesday dinner. These desk calendars make terrific stocking stuffers, hostess gifts, great for college kids, etc.

CHURCH MISSION PROJECT:



It's that time of the year again to begin filling shoe boxes for "Operation Christmas Child". The Shore is hoping to collect 4,000 shoeboxes this year. **All shoe boxes are due and will be dedicated on Sunday, November 13.** If you would rather make a monetary donation towards a shoe box, please make checks payable to: Market Street UMC, earmarked "Operation Christmas Child". Copies of the supply lists are available in the Assembly Room. Please remember to wrap the top separate from the bottom, enclose your gift of \$7 and label each box "BOY" or "GIRL". For more information, contact Ellie Cackowski, Operation Christmas Child Mission Coordinator, at 757-442-6669.

SERVANTS NEEDED!

Weekly ushers, greeters, scripture readers and video operators are needed for both church services. Bob Chapman will be holding a training for those interested in serving as an usher on Saturday, November 5 at 11 AM in the church sanctuary. If you are interested, please attend.

From the Pastor's Park Bench *by Bob Chapman*



Punch Bowls

They are soon upon us, the season of Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and a New Year. For many within our church community, the season will be difficult due to changes brought forth through illness, death, grief and loss. There sometimes might be a sense of dread or uneasiness whereby individual proclamations are heard such as: *I am not looking forward to the holiday season. I will be glad when they are over. I don't know how I am going to get through them. I don't want to observe or participate in them, because I just can't bring myself there.* I know and am familiar with these laments. The seasons can also be difficult for individuals who simply live by themselves.

In addition to the seasons, there is much work and tasks placed upon us. We can call them expectations such as searching and purchasing Christmas cards, buying extra stamps, presents, cooking meals, decorating the house, arranging travel plans, office parties, family gatherings and don't forget dusting out the punch bowl. I like punch bowls. They have a distinct sound to them, when all of the ingredients are floating around, with mixtures of ice, foam and crème. I especially like it when the ladle is moving from side to side, with the attempt of trying to gather that perfect cup of punch with foam.

Whereas the holiday season has so many attachments, we will do well to remember it is also a season of stillness, quietness, reflection and community religious observances. I think it can be a time, whereby messengers and angels seek to find us. It is a time to light candles, and reacquaint ourselves with what unfolds within the Holy Scriptures and traditional carols. On Sunday, November 27, we will light the first Advent candle. On Christmas Eve Saturday and Christmas Day Sunday, we will be reading scriptures and singing carols. In the next issue of the Harbinger, we will include the times and places of our services, with some observances being new this year.

I like the thought of the holiday season as being designed to meet you where you are in your life, due to whatever circumstances you might be facing. In spite of where we are or what we are doing, the holiday season will come and go, regardless of where one might be, spiritually, emotionally, wither you are alone, or surrounded by a mysterious presence beyond yourself. Regardless and despite ourselves; *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*, and *There's a Song in the Air*. Invitations of love, grace, mercy, acceptance and forgiveness are always available to you at Market Street. *O Come, All Ye Faithful.*

ATTENTION CAT LOVERS

"Majestic", an orange and white tabby, is in need of a good home. Call Amy Croyder at 757-710-3556 for more information on this special cat.



The "Jelly Fairy" is in need of any extra jelly jars you may have! Jars may be left on the bench in the Assembly Room.

For more information or if you have questions, call Laurice Hohlt, AKA "The Jelly Fairy", at 757-787-7314.

November Birthdays



7 Anne Chandler

8 Jim Belote

10 Amy Bull

11 Steve Bowers

11 Kristin Cody

11 Ronnie Edwards

12 Lois Evans

13 Bache Parks

15 Connor Manning

17 Gerald Davis

18 Jessica King

23 Loretta Thompson

24 Bob Bloxom

25 Frances Drewer

25 Alexann Painter

26 Hayley Payne

27 Kitty Byrd

30 Allen Evans, Sr.

30 Cliff Murden

30 Terry Payne


Let us wish you a "Happy Birthday"!

Call the church office (787-4873) to have your birthday added to our monthly list!

Only the month and day are needed.

NOVEMBER 2011

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| | | 1 5 PM, Staff Mtg. 5:45 PM, TTD (Terrific Tuesday Dinner) 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells <i>All Saints Day</i> | 2 7:30 AM, Prayer Group 10 AM & 7 PM, Spiritual Study | 3 11 AM, Spiritual Study 7 PM, Choir | 4 | 5 8:30-10:30 AM, Church Council Meeting (SH) 11 AM, Usher Training (Sanctuary) |
| 6 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers New Member Sunday 12 PM, Covered-dish luncheon 4-5:30 PM, Boy Scouts <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i> | 7 | 8 5:45 PM, TTD 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells | 9 7:30 AM, Prayer Group 10 AM & 7 PM, <u>Spiritual Study</u> — CANCELLED 6 PM, Girl Scouts Leaders Meeting 7 PM, Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting | 10 11 AM, <u>Spiritual Study</u> — CANCELLED 7 PM, Choir 7 PM, Boy Scouts Round Table Meeting | 11 6-8 PM, ARC Dance (Soc. Hall) | 12 |
| 13 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers 4-5:30 PM, Boy Scouts 4-5 PM, District Conference @ Grace UMC | 14 9 AM, Newsletter deadline 6 PM, UMM Dinner Meeting 7:30 PM, Carrie Radcliffe UMW Meeting @ the home of June Evans | 15 5:45 PM, TTD 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells | 16 7:30 AM, Prayer Group 10 AM & 7 PM, Lectionary Study 6:30 PM, Boy Scout District Meeting 7 PM, Dennis/Ayres UMW Mtg. | 17 11 AM, Lectionary Study 7 PM, Choir | 18 7 PM, Pack Mtg. | 19 5-7 PM, Faith In Action Brunswick Stew Dinner |
| 20 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers 4-5:30 PM, Boy Scouts | 21 9 AM, Monthly Messenger deadline | 22 5:45 PM, TTD 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells | 23 6 PM, Girl Scouts Meeting | 24 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> | 25 OFFICE CLOSED | 26 8-10 AM, Scout Breakfast |
| 27 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers 4-5:30 PM, Boy Scouts <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> | 28 | 29 5:45 PM, TTD 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Adult Bells | 30 7:30 AM, Prayer Group 10 AM & 7 PM, Lectionary Study | Upcoming events in December... December 11 - 7 PM, Christmas Pageant December 18 - 8:30 & 11 AM, Christmas Cantata | | |

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Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 6th!
Fall back 1 hour!

STAY CONNECTED

To help defray the cost and time involved in mailing the monthly Harbinger newsletter, church members and friends will have the option of receiving the newsletter either by email or U.S. postal mail. *This change will begin in January 2012.* Please contact the church office, before December 15 at mktstumc@verizon.net, with your email address to receive the newsletter by email. As an added bonus of receiving the newsletter by email, you will be able to view it in *color*, as well as receiving prayer requests and other important church announcements.

