

# THE HARBINGER



Market Street United Methodist Church  
75 Market Street  
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## Faith & fellowship opportunities in September

SEPTEMBER 2011

### Rose Window restoration celebration planned

Sunday, September 25 will be an exciting day at Market Street as we celebrate the completion of the Rose Window Restoration! The morning worship services will include a special liturgy honoring this historic event. At 4 PM, there will be an organ concert in our sanctuary performed by the talented Stefan Dulcie! A reception will be held in the Social Hall following the concert. So mark your calendars now and spread the word! You won't want to miss this special time of coming together for a day of celebration, music and fellowship with your church family and friends!

### Help needed in Nursery

Market Street United Methodist Church has immediate need for a weekly Nursery Worker on Sunday mornings. This is a paid position and hours are 8:15 AM-12:15 PM. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have child care experience, successfully complete CPR and First Aid Training, be friendly, outgoing and enjoy working with children.

For an application and more information, contact the church office at 787-4873. Applications are due September 15.

### Sunday school opportunities at Market Street UMC

*submitted by Ruth LeMoyné, Director of Christian Education*

Our mission at Market Street is to share the love of Christ with everyone -- Sunday school is a great way to share, experience, and learn more about Christ's love in a small group setting. We are blessed at Market Street UMC with devoted, dynamic, talented, trained and well-prepared Sunday school teachers. YOU ARE INVITED to come participate with us! Below is a list of Sunday school classes and teachers for 2011-2012:

#### Nursery

Our nursery uses *Toddlers & Twos*, which helps even the youngest children understand Bible lessons, recognize themselves as God's children, and begin a special relationship with their faith family.

Infants to children under the age of 5 years old     Joan Stokes & Helper, TBA

#### Elementary School Ages

Our elementary school ages use the *Rock Solid* curriculum – building a heart of faith. With *Rock Solid*, children are invited to have a personal faith experience with God. Children will come to know God through Jesus Christ and make the Bible a part of their everyday lives. This curriculum gives an overview of the Bible in three years.

Pre-K – K             Walta Pruitt & Laura Thomas  
Grades 1 - 5         Becky Cumming & Ann Byrum & Pat Smith  
Helpers: Billie Northam & Lisa Gibb

#### Middle School & High School Ages

Our Middle High and High School classes use *Bible Lesson for Youth (BL4Y)*, which is a comprehensive 6-year Bible-to-life application curriculum for teens. In six years, the entire Bible is taught with engaging, thought-provoking activities and questions, and relevant to real-life issues. The Fall of 2011 unit themes are God, Tradition, and Faith.

Grades 6 – 8         Diane Bowers & Jill and Christy Northam & Linda Courtney  
Helpers: Penny Brooks, Alice Brown, Millie Mason, Susan Olmsted  
Grades 9 – 12       Glenwood Pruitt & Larry Thomas

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Market Street's SOLO group took time for a quick pose at a Tides baseball game in July.

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*Pictured, left to right, are: Sue Whelan, (chaperone Rob Le-Moyne), Diane Needham, Nadine Pinkham, Ruth LeMoyné and behind the camera, Bob Chapman!*

## ***Faith & fellowship opportunities cont'd***

### **Sunday school opportunities cont'd**

#### **Adult Classes**

The New Force & Discussion classes use the Adult Bible Studies, which follows the International Lesson/Uniform Lesson Series. The lessons in the Fall quarter of 2011 begin with the themes of Tradition and Wisdom and Bible lessons come from Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Matthew.

New Force	Lois Evans
Discussion	Doug Young

The New Hope Class will complete a series that compares and contrasts Christianity with other faiths, including Jehovah's Witness, Mormonism, the Muslim faith, Buddhism, and other World Religions.

New Hope	Donna Belote & Will Cumming
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The Ragamuffin Class (previously Faith Talk) is enjoying a book study, The Ragamuffin Gospel, by Brennan Manning. We will be beginning a new book in September/October.

Ragamuffin's	Group Discussion
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The Faith In Action Adult class is a multigenerational. Instead of following a prescribed curriculum, class members volunteer in advance to teach a week or two. Topics range from a favorite book, a newspaper or magazine article, or just an idea, and the goal is to find out how that topic relates to the Bible and how it can influence our lives today. This fall they will begin a study of the social disciplines of the United Methodist Church. The class' ongoing mission project supports the local Methodist-sponsored Agape Center. This is a Christian preschool located in Accomack County. They financially support this ministry by a voluntary weekly offering and are also planning a Brunswick Stew fundraiser this fall to benefit another local mission.

Faith In Action	Shared Leadership
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***COME AND JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS!!!***

## **Back to School Celebration for Youth grades 6-12**

On Saturday, September 10 from 4-7 PM Franktown UMC will host a District Youth workshop with special guest, Soyinka Rahim, a member of "WING IT!", Performance Ensemble in Oakland, CA and founder and Director of Our Thing Arts Company. She will lead a InterPlay workshop with youth, grades 6-12, where Biblical stories will become hands-on through movement and music to connect with God and each other. Having a blast is guaranteed and of course, there'll be food! No cost! Join us!

## ***Needs for the church and our neighbors here and around the world***

### **Reading materials needed**

Requesting any paperback spiritual literature or Sunday school lessons! These will be taken to the local Accomack and Northampton County jails. Please leave any printed materials in Discussion Sunday school room located next to Choir Room or contact Susan Blake (710-5098).



### **UMCOR still needs school kits**

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has issued an urgent call for more school kits because the latest shipment of school kits to Haiti has "seriously depleted" UMCOR's stockpile. UMCOR is encouraging congregations to use kit-making as a group project or activity. Because the demand is so great, UMCOR indicated that even with the 15,352 school kits recently collected at the Virginia Annual Conference, more kits are needed. The kits, which cost about \$11 each to assemble, provide children with basic supplies such as paper, pencils and other items. Click here to learn more about assembling school kits or make a gift toward the purchase of materials. Because there is not a collection site for the kits in the Virginia Conference, congregations are asked to ship the assembled kits directly to UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, P.O. Box 850, 131 Sager Brown Road, Baldwin, LA 70514-0850. Contact Laurice Hohlt (787-7314) for more information.

# September

On the  
calendar for

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7 PM, Choir	2	3 8:30-10:30 AM, Church Council Mtg.
4 Promotion Sunday 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal	5  Office Closed	6 7 PM, Market Street Ringers	7 7:30 AM, Prayer Group	8 7 PM, Choir 7 PM, BS Round Table Meeting	9	10 4-7 PM, District Youth Workshop @ Franktown UMC (pg. 2)
11 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal	12 9 AM, Newsletter deadline 6 PM, UMM Dinner Mtg. 7 PM, UMW Quarterly Mtg	13 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Market Street Ringers	14 7:30 AM, Prayer Group 7 PM, CS Leaders Mtg. 7 PM, Nominations Meeting @ Parsonage	15 7 PM, Choir	16 7:30 PM, Famine Aid Concert @ Cokesbury (see back pg.)	17 11 AM - 1:30 PM, District UMW Meeting @ MSUMC
18 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal	19	20 5:45 PM, Terrific Tues. Dinner 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 6:45 PM, Bereavement Group (Asmbly Rm) 7 PM, Market Street Ringers	21 7:30 AM, Prayer Group 6:30 PM, BS District Mtg. 7 PM, Nominations Meeting @ Parsonage	22 7 PM, Choir  Autumn begins	23 6:30 PM, Pack Meeting	24 7-9 AM, Scouts Breakfast
25 9:40-9:50 AM, Rainbow Ringers Rehearsal 4 PM, Rose Window Dedication w/ Organ Recital & Reception	26 9 AM, Monthly Messenger deadline	27 5:45 PM, Terrific Tues. Dinner 6:30 PM, Joy Bells 7 PM, Market Street Ringers	28 7:30 AM, Prayer Group	29 7 PM, Choir	30	

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY to...

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 John Fiege        | 7 Mike King        | 13 Paul Young       | 20 Madison Annis    |
| 2 Shane Bernard     | 8 Marti Fjelstad   | 14 Ellie Cackowski  | 21 Lori Brooks      |
| 2 Charlotte Edmonds | 10 Carolyn Olmsted | 15 Ann Obenshain    | 21 Andrew Cropper   |
| 2 Nancy Irvin       | 11 Mark King       | 17 Jerry Ormsby     | 21 Dr. Hal Lassiter |
| 3 Kathleen Kraft    | 11 Natalie King    | 18 Elizabeth Ashley | 23 Seth Chandler    |
| 5 David Mason       | 11 Mog Powell      | 18 Sara Mapp Young  | 23 A. J. Gazda      |
| 7 Scott Chandler    | 13 Tori Bloxom     | 19 Ted Painter      | 24 Allen Evans, Jr. |

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.

- 24 Venah Hargis
- 25 Jane White
- 26 Jacob Crutchley



# Looking ahead to October...

## Bazaar Needs *submitted by Jo Johnson*

Anyone who saw a Virginia Pilot last week saw that they were looking for Bazaar news for the September 24 issue. That's right, September is here and our thoughts go to fall and BAZAAR! For Market Street UMC that means we have about 6 weeks to get ready for our Bazaar which will be held Saturday, October 15, from 8:30 AM to 1 PM. Both new and old familiar things will be included. This year we are having an Auction in place of the Curiosity Shop with our own Bob Chapman as Auctioneer. The Auction will start at 9:30 AM. Some items already donated include a Chippendale Highboy by Biggs, 2 heirloom quilts, a chest of drawers, marble-topped wine rack and serving stand, Market Street plate, several framed Monet prints with a coffee table book of all his paintings, 2 cane chairs, 2 Dennis Ayres Cook Books and an original Willie Crockett floral painting. We need your items to be listed and we need to know soon what you might be able to give so that we can include many offerings in our Bazaar publicity. If you need a place to store the item(s) before October let us know, we will make arrangements. Call June Evans 787-1114 with any questions. There is a sign up sheet outside the church office to list your items.

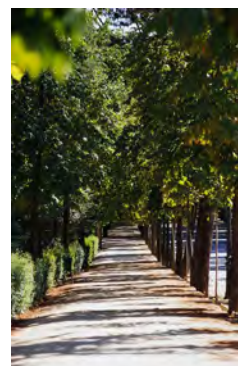
Another change this year is that the Bake Shop, Craft Store and Country Store will all be combined in the old Assembly Room as one big General Store. We still need your items for all these categories! It's not too soon to start making jams and jellies, pickles, relish and all homemade preserves. Anyone in need of quart jars and also recipes for soup, cake, cookie mixes, can call Jo Johnson 442-3533 for some. We also hope to have homemade soups, trail mixes, snacks, plants, and other country store items. Any questions call Laurice Hohlt, 787-7314, or Martha Joyal, 787-7849. Baked goods are always a popular item and sell out fast. In demand are homemade rolls, pies, cakes and cookies. We need them all! For ideas call Sue Chandler, 787-2127. We will again feature homemade crafts – let your imaginations run wild! Wreaths, door hangings, fall arrangements, roses, decorated vases, angels, snowmen, sewn or knitted items like totes, purses, aprons and scarves, whatever your talent, share it for the Bazaar. Any questions, call Carolyn Richardson, 787-2875.

Lunch in the Café will be served from 11 AM to 1 PM. The Café will go back to our famous chicken salad platter this year, serving chicken salad, cranberry mold, marinated vegetables, rolls and dessert, all for \$7, eat in or take out. Brenda Dize is in charge of the luncheon and will need much help in preparing the food and setting up the dining room. If this is your specialty, give her a call at 787-2785 and offer your services. Any general questions about the Bazaar or offers of help, please call Jo Johnson, 442-3533.

## Fall District Youth Retreat planned for October 14-16

It's time to sign up for this fall's District Youth Retreat at Camp Occohannock for students in grades 6-12! This year our theme is "We Are the Body." Youth will explore their own discipleship and hear from several youth and adults about their faith and day to day practice, passion, and "calling." The cost of the weekend is \$55 for all participants and scholarships are available. Churches can support our District Youth Ministry by providing a scholarship, contributing continental breakfast items or by coming down to camp and providing Saturday's lunch or dinner meal for us. (In this way, we make the retreat more affordable for everyone.) Chaperones are needed and will meet on Monday, October 3 at 7 PM for an overview of the event; location TBA. Please encourage your youth to participate and become a part of our ministry too! For more information related to either event or District Youth Ministry, please contact Karen Hatch at 757-414-0339 or via email at [bongowania@verizon.net](mailto:bongowania@verizon.net).

## Charge Conference scheduled for October 26



"Taking Christ Outside the Church Walls" is the theme of 2011 Charge Conference. The scripture will be from Hebrew 13:12-16.

How can we fulfill our church mission to "share the love of Christ with everyone" not just within the walls of Market Street, but outside our church walls?

Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 26 at 7 PM at Franktown UMC. All are invited to attend Franktown's "Wonderful Wednesday" dinner at 6 PM, with Charge Conference following and beginning at 7 PM.

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



### Church Shopping

With the beginning of September, we enter a new phase in the life of the church, when new people are searching to find a church home. Believe it or not, there are people who in their words are: "Church Shopping." The market is ripe. The harvest is plentiful. Church shoppers are looking, believe it or not, to see if a church meets their needs. Like weather forecasters and geological earthquake scales, there are people who indeed have criteria and measuring standards which they consider and reference when looking for a church. The same is true when high school students begin looking for a college to attend. They are looking for a place where they will "fit in," a place where they think they can integrate into and belong. They like becoming part of something bigger than their selves, in addition to holding a sense of meaning or tradition.

Church shoppers are looking for a warm welcome, friendliness, and acceptance. They are looking for engaging and thought provoking Sunday school teachers and classes. They want a church which is accessible for people who have physical challenges. They want a church where there is a sense of life, and excitement with an emphasis toward mission or helping others. They are looking for nurturance, spiritual growth and bible study. They are looking for a strong Youth Program and children for their children. They are looking for grace and acceptance. *They are not* looking for criticism, judgment, condemnation, or coldness. They tend to avoid hard core church members who think the church belongs to them or their individual family.

Church shoppers do not like wondering if they offend someone by sitting in another person's pew. So, if you see someone whom you have never seen at Market Street, more than likely they are indeed "Church Shopping." However, note and please be mindful, *church shoppers* like their space. They do not like being bombarded with a lot of sale pitches, and they do not like people suggesting they immediately "join the church." They are mostly looking for friendliness and a warm welcome. Church shoppers love it when someone notices them and goes out of their way to speak with them. They are simply searching for a good feeling which will lead to eventually belonging, growing and learning. As I have often used the illustration of the AAA 5 diamond rating criteria for Market Street, the month of September along with the up-coming holiday season affords us a grand opportunity to improve our overall diamond rating. We have much to celebrate at Market Street, and we have much to offer both visitors and *church shoppers*.



A Loss  
in our Church  
Family

Over the past few weeks, Market Street has lost several church members. We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of those members who have recently passed away. We remember Bill Guy, Earl Marsh and Freddie Pruitt and their families.

*"Thank you for all your support and kindness throughout Earl's sickness. It has been a long journey and the church family was always helping in so many ways. I am so glad to be a part of this church. Thank you for the lovely reception after the funeral, and also for all the cards, calls and prayers.*


*~Angeline Marsh*

*"The family of Lorie Pruitt would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness shown to us during his illness and passing away. We cannot begin to tell you how much the prayers, cards, gifts, flowers, food and visits have meant to us. What a blessing you have been to us. Please continue to keep me in your prayers since my health is not good. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts."*

*~Carol Pruitt and family*

*"The family of Freddie Pruitt would like to thank our friends at Market Street Church for the love and kindness shown to us during Freddie's illness and passing away. The cards, visits, phone calls, food and especially your prayers have meant so much to us. Thank you Adelaide and Choir for singing Freddie's favorite hymns, and thank you, Pastor Bob, for the beautiful service for Freddie and the rest of the family."*

*Love,  
Betty and children - Tony, Klein and Leigh Ann*

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# FAMINE AID CONCERT

## The Waterfront Band



Friday, September 16, 7:30 p.m.

## Cokesbury Church

Next to the Town Square, Onancock, VA

- **MINIMUM** suggested donation, \$10, at the door
- **100%** of monies received will go to Relief for Famine in Somalia through UMCOR, United Methodist Comm. on Relief, Disaster Response #982450
- for information on conditions in Somalia supported by this concert, see <http://new.gbim-umc.org/umcor/newsroom/releases/archives2011/hornofafrica/>
- Reception after concert will include regional African refreshments provided by members of the local chapter of 'Dining for Women'
- Checks for *Relief to Somalia* may be written to **Cokesbury Church** and mailed to Cokesbury Methodist Church, P. O. Box 2, Onancock, VA 23417