



## “The Season of Pinecones and Holly”

Late afternoon in early December always looked the same in my village of Seaford. The sky was overcast and the day was beginning to end quickly. The air was chilled and damp as I began to make my annual trek into the woods near our rental home. I was on a mission. Christmas was just three weeks away. It was time for decorating the house. So I began my annual mission into the woods looking for pinecones and holly.

Of course, my mission always led me to the water. It shimmered in the overcast light. It looked cold and foreboding. Before the heavy building in Seaford, I could look across the canal and view the tree line. It looked pretty much the same as where I was standing. We were surrounded by towering pines. I looked up and watched the pines sway in the slight breeze.

Then it was off to looking for pinecones and holly.

The pinecones we would spray paint, cover with canned snow or cover with glitter, each looking like a Christmas tree. I loved making those Tree Cones in school. I loved that about as much as making those paper chains that we would use for decorating the classroom.

At the same time as I was collecting pinecones in a paper bag (no plastic back then), I was cutting holly branches for mother. She would take those holly branches with their green leaves and red berries and put together a homemade wreath made up of holly and pine.

When I had finished my duty then I would take my pinecones and holly back to the house. When mother came home from the courthouse I would show her what I had procured. By that weekend we would begin to work to decorate for Christmas.

This is one of the countless memories that I have concerning some Christmas tradition which I practiced as a child. As the Christmas season comes upon us, I would encourage us all to remember your traditions. These traditions are priceless and in many ways adds something to our own Christmas experience as we relive the nativity story. ~ Paster Bart



## We Need Your Nativity Sets!!

We Need Your Nativity Sets for our Open House Nativity Display in conjunction with the Christmas Home Tour in Onancock on Saturday, December 8th, 1-4 pm.

Please drop your set off at the church office from Mon-Thurs Dec 3-6 and give a little info about it to Pat McArdle so that she can add the information to the display.

We also need docents, at least 3 for every hour. One for the sanctuary, one for the assembly room and one for the back double doors/bathroom area. There is a sign up sheet in the hall by the office. Give what time you can offer.



## “The Haunting Verses of a Broken, Uncivil World”

“And in despair I bowed my head:  
There is no peace on earth,” I said,  
For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”  
“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1864

It was a strange verse for Christmas. I was singing the sheet music in the living room of our home. Mother was playing the piano. It was common during my teenage years for mother to play and I sing, especially during the holidays. It was before Christmas. Mother pulled out a Christmas songbook. We sang the old favorites like “Silent Night”, “Jingle Bells”, “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear,” “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” “Silver Bells,” and countless others.

Then she turned the page. The next piece of music was “I heard the Bells on Christmas Day.” It was third verse which struck a cord in my soul. In the midst of the holiday there was deep heartfelt despair. Not knowing the context, I thought the verse was reflecting the despair of society’s move toward secularism. It was the early 70’s. The bulk of the 60s’ civil unrest focused on the Vietnam War and Civil Rights was beginning to calm. My generation had lived through the real and present danger of nuclear holocaust with the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. I still had dreams of the impending World War where the remnants would flee to the mountains.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) was long dead before my time. Instead, he was composing this Christmas hymn at the height of the American Civil War. Although a northerner, born in Maine, a friend of Joshua Chamberlin, Longfellow had sought harmony between the north and south. He detested the growing separation between the rural south and the industrial north.

In December 1864, he was suffering the consequences of that war. One of his six children of his late wife Francis Appleton, who had succumbed due to burns when her dress caught fire, lay seriously wounded in a hospital in Washington.

Charles Appleton Longfellow, Henry’s first-born son, was only 19 when he secretly enlisted into the Union Army as a private in 1863. Soon after he received a commission as Lieutenant. In a little over a year, Charlie was shot in the back, the bullet laying close to his spine at the Battle of New Hope Church, Virginia. Doctors warned Henry that his son would become paralyzed.

It was in Washington that Henry composed the poem “Christmas Bells.” Later, the poem would be the basis of the carol. The carol itself did not contain the two verses that put the entire carol into the context of the Civil War and the war’s hypocrisy of Christians combating each other.

The from each black, accurse mouth  
The canon thundered in the south.  
And with the sound  
The carols drowned  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

It was if an earthquake rent  
The hearth-stones of a continent  
And made forlorn  
The households born  
Of peace on earth good-will to men.”

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In context, you can see this grieving poet, fearing for the life and health of his wounded son. He penned those haunting verses of a broken uncivil world because he deeply felt it as observed the broken, wounded body of his son. He recognized, as all relatives who suffer loss through an act of violence, the senselessness of it. Like Job, Henry struggled with the reality of human sin that is so prideful that it does not recognize its own self-destruction as seeks to have their own way.

And yet, Henry has hope. The last verse is a resounding affirmation that God has not lost hope. There is still a chance.

“Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
 God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;  
 The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
 With peace on earth, good will to men.

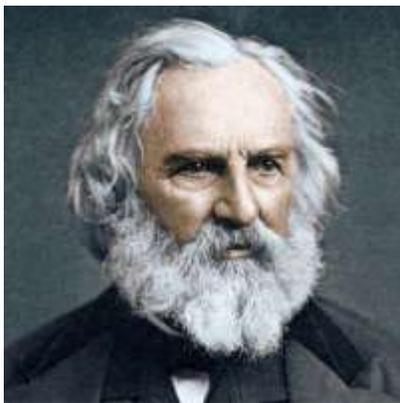
Till, ringing, singing, on its way,  
 The world revolved from night to day,  
 A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,  
 Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

There is recognition every Christmas that some people will experience the heartache that life brings. The Christian message of the angels to the shepherds in the fields of “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among men” may seem hollow. There will be many like Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who grieve over some pain in their life.

And yet, Henry’s verses remind us that all pain is seen from the larger picture of the Lord’s Messiah breaking into the world for redemption. In the birth of Jesus there is victory. Yes, there is the haunting reality that the world is not totally redeemed yet but the day is coming when the night will turn to day, when the darkness will be illumined by the light, where falsehood and deception will be eclipsed by truth and life. For as the refrain in the old hymn “We’ve a Story to Tell the Nations” puts it:

“For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
 And the dawning to noon day bright;  
 And Christ’s great kingdom shall come on earth,  
 The kingdom of love and light.”

~ Pastor Bart



Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Charles Appleton Longfellow



### **CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS IN HISTORIC, WATERFRONT ONANCOCK, VA**

A weekend of holiday festivities in historic, waterfront Onancock, VA, is highlighted by a rare opportunity to visit six private homes – some built in the early 1800s - situated on Onancock Creek and decorated for the holidays.

The 19th annual Onancock Christmas Homes Tour will be held from 1-5 p.m. on December 8, 2018. Onancock, chartered in 1680, is one of the oldest towns in Virginia. Historic Cokesbury Church hosts the free, 19<sup>th</sup> annual music festival the same day, with a variety of performances and Christmas carols.

Throughout the weekend, enjoy the many events, shop for unique, Eastern Shore-made gifts and dine at the town's diverse restaurants.

Additional information published at [www.onancock.org/Events](http://www.onancock.org/Events). **Questions: 757.710.6353.**

#### ***Thursday, December 6***

- **"Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street"** 7 p.m. FREE. Presenter: RCEC. Sponsors: Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital & Roseland Theatre

#### ***Friday, December 7***

- **Galleries, Shopping, Wine Tasting** Beginning 4 p.m.
- **"Elf Junior" at North Street Playhouse 7:30 p.m.** (Also Saturday -7:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.) Tickets, information: [Northstreetplayhouse.org](http://Northstreetplayhouse.org)

#### ***Saturday, December 8***

- **Santa Comes to Town by Boat** 11 a.m. FREE. Reindeer in kayaks lead Santa into town wharf.
- **Holiday Artisans Market at Historic Onancock School** 11-4 p.m. Paintings, jewelry, pottery, wood carvings and more
- **Holiday Open House at Ker Place** 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. FREE /\$5 Photos with Santa 1- 3 p.m. 1799 house listed on National Register of Historic Places
- **19th Annual Onancock Christmas Homes Tour** 1-5 p.m. Tickets \$20 & available now: Eventbrite.com at "Onancock Christmas 2018". Available November 1: Book Bin, Historic Onancock School, Ker Place, Carousel Gift Shop at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, Machipongo Trading Company, North Street Market, Thomas Gardens. Proceeds benefit Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore.
- **19th Annual Cokesbury Christmas Music Festival** 2-6 p.m. FREE. Historic Cokesbury Church. Musical performances, Christmas carols. Drop in throughout the day.

#### ***Sunday, December 9***

- **Onancock Christmas Parade** 5 p.m. FREE. Fire trucks, ponies, floats, bands
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### **AND ....**

*The Nativity Display at Market Street UMC on Saturday, December 8th from 1-4 p.m. Park here and tour the church! Official parking and trolley stop for the Homes Tour.*



# Cokesbury Christmas Music Festival



2:00—6:00 p.m., December 8, 2018

6:00—Indoor Caroling Sing-along

Historic Cokesbury Methodist Church

13 Market St., Onancock, Virginia

- 2:00—3:00 Messiah, Part 1, Orchestra of the E.S. with guest instrumentalists and vocalists, Dr. Paul Kim, Director. Soloists: Christina Bartholomew, soprano; Elizabeth Wolfe, alto; Marilyn Kellam, alto; Jack Womble, tenor; Lou Negretti, bass: Community Messiah Sing-along
- 3:00—3:30 Pianist Lee Jordan-Anders is joined by Croxton Gordon in a performance of Francis Poulenc's *"The story of Babar, the Little Elephant"* for piano and narrator
- 3:30—4:00 Ally Tarwater on flute and ukulele is joined by her husband, Jeremy, playing bass and guitar
- 4:00—4:30 James Rich, baritone
- 4:30—5:00 Eastville Acoustics, Allen Philpot and Dan Crockett
- 5:00—5:30 "Voices of Praise," Ebenezer Woman's Gospel Choir  
George Dennis, Director
- 5:30—6:00 Men's Chorus, Market St. United Methodist Church  
Jerry Freund, Director; Michelle Marsh, accompanist
- 6:00— Christmas Carol Sing-along  
Elizabeth Freund, leader; Michelle Marsh, accompanist

Free admission to the Music Festival.  
Please come and go at your convenience.  
Homes Tour buses will make frequent stops at Cokesbury Church.

For further information, call 787-4873, 787-1431 or 787-1114.

**Note the participation of our Men's Chorus at 5:30 pm and the Christmas Carol Sing-along at 6 pm. Please come out and support our Men's Choir, and the efforts of Jerry Freund, Elizabeth Freund and Michelle Marsh. Thank you to the Cokesbury Board and participating members for another wonderful Christmas Music Festival at Cokesbury!**

## Worship Themes for December

### December 2

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3: 9-13  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 21: 25-36  
Sermon: **"The Awakening"**

### December 8

First Lesson: Malachi 3: 1-4  
Second Lesson: Philippians 1: 3-11  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 3: 1-6  
Sermon: **"A Call to Live a Virtuous Life"**

### December 16

First Lesson: Micah 5: 2a-5  
Second Lesson: Hebrews 10: 5-10  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 1: 39-45  
Sermon: **"The Surprise Announcement"**

December 23 Christmas Cantata,  
10:30 am service

### December 24 Christmas Eve, 7 pm

First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 1-6  
Second Lesson: Titus 2: 11-14  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 1-14  
Sermon: **"From a Flicker to a Flame: God Illuminates a World in Darkness"**

### December 30 10:30 am worship

First Lesson: I Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28  
Second Lesson: I John 3: 1-2, 21-24  
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2: 41-52  
Sermon: **"Family Values"**

~Pastor Bart



Attendees at the Sunday Morning 10 a.m. Bible Study on the Birth Narratives by Dr. James Efirid, presented by Pastor Bart Weakley

### Class Outline

- December 2 Wise Men, Saint Francis and the rise of Christmas Traditions
- December 9 The Rise of the Christmas Cycle of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany
- December 16 St. Nicholas—Christian Saint/ Bishop
- December 23 The Rise of Saint Nicholas in the Christian Tradition

The Chancel Choir will perform a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 23rd, at a special 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Following the service, there will be a luncheon held in the Social Hall. All are invited. If you can assist with food items, please call Diane Bowers at 787-9207. Hope to see you there!

Sunday, December 30th will be a 5th Sunday worship service, at 10:30 am. There will be no luncheon following.

Offering Envelopes for 2019 are available in the Narthex. If you wish to receive a year-end total of giving for 2018, and are not currently on the list, contact Albert LeCato at 787-2569.

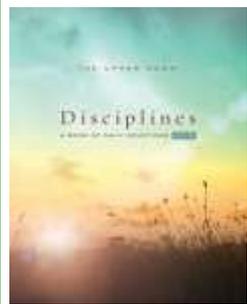
We will be collecting Christmas greeting cards until December 16th for our church community shut-ins. Please write the person's name on the outside of the envelope. You may leave the cards by the back door in the decorated box. The shut-in list is available on the table by the social hall door.



Thank you!

In connection with Accomack County Social Services we have Angels for seniors and handicapped adults. Everyone remembers the children at Christmas, but our senior neighbors have needs at Christmas. Pick an angel off the tree located in the Assembly Room, and return unwrapped item (or item in a gift bag, not sealed) to the church with the angel attached by December 11th (so we can deliver them in time for Christmas). If you have any questions, contact Vicki @ 787-3722. Thank you!

Donations for the beautiful poinsettias which adorn our Sanctuary for the Christmas season in honor or memory of friends and loved ones need to be submitted to the church office by December 10th. Offerings will go to United Methodist Family Services.



The Upper Room Discipline 2019 is now available in limited quantity in the church office. The cost for regular print devotions is \$11; large print is \$14, including shipping and handling. Please pay when you pick up your book at the church office.

The UMW 2019 Onancock Calendar 31st edition is for sale. Complete: \$7 and Refill: \$5. The drawings this year include: Historic Cokesbury Church, Welcome To Historic Onancock, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Corner Bakery, Hermitage On The Eastern Shore, Market Street United Methodist Church, C. D. Marsh Jeweler, Harbormaster House At The Wharf, Hopkins & Brothers Store, Naomie Makemie Presbyterian Church, Williams Funeral Home, Monument In Town Square, and Hurry Back To Friendly Onancock. Contact the Church Office, June Evans at 787-1114 or Mary Lou Podelco at 787-2984 to obtain your calendars. Thank you.

*If you have enjoyed the jellies and jams from the Fall Food Festival and wish to return the jars for future use, there is box in the hallway by the Social Hall (under the table) to put them in.*



With grateful appreciation to Lois Evans who once again this year ran a heartfelt campaign for Operation Christmas Child here at Market Street. A total of 107 boxes were donated. Thank you to all who donated.

Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has partnered with local churches around the world to deliver 157 million [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoebox gifts to children in need in 160 countries. Each one—packed full of fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items by a family or individual—is sent with prayer that the child who receives it will experience God's love through their simple gifts.

Thank you also to Rev. Wayne Parsley for the Altar of Plenty on November 18th. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mackenzie Pratt	December 1
Elizabeth Freund	December 1
Lisa Weeks Fiege	December 1
Melissa McGee	December 2
Kaylie Pruitt	December 3
Edward Dalley	December 8
Penny Brooks	December 9
Herman Hohlt	December 11
Sutton Perry	December 15
Cynthia Walton	December 15
Tim deGavre	December 16
Mary King	December 17
Molly King	December 17
Brett Vincent	December 17
David Steelman	December 18
Harold Armsey	December 19
Bill Evans	December 22
Terry Evans	December 25
Flo Bowers	December 26
Linda Courtney	December 26
Meg King	December 26
Bryan Perry	December 26
Steve Walton	December 26
Jaime Bloxom	December 27
Nicholas Gibb	December 27
Pete Pawlus	December 27
Glenwood Pruitt	December 27
Caroline deGavre	December 30



**ERNIE MARTIN'S  
OLDE VIRGINIA  
BRUNSWICK STEW**  
(Ernie Martin's secret recipe!)

Thanks to all that came and purchased Brunswick stew from the Faith and Action Sunday school class. We sold 108 quarts and cleared \$1305. All proceeds will be donated to the Accomack County Sheriff's Department Project Lifesaver and Eastern Shore Rural Health System Inc.'s Reach Out and Read program. Project Lifesaver is a service designed to track and rescue people with cognitive conditions - such as Alzheimer's, autism and other conditions - who are prone to wander using special receivers and transmitters. Through Reach Out and Read, children between the ages of 6 months and five years who come to Rural Health for a well-child visit is given a new, developmentally appropriate children's book to take home and keep.

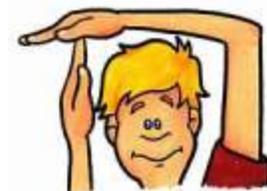


*Dr. Tom Hollandsworth takes a turn at stirring up the stew.*

**THE HALLOWEEN MUMMIES  
OF CUB SCOUT TROOP 313**



*Joan Carrow and Terrific Tuesday Dinners will take a break on December 25th and January 1st. Those delicious Tuesday Dinners will return on January 8th!*



*Pat McArdle and the Church Office will take a break on Dec. 24, 25 and 26. The office will be open Thursday and Friday, December 27th and 28th.*



**Freezing For A Reason!**  
**POLAR DUCK DIP**  
**JANUARY 26th, 2019**



CAMP

Ocochannock  
on the  
Bay

**Doors Open & Contestant Sign In: 11:00am**  
**Contestants' Picture & Judging: 11:30am**  
**Parade to Waterfront: 11:45am**  
**Duck Dip: 12:00pm**  
**Lunch to Follow Dip: Donation at door to eat.**  
**Registration Fee: \$20 (includes free lunch and free T-Shirt)**

Please Register before January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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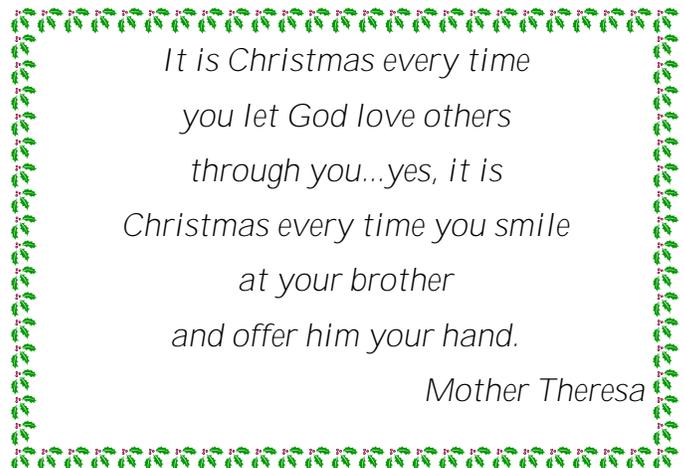
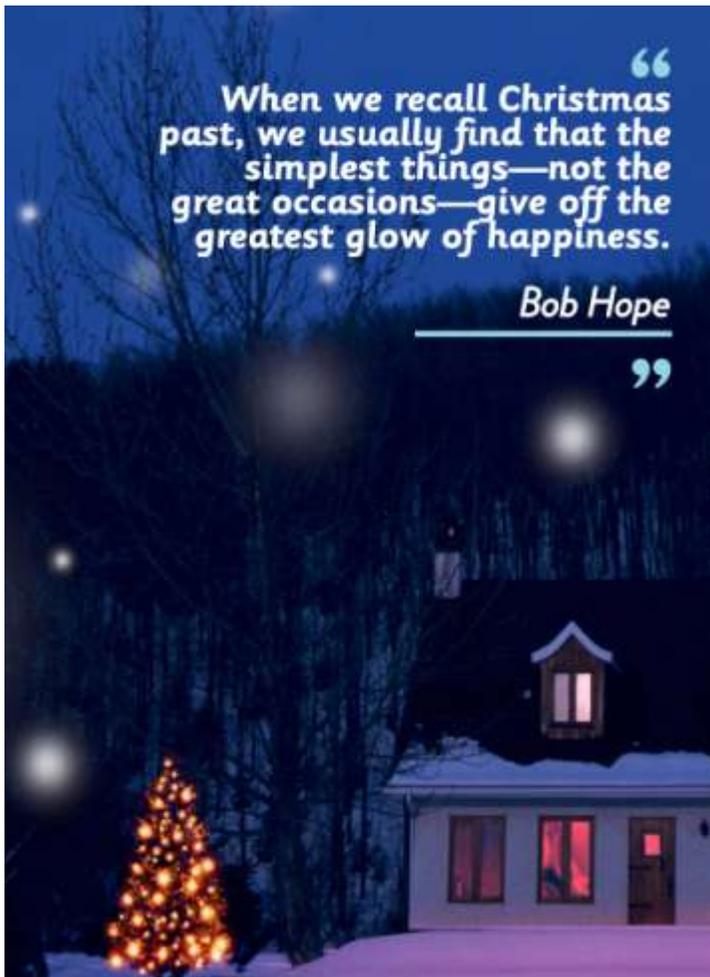
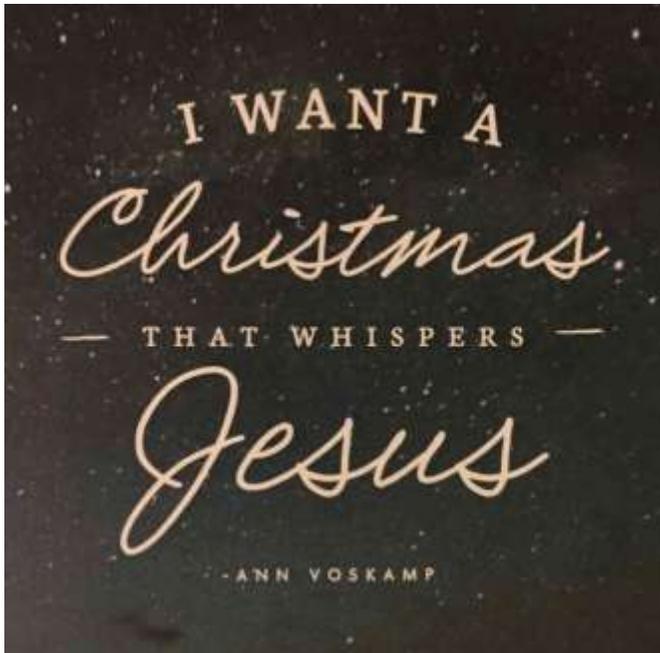
This year the Faith in Action Class is again collecting new and gently used coats for the Onley United Methodist Church Coat Closet. There is a box for your donations by the Social Hall entrance. This FREE COAT CLOSET is open to anyone in need of a coat, from 9-11 a.m. at Onley Methodist Church:

December 8, 2018      January 12, 2019      February 2, 2019

For more information, or if you are unable to come at these times, please call the church office at 787-4155 or Jeannette Edwards at 787-1436.

**Una Familia** depends solely on individuals, churches and occasional grants. Next year (2019) our projected expenses are \$59,475 which provides program supplies; background checks for volunteers; maintaining 3 vans to transport children home from our tutoring sites; the annual Reyes celebration/gifts for the children; and our part-time director's salary. If you would like to support this ministry, donations can be mailed to: Una Familia (payable), PO Box 317, Parksley, VA 23421 or you can donate online at our website: [www.unafamiliaesva.com](http://www.unafamiliaesva.com).





## Kindness Starts with ONE.

***“The effects of kindness are not always seen immediately. Sometimes it takes years until your kindness will pay off, and is returned to you. And sometimes you never see the fruits of your labors, but they are there, deep inside of the soul of the one you touched.” ~ Dan Kelly***

This is a truth and it recently happened to me. Thirty-five years ago, my good friend was in a bad situation. Her husband had suffered a breakdown and was out of work. There were 4 children ages 6 and under. Christmas was approaching. I took my holiday bonus and added some to it, and called her. I told her I knew she would not let me give her money but I wanted to take her shopping to Toys R Us and get all 4 kids what they wanted for Christmas. I told her if she didn't come with me, I would have to pick out the items myself and maybe someone would not get what they had asked Santa for. She reluctantly came along, not wanting me to do this but knowing that I would make good on my threat to shop by myself. There was one condition that I asked her to accept, and that was that her children and my children would NEVER find out who Santa was that year. This was between the two of us.

About a month ago, I was on the phone with this friend, who has since been widowed and moved to Colorado. We were catching up on our kids' recent activities and when we were finished, she said she had one more thing to say to me. She reminded me of our Christmas 35 years ago, and told me she had never forgotten my kindness. And that every year since, she has done whatever she could to make another's Christmas better. And then she told me that I should always keep laughing the way I do, that it has gotten us through so much and she always likes to hear it.

I didn't know what to say. I thanked her and told her it meant a lot to me that she paid it forward all these years.

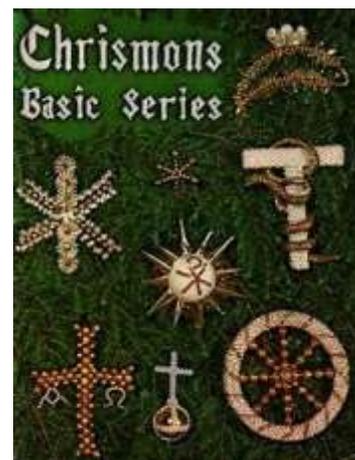
May you always have opportunities to pay it forward.

Merry Christmas,  
Pat McArdle

How many of us at Market Street recognize that the beautiful Christmas tree in the Sanctuary is decorated with Chrismons made by children of Market Street?

**What is a Chrismon you ask?** “Chrismon” is a combination of parts of two words: CHRISt and MONogram. A Chrismon is just that — a monogram of Christ. Ornaments made from Christian symbols were first developed by Frances Spencer and the women of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA.

Books about this tradition are available on the table in front of the Church library. Pick one up and see how many symbols you can identify on our tree in the Sanctuary!





### *Shoulders*

A man crosses the street in rain,  
stepping gently, looking two times north and south,  
because his son is asleep on his shoulder.

No car must splash him.  
No car drive too near to his shadow.

This man carries the world's most sensitive cargo  
but he's not marked.  
Nowhere does his jacket say FRAGILE,  
HANDLE WITH CARE.

His ears fill up with breathing.  
He hears the hum of a boy's dream  
deep inside him.

We're not going to be able  
to live in this world  
if we're not willing to do what he's doing  
with one another.

The road will only be wide.  
The rain will never stop falling.

—Naomi Shihab Nye

# DECEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>2</b> 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 10 AM, Birth Narrative Study, Assembly Room 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p><b>3</b> 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 6:30 PM, Girl Scout Mtg, Assembly Room 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall 7 PM, Madrigals Rehearsal, Choir Room <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice  <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Grp 10 AM, TOPS, Assembly Room Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion  <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 8-10 AM, Zumba, Soc. Hall 7 PM, Choir Practice  <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA  <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 8 AM - Noon, Scout Leader Recharter Day, Social Hall Noon, AA - Social Hall</p>
<p><b>9</b> 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 10 AM, Birth Narrative Study, Assembly Room 11:00 AM, Worship 3-8 PM, Scouts, Social Hall</p>	<p><b>10</b> 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6 PM, UMM Dinner Mtg, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall 7 PM, UMW Mtg, Ass. Rm. <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 8-10 AM, Zumba, Soc. Hall 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice 6:30 PM, SPRC, Assembly Room</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Grp 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8-10 AM, Zumba, Soc. Hall 7 PM, Choir Practice 7 PM, Boy Scout Roundtable, Social Hall 7 PM, OOTB Board Mtg, Assembly Room  <b>News &amp; Info Due for January Harbinger</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA  <b>Set Up Nativities</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 6-9 PM, Cub Scouts, Social Hall</p>
<p><b>16</b> 8:30 AM, Worship 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Coffee, Fellowship 10 AM, Church School 10 AM, Birth Narrative Study, Assembly Room 11:00 AM, Worship</p>	<p><b>17</b> Noon, Solo Group, The Sage Restaurant 3:30-6 PM, Una Familia, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Cub Scouts, Upstairs Classroom 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Social Hall</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8-10 AM, Zumba, Soc. Hall 5:45 PM, Terrific Tuesday Dinner, Social Hall 6:30 PM, Bell Practice</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Grp 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p><b>20</b> 8-10 AM, Zumba, Soc. Hall 7 PM, Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>21</b> Church Office Closed Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9 AM - Noon, Una Familia Middle School, Social Hall</p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury 9:30 AM, Church School 10:30 AM, Christmas Cantata Covered Dish Luncheon</p>	<p><b>24</b> Christmas Eve Church Office Closed 7 PM, Worship Service</p>	<p><b>25</b> Christmas Day Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>26</b> Church Office Closed 7:30 AM, Morning Prayer Grp 10 AM, TOPS, Social Hall Noon &amp; 7:30 PM, AA Open Discussion</p>	<p><b>27</b> Church Office Open 8-10 AM, Zumba, Soc. Hall 7 PM, Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>28</b> Church Office Open Noon, AA Step Discussion 5:30 PM, TGIF AA 7 PM, Scrapbooking, Social Hall</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b> 9:30 AM, Church School 10:30 AM, 5th Sunday Worship Service 9:30 AM, AA Mtg, Cokesbury</p>	<p><b>31</b> New Year's Eve Church Office Open</p>					