Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

Tappahannock Memorial Messenger

October, 2020

All In-Person Meetings and Events Listed Below are Tentative Only

3: Blessing of the Animals
4: 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Special Offering:
World Communion Day
6: New Evening Bible Study with Pastor Becca Begins!
11: 19th Sunday after Pentecost
CLERGY APPRECIATION DAY!
16 - 18: Children's Sabbath
18: 20th Sunday after Pentecost
Laity Sunday
25:

31: Reformation Day
Happy Halloween!

1:

Daylight Savings Time Ends
7: TMUMC Charge Conference
8: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
UMM Breakfast Meeting
9: Finance Committee Meeting
11: Veterans' Day
14: District Conference
15: 24th Sunday after Pentecost
Special Offering:
UM Student Day
22 - 28: National Bible Week
22: Christ the King Sunday
28:

29: 1st Sunday of Advent

5th Sunday Covered Dish

COVID-19 UPDATE:

TMUMC has returned to in-person worship and in-person meetings! Zoom access will continue to be provided for all meetings and live stream of worship services will be available on our Facebook and YouTube pages each Sunday at 10 a.m. The videos will remain accessible for several weeks after their initial live stream.

Please refer to the following link for our Initial Reopening Plan to view all guidelines for attending in-person worship services and in-person meetings, including pre-registration requirements for all in-person worship services. If you do not have internet access, you may call the church office at (804)443-2278 and request a copy be mailed to you.

Special thanks to the Healthy Church Team, the Worship Committee, and all others who helped prepare the church for returning to in-person worship services and meetings!

You may access the most current information regarding Stage 2 of the reopening of the Virginia Conference of the UMC at https://vaumc.org/return/.

Pastor's Pen

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork." Psalm 19:1

We are now in the season of fall. Fall is my husband Rodney's favorite season. While mine is spring, I do love the colors of autumn. There are several large maple trees that are in front of the Social Services building in Montross. I absolutely love driving by and seeing those beautiful yellow, orange and red leaves. The beauty of those trees in the fall is breath taking. When I see those trees, I feel God's spirit spark in my heart. Its like God is whispering in my ear, "I'm right here." The beauty of God's creation all around us whispers that message of comfort to us. "I am here!" When we take in the beauty of God's creation, we see just how much God loves us and provides for us. This is God's handiwork!

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October Lay Leaders

LECTORS

10/04: Liz Russell
10/11: TBD
10/18: Russ Riles
10:25: TBD

NURSERY

The Nursery Is Closed Until Further Notice

USHERS

10/04 & 10/11:
Frauke Darnell & Andrea Mitman
10/18 & 10/25:
Steve & Teresa Angel

Registrars / Temp Checkers
John Harvey & Becky Hundley

TELLER
Susan Hendricks

ALTAR GUILD
Frances Boykin
Kathy Parker

DINNER MINISTRY
Canceled Until Further Notice

CONGREGATIONAL CARE - TEAM 1
Mary Barrack *
Holly Wachsmuth *
Bonnie Harding
Diana Robertson
Jack Robertson

October's Special Offering

Sunday, October 4

World Communion Sunday

"What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus' affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who've historically been assigned to the world's margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve."

https://www.umc.org/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER

3	Nate Parker
3	Karen Ramirez
4	Avery O'Bier
4	Jim Simpson
11	George Croxton
12	Cindy Huber
15	Holly Wachsmuth
16	Blake Edwards
18	Jimmy Bohlmann
19	Dakota Minor
19	Arty Ramirez
23	Blair Passagaluppi
30	Ray Hamilton
31	Brenda Hamilton
31	Billy Turner

CONGRATULATIONS:

Beth Harvey & Dana Wells
Celebrating their
6th Wedding Anniversary
on October 18!

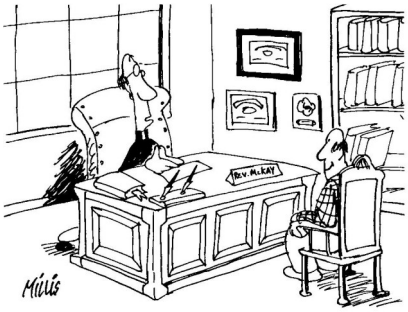
Lyman & Dawn Kelley
Celebrating their
4th Wedding Anniversary
on October 30!

*** Please email us your wedding date, so we can add you to our monthly celebratory listing of Wedding Anniversaries.**

Oct:
George Turner (804) 445-4693
Don Nicholas (804) 445-0818

**** Anyone having a problem meeting the schedule any week, please call Dave or Bill or find a sub on your own.**

Substitutes:
Bill Croxton (804) 370-5929
Dave Lipscomb (770) 845-1994



"We're grateful for the checks that you have put in the collection plate, but in order for us to cash them, you'll have to make them out to the church, and not 'The Big Guy Upstairs.'"

Faith & Fellowship

(In "Normal" Times)

Sunday School:
1st - 4th Sundays @ 11:15 am

Covered Dish Luncheon:
5th Sundays @ 11:15 a.m.

United Methodist Men:
2nd Sundays Breakfast
Meeting @ 8:45 am

Wednesday Morning Discussion Group (WMG):
Every Wednesday @ 10:30 am

Choir:
Every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm

DID YOU KNOW?

I am Nancy Tiller, and one of my services to our Church is lining up lectors for the worship service. Lectors are the people who read the scripture during the service. Personally, I consider it a privilege to read God's Word during the worship service as praise to God. It adds to the spirituality of the worship experience when the congregation is involved in the service. One-time years ago, at my home Church, the pastor asked if I would be willing to ask people to read, during the service, a selection he had prepared. I agreed to do so and was so glad I did. There were so many who had never been asked to do this and they were happy to do so.

We are favored with a lot of our fellow Christians who serve as lectors. If there are others who would like to serve as a lector, please contact me and I would be happy to add you to the 2021 schedule. I had prepared a schedule for the 2020 year so we could be prepared in advance of our Sunday to serve. As you are aware, we only had a few months of in-person worship so far this year. I have decided that now that we have resumed worshiping together, we will use the same schedule for next year with a few changes. This revised schedule will be given to each of you lectors when appropriate.

Nancy Tiller, Lector Coordinator
Phone 540-645-3923
Address: 490 Fernlea Rd. Tappahannock, VA 22560

Blessing of the Animals

October 3, 2020 @ 2pm
Tappahannock-Essex County Animal Shelter
540 Airport Road, Tappahannock, VA

No Admission Cost but please bring a wish list item for the Shelter:

- Paper towels
- Can Dog Food
- Can Cat Food
- Dry Dog Food
- Dry Cat Food
- Cat Toys
- Dog Treats
- Bleach
- Liquid Soap or Liquid Detergent
- Glass Cleaner
- Newspaper – no ads
- Cat Litter
- Dog Treats
- Cat Treats
- Old Towels – Blankets -- Sheets

Join us for this free community event & enjoy live music by:

Rockfish Band

Sponsored by Tappahannock Memorial United Methodist Church

Masks & 6' Social Distancing REQUIRED!

Tappahannock Memorial UMC Celebrates Our Lay Servants

Laity Sunday

… as they lead us in worship at a special service honoring their commitment to the service of our Lord, God's church, and our community.

Sunday, October 18th @ 10 a.m.

TMUMC Now Offers E-Giving

Access E-Giving Here:

TMUMC E-Giving Page

5-Week Evening Bible Study with Pastor Becca

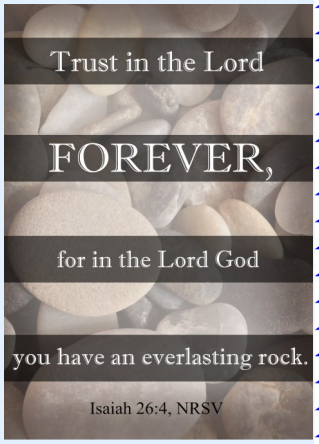
In-Person & Zoom Access
Tuesday, Oct. 6 @ 6:30 pm!

Pastor Becca is excited to start a new short term Bible Study to begin on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm beginning October 6th. The study will be based on the book "God And The Pandemic: A Christian Reflection On The Coronavirus And Its Aftermath" by N.T Wright. The study will last four five weeks. The five topics are: What should be the Christian response?, How should we think about God?, How do we live in the present?, What can we learn about ourselves?, How do we recover.

There are already 10 books ordered and here for those who want to participate, and we will order more as needed. Please let Pastor Becca know via email at **beccaminor@vaumc.org** if you would like to participate in the study by October 1st so we can make sure we have enough books available.

A NOTE FROM THE MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

"Now More Than Ever"



While the skies, temperatures, and landscapes remind us that Fall is here, our seasonal activities are very different from previous years. Halloween trick-o-treating is in all likelihood not safe. Sporting events—synonymous with Fall—are postponed or held with minimal spectators present or without spectators. Large Thanksgiving gatherings are being discouraged and Christmas caroling may be done virtually. All of this is due to our continuing concern for the risks associated with COVID-19.

We began our in-person worship on September 20, following the guidelines communicated to us by our Bishop. It was wonderful to see the church family face-to-face. Still, it was very different than we would choose. If COVID-19 has produced anything positive, it has led us to be creative in implementing missions and ministries. Innovations for fellowship, worship, evangelism, vitality, and witness have reminded us that we have many diverse gifts with which to use in serving the Kingdom here and now. We are using technology that many of us didn't know existed! We are thinking "outside the box" remembering that with God all things are possible. We are learning new ways to proclaim the Gospel message in our community. We are re-discovering how important it is to stay connected even while sheltering in place or observing social distancing.

Some plans will have to be amended, as was our 80th anniversary celebration. Some activities will have to be cancelled. Some events will have to be rescheduled for next year. The year 2020 has not developed as expected. In four short months, the year will conclude, and we will welcome the arrival of 2021.

What we can celebrate, however, is that God is with us. God will enable us to continue our ministries and missions because now more than ever, our world needs to hear the Good News. Now more than ever, our world needs the calm assurance that God is in control. Now more than ever, we all need to recognize the importance of relying upon the triune God. Now more than ever, we need to uplift and encourage one another to follow the will of God. Now more than ever, we need the wisdom and the guidance of Almighty God. May we commit ourselves to the opportunities before us with creativity and gratitude because God has called us by name and watches over us with a generous, gracious love and care. Thanks be to God.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Barb

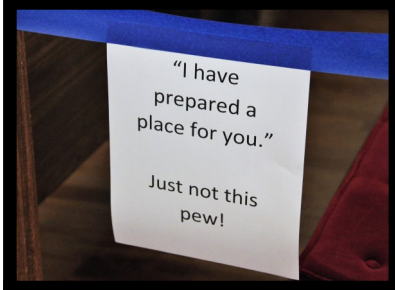
In Recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month …

Dear Pastor Becca and Rev. Barb,

We thank God for sending both of you to Tappahannock Memorial! Through your ministries and the examples you set every day, you remind us to trust and follow the path of God. You give your love, guidance, encouragement, support and friendship when we need it and even at times when we may be unaware of our own needs. Thank you for everything that you do for each of us, this church, and the community that this church is part of. Of course, we would be remiss if we did not mention how much we also appreciate Rev. Barb's "little mind's eye." Tappahannock Memorial is truly blessed by your presence and in the lives of this congregation!

May God watch over and bless you and your families!

With much love and gratitude from the congregation of TMUMC



Celebrating 80 Years!

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A New Normal for Worship

09-20-2020

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am
Sunday School: 11:15 am
Phone: 804.443.2278
Email: tappmethodist@gmail.com
Website: http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org
Temp. Office hours: Tue, Wed, Thu 9 am-2 pm
Join us on Facebook and YouTube!

Pastor:
The Reverend Rebecca Minor
Minister of Congregational Life:
The Reverend Barbara Jacobs
Administrative Assistant: Cindy Huber
Co-Music Directors: Kelly & Rob Wright
Custodian: Amanda Hart

We seek to be disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture and support one another through service and outreach.

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But you know what else is God's handiwork? The beauty of each and every person we encounter. Just like the trees, we are all created to express the beauty of God in different ways. We have different shades of skin. We have various colors of eyes. We have different color hair. Some of us have freckles or beauty marks. Some are tall and some are short. When you look at another person, what feature do you notice first. Maybe it is someone's smile, or the sparkle in their eye. Do we take the time to stand in awe of the beauty of all the people God has put in our lives? And I'm not just talking about physical beauty, but the beauty of their spirit, the beauty of their character, or the beauty of their heart. As we have been in this pandemic, we have not been able to stand close, to touch or to hug others as we would like to express our love and care. This has been very difficult. So, I challenge you this month, that as you enjoy the beauty of the trees changing, take time to appreciate the beauty of those in your lives and share with them what you appreciate about them. Everyone loves a compliment, but more than that, people love being acknowledged and appreciated. Enjoying the beauty of all of God's creation is another way in which we can give praise to God. "For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise."

You Are Loved!
Pastor Becca