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New Year's Resolution, Revelation or Revolutions

Have you ever made a New Years resolution and by the end of January found yourself doing the very habit you meant to break? I know for years I have made New Year resolutions in hopes that I would have a new bodily revolution and / or glean a Spiritual revelation. I earnestly wanted to be a better founded spiritual leader and in the case of loosing those unwanted pounds, a lesser but stronger physical person for God. But I found that many, no most years, I would end up frustrated because within a month or two I was right back where I had started, over eating or not doing that daily devotional every day, stuck in the habits of the years before. I chided myself saying, "You set the mark too high" or "You are a lazy oaf" and would kick myself for not achieving my goal. I felt like such a looser and thought that I was never going to break those bad habits, but somehow I still longed for a closer walk with God and to be a better physical vessel for Him. I was having a real revolution within myself...And even thought I should make a resolution not to have any resolutions...I kept hearing in my head that saying...It is better to shoot for the stars and end up on the top of the chicken coop, than to shoot for the top of the chicken coop and end up in the chicken poop. Doing nothing will reap nothing, doing something will at least reap something.

As I shared my struggle with a dear friend of mine she revealed to me that God loved me anyway (a major revelation) and that even one day in devotion a week was better than none. She also said that in spite of my sinful ways, God still longed for me to try to be closer to Him, so one day He could bring about a revolution in me. Then she told me to look back at my life 20 years before and asked if I was a better Christian today than I was 20 years ago. I had to admit I was, and that I was just not where I wanted to be. That is when she said, "God's timing is not our timing, and God's ways are not our ways." It was that day I realized God had been chipping away at the old me all along and slowly I was becoming more like Jesus. You see, Beloved of God, the process of discipleship is not instantaneous. It is a process of walking; spending time with Him and slowly dying to what is not God in us. That process can take a whole life time and even if we just give God three, four or five days with devotions, studying His word, and listening in prayer to the Holy Spirit's leading...we are better off than not doing anything at all. So this year instead of chiding yourself or not trying anything new, I invite you to make a New Year's Resolution to try something new. Something that will help you become more like Him. First of all, forgive yourself if you fall short of your goal, because God does. Secondly, give your heart to God more deeply, because He loves you deeply. Thirdly, love yourself, because you are made in God's image and God doesn't make any junk. Finally, strive to be in closer communion with God this year, by trying to do one thing different that will bring you closer to Him. Some suggestions are: Read a Psalm a day, Read a chapter in proverbs a day, Sit in silence listening for God for 15 minutes a day, Join a small group or Bible Study, Read the Bible with one of the Bible plans offered by the church (available on the credenza in the narthex). If you don't make it to the stars and only to the top of the chicken coup, it is still better than being in the chicken poop.

Beloved remember God's ways are not our ways. With God it is slow and steady that wins the race, only man sets the faster pace. What are the expectations you carry as you enter into the New Year? Place them in God's hands and watch as He transforms you into the image of His beloved Son!

Happy Holy New Year!

Love in Christ, Pastor Tricia



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From the desk of Ali Verbanic



Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries



**Are you between the ages 19 and 35?
Do you enjoy getting together to have fun?**

Then join us on **Thursday, January 13th**
from **6:30-8pm** in the **Youth Building** for our **1st ever**
Young Adult Euchre night!!!

Knowledge of the game is not required
A short lesson will start off the night and then....We Play!
If you have a deck of cards or card table please let me know.

Please bring an item for our potluck supper.
Drinks will be provided.

RSVP names & potluck item to Ali Verbanic (757) 803-2838 or Aliv@FoundryUMCVB.org



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a passion for youth? Do you love to play games?
Do you love to watch them learn and become excited
about their faith? We need you!!!

***Calling all female youth!!!
Join us for our first of many
Girlz N God events
Jan. 15-16th (sleepover)
Contact Ali with questions!***

Foundry Youth to host
Family Movie Night

Sundays:

Wednesday, January 19th 6:30-8pm
Movie selection TBA

Sunday School 9:00-9:50 am, South Hall
Youth Group (grades 6-12): 4:00-6pm, Youth Building

Admission: Free

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### **January Calendar**

Snacks to be provided as fundraiser  
for Youth Missions & Ministry

Jan. 2nd: YG-New Year Celebration-Cooking w/ Becca Loy  
Jan. 9th: YG- Our Faith & Sex: what to know  
Jan . 15-16th: Girlz N God Event 7pm-9am  
Jan. 19th: Youth host Foundry Family Movie Night 6:30-8pm  
Jan. 23rd: Battle of the Sexes YG 4-6pm  
Jan. 28-29th: HS youth to Acquire the Fire in Richmond, VA  
Jan. 30th: No YG

**~Peace**

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# Tree sale spreads Christmas joy, aids charities

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Picking out just the right Christmas tree can be an arduous task for many, but not for Noah Boyce. The 4-year-old, who said he asked Santa for a green monster truck, helped his parents select the perfect tree during a trip to Foundry United Methodist Church's annual Christmas tree sale.

Scott and Jennifer Boyce, who reside in Pembroke Meadows, said they've patronized the tree lot for about the past 10 holiday seasons.

"We used to drive around every lot in Virginia Beach, and we never could find a tree," Jennifer Boyce said. "We always wound up back here."

The church's United Methodist Men's group has sold fresh-cut Christmas trees for the past 30 years, and parishioner John Brewington of Middle Plantation has volunteered at all of them.

"At first we sold a few Christmas trees to raise a little money, maybe 100 dollars," he said. Now the numbers are up to between 500 and 600 trees a year, 99 percent Fraser firs and 1 percent white pines, according to Brewington. The trees range from 4 to 14 feet tall, and from \$25 to \$110 in price. And every penny goes to some charitable organization, he said.

He estimated more than a quarter of a million dollars has been raised over the years from tree sales. The organization decides where to distribute funds based on need. Past recipients include Seton House, United Methodist Overseas Relief, the Salvation Army, the church's Boy Scout Troop 65, and college scholarships.

Russell Scherck is chairman of the men's group, which also participates in the church's program that feeds and shelters the homeless during the holidays. The Salem Woods resident said the tree sale is a way to celebrate Christmas year round. "It's the Christmas gift that keeps giving."

Ever since 1980, the men have used the same tree supplier, Rick Gardner, who owns a 40-acre tree farm in Ashe County, N.C. "He cuts the trees on Thanksgiving and

they're delivered to us on Saturday," Brewington said.

The men volunteer their time to work the lot, which has stayed open seven days a week. Scherck said it's fun to watch the kids run around through the trees, and that he enjoys talking to some of the young Navy couples who are away from home during the holidays. "It adds to the Christmas spirit," he said.

Member Skip Manaugh said he doesn't mind showing folks one tree after another. "It's a joy to watch them pick out that special tree," he said.

Noah watched intently as the men sawed the trunk of his tree, and securely fastened it to the top of his family's car. "I'm going to put all the ornaments on it," he said.

The men waved goodbye and said, "See you next year!" Then, Scott Mahrenholz headed over to help Neal Capps and his daughters, of Wellington Woods, search for their perfect Christmas tree.

## OUTREACH NEWS

**Mission Team:** prison ministry, meals on wheels, food pantry, Faithworks Coalition, Angel Tree/Holiday food baskets, Heart Havens, JCOC, and Ann Van Vleet Winter Shelter Week

# MISSIONS – Is God Calling You?

Foundry offers many ways to serve God by helping others. We invite you to see if any are the right fit for you, or perhaps you have other ideas for the missions team. If so, please join us at our monthly meeting to share your ideas. In January it will be Monday, January 10 at 7pm in the adult SS wing.



Heart Haven - Wed. January 26, we will begin with a visit to the residents of Heart Haven. Volunteers are desperately needed to keep this mission going. We meet at FUMC at 6:30 and return by 8:30. We share games, crafts, stories and snacks – it is a time for fellowship and our visits are much appreciated. Call Sandy 409-5578.

Food Pantry – volunteers are still needed for Thursday mornings between 9am-12noon. Also, we have been blessed to start receiving donations from Panera Bread every Sunday evening. We are looking for 2-3 people to package up the bread to give out on Thursday at the pantry. This could be done on Monday anytime during the day. Please contact Jean Walmsley if you can help at 701-5892.



Meals on Wheels – drivers are still needed to help out the second week of each month. Please contact Teeny Smith 340-5316.

**DON'T FORGET – A NEW CHAIRPERSON IS NEEDED FOR THE CHILI COOKOFF!** Chris Work has all the info you need to be successful, so let us know if this is something you would like to do.





THANK YOU

Dear Foundry, I just want to say to you how grateful I am for all of you and your kindness. You have lifted my spirits and made me feel the spirit of love, grace and beauty of this season. I will be forever grateful to you and will do my best to show others what you have shown me—May you have the best Christmas this season and continue to grow in his love. God Bless you - Franklin (one of the homeless we housed.)

## Saturday, January 29, 2011

Community UMC, Va Beach

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8:30 am Registration, light refreshments

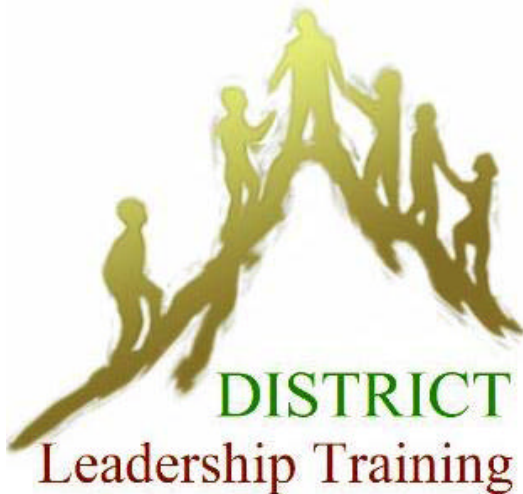
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Two hour training sessions will convene at 10:30 a.m.:

**Endowment and Planned Giving** for the local church led by Jim Bergdoll;

Training for **S/PPRC** members with Beth Downs;

Training for **Evangelism** leaders with Linda Rhodes;

Training for: **Witness/Outreach** leaders and committee members with Keri Marsten;

Training for: **Lay Leadership** with Janet Bracey;

Training for **Finance/Stewardship** Chairperson and committee members and **Church Treasurer** with David Dommissse.

We are also working to have a session for Youth Leadership. Brochures and registration information will be available soon.

## Bishop, Cabinet announce new 16-district configuration

Bishop Charlene Kammerer and the Cabinet have announced new boundaries, district names and local church district assignments that will reduce the number of districts in the Virginia Conference from 18 to 16, effective July 1.

Three districts – Ashland, Portsmouth and Rappahannock – will be discontinued, and a new Fredericksburg District created. Three other district names will be new, all named for major waterways in the corresponding parts of the Commonwealth: the James River District. *the Elizabeth River District (us)*, and the York River District.

“The Cabinet has unanimously approved the new names and is pleased to share this information with everyone across the Conference,” said Bishop Kammerer. “We are grateful to all those persons who suggested names for consideration.”

# Volunteers for the Month of January 2011

|                             | 2nd                                                  | 9th                                                     | 16th                                                 | 23rd                                                 | 30th                          |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                             |                                                      |                                                         |                                                      |                                                      |                               |
| 8 am Ushers                 |                                                      |                                                         |                                                      |                                                      |                               |
| 10 am Head Usher            | Terry Huling                                         | Jim VanArnam                                            | Doug Hudson                                          | Bill Crosby                                          | Doug Hudson                   |
| Ushers                      | De and Lee Strickland<br>Jeanne Kain<br>Mike Riggs   | Ron and Joyce Chinnock<br>Watkins Bracey<br>Alison Mead | Russ and Ginger Scherck<br>David Amos<br>John Lawson | Taylor and Anna Hughes<br>Sylvia Betz<br>Paul Bozard |                               |
|                             |                                                      |                                                         |                                                      |                                                      |                               |
| Communion Assistants        |                                                      |                                                         |                                                      |                                                      |                               |
| Counters                    | Ralph Keel<br>Carolyn Mahoney                        | Jim Van Arnam<br>Teeny Smith                            | Watkins Bracey<br>Allan Richardson                   | Alison Mead<br>Jeanne Kain                           | Ralph Keel<br>June Leach      |
|                             |                                                      |                                                         |                                                      |                                                      |                               |
| Items Needed at Heart Haven | Tissue/<br>Napkins                                   |                                                         |                                                      |                                                      |                               |
| Food Bank Items to Bring In | Spaghetti Noodles<br>Spaghetti Sauce<br>Canned Fruit | COMPLETE Pancake Mix<br>Syrup<br>Spam or Treet          | Beef or Chicken Stew<br>Tuna Helper<br>Canned Tuna   | Peanut Butter<br>Jelly<br>Jello or Pudding Mix       | Cereal<br>Crackers<br>Cookies |

## Emmaus news

Hurray! We will be having an Emmaus gathering here at Foundry in February. As many of you know both the girls and the boys Chrysalis teams have been teaming here for the last few months. The February gathering will be a Chrysalis led gathering. Day of Deeper Understanding will be immediately proceeding. If you would like to help put this together, contact Linda Hewitt or Skip Manaugh.





MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

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# January Birthdays



**02**  
**John Hammerle**  
**03**  
**Jonathan Duplessis**  
**04**  
**Aubrey Riggs**  
**05**  
**Mallary Hammerle**  
**Lauren Starr**  
**07**  
**Michael Sawyer**  
**09**  
**Virginia Alderman**  
**Tricia Riggs**  
**10**  
**Mary Leeds**  
**Jean Gaylor**  
**11**  
**Dawn McGrath**  
**Heather Foulk**

**Jennifer Fox**  
**Bridget McCue**  
**12**  
**Rory Buchanan**  
**Joe Clevenger**  
**Justin Rivera**  
**David Amos**  
**13**  
**Dana Miller**  
**Ann Marie Crosby**  
**Jessica Edwards**  
**14**  
**Lindsey Noel**  
**15**  
**Heather Kirkpatrick**  
**Dylan Ildefonso**  
**16**  
**Carleen Huling**  
**Bob Ildefonso**  
**Rich Costner**

**Betty Proffer**  
**17**  
**Stacey Walterman**  
**Mike A. Stubbs**  
**Sheila Griffin**  
**Margaret Parsons**  
**18**  
**Dawn King**  
**19**  
**Brianna Sheely**  
**20**  
**Jane Curling**  
**Allan Richardson**  
**21**  
**Paul Bozard**  
**Autumn Earl**  
**22**  
**Rusty Reed**  
**Victoria Daniels**

**23**  
**Bert Owens, Jr.**  
**Patrick Green**  
**25**  
**Milton Harrell**  
**Gladys Lancaster**  
**26**  
**Kathleen Meyer**  
**Joshua Starr**  
**27**  
**Terry Huling**  
**Silverio Gabriel**  
**30**  
**Page Cockrell**  
**Alexandra Self**  
**Anna Hughes**  
**Felicity Heath**  
**31**  
**Jim Van Arnam**  
**Tonya Haynes**