

The Foundry Forum

Foundry United Methodist Church



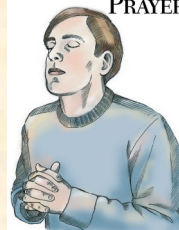
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Can You Hear Me Now?

*“He who belongs to God hears what God says.
The reason you do not hear is that you do not
belong to God.” John 8:47*

HEAR OUR
PRAYERS



Several years ago Verizon Wireless had a commercial that was promoting their wide area network. They had people on the cell phone walking around different places of the world calling headquarters asking, “Do you hear me now?” “Do you hear me now?” This was all so the world would see they had the best network and product to keep people connected with their loved ones. Everyone wants to stay connected with the people who are important to them.

I know I do. That is why I bought into this product and found myself as one of the millions who were a part of the Verizon network. It was just what I needed to stay connected with a daughter, who at the time was in California, and with a Son, who was off at college. Those relationships are important to me, so naturally I had no problem paying the price of the cell bill or making sure my phone was charged up for those all important calls. What relationships are important to you? Who are the ones you are willing to pay the price to stay connected with?

As Christians the most important relationship we have is with our Lord. In Jeremiah 33:3 God says, “*Call on me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.*” God, like my children, loves for us to call upon His name, to walk with Him daily and talk with Him moment by moment. However, many of us seem to have a problem with this connection in our lives. Many of us forget to call on Him or we get disconnected, because many of us are on the wrong network. Then we find ourselves walking around in the day, wondering why we are so lost and seem disconnected from the very one who can give us the right answers for our life.

Doug Hill, in his book, *How to Listen to God*, says “Hearing ourselves think in a world full of distraction is a problem, but trying to hear God when we don’t know His voice or talk to Him regularly is even harder.” In John 8:47 Jesus says “*He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.*” We all know that if we want to know the sound a person’s voice (and that would include God), we must devote time & effort to cultivating a love relationship with them. But how can we get there with God? How can we build a connectedness with God that helps us get rid of the dead spots, gets us on the right frequency, and keep us continually connected with Him?

Well, we need to practice the presence of God every day, moment by moment, breath by breath. The steps are pretty easy. First we have to ask God to build a love relationship with us that is real and personal. Next we need to repent and confess any sin that might block our connectedness with God. Then we need to get on the right frequency and keep our batteries charge up with God (reading the Word daily, praying continually and finding a good network of fellow Christians that will hold us accountable for our relationship with God). Then we need to call God and leave the line open. The key to practicing the presence of God is directed attention towards Him. The more we focus our thoughts on God, the better we will hear Him. The more time we spend with God the more we will hear and recognize His voice. Beloved, God wants to have a relationship with us that is real and intimate...He wants to know...*Can you hear Him now?*

Love in Christ, Pastor Tricia

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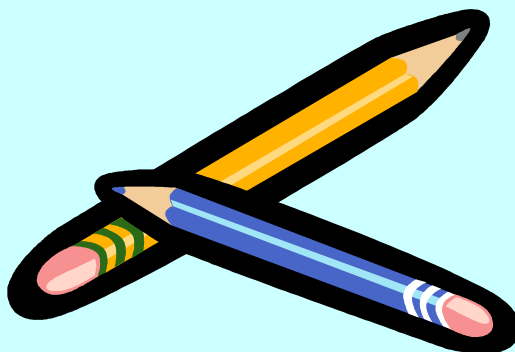
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The UMW are collecting school supplies for the Food Bank families. Needed are: composition notebooks, colored folders, colored folders with 3 prongs, pencils, erasers, pens, glue sticks, drymark pens with erasers, 16 pack crayons, colored pencils, loose leaf paper wide rule, 3 and 5 subject notebooks, rulers, binder dividers, scissors, highlighters and backpacks.



Dear Rev. Patricia Riggs and members of Foundry UMC,
On behalf of the Northeast Leadership Team of
Emmaus/Chrysalis, I want to extend a Tremendous thank-you
for the use of the church facilities and the success of the June
25th Leadership Training. We could not have done it without
your support. Thanks again, DeColores!
Emily Yeatts Assistant Regional Trainer

Faith Works Coalition (FWC) serves the citizens of South Hampton Roads by providing home repair assistance to our elderly on fixed incomes, working low income families, the handicapped and those who are mentally or physically disabled. We help homeowners who cannot help themselves. Some we have helped call us the "Dream Team." If you know anyone needing home repairs who meets these criteria or would like to volunteer to work on one of these projects, please contact Ron Chinnock at 486-8220.



A Stewardship Minute

Inspiring a deeper understanding of true giving
An introduction of Stewardship to the congregation

AUGUST 2011

Tithing is a spiritual adventure. It is but the beginning of a deeper, richer relationship with God. The time to launch out is now. Is that an adventure we want? Listen to this true story and then consider the challenge.

A pastor preached a sermon on the benefits of tithing and a couple of years later retired to another city. One day he received a package from a parishioner who had heard the sermon and simply could not forget what the pastor had said. When he opened the package, he found two lovely framed pictures, both of a carved wooden angel attached to the end of a pew in the chancel area where choir members sat during worship. The choir pews were on opposite sides of the chancel facing each other, thus the angels faced one another. One angel was facing left in the frame and the other angel faced right as though they were looking at each other. The pastor wondered exactly why his former parishioner had gone to the trouble of taking those pictures and sending them to him. The man had composed a letter that explained:

“Dear Pastor, before you retired you gave a sermon on tithing. This gave me the courage to start. At the time I was out of work. I started tithing my unemployment checks. Not long after starting to tithe, I got a job and have been employed ever since. So thanks again for giving me the gift of the tithe. Please consider the photos as a gift in return.”

Those pictures are now hanging on a wall in the pastor’s home. He considers them among the loveliest gifts he has ever received. The pastor often shows them to visitors and lets them read the letter written by a grateful parishioner. Tithing is, indeed, a spiritual adventure; the beginning of a deeper, richer relationship with God!

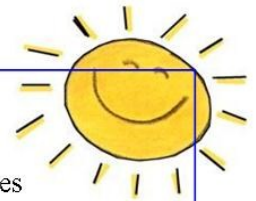
Prayer: Generous and loving God, please help each of us to have a deep, rich relationship with you. Through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

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From the desk of Ali Verbanic



Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries



WE ARE GROWING!!!!

We are a growing ministry and would love to invite you to our next event.

Join us:

**2x month on Mondays for Bible Study
August 8th & 22th @7pm**

We are gearing up for our Camping trip over Labor Day Weekend!!

Got a ministry idea? We love it!

If you are interested please contact **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!!!



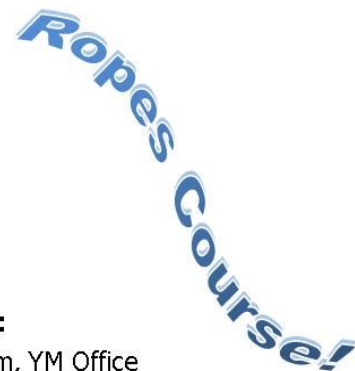
Check out our Calendar!!!!

August Youth Retreat @ 4H

Low Ropes Course, Campfire, Fellowship, Fun, Christ!

Invite your friends.

See Ali for all information, let's pack the house!



Sundays:

Sunday School 9:10-9:45 am, YM Office

Youth Group (grades 6-12): 4:00-5:30pm, YM Office

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## **August/September Calendar**

Aug. 7th: Ocean Breeze after Church cost \$30

Aug. 14th: No Youth Group Meeting

Aug. 18th: Crazy Game Night @ Youth Group

Aug. 23-25th: Youth Retreat @ 4H Retreat Center

Sept. 1st: End of Summer Celebration!

Sept. 4th: NO Youth-enjoy the holiday!

Sept. 11th: Back to School Picnic

Sept. 18th: Back to School Lunch @ Ensenadas!

Sept. 23-25th: Youth Camping (TBA)

Oct. 1st: Unload Pumpkins!!!!

**~Peace**

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## *“Tiny Little Girl”*

By Marg Sullivan

Dear tiny little girl of mine  
It seems like such a long, long time  
Since you were a baby  
And now you are three  
You are a miracle sent to daddy and me!

With big beautiful eyes  
A smile and curly hair  
You are so precious and  
An answer to prayers.



Dear tiny little girl of three  
God in His wisdom  
Gave you to daddy and me  
You'll never know how sweet you are  
You are mommy's pride  
And daddy's shining star.

You are so special to  
Grandpa and grandma too  
They say a prayer to Jesus  
Just for you.

I thank God again little girl of three  
You made us a perfect family.  
AMEN

## *CHOIR KICK OFF POT LUCK*



Come one come all, let's sing and have a ball at the choir kick-off pot luck on August 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Pastor Tricia's house, 3385 Heron's Gate, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. Bring a main dish and side to share. RSVP to Jim Edwards at 757-404-3038.

## *CHOIR PAINT AND PIZZA WORK PARTY*




The choir room is in need of some renovations, painting and rearranging. We could use your help on Thursday, August 18th. We are inviting anyone who can help to attend a Paint and Pizza Party. We will start at 4:00 p.m., move furniture, clean, paint, organize, etc. FREE pizza and drinks for ALL who come to help.



# ***Volunteers for the Month of August 2011***

|                                    | <b>7th</b>                                                             | <b>14th</b>                                                           | <b>21st</b>                                                         | <b>28th</b>                                                          |  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
|                                    |                                                                        |                                                                       |                                                                     |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Greeters</b>                    | <b>De and Lee Strickland</b>                                           | <b>Elaine Hudson, Fred Snody, Jean Gaylor</b>                         | <b>Ron and Joyce Chinnock</b>                                       | <b>Carolyn Mahoney Beth Workman</b>                                  |  |
| <b>8 am Ushers</b>                 |                                                                        |                                                                       |                                                                     |                                                                      |  |
| <b>10 am Head Usher</b>            | <b>Terry Huling</b>                                                    | <b>Jim VanArnam</b>                                                   | <b>Doug Hudson</b>                                                  | <b>Bill Crosby</b>                                                   |  |
| <b>Ushers</b>                      | <b>Ken Krampen<br/>Judy Krampen<br/>Jeanne Kain<br/>Watkins Bracey</b> | <b>Joyce Chinnock<br/>Ron Chinnock<br/>Randy McCue<br/>Mike Riggs</b> | <b>Gary Grover<br/>Sandy Grover<br/>Skip Manaugh<br/>David Amos</b> | <b>Chad Morgan<br/>Katie Morgan<br/>Linda Hewitt<br/>Paul Bozard</b> |  |
|                                    |                                                                        |                                                                       |                                                                     |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b>        | <b>Anna Hughes<br/>Scott Hughes<br/>Katie Morgan<br/>Chad Morgan</b>   |                                                                       |                                                                     |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Counters</b>                    | <b>Alison Blalock<br/>Allan Richardson</b>                             | <b>Ralph Keel<br/>Jeanne Kain</b>                                     | <b>Jim Van Arnam</b>                                                | <b>Watkins Bracey<br/>Carolyn Mahoney</b>                            |  |
| <b>Projectionists</b>              | <b>Carolyn Meyer</b>                                                   | <b>Ali Verbanic</b>                                                   | <b>Mike Riggs</b>                                                   | <b>Martha Watson</b>                                                 |  |
|                                    |                                                                        |                                                                       |                                                                     |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Food Bank Items to Bring In</b> | <b>Spaghetti Noodles<br/>Spaghetti Sauce<br/>Canned Fruit</b>          | <b>COMPLETE<br/>Pancake Mix<br/>Syrup<br/>Spam or Treet</b>           | <b>Beef or Chicken Stew<br/>Tuna Helper<br/>Canned Tuna</b>         | <b>Peanut Butter<br/>Jelly<br/>Jello or Pudding Mix</b>              |  |

# AUGUST 2011

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                                                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                                                                                       | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                    | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday                                   | Saturday                                                                                          |
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| <b>31</b><br>8:00 AM Song & Communion Service<br>9:00 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM Morning Worship Service<br>4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting                                        | <b>1</b><br>7:00 PM Missions Meeting<br>7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH<br>7:00 PM Trustee Meeting<br>7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17                                                                    | <b>2</b><br>9:30 AM LaLeche Meeting - #17<br>6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16<br>7:00 PM Experiencing God Bible Study - at Pastor Tricia's       | <b>3</b><br>8:00 AM Chicken Run!!<br>12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB<br>7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice<br>7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17               | <b>4</b><br><br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library<br>7:30 PM Angler's Meeting - EH                    | <b>5</b>                                 | <b>6</b><br>9:00 AM UMM Meeting-EH<br>9:00 AM UMW Meeting - YB                                    |
| <b>7</b><br>8:00 AM Song & Communion Service<br>9:00 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM Morning Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Youth go to Ocean Breeze after church                      | <b>8</b><br>7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH<br>7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Ali's Office<br>7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17                                                                          | <b>9</b><br>6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16<br>7:00 PM Experiencing God Bible Study - at Pastor Tricia's                                        | <b>10</b><br>12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB<br>7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice<br>7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17                                       | <b>11</b><br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library                                                                                                                                          | <b>12</b>                                | <b>13</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>14</b><br>NO YOUTH MEETING<br>8:00 AM Song & Communion Service<br>9:00 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM Morning Worship Service                                                   | <b>15</b><br><br>7:00 PM NOW/Church Council - 15<br>7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH<br>7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17 | <b>16</b><br>6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16<br>7:00 PM Experiencing God Bible Study - at Pastor Tricia's                                       | <b>17</b><br>12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB<br>7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice<br>7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17                                       | <b>18</b><br>Youth Crazy Game Night<br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>4:00 PM Choir Paint and Pizza Work Party<br>5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library<br>7:00 PM Angler's Board Meeting<br>7:00 PM LaLeche Meeting - #17 | <b>19</b><br>7:00 PM Square Dancers - EH | <b>20</b><br> |
| <b>21</b><br>8:00 AM Song & Communion Service<br>9:00 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM Morning Worship Service<br>11:30 AM Praise and Worship Meeting<br>4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting | <b>22</b><br>7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH<br>7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study- Ali's Office<br>7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17                                                                         | <b>23</b><br>Youth Retreat at 4H Retreat Center<br>6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16<br>7:00 PM Experiencing God Bible Study - at Pastor Tricia's | <b>24</b><br>Youth Retreat at 4H Retreat Center<br>12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB<br>7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice<br>7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17 | <b>25</b><br>Youth Retreat at 4H Retreat Center<br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library<br>6:00 PM Choir Kick-off Pot Luck at Pastor Tricia's                                              | <b>26</b>                                | <b>27</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>28</b><br>8:00 AM Song & Communion Service<br>9:00 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM Morning Worship Service<br>4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting                                        | <b>29</b><br>7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH<br>7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17                                                                                                                          | <b>30</b><br>6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16<br>7:00 PM Experiencing God Bible Study - at Pastor Tricia's                                       | <b>31</b><br>FEED AT THE SHELTER.<br>12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB<br>7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice<br>7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17               | <b>1</b><br>Youth End of Summer Celebration<br>9:00 AM Food Pantry<br>5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library<br>7:30 PM Angler's Meeting - EH                                                                       | <b>2</b>                                 | <b>3</b><br>9:00 AM UMW Meeting - YB                                                              |

## PRAY & COME AND PRAISE THE LORD!!



On October 2, 2011 Foundry is going to launch a new Praise and Worship Service. It will be held each Sunday at 11:33 a.m. We are looking for ALL interested people who would like to be a part of this new thing for God at Foundry. If you can greet, usher, sing, act, play an instrument, run a sound board or projection, help with clean-up and set-up or organize fellowship, and are being lead to this type of worship please come join us for a prayer and planning session on Sunday, August 21st at 11:33 a.m. in Ebert Hall. Hope to see you there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# *August Birthdays*

02  
Jessica Nicolai  
Bobbie Froehlich  
Wendy Cummings  
04  
Eddie Aguiar  
06  
John Ramstead  
Kayleanah Riggs  
07  
Jim Norton  
Bill Rule, Jr.  
08  
Nicholas Vecchiolla  
Mikeal Timms  
09  
Scott Oman  
Kathleen Butters  
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Taylor Robertson  
Kathleen Wade  
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Chris Work

12  
Gary Melander  
13  
Keith Mathews  
14  
Dane Nellis  
Gussie Hammond  
16  
Madison Manaugh-  
Campos  
David Noel  
18  
Matt Moore  
19  
Beth Clevenger  
20  
Monica Famularo  
Ali Verbanic  
Carolyn Meyer  
Bryan Eberhardt  
21  
Scott Strickland  
22  
Linda Cockrell

22  
David Shedlock  
Evangelinah Riggs  
Wayne Huling  
23  
Joseph Young  
25  
Austin Sawyer  
Linda Noel  
26  
Colin Brewington  
Susan Irwin  
27  
Ellie Craft, Jr.  
Judy Brabrand  
Justin Eberhardt  
28  
Adam Krampen  
Sylvia Betz  
28  
Cliff Shuler  
30  
Terry King  
Ian Kneaul

30  
Zoie Linden  
31  
Dottie Van Arnam

