

The Foundry Forum

Foundry United Methodist Church



*Life's simple pleasures are the best, Are the best,
In all the world.*

We all know simple pleasures are the best. At least that is what Van Camps, Pork & Beans claim....As I think of Christmas past, it was not the big gifts I remember. As a matter of fact, I can't remember one. It is not that I did not receive any. Mom and Dad always amply spoiled us kids at Christmas. I believe one time I did receive an easy bake oven, or was that an ice cream maker, and maybe even a Barbie doll, but what I did with them & where they are today is beyond me. It is just; those are not the things I remember. What I remember about Christmas is: Candle-light Services with family, dinner at my Grandmother's, spending time with cousins, reading a book or two on the sofa with Mom or raking leaves with Dad in the yard. It seems what I remember and cherish the most is the simple pleasure of spending time together with the ones I loved; building relationships of love that have given me memories that will last a life-time. Maybe that is why God, instead of sending us some lavish gift of material measure, sent us the gift of a loving simple relationship with Himself, through the gift of His Son.

The birth of Jesus took place like this. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they came to the marriage bed, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn't know that.) Joseph, trying to be noble and loving, determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced.

While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God's angel spoke in the dream: Joseph, son of David, don't hesitate to get married and be in relationship with Mary. Mary's pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God's Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—'God saves'—because he will save his people from their sins.'This would bring the prophet's embryonic sermon to full term: Watch for this a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for God is with us)!

Then Joseph woke up. He did exactly what God's angel commanded in the dream: He married Mary and shared with her the gift of relationship. But he did not consummate the marriage until she had the baby. He named the baby boy Jesus.

What an awesome story about relationship! A relationship between Mary and God, a relationship between Joseph and God, a relationship between God and us....Immanuel God is with us. There is no greater gift than the gift of relationship. This Christmas why not give the best gift you can give...the gift of self; times spent building relationships between you, family and friends. This is simply what God did. Because simple pleasures are the best!

*The Best of Christmas to You!
Love in Christ, Pastor Tricia*

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8:00, 10:00 and
11:33 a.m.
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9:00 a.m.

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U M Women News



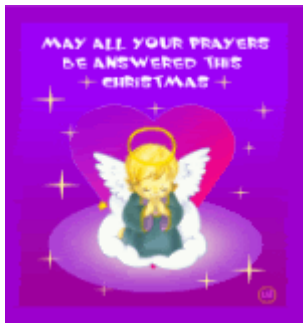
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the pie auction and to those who bid on pies. Proceeds will either go to the Food Pantry, scholarships, or where needed in the church. Our next meeting will be Sat., Dec. 3, 9 am in Youth Building when we will make crafts to sell during Christmas tree sales. All are welcome and please bring ideas and supplies Also, if anyone would like to make any baked goods to sell please bring to

church and contact Linda Way, 340-1710. We are still making casseroles to be frozen and given out to our church family as needed. If anyone would like to make a casserole, containers are in the right hand side closet in the kitchen. Please note ingredients and date made. Ginger Scherck

On December 10th the UMW will hold a craft and bake sale during the Tree sales in the old narthex from 9 am until 2 pm. One December 3rd we will be working on crafts to sell. All are welcome at 9 am to help.

On December 18th there will be only one service for the Christmas Cantata. We will be having a reception after, so please sign up or call Judy Brabrand at 486-5827 or Linda Way at 340-1710 to help. Thank you!!

Angel Tree



Pick up your angel today and be an Angel of God. Spread his message of hope and faith to those who need it the most. Wrap your gifts and attach the angel to the present and return it no later than Sunday Dec. 11th. Please do not put your name on the gifts. The gifts are to remain anonymous. If you choose to donate money please put it in an envelope and mark it "Angel Tree" and put it in the collection plate. If you have any questions you can call Jenny Campos at (757) 570-3750.

“The Gift of Friendship”

Author unknown Submitted by Margaret Sullivan

Friendship is a priceless gift,
That cannot be bought or sold,
It's value is far greater than
A mountain of gold.
For gold is cold and lifeless,
Can neither see nor hear.
And in the time of trouble
It is powerless to cheer.



It has no ears to listen,
Nor heart to understand.
It cannot bring you comfort
Or reach out a helping hand.
So, when you ask God for a gift
Be thankful that he send,
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the love of a real true friend.

The Gift of Giving Event in the Season of Giving

We are throwing a huge event on December 3, 2011 between 12-4 PM here at Foundry on the front lawn. This event will bring awareness to the homeless. We will have everything from hot dogs and hamburgers to giveaways of all sorts and a couple of things for the kids. We have also asked the homeless to come out and get free haircuts, as well as get information about programs that will assist them. There will also be things given away to them as well. Please come out to support this event. All proceeds go to The Lighthouse and any extra items as well. This is the first annual event and we plan on doing this yearly. We will take donations before that time as well as baked goods to sell. If you plan on giving money donations you can drop it off at the church. The media will be out here to cover the event as well. Please look inside your heart and come show that Virginia Beach takes care of their community. Jenny Manaugh Campos



CHICKEN RUN DATES

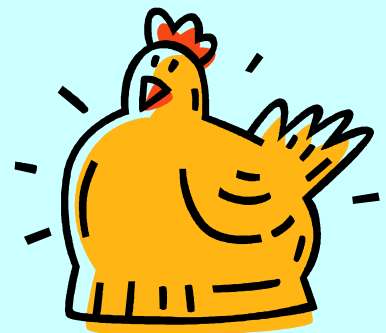
The food pantry has not been able to pass out chickens because we have not put into action our faith. **Next Chicken Run is Tuesday, December 20th.**

Folks picking up the chickens need to be at church by 7:30 a.m. to load the coolers and get to the Food Bank by 8:00 a.m., the appointment time. Folks are needed at church by 9:15 a.m. to load the freezer and clean out coolers.

PLEASE check you calendars and let me know that we can do December 20th.

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Winter Food Baskets



This year Foundry United Methodist Church will be supporting 20 families with full baskets of food for the Christmas holiday as we have done in the past. Baskets will be prepared on Sunday, December 18th after church. If you rather donate cash, please place your contribution in the collection plate in an envelope marked "Winter Baskets".

Suggested Items for the Baskets

Turkey	Stuffing mix	Small canned hams
Potatoes (5# bag)	Cranberry sauce	Sweet potatoes (canned)
Canned Vegetables	Pie (already baked)	Flour and Sugar (5# bag)
Cereal (any)	Bread	Rolls (already baked)
Bisquick	Peanut Butter and Jelly	Hamburger Helper
Canned Tuna or Chicken	Spaghetti and Spaghetti sauce	Bag of fruits (Apples/Oranges)

For more information, Please call Jenny Campos at (757) 468-5834 Thank You!

MISSION NEWS



Anne VanVleet Winter Shelter week is Dec 7-14 this year. Have you ever been without a place to call home or spent the night on a cold street, or gone without a shower when you wanted one?

Signups for supplying/preparing and/or serving are in the Narthex. You can also come just to talk and share the love of Jesus with our guests.

Also, as in the past few years, we will be celebrating the joy of Christmas with our guests on Tuesday, Dec. 13. We are asking again for donations of bar soap, hand lotion, deodorant, chap stick, shampoo and conditioner (small or travel), and men's white tube socks for 80. Collection basket is located under sign up board.

Prison Transportation Ministry – Just a reminder that Foundry still offers to drive families of those incarcerated to visit their loved ones 6 times a year, but we need more drivers. This takes place the first Saturday of the month, starting in February, of every other month, and requires an all day commitment. Please contact Ginger Scherck if you can help.



Sometimes the time comes when we have to prune some of our ministries. After prayer and discussion, the mission team came to the decision that we will no longer be continuing our visits to the Heart Haven's homes.

A Stewardship Minute

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

DECEMBER 2011

In the December issue of *Stewardship* there is a moving story about a child who wanted to give a Christmas gift to Christ. The young boy had waited until the Christmas Eve service was over and then handed the gift to an usher explaining that it was a gift for Jesus. When the usher saw the pastor passing by, he handed the bulging envelope to him explaining that it was a gift for the Lord offered by a little boy.

Opening the envelope, the clergyman found a small toy car. Instantly, he surmised that the child had given a gift that was very important to him; a present from his mind, his heart, and his hand. This is what true giving is all about; offering to God what matters to us most: our hearts, our minds, our talents, our time, and our talents.

Christmas is a joyous time. But it should also be a challenging time when we consider how we should respond to God's precious gift of Christ to us. The hymn "In the Bleak Midwinter," written in the 19th century by a woman named Christina Rossetti, sums up what we should give Christ at Christmas in the fourth stanza:

*What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part; yet
What I can I give him: give my heart.*

Prayer: God, you are the greatest giver we can imagine. You gave us your dear Son, our Lord and Savior. Help us, loving God, to willingly give you our hearts in totality. **Amen**

A Stewardship Minute is available to subscribers of Stewardship at www.parishpublishing.org. Simply click on the "Stewardship Download Center" and log in using with your account number (Username) and zip code (Password), both of which can be found on the invoice or mailing label.

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You are invited to a **Birthday Party for Jesus!**

When: **December 10, 2011 from 10 a.m. to noon**

Where: the **Youth Building**

Come **celebrate the Birthday of Jesus** with *games, crafts, a reading of the Christmas Story, and ...of course,...* **CAKE!!**

Your "presence" is all the "present" that Jesus needs. But because He asks us to "love one another"...we are asking that you bring a **canned good** or a **dollar** to pin on the Christmas tree. We will use the food and money to feed and to buy warm socks and gloves for our homeless neighbors.

There is **no age restriction**. Parents, feel free to *drop off* your little ones and use the time for "other things"...as long as you provide us health information and a telephone number for emergencies. But, if you want to *stay and party*...we are happy to have you!!

We hope you will come and bring a carload of friends. It's the **Birthday Party of the Year!!** You don't want to miss it.

To **RSVP** or for more information, call Foundry Church, 340-0595, Monday through Thursday, 8am to 3pm.



Volunteers for the Month of December 2011

	4th	11th	18th	25th	
Greeters	De and Lee Strickland	Elaine Hudson, Fred Snody, Jean Gaylor	Ron and Joyce Chinnock	Carolyn Mahoney Beth Workman	
8 am Ushers			NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE	
10 am Head Usher	Terry Huling	Jim VanArnam	Doug Hudson	Bill Crosby	
Ushers	Ken Krampen Judy Krampen Jeanne Kain Watkins Bracey	Joyce Chinnock Ron Chinnock Randy McCue Mike Riggs	Gary Grover Sandy Grover Skip Manauagh David Amos	Chad Morgan Katie Morgan Linda Hewitt Paul Bozard	
Communion Assistants					
Counters	Ralph Keel	Jim Van Arnam Carolyn Mahoney	Alison Blalock Teeny Smith	Watkins Bracey Allan Richardson	
Projectionists	Ali Verbanic	Mike Riggs	Martha Watson	Russell Scherck	
Food Bank Items to Bring In	Spaghetti Noodles Spaghetti Sauce Canned Fruit	COMPLETE Pancake Mix Syrup Spam or Treet	Beef or Chicken Stew Tuna Helper Canned Tuna	Peanut Butter Jelly Jello or Pudding Mix	



Trustee News

What a successful Church Work Day. Thank you to everyone who came out to help. The church looks good both inside and out. We are still working towards getting new carpeting for the Adult Wing. Hopefully it will be installed before Christmas.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

December 2011

1
9:00 AM Food Pantry
5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library
7:30 PM Angler's Meeting - EH
7:45 PM Choir Practice

2

3
8:00 AM Chrysallis Meeting - #15
9:00 AM UMW Meeting - YB
12:00 PM The gift of giving Event in the Season of Giving

4
8:00 AM Song & Communion Service
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
11:33 AM Praise and Worship Service
4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting

5
7:00 PM Missions Meeting
7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17

6
6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16
7:00 PM Chesopeian Colony Civic League Meeting - Sanctuary

7
Housing the Homeless
12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB
7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice
7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17

8
Housing the Homeless
9:00 AM Food Pantry
11:30 AM Good Grief Group at Pastor Tricia's
5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library
7:45 PM Choir Practice

9
Housing the Homeless
7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 525-YB

10
Christmas Party for Heart Haven-EH
Housing the Homeless
8:00 AM Chrysallis Meeting - #15
10:00 AM Birthday Party for Jesus - YB

11
Housing the Homeless
8:00 AM Song & Communion Service
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Morning Worship Service
11:33 AM Praise and Worship Service
4:00 PM Youth Group Meeting

12
Housing the Homeless
7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH
7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study-Ali's Office
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17

13
Housing the Homeless
6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16
7:30 PM Tidewater Winds Concert

14
Housing the Homeless
12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB
7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice
7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17

15
9:00 AM Food Pantry
5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library
7:00 PM Angler's Board Meeting
7:00 PM LaLeche Meeting - #17
7:45 PM Choir Practice

16
7:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 525-YB
7:00 PM Square Dancers - EH

17
Missions Reserves EH
8:00 AM Chrysallis Meeting - #15

18
Missions Reserves EH
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Christmas Cantata
11:33 AM Praise and Worship Service
6:00 PM Youth and Young Adult Christmas Party

19
7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17

20
7:30 AM Chicken Run
4:00 PM Adam Krampen wedding
6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16

21
12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troop 65 - YB
7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice
7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17

22
9:00 AM Food Pantry
11:30 AM Good Grief Group - lunch fellowship out
5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library
8:00 PM 2nd Annual Foundry Sing a long

23
OFFICE CLOSED

24
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service

25



Season of Rejoice

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Morning Worship Service

26
OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 PM Square Dancing - EH
7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study-Ali's Office
7:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17

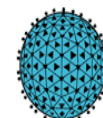
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6:30 PM Promise Keepers - #16

28
12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting - #17
7:00 PM Praise and Worship Practice
7:00 PM Square Dancers - #17

29
9:00 AM Food Pantry
5:30 PM Prayer Ministry - Library
7:45 PM Choir Practice

30
OFFICE CLOSED

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New Year's Eve

GOODBYE!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all of our family and friends!

We were so touched by the wonderful send off that ya'll gave us on Sunday Afternoon, November 6th. We will miss all of you. Love, Bob and Carolyn Channon

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Birmingham, AL 35244



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Charlottesville, VA 22911

December Birthdays



01 Beth Ernst Jody Wilkins	11 Livio Gabriel Todd Betz	19 Stephen Stubbs Jessica Krampen	26 Barb Wilkins
03 David Parsons	Kailey Richardson Sabrina Gray-Branch	20 Heather Blackwell Nicholas Gauthier	27 Suzanne Dillow Mike Morgan Amy Beitel Madelyn Starr
06 Patrick Eberhardt Nancy Lodge Ashleigh Going	13 Karen Dudley 14 Robin Wilkerson	21 Matthew Morrisette	28 Timmy Ruhle
07 Lauren Collins Cailin Sanders	15 March Leach Mike (Bubba) Riggs Serena Midgette	22 Henry Famularo Jeffrey Rheinhart Roslyn Becker	29 Cara Manaugh Nancy Keel Rost Parsons
08 Charlotte Harwood	16 Brook Ragle Jack Roe Noelle Starr	23 Roger Ricketts	31 Katie Greene
09 Tabatha Courtland Brynna Grady	17 Reid Peterson	24 Evelyn Mountford Sean Work Pam Ildefonzo Geri Scherck	
10 Mary Anne Gillum Anna Staylor Drew Hudson	18 Todd Brown Christen Ragle	26 Debbie Griffin	