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Foundry United Methodist Church

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October 2023

October at a Glance

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 1 11:00am Sunday Service- Coffee & Fellowship	2	3 11:00am Operation Blessing Shipment (Ebert Hall) 7:00pm Trustee Meeting (Room 15)	4 12:00pm Bible Study (Youth Biding) 6:00pm New Women's Group (Room 15)	5 9:00am Food Pantry (Ebert Hall/Food 12:30pm SPRC Meeting (Rm #15) 7:00pm Choir Practice	6 2:00pm JCOC Dinner (JCOC)	7 9:00am Methodist Me (Youth Building) 11:00am UM Women (Ebert Hall)
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A Message From the Pastor

Thanksgiving and Hospitality

What does Thanksgiving bring to your mind? Thanksgiving reminds me of hospitality and food. Twenty- five years ago I had my first Thanksgiving in the United States as a stranger. I was studying at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Early in the morning, two days before Thanksgiving Day, I was driving to school. Unfortunately, my car stopped in the middle of the road. After taking care of my car, I emailed the professor whose class I had missed. The professor emailed back to me, asking how I was doing after the incident. Then, he warmly invited me to his family's Thanksgiving dinner. His invitation was God's gift enough to take away my stress and sadness from that morning's car problem. On the Thanksgiving Day, I was included as part of their family. I enjoyed their openness, love, and care as well as delicious food. It replaced my loneliness and filled my heart with gratitude.

Russian artist Rublev Andrei painted the Holy Trinity. It was created by the inspiration of the story of Abraham's hospitality to three strangers/angels in Genesis 18. Three angels sat in a circle around the Holy Communion table. The circle is not closed, but opens to outsiders. Paul says, "Extend hospitality to strangers (Romans 12:13)." How about expanding our hospitality to the outsiders by inviting strangers or lonely neighbors to our Thanksgiving dinner table?

Grace and Peace,

Pastor JaeHaeng Choi





October is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October 8th is PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

A Card Collection Box is available in the Narthex for Pastor JaeHaeng





Bible Study Groups

Pastor Led -Every Wednesday Beginning September 13th Noon | Youth Bldg.

Promise Keepers Men

Every <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>7:00 pm</u> Every <u>Sunday</u> | <u>9:00 am</u> Youth Bldg.

Small Groups

United Methodist Men Saturday <u>September 9th</u> 9:00 am | Youth Bldg. Come join us!

United Methodist Women Will Not Meet in September

New Wednesday Women's Group <u>1st Wednesday</u> of Every Month September 6th | 6:00 pm | Room #15

Choir Practice Meets each <u>Thursday at 7:00 pm</u>



Meetings & Events

October 1st - World Communion Sunday The Great Apple Sale Begins!

October 3rd - Tuesday *Trustees Meeting* | 7:00 pm | Rm 15

October 3rd - Tuesday

Operation Blessings Blitz Volunteers Needed!

October 5th -Thursday SPRC Meeting 12:30pm | Rm#15

October 6th -Friday JCOC Dinner | Volunteers Needed!

October 24th - Tuesday Worship Committee | 11:00 am | Rm #15

October 29th - *Reformation Sunday Church Council* | 12:30pm | Youth Bldg.

November 5th - All Saints Sunday Daylight Saving Time - Fall Back!

November 7th - Tuesday *Trustees Meeting* - 7:00 pm | Rm 15

November 8th-Wednesday

Operation Blessings Blitz Volunteers Needed!

November 12th - Sunday Bishops Oyster Bash | Camp Occohannock On the Bay

November 14th - Tuesday Worship Committee | 11:00 am | Rm #15

November 18th - Saturday Charge Conference

November 19th - Sunday UMW Annual Pie Auction

November 25th - Saturday UMM Annual Christ Tree Extravaganza

November 26th - Christ the King Sunday



The Month of October

Name from the Latin *octo*, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman

calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck.

- World Communion Sunday, October 1st
- Columbus Day, October 9th
- Indigenous Peoples Day, October 9th
- Halloween Tuesday, October 23rd
- Reformation Sunday, October 29th

The Month of November

From the Latin word *novem*, "nine," this had been the ninth month of the early Roman calendar



- All Saints Day, November 1st
- Daylight saving time ends, on November 5th
- Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th
- Veterans Day, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day, November 23th
- Christ the King Sunday, November 26th
- First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3rd



United Methodist Women SAVE THE DATE Silent Pie Auction | Sunday, November 19th Plan Now! More details to come!





Clocks will "fall back" one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 5th



November 11th



Foundry UMC Annual Christmas Tree Extravaganza

The Foundry United Methodist Men will again be selling Christmas trees after Thanksgiving.

Your help is much appreciated for another successful season. .

- Nov 4: Put up tree advertisement sign on front lawn
- Nov 11: Set up tree lot with racks and lighting on front lawn
- Nov 18: Rain date for tree lot set-up
- Nov 25: Christmas trees arrive and selling begins

Many hands make light work - We need your help ! Please contact Bill Crosby or Watkins Bracey

Fall At Foundry





October

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- Vicki Bracey
- Lisa Kim De Strickland
- 4 Jason Shedlock
- ${\mathcal O}$ Casey Bozard
 - Corey Bozard
- 10 Pastor JaeHaeng Choi
- *12* Nolan Grover
- 13 Michael Hersey
- 16 Donna Athanasatos
- 17 Cameron Melander
- 21 Ray Bozard Barbara Harris
- *21* Jolene Oman
- *31* Virginia Tyler

Noi	vember
2	Diane Herson
3	Sylvia Brewington
7	Patricia Owen
11	Mary Jane Gillum
16	Keith Peterson
17	Gladys Lingoni
21	Tino Gabriel
	Lyman Speckheuer
22	Ken Krampen
26	Vivian Mathews



Lord Hear Our Prayers

Page Cockrell was hospitalized and had cardiac surgery while vacationing in the Mediterranean with his wife Linda. Please pray for his speedy recovery and for he and Linda's safe return home to us.

Sarah Kyler father, Burl Self is recuperating at home after being a hospitalized for kidney dialysis . Get well wishes may sent to him at 817 Adrian Dr. Virginia Beach, 23452



Burgess Allison Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 7th at 1:00 pm. Condolences may be sent to his family at 3210 Dunnbury Court, Virginia Beach 23453.

Elaine Carty passed away on Friday, September 22nd while visiting her family in New Jersey. Funeral Service will be held in New Jersey and a Celebration of Life Service will be scheduled in No-

Pastor JaeHaeng Choi Office Hours Tuesdays-Thursdays 10:00am -1:00pm

Fridays Visiting Members & College Campuses

Need a different time? Call and schedule an appointment to see her!





Mary Key Commonwealth Kings Grant 440 N. Lynnhaven Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Linda Way Birchwood Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Home 340 Lyn Shores Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

June Leach Discovery Commons, 1628 Old Donation Pkwy in Virginia Beach

Fran & Roger Clarke 633 W Lynn Shores Cir, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Teddy & Barbara Harris 712 Queen Elizabeth Drive, Virginia Beach 23452

Anne Meehan (Sandy Grover's mother) 437 Catalina Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23452

JaeWoon Choi (Pastor JaeHaeng's Sister) c/o 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virg. Bch, VA 23452

Friends Of

Dylan Grover | Chad Hendley c/o 437 Catalina Ave, Virginia Beach , VA 23452

> Tom & Jeannie Olson (Pastor JaeHaeng's dear friends) 4 Woodmont Ct., Berkeley CA 94708

Pastor JaeHaeng will be on vacation from October 9th-21st If pastoral care is needed during this time, please contact Mary Leeds 757.573.4111 Or Watkins Bracey 757.408.9533

From Your Foundry Lay Leader



Foundry Family and Friends,

Finally, the hot summer is fading away and fall is approaching. Changes are underway: there will likely be less traveling, our outdoor activities will be turning into more indoor activities, and our kids (or grandkids) will hopefully begin to have more routine in their lives. With less "busyness", one thing these changes make me think about is the importance of relationships.

Our Pastor was preaching on this subject during September and our Nominations Committee met to look over opportunities for serving in ministry at Foundry. Relationships are a key part of ministry and there are many opportunities for volunteers in these ministry areas. You may have already said "yes" to an opportunity presented to you, but please seriously and prayerfully consider saying **"yes"** to any upcoming request you may receive from a Nominations member. We look forward to doing the work of Christ and touching lives in a positive way in 2024.

Watkins Bracey 757-408-9533 (cell) watkins.bracey@gmail.com





Upper Room & Our Daily Bread Daily Devotionals Available in the Narthex across from the church office. \$1.00 donations are appreciated to defer the cost.

From Your Foundry Finance Chairperson



Foundry Family and Friends,

As I always say, first and foremost, a sincere thanks for your generosity and continued support of our ministries here at Foundry. God has blessed us (through you) and along with the work of our Finance Committee, we have been able to stay current with our normal operating expenses. We have also been able to provide some (but not all) of the support of our Virginia Conference and the Coastal Virginia District. As we look ahead to 2024 and

beyond, new ministry ideas and plans may take shape and need support. Our Finance Committee will be meeting and working on stewardship ideas for 2024. More details will come.

And thank you again for your support of our church through your time, talents, prayers, and financial or other gifts. It takes all of us doing our part as a family of believers and responding accordingly.

Below is a summary of our financial position as of September 17:

Finance Update Jan thru Sept 17:	Actual
General Fund Offerings & Receipts	\$190,899
General Fund Expenditures	\$186,769
Excess Receipts	\$4,130
Dedicated Fund Offerings (a)	\$30,002

(a) Dedicated Fund offerings include the Food Bank, UMCOR, Memorials/Receptions, Music, Altar Flowers, Pastor's Discretionary, Capital Improvements, Promise Keepers and other items.

Watkins Bracey 757-408-9533 (cell) watkins.bracey@gmail.com



Fall Missions News

As we enter the final months of the year, Foundry's Missions and Outreach activities pick up the pace. Here's what's coming up:



The next **JCOC Dinner** will be on *Friday*, *October 6th*, with early dinner service at 2:30 due to the JCOC Gala being held that evening. We will be trying for a more casual meal on that occasion and I'll keep you posted as to what we'll need. We will

probably assemble the meals here at Foundry and just deliver to JCOC. JCOC's needs have increased in feeding the food-insecure community. They have asked us to increase the meals



prepared to 120 - an indication of the need that is out there.

APPLE SALE! Keep the Great Foundry Apple Sale in mind, with kickoff on **October 1st Ordering deadline is October 30**. I'm asking everyone to put extra effort into getting the word out and selling more apples - our Missions Fund is depleted, and if we want to support as many causes as we have in recent years, this is our only fundraiser to help make that happen. Order forms will be available in the Narthex and online ordering will be available on the website. Please note that this year, we have only two apple varieties available for sale, due to a hailstorm which destroyed Dickie Brothers' crop of all the remaining varieties. Fuji and Pink Lady are our consistent favorites, so if you don't typically order them, please give them a try! This is an example of supporting our Foundry partners even when natural disasters get in the way. Also try Ann's Apple Butter, so delicious!

Don't forget our **Holiday Projects** - Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and Angel Tree. We are in need of a volunteer to manage Angel Tree this year. Over the years, Jenny Manaugh-Campos has created an efficient system for signing up, collecting, and distributing the Christmas gifts which are given to needy families referred to us by Virginia Beach Social 💽 Services. If you volunteer, I assure you, you will not be alone in managing this project. Please consider contributing your time and energy to this worthwhile holiday ministry.

Food Pantry Be sure to check the Sunday bulletin every week for **Food Pantry Needs**. leeds We are able to resume collecting gently used clothing (men, women, children) and shoes for the Clothes Closet. As the cold weather approaches, consider donating

jackets, coats, and sweaters.

Thank you so much for everything you do to make Foundry a church with a mission - to share to love of God! Blessings, Chris



Wednesday November 22nd 9:00-Noon Thursday November 23rd CLOSED



Fall for Volunteering

Operation Blessing...next Operation Blessing pickup, repackaging, and bag delivery will be on Tuesday, *October 3rd*, *beginning at 11:00*. No need to sign up, just show up! Donation Hours are on Tuesday mornings from 10-noon.

Distribution on Thursday mornings from 9-noon.

September Food Pantry Distribution					
Date	# Families	# New Families	Representing #Family Members		
September 7	19	6	113		
September 14	21	0	83		
September 21	30	4	133		

Food Pantry Needs

We continue to need the following donated food items:

Vegetable Oil | Sugar |Flour |Salt | Pepper | Butter | Stove Top stuffing
Tea bags | Coffee | Cake Mix & Frosting | Canned Fruit |Tuna | Cereal
Canned Vegetables to include Corn, Green Beans & Mixed
Garbanzo Beans |Cannelloni Beans | Peanut Butter – Crunchy/Creamy
Dish Detergent | Laundry Detergent |Feminine Hygiene Products

<u>OR</u>

Cash contributions help us to shop for bargains to provide nutritionally well-founded food bags to our guests.



We are sponsoring 10 families this year. Collection Dates: October 22nd to Nov 19th A list of needed items will be posted in the Narthex on October 15th.

Support our Foundry tradition!

Monetary Donations also accepted. Please mark donations "Thanksgiving Baskets".

Foundry Plans Community Garden



A planning meeting will take place <u>after</u> <u>service</u> on **Sunday, October 1st** in the Youth Building.

The Church Council has been discussing ways for Foundry to "go beyond the walls of the church" in reaching out to the larger community. The exciting idea of putting our unused land to use by designing and building a community garden

A light lunch will be provided. Come if you are a gardener or not a gardener but just like to be outdoors, or have any, I mean, any ideas which will contribute to the success of this venture.

RSVP to Chris Work, cwork@cox.net

WORSHIP



Do you know... what is All Saints Day and why we celebrate it?

November 1st is All Saints Day! This ceremonial event is a day that we praise all the saints -- known & unknown! All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Hallowmas, is a Christian celebration in honor of all the saints from Christian history. In Western Christianity, it is observed on November 1st by the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church, and other Protestant denominations. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic churches observe All Saints Day on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. In Catholic tradition, the holiday honors all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a national holiday in numerous historically Catholic countries. In Methodist tradition, All Saints Day relates to giving God earnest gratitude for the lives and deaths of his saints, remembering those who were well-known and not. Additionally, individuals throughout Christian history are celebrated, such as Peter the Apostle and Charles Wesley, as well as people who have personally guided one to faith in Jesus, such as one's relative or friend.

The Bible doesn't teach us to pray to the saints, through the saints, or for saints. Rather, we remember the saints and to allow the testimony of their faith spur us on.

Source: Crain, A. (2014, Oct 31). *All Saints Day, November 1- Meaning and History.* Retrieved from http://www.christianity.com





Do you know... what is World Communion Sunday and why do we celebrate it?

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several Christian denominations. It offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. It promotes Christian Unity. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.



This year at Foundry, we are asking the congregation to bring in culturally diverse breads to display on the altar. These breads will then be used for the social hour that follows the worship service that day.



Bishop Sue Haupert-Johnson is visiting all the districts of the Annual Conference.

She will be visiting the Coastal Virginia District on November 12 and 13. It begins at **9 a.m. on Sunday, November 12,** with worship at Epworth UMC in down-town Norfolk. Bishop Sue will be preaching.

Then, a **Bishop's Oyster Bash at Camp Occohannock on the Bay** will <u>start at 2</u> <u>p.m.</u> More information, including an RSVP form, will be shared soon.

This event will include worship with Bishop Sue preaching and announcing the <u>Go Disciple Go Scavenger Hunt</u> winners. The Scavenger Hunt will run from October 8 through November 12. More details about how to play (and win) will come.



The Annual Conference is scheduled for Saturday, November 18. Please mark your calendars. More details and registration to come soon! *Pastor JaeHaeng encourages leaders and Foundry family to attend!*

Saturday, November 18th

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

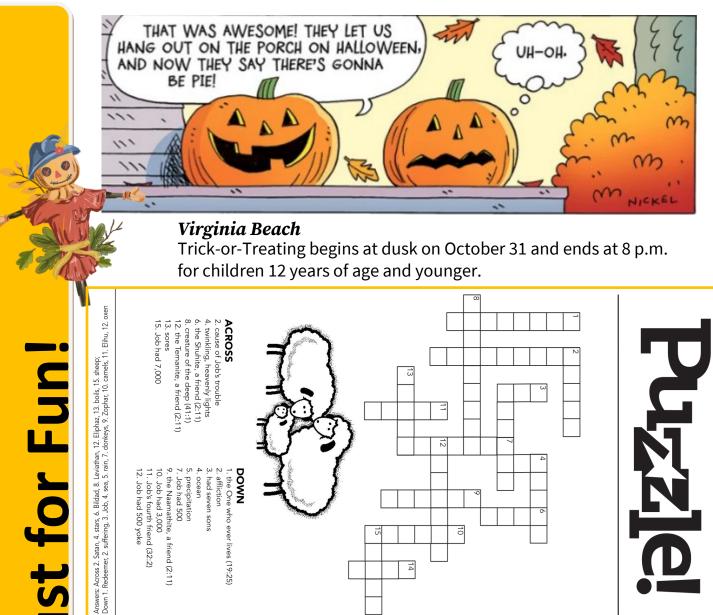
Oak Grove UMC

472 North Battlefield Blvd. Chesapeake

This first-ever District Palooza will be one big event where the

whole District comes together for District Conferences,

Charge Conferences, and training workshops.





Thanksgiving Humor to Share

Because it was stuffed. Why did the turkey decline dessert?

To prove he wasn't a chicken. Why did the turkey cross the road twice?

Your nose. What smells the best at Thanksgiving dinner?

There wasn't enough thyme. Why didn't the chef season the turkey?

People were fighting over the drumsticks. Why did the turkey leave the band?

Squash! What is a Pumpkin's favorite sport?

Just for Fun