



THE CONNECTION

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for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:11-12

Message From The Pastor

The beauty and crispness is in the air and in nature all around us as another fall season is beginning to emerge. There are fall colors to enjoy, and trips to the mountains for a last look at much of the wonder and awe of God's creation before the slumber of winter; and of course there are the songs and sights of fall, such as craft fairs and opportunities to be a part of community as new opportunities of the season become available. This is a busy time in the life of our church as well. Elsewhere in our church news and information outlets you will find schedules for District and Charge Conferences and other important events. Following these events the calendar turns towards Thanksgiving and the Advent Season, culminated by our Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

Fall also marks the return of our adult Sunday school program after a summer recess. We have just completed a wonderfully thought provoking study by United Methodist pastor and author Adam Hamilton. We have been challenged to explore such topics as:

"Why Do the Innocent Suffer?"

"Why Do My Prayers Go Unanswered?"

"Why Can't I See God's Will for My Life?"

"Why God's Love Prevails"

Hamilton's goal is for us to consider new approaches and ideas for age old questions and for us to thoughtfully and respectfully learn from one another and to grow in our faith. *If you weren't there.....you missed a great class and a great learning and fellowship opportunity.*

But there are more opportunities. Our next class offering is an in-depth study of the Gospel of John, and following that we will break for an Advent study, *The Journey*, which is also authored by Adam Hamilton, and plans beyond that include a study of the original apostles, a very interesting historical study by noted pastor and author J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Adult Sunday school is fun, informative and builds friendships and faith and respect for one another's views. We always have room for more students.....please consider joining us.



Food for Thought: Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" (John 6:8-9)

God probably hasn't called you to have the same widespread impact as Peter. You can still play an importing supporting role in his Kingdom as you bring people to him one by one. Whom do you know that you can bring? What stops you from bringing them?



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry was able to assist 5 families with food, sundry, and gift cards (for non-perishable food) during the third quarter. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund was able to help one person with rent and another person with a partial car payment. The e-scrip program (the Safeway Bonus Card) donated \$51.45 to the Food Pantry fund for the period of June through August.

The e-scrip program donates a percentage from purchases made at Safeway using the Safeway Bonus Card. If anyone would like to link their Safeway Bonus Card to the Food Pantry or wants more information, please contact Shaw Moffett.

Tip of the Halo To:

- **everyone** who donated Campbell's Labels for Education
- **everyone** who helped with the FISH backpack program
- **the Leamon family** for the reception following Gineen's baptism
- **everyone** who made a donation to help Louise's family (her fiancé and her sister) during her illness
- **everyone**—including the ladies from the hospital—who helped with the reception following Louise's memorial service
- **everyone** who donated flowers and for the choir's singing that helped make Louise's memorial service special

Notice

If anyone would like to receive the newsletter by email, please send your request to 1931karma@gmail.com and put “newsletter” in the subject line. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Shaw Moffett.

Birthdays and Special Occasions

Bernard W.	Oct. 1	Harry R.	Nov. 24
Tom S.	Oct. 2	Tarah H.	Nov. 25
Bill G.	Oct. 8	Susan C.	Nov. 25
Paul H.	Oct. 22	Mary T.	Nov. 25
Libby K.	Oct. 24	Nick B.	Nov. 26
Scott P.	Oct. 24	Jesse R.	Dec. 5
Jason P.	Oct. 27	Larry P.	Dec. 15
Bobby T.	Nov. 4	Ethel H.	Dec. 19
Steven H.	Nov. 6	Sharon S.	Dec. 19
Mack B.	Nov 13	Sandra & Larry Payne	Dec. 19
James L.	Nov. 17	(anniv.)	
Erin & Bobby Miller	Nov. 19	Lorraine & R. O. Updike	Dec. 20
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Ken P.	Nov. 20	Melissa W.	Dec. 22

Calendar of Events

- October 7 Administrative Council meets after worship
- October 11 Orlean United Methodist Women meet via email
- October 12 Alexandria District Conference and Mission Fest – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Old Bridge UMC, 3966 Old Bridge Road, Woodbridge, VA
- October 25 Ladies Night Out – 6:00 p.m. – place to be announced
- October 28 Charge Conference – 3:00 p.m. at Nokesville UMC, 12550 Aden Road, Nokesville, VA
- November 4 All Saints Day
- November 8 Orlean United Methodist Women meet via email
- November 20 Thanksgiving Service at Leeds Episcopal Church
- November 22 Happy Thanksgiving
- December 2 First Sunday in Advent
- December 13 OUMW Annual Pizza Party and White Elephant gift exchange
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 Happy Christmas