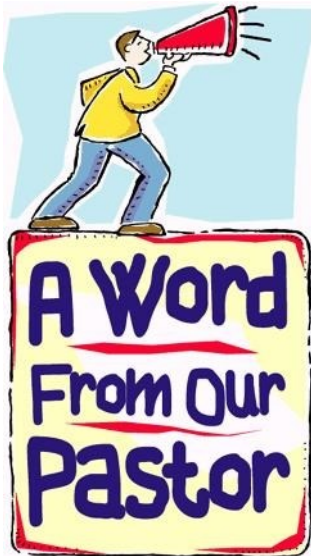


Notes from Grace

AUGUST 2024

PASTOR BILL MCCLUNG



A New Thing.. Fall Kickoff Sunday

19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

As most of you already know, I am a big sports fan. I am writing this article as the world has gathered and watched the most global sports spectacular, the Olympics. The baseball season is working toward the end of the regular season and heading to the fall classic. Little League International is about to hold its world series in Williamsport, PA. Football teams on all levels are holding preseason training camps as they prepare for a new season.

Professional football teams holding training camps are more a nod to the early days of the NFL. You see in those days when the season ended, players moved back to their hometowns and returned to their regular “jobs”. They did not make enough money playing the game to sustain their family life. The sport was not a year-round business that it is today. So “camp” was a time to get back in shape and get everyone back on the same page for playing the game.

In the life of the church, summer is often like the football off-season. We get out of the routine of activity. We decide it is easier to take our faith more leisurely. But then often when we get to fall it is harder to start putting in the work of growing in our faith.

As the people of Love and Grace, we continue to seek ways to build relationships with folks in our community. To let them know that Grace has opportunities to grow in our faith and servants to support places of need in the community. This year we will hold a “Kick Off Sunday” on September 8th. This will have us holding worship next door in the town park at 10:00 am. Following worship we will hold a picnic/tailgate in the park with the church providing hamburgers and hotdogs. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to gather together for worship.

As a new football season begins I pray a “new thing” will begin to happen in the life of Grace United Methodist Church.

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Grace Upon Grace,
Pastor Bill

NEWS & NOTES

MISSION AND OUTREACH

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The Mission and Outreach Committee met on July 11th to discuss upcoming events.

On Tuesday, August 6th Grace provided lunch for 18 gleaners from Harvest of Hope.

In August, Grace collects school supplies for Metompkin Elementary School and takes breakfast to the teachers and staff to kickoff the new school year. The tentative date for the breakfast is Wednesday, August 21 but needs to be confirmed with the school principal.

Thank you to everyone that donated items for our 3 students; Andrew McClung, John Zadoc Lewis and Marley Katsetos, heading off to college this Fall.

There will be another Thrift Shop in October so please bring any donations by the church Monday through Thursday.

If you are interested in helping or have ideas for new outreach or fundraising please contact Pastor Bill McClung at 757-268-4394. Everyone is welcome at our meetings.

VOLUNTEERS
are key!THANK YOU,
EDUCATORS!
**SCRIPTURE READERS
NEEDED**

Please consider signing up to read scripture on Worship Sundays. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex and Pastor Bill also sends out a sign up sheet online.

Thank you!

BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS

Later this month Grace will take breakfast for teachers and staff at Metompkin Elementary, as we do every year, to kick off the new school year. This year we will take breakfast casseroles, bread and fruit. If you would like to contribute please contact Pastor Bill at the church office or on his cell 757-268-4394.

Right now we have a tentative date of Wednesday, August 21 but I will keep you posted if there are any changes.

Grace will collect school supplies for teachers and students at Metompkin Elementary again this year. Please gather your donations and deliver them to the Church Office by August 21, 2023.

Items needed include:

- **Crayola** crayons (this brand only, please)
- Glue sticks and bottles of Elmer's Glue
- Scissors (blunt points)
- #2 pencils (wooden - *no plastic*) with erasers
- Fat pencils
- Composition note books (black and white)
- Highlighters (yellow)
- Markers, dry erase markers
- Colored construction paper
- 3 ring binders
- Notebook dividers
- Notebook paper
- Spiral notebooks (single subject)
- Pocket folders
- 3x5 index cards
- Pencil pouches
- Colored pencils
- Zip lock bags (quart and gallon)
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Hand sanitizers, Lysol wipes
- AA batteries

Sunday, August 18th Grace will have a Blessing of the School Supplies before we take them to Metompkin Elementary School.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

On Sunday, August 25, we are inviting children, teachers and staff of our church and community to bring in their backpack or briefcase of their school supplies for the new year. Even if it is just a small part of them as a representative of the supplies they will use. There will be a prayer for the school year to keep for times when they feel they need it. Please feel free to invite children and teachers you know to join us for worship that day.



With Deepest Sympathy

Charles Donald “Don” Foster, 88, passed away peacefully at his home in Parksley, VA, on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, surrounded by family. Born June 5, 1936, in Farmville, VA, he was the son of the late Louie Mae Morris Foster and Charles Norton Foster.

Don graduated from Farmville High School and began his career at Newberry's in Farmville. His journey with Newberry's led him to Pocomoke City, MD in the spring of 1956, where he met and fell in love with Ida “Faye” Evans. After a short courtship, they knew they had found their forever and were married on August 12, 1956. Their 68-year love story began in Faye’s hometown, Saxis, VA, where they lived and raised their children for two decades.

Don's professional career was marked by hard work and integrity. He joined Holly Farms and played a pivotal role in the opening of their plant, quickly rising to the position of plant manager. He continued in this position through the acquisition by Tyson Foods, Inc. His commitment to excellence and leadership earned him the respect of his colleagues and employees. Don retired in 1998 after several decades of service.

In 1976, Don and Faye settled in Parksley, VA, becoming active members of Grace United Methodist Church. Don served as a lay leader for over twenty years, sang joyfully in the choir, and volunteered for all events and committees...if there was a meeting, Don Foster was there. A man of his word, Don’s kindness extended to many throughout the community, and he always showed up.

Don set the bar high in every aspect of his life simply because he cared. He led a life based on Christian values, unconditional love, and infinite patience and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ida “Faye” Foster; children, Faith Sturgis and her husband, Sonny, of Hacksneck, VA; and Donald "Chuck" Foster, Jr. and his wife, Page, of Crisfield, MD; grandchildren, Whitney Elizabeth Phillips (Brooks), James "Weston" Foster (Marie), Tinsley Evans Foster, Michelle Sturgis Williams (Burley), Calvin "Lee" Sturgis III (Lori); great-grandchildren, Talin and Leila Phillips, Logan and Cooper Sturgis, and Ryan Williams; brother-in-law, Arnold Evans (Maria); nieces, Joy Bardinelli and Sandee Whyte; and many dear friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Patricia Woods.

Contributions in Don’s memory may be made to Grace UMC, P.O. Box 156, Parksley, VA 23421 or to the Foodbank of the Eastern Shore, P.O. Box 518, Tasley, VA 23441 (www.foodbankonline.org/give).

Thomas A. "Tom" Barber, 82, passed away at his home in rural Accomac, VA on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

Reflecting on his life before going to his reward, he took great comfort in Christ's assurance that those who show up for work in the vineyard, late in the workday, get the same wage as those who labored all day.

In the fall of 1960 Tom entered the college of William and Mary. He enjoyed college life, excelled in his course work, and became a member of the rifle team and the ROTC unit. Tom graduated in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in biological science and an ROTC commission.

Following honorable discharge from the Army, Tom attended graduate school at Colorado State University and graduated with a M.S. and PhD degree. While at CSU he was elected membership in five honorary societies. His work history after CSU included only two employers: the University of Wisconsin Madison for five years and Baxter Healthcare Corporation for twenty-nine years.

Tom returned to the Eastern Shore in 2006 with his beloved wife Deborah to live out his days in a nineteenth century farmhouse on a small farm on Joynes Neck Road, where his great-grandfather and grandfather once lived. Tom was a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Parksley, VA.

He was predeceased by his parents, Will Albert Barber, Sr. and Jane Tabitha Lilliston Barber; brother, Will Albert Barber, Jr.; and sister Billy Jane Winston. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Deborah; daughters, Dr. Tabitha J. Rubash and her husband, Bradley, of Libertyville, IL and Caitlyn Barber of Gurnee, IL; and his grandchildren, Jackson and Anna Rubash. Tom loved dogs, especially Jack Russell's.

Tom would like to share the following thoughts with his friends: "Free advice is often worth just what you paid for it." "Love your family, family is everything." "Treasure your friends, good friends are hard to make and very easy to lose." "If you have your health, you have it all! Give thanks."

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Tom's memory may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, PO Box 156, Parksley, VA 23421 or to the Eastern Shore SPCA, PO Box 164, Onley, VA 23418 (www.shorespca.com).

memorials
& gifts

The Memorial gifts received as of August 8, 2024 are:

In Memory of Don Foster - Don & Bonnie Jamison, Karon Eichelberger, Martha Simpson, Connie Taylor, Kenny & Jodie Greene, Robin Rinaca, Revell & Lisa Lewis, Frankie & Darlene Drummond, Wanda Balance, Ann Bonniwell, Maria Greene, Billy & Donna McCready, Charles & Sherry Morgan, Aaron & Shirley Johnson, Yvonne Hickman, Mac & Elsie Mackie and Wayne Parsley.

In Memory of Tom Barber - Karon Eichelberger, Wayne Parsley and Aaron & Aaron & Shirley Johnson.

WELCOME TO church

AUGUST WORSHIP PLAN

Sundays	Scripture	Sermon	Readers	Ushers & Greeters
8-4 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a John 6:24-35	The Weight of the Word		PPT:
8-11 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 John 6:35, 41-51	Prayers of the People	Deborah Barber	PPT:
8-18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 John 6:51-58	Benediction	Deborah Barber	PPT:
8-25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 John 6:56-69	Sent Out to Live	Deborah Barber	PPT: Video:

GRACE HELPS AT FOODBANK

By: Bill Cheesman



Grace Church volunteers helped at the Foodbank where we packed 288 bags of food for distribution. Thanks for the great turnout who helped on July 5th: Aaron Johnson, Connie Taylor, Nancy Waller, Jean Didaniele, Tom Newell, Cliff Murden, Nancy Matthews, Donette Smoot, Rachel Smoot, Terry Smoot, Carrie McClung and Pastor Bill McClung.

The first Friday of each month at 10 AM, Grace church provides help at the Foodbank in Onley.

Friday August 2nd will be the next time we are helping at the Food Bank, please consider helping. Contact Johanna at the Church office or Bill Cheesman if you can help or come by the Foodbank at 10 AM.

August 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
10AM Service Communion		12PM Glean- ers lunch	7PM Crafts n More	Noon Lunch Bunch	10AM Food- bank 5PM Shore- birds game		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
10AM Service	7PM Church Council						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
10AM Service Blessing School Sup- plies			8AM Teachers breakfast MES				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
10AM Service Blessing of the Backpacks							

HAPPY
Birthday
FROM YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Johanna Hamilton, DJ Myers, Robin Rinaca, Rosalie Smith, Shirley Stanley, Mary Derby, Emma McWhinney, Rick Bull, Lynne Carter, Don Penney, Sharon Parks, Woody Wallace & Brant Bloxom, Jodie Greene, Tommye Sue Thornton, Chuck Taylor, Karen Dempsey, Debra McWhinney, Lou Bloxom, Megan Tucker, Steven Parks, Charles Galloway, Johnny Williams, Robin Ford, Joyce Green, Keith Johnson, Dana Penney, Aaron Johnson, Amy Taylor & Ava Carlton



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