

The Sandpiper Newsletter

Sandbridge Community Chapel UMC

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Sandbridge Community Chapel is a church that ministers to the spiritual needs of a unique seaside community. We strive under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to meet the needs of a diverse group of people who come together to gain a personal relationship with Christ, the living God and grow in fellowship with one another, and to lead all who enter our influence into a personal relationship with Him.



We believe in offering the love of God without exception to all, sharing the wisdom of His gospel, and living lives that reflect His Love. Sandbridge Community Chapel strives to be both a safe harbor and a light house, guiding all adrift in the sea of life into the loving nurture of our community of faith and leading us out to boldly proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. In so being we ask our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ to pilot and steer our lives.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Faith, Fun & Friends (K-5)

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

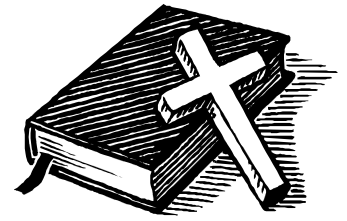
11:20 a.m. Children's Church (K-6)





A Word From Pastor Frank

January/February 2012



Scripture teaches us that every Christian is commissioned – which means we are all called to “make disciples” for Jesus Christ. So as a result each of us is in the mission field. This calling is Jesus’ final task for the disciples. The mission field is not some far away village on the edge of the African Sahara or Serengeti Plain. You can find it there but it really is here – in the common, ordinary places where we live, work, and play. To be a missionary or ambassador for Christ also involves a cost.

On Dec. 4, 1893, Walter Gowans and Rowland Bingham of Toronto, Canada, and Thomas Kent of Buffalo, N.Y., landed at Lagos, Nigeria. Their aim was to establish a Christian witness among the 60 million people of what was then commonly known as the Sudan, the area south of the Sahara between the Niger River and the Nile. (Today our church supports a missionary couple that serves in southern Sudan, Steve and Diantha Hodges.) What was the cost of answering the call of the Great Commission for these three early missionaries to Africa?

Of these three men, Gowans and Kent died in the first few months of their journey. Bingham returned to Canada, formed a council, and went back to Africa in 1900. That attempt, too, was unsuccessful. In 1901 Bingham sent out a party that succeeded in finally establishing the Mission's first base, at Patigi, 500 miles up the Niger River. When these first missionary pioneers landed in Nigeria, Gowans was 25 years old, Bingham was two weeks away from his 21st birthday, and Kent was 23. Bingham was persistent in this mission because he knew that he was called, just as Gowan and Kent were called. But he also knew the costs. He persisted even when he lost two friends and brothers in Christ in the first attempt. As a result, he knew firsthand the trials that were required. He counted the cost but saw a higher purpose in it all.

I have learned some important life lessons recently. Life presents each of us with our own set of challenges. There are many tasks we are called to do. Sometimes we do them well. Sometimes we fail miserably. I have known both. But it is not the multitude of hard duties and how we fare in them that measure our success or failure; nor is it our moments of constraint or moments of contention that advance us in our Christian course. Simply put, life is hard, it always certainly gives us challenges, and we all measure success differently.

On the contrary, what is important above all else ultimately is the yielding of our wills without restriction and without choice to God; to tread cheerfully every day in the path in which providence leads us; to seek nothing; to be discouraged by nothing; to seek out duty in the present moment; to love and never abandon those whom God has given us to love; and to trust all else without reserve to the will and power of God. Church, God is in control, and all of us must trust that truth in order to answer the Great Commission’s call.

My prayer for 2012 is that each of us will find rest in the arms of God, that we will yield to his plan and purpose for our lives, that we will give everything (heart, mind, soul, and strength) to serving him, and that we will love our neighbors. This is my prayer.

In Christ,

Pastor Frank

Amen!



**MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
SANDBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHAPEL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



December 12, 2011

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Reports

(*Finance Committee; District Conference Delegate**)

Chairperson	David Grambo	dglojo@cox.net
Vice Chairperson	Vacant	
Recording Secretary	Vacant	
*Lay Leader	Marybeth Grambo	mbsworld1@cox.net
*Lay Member of Annual Conf	Gerald Phelps	millpondservant@gmail.com
*Finance Chairperson**	Sally DeVan	sally@pace-pme.com
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*Stewardship	vacant	
*Youth & Children's Ministry	Steve Joyner	stephenjoyner@gmail.com
Youth Education		
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Confirmation		
Vacation Bible School		
Small Group Coordinator		
Missions	Connie Richeson	nonzneverhome@cox.net
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Evangelism	Vacant	
Outreach		
Nurture	Joan Kennedy	joanbalonesb@gmail.com
	Julie McLaughlin	jmaclobit@yahoo.com

Visitation	Vacant	
Disaster Coordinator	Ben Lane	benlane1@cox.net
Historian	Charles Learned	clearned@cox.net

Worship**

8:30 – Connie Richeson, Mary Holden

11:00 – Altar Guild – Connie Richeson & Wendi Koonce

Ushers – Mike Zitt

Greeters – Janet Zitt

Multi Media – Ryan Johnson, Nancy Underwood, Mark Hoover, Andrew Roper

Communications

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Youth Representative**

Youth Fellowship Coordinators

MS – Ryan Johnson, Julie McLaughlin

HS –

United Methodist** Men	Don Argus	don@arguserprises.com
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United Methodist Women**	Leslie Menges	menges4774@gmail.com
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Trustees Chairperson	David Whitley	sandbridge1@aol.com
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SPRC Chairperson	Neale Durkee	theDurkees@cox.net
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	Nancy Dine	nancy5803@cox.net
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Youth Ministries**	Steve Joyner	stephenjoyner@gmail.com
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Music Director	Bryan Harrell	bryfly@cox.net
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The meeting was opened with prayer from Pastor Frank at 7:00pm

Meeting minutes: Sally Devan motioned to approve the minutes as written, Ben Lane seconded the motion. Approved as written by unanimous vote

Calendar Items:

Dec. 14 – Day School Christmas Program and Dinner – 6PM

Dec. 15 – MS Group – Community CTR – 7PM

Dec. 18 – Christmas Cantata – 11AM Worship

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight SVCs – 7 and 11PM

Dec. 25 – Christmas Worship – 11AM only

Jan. 3 – Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee – 7pm

Jan. 5 – JCOC Feeding – Tuesday Men’s Group – 4:30PM

Reports – (*Council Areas with no report had no report submitted*)

Lay Leader – no report

Finance Chairperson – WC audit is done. Sally still looking for volunteers to help with the Church audit. David Whitley volunteered and Ben Lane said he could be an alternate. Sally needs 4 people to assist her with this task. Saunnie Butts and Neale Durkee have also volunteered.

Church Treasurer – \$74,434 on hand. General Fund Income for October was \$24,994.68; for November was \$22,254.73. Betsi Hill recommended a new Assistant Financial Secretary Assistant position to help Doreen Roadman; is working to eliminate certain “pass through” accounts (such as Flowers, Large gifts) from church financial accounts.

Youth Ministries – A youth ski trip is planned for the weekend of January 27-29 to Timberline. Middle School participation is growing. Positive involvement of youth for Break Out during Sunday 11AM worship service was noted.

United Methodist Women – the term of UMW officers ends in December with no new slate of officers for 2012. Margie Dowe is acting as UMW Treasurer as Lynn Argus has vacated the position prior to relocating and moving to Florida. The District President Carolyn Peterson suggested two options for the UMW – remain on active status w/ only the president and secretary/treasurer as officers of the unit; or move to the inactive status – 57 of the 72 UMW units on the district are active units. This is abled for consideration until the next meeting in January.

Missions Report for the closing of 2011 – Connie Richeson noted that SCCUMC has had tremendous commitment to the Community Outreach during the holiday season, spending approximately \$2,000 per month to assist the needy; SCCUMC provided turkey and blankets to the Lighthouse Ministries in partnership with Charity UMC, St. Michael's Church (ELCA), Potter's House, Star of the Sea (RC) Church, and St. John the Apostle (RC) Church; 65 Shoe Boxes were collected for Samaritan's Purse for distribution – a special appreciation goes out to Joan Kennedy for heading up this effort; our congregation sponsored 10 children from needy families at Pembroke Elementary School for the fifth year in a row; Clothes and School Items are collected for Hands of Hope in West Virginia; Honduras – Connie participated in a mission team of 13 persons who brought medical supplies, eyeglasses and deworming tablets to 5 communities in the high mountains; these ministries continue: J-Teams, JCOC feedings (4 per year), Interfaith Council, Protivin UMC in the Czech Republic, the Prayer Shawl Fellowship, and Youth Summer Mission Trips. Connie and the missions coordinators extend a very special thanks all who participated in mission opportunities during 2011

Mark Gellasch presented a summer flyer advertising local SB businesses and shops, and the SCCUMC Summer Worship Schedule that was included as part of the renters' packets this past summer. Mark stated he wished to continue that project for the upcoming rental season. The inventory of SCCUMC crosses is down to an inventory of 30. There are no more crosses at the Nags Head shop. These were sold on consignment. He proposed that the Council consider whether or not to have more crosses made. Proceeds from all sales of crosses and clothing items go to benefit missions.

Disaster Coordinator – Ben Lane is updating the Disaster Plan and is looking for additional persons/names to assist in securing the chapel prior to a hurricane strike like Irene.
UMVIM training – need to advertise upcoming dates.

District Training is scheduled for Saturday, January 21 from 8:30 – 12:30 at Centenary UMC on 3312 Cedar Lane in Portsmouth.

Historian – Charles Learned is preparing a write up on “The Festival For Christ” for inclusion in the Sandpiper and Church Historical Record.

Trustees will meet after the New Year to discuss several items: kitchen over door in the community center; individual AC/Heat Units in the sanctuary building; parsonage repair items.
Ben Lane wanted to report that the Kayakers had 6 paddlers on Sunday and the group is doing well.

There being no other items, Pastor Frank closed the meeting with a prayer @ 8:10PM.

To: Local Church Representatives to District Board of Missions
From: Brad Phillips, District Superintendent

The **Annual Dinner Meeting of the District Board of Missions** will be held on **Sunday, February 12, 2012** at **Oak Grove** United Methodist Church, 472 N Battlefield Blvd, Chesapeake, at **5:00 p.m.** Tickets are **\$10.00 per person**.

The meeting will include supper, devotion, a business session and a program presentation. Our speaker will be Glenn Rowley, the Director of the Mission and Global Justice office of the Virginia Conference.

The District Board of Missions is incorporated with the following members:

Pastors (ex officio) Local Church Representatives to the District Board

Please make sure these representatives from your church are given the opportunity to attend:

UM Men Presidents Global Ministries/Missions/Outreach Coordinators
UM Women Presidents UMW Coordinators for Education & Interpretation

We are asking you to mail your reservation, which is your church check, in advance, by Feb 6th. This gives ample time to mail you your tickets prior to the dinner. Please submit only a church check and make it payable to the District Board of Missions and submit along with the enclosed registration form. If you prefer, you may bring your church check to the district office and pick up your tickets in person.

Due to limited space, it is important that you make your reservations as soon as possible. **Reservations must be paid in advance by FEB 6, 2011.**

If you have questions, please call the District Office at 473-1592. Thank you for your assistance.

Grace and peace to you.

YOUTH SKI TRIP TO TIMBERLINE, WV!

The Youth Ski Trip is scheduled for January 27th– 29th !
(Friday—Sunday)

The Cost is \$100 which includes:
Lift Tickets, Rentals, Transportation, and Lodging.

All you need is money for Food. There are limited spots, so sign up TODAY! Please contact Steve Joyner for more information at #202-5443 or stephenjoyner@gmail.com

SUPERBOWL GATHERING ON FEBRUARY 5TH!

We hope all the Youth will join us at our home at 6:00pm.

6:00pm on Sunday, Feb. 5th

At the Joyner's

2813 North Landing Road

#202-5443

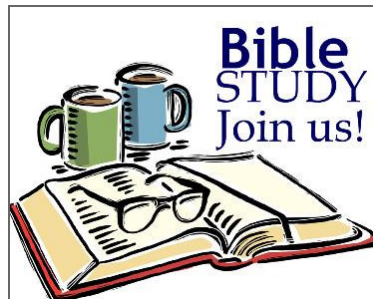


Please sign up now for our summer Middle School Mission Trip to Winchester, VA through the Jeremiah Project.

This trip is July 8-14th! Contact Steve Joyner for more info!

NEW SMALL GROUPS STARTING JAN. 6th

PLEASE JOIN GERALD PHELPS AS HE IS HAVING A SMALL GROUP THAT WILL MEET EVERY FRIDAY MORNING AT 10 A.M. at 2953 SAND BEND RD. WE WILL BY STUDYING THE CHURCH OF THE PERFECT STORM BY LEONARD SWEET. **WE WILL START MEETING JAN. 6, 2012.**



Our Bible Study begins on **January 17th at 7:00 pm.**
We will be studying the book of "JAMES" - Merciful Triumphs.
Our study will last 8 weeks.
Any questions call Nancy Underwood at #724-3354

Start your day off right with our morning Bible Study!
GROUP BIBLE/DEVOTION STUDY at Panera Bread in Redmill!

We meet every Wednesday from 7:00AM - 8:30AM
Please stop by before work for a cup of coffee and some great fellowship to start your day! Bring a friend if you like!

GROUP BIBLE STUDY beginning Superbowl Sunday-Feb. 5th!
We will meet on Sundays from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. This is for singles, couples, families, friends...All are Welcome!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY February 12—March 3, 2012

Faith Works Coalition is considering partnering with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to send work teams to Birmingham, Alabama, to help rebuild homes damaged by tornadoes earlier this year.

PDA is forming three Volunteer teams from the Tidewater area to provide continuous work from February 12-March 3, 2012.

Each team will work for one week at a time.

Costs to volunteers will include transportation by carpooling and \$25 per day for food and lodging.

Volunteer housing will be at First United Presbyterian Church of Forestdale.

No experience is needed to volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bob Brenton at robert-brenton@cox.net indicating which weeks you might be available.

Thanks and Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

David Carré
Volunteer Coordinator

JCOC FEED THE NEEDY!

Here are some JCOC Dates for 2012:

What a wonderful feeling it is to help another person!

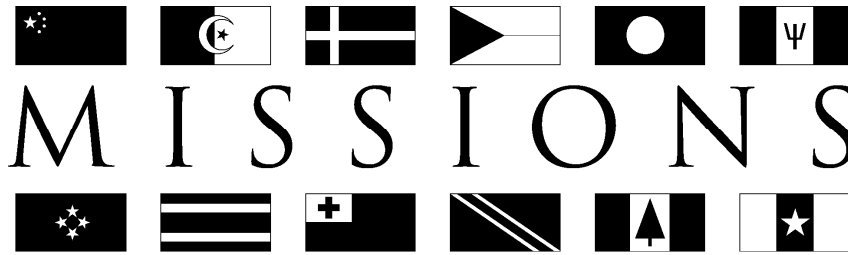
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

FRIDAY, MAY 25TH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26TH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH





MISSIONS REPORT FOR 2011

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A Prayer Shawl Fellowship meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 12th** at Mary Holden’s home located at 341 Pike Circle, Sandbridge. Please join us for fellowship and knitting. All are welcome!

SCCUMC Volunteers for January/February! Thanks for all your help!

Greeters and Ushers for January/February:

Jan 15	Jack & Lucy Redick
Jan 22	Nancy Saxman & Margie Dowe
Jan 29	Fifth Sunday
Feb 5	John Doreen Roadman
Feb 12	Nancy Saxman & Alice Watson
Feb 19	Bill & Betty Lehr
Feb 26	Connie & Hank Richeson

Counters for January/February:

Jan 8	Andy Kennedy & Eddie Abrams
Jan 15	Kenny Underwood & Ben Lane
Jan 22	Donna Mack & Judy Donahue
Jan 29	Eddie Abrams & Mike Zitt
Feb 4	Kenny Underwood & Andy Kennedy
Feb 12	Judy Gellasch & Judy Donahue
Feb 19	Ben Lane & Mike Zitt
Feb 26	Mary Holden & Gerald Phelps



We hope you can join us for: **REAL PRAYER**
We meet every Monday evening at 7:00pm here at SCCUMC.
All are welcome!



Youth Group meets every **Sunday** at the
Community Center.
5:00-6:30pm (grades 6 - 12)



Please join us every Sunday after the 11:00am service for our
Children's Choir! We meet upstairs in the Sunday School room.
Children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome.
Call Julie McLaughlin if you have questions at #721-6025.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



JANUARY

Jan 7 Nathaniel Orr
Jan 10 Donna Russell
Jan 12 Summer Lane
Jan 14 Lawana Evans
Jan 15 Cynthia Dabiero
Jan 15 Camron Roadman
Jan 15 Matthew Underwood
Jan 17 Wanda Greene
Jan 23 Mark Hoover
Jan 28 Charles Learned

FEBRUARY

Feb 6 Dylan Eakes
Feb 10 Mike Kelly
Feb 11 Sue Ann Lewis
Feb 12 Sean Eliason
Feb 16 Ben Lane
Feb 19 Bill Kelly
Feb 20 Natalie Edwards
Feb 20 Melissa Zitt
Feb 22 Arthur Mack
Feb 24 Zach Underwood

January/February
A Birthday Prayer for YOU!!

Thinking of you on your birth-
day
and saying a special prayer . . .
That God, who knows how dear
you are, will keep you in His
care;
That He will bless your daily life
With joys of every kind
With perfect health and happi-
ness
and peace of heart and mind !!!!

We wish you the peace and joy
of Christ on your Birthday and
every day of the year!!