

# THE TWIG BENDER

September  
2011

*Greenwood UMC*

*Caritas, Glen Allen Day, Society of St. Andrew*

## September is Outreach Month

September must be Outreach Month at Greenwood! This month we'll participate in three significant outreach ministries: CARITAS, Glen Allen Day and the Society of St. Andrew.

Read about these exciting outreach opportunities:

### OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ*

Lawrence Allen, Virginia Agee, Brian Beckley Jr., Ashley Draper, Leola Frayser, Thomas Jackson, Jane Gray Kibler, Betty McKee, Pat Moran, Virginia Moran, Alvin Patteson, Betty & Harvey Roach, Rita Robinson, Benjamin Shannon, Lavelle Sheffield, Steve Sheffield, Carolyn Stone, Gloria Slingerland, Ann Taylor, Johnny Taylor, Mary Walker, Kim Winfrey, Karl Wolff

### CARITAS

Greenwood hosts CARITAS (Congregations Around Richmond Involved to Assure Shelter) September 24 through 30 in our Education Building's Fellowship Hall.

We still need people to help out with laundry and fixing breakfast, lunch or dinners. Volunteers who could come and visit with the adults or plan an activity with the children would be welcome. We also need someone who would be willing to come in the mornings and clean the bathrooms. If you can volunteer for any of these ministries, give Adamarye Patteson (266-6364) a call.

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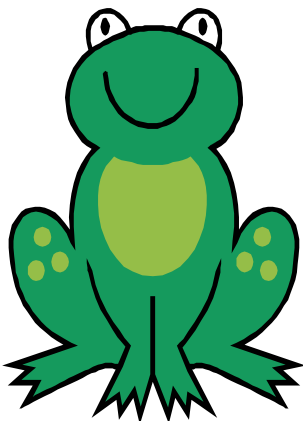
## From The Pastor

### Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ

“Then He spoke a parable to them, *that men always ought to pray and not lose heart...*” (Luke 18:1) September is “Hunger Action Month” and I hope that each of us will use this month to take time to pray for the hungry.

We see pictures on the TV showing starving children and this is to tug at our heartstrings and inspire us to give so these children can be fed. Yes, there are children all over the world that go without food each day and we need to keep them in our prayers. But did you know that 40 million people go hungry each day in the United States?

The biggest question that is always asked is “What can I do?” There are a number of things that you can do to help the hungry, right here in our community. The Lamb’s Basket can always use your help at their distribution center [*5612 Greendale Road, Richmond*]. Give some time once or more a week to help package or put up stock, while sharing fellowship with others who care. If you cannot give of your time to this project, you can help supply needed food. Each time you go to the grocery store there is always something on sale, so just pick up a can or two, bring them to church and fill up the basket in the Narthex.



The prayer calendar from the Society of St. Andrews, posted on our web site, supplies a great idea for each neighborhood to organize a food drive on its block or community. Imagine the impact if each of us asked everyone in our neighborhood to give a can of food to help feed those who need a healthy meal. You could put out a flyer that you are collecting food to feed the hungry and

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**Methodist Minute:****Symbols of the Old and New Testaments**

**Bell** – A bell calling people to worship symbolizes the need of priority for the things of God over the secular; in general the sounding forth of the Word.



**Lighted Candle** – These suggest our Lord's words, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12. They also represent His twofold nature – human and divine, when two candlesticks are used.



**Clover / Shamrock** – The three prominent leaves make the clover an easily understood symbol of the Trinity. Legend says St. Patrick used the clover to explain the trinity in his preaching.

*Scriptures for September 2011*

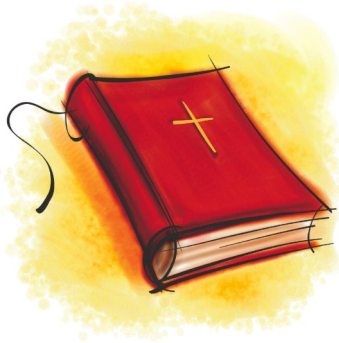
September 4 — Exodus 12: 1-4; Matthew 18: 15-20

September 11 — Exodus 14: 19-31; Matthew 18: 21-35

*(Scriptures might change; Steve Jones, our Richmond District Superintendent will be preaching on this Sunday)*

September 18 — Exodus 16: 2-15; Matthew 20: 1-16

September 25 — Exodus 17: 1-7; Matthew 21: 23-32



After School Ministry

## ***New and Familiar Faces***

Greenwood's After School ministry starts off the 2011 – 2012 session with some new faces and some familiar ones.

**Lyndsey McCall has joined** the Greenwood team as Director of the After School ministry.

She says, "I am happy to be here, serving God and following Christ's example."

Returning in her role as After School aide is Greenwood's own Amy Wolfe. Other familiar faces include a number of children returning from last year's session, as well as several newly enrolled students.

**Lyndsey is a recent graduate** of Union Presbyterian Seminary where she earned her Masters of Divinity in May of this year. Her undergraduate degree is a Bachelor's of Applied Ministries from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in North Carolina.

Currently serving as Director of Christian Education at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, where she works with the church youth, Lyndsey brings a great deal of **Christian education experience** to our After School ministry Her background also includes working as program director at a Christian summer camp for several years.

Here at Greenwood, we're **excited to have Lyndsey** as director of this important outreach ministry. Our After School ministry provides a quality after school program in a Christian setting, for only \$55 a week – a real bargain in today's market.

Lyndsey says that anyone interested in enrolling a child in this ministry, or in helping out should feel free to contact her anytime at [Lyndsey.McCall@upsem.edu](mailto:Lyndsey.McCall@upsem.edu) or on her cell at (919) 656 2718. We also have a **wish list for the ministry** — see the sidebar on page 8.



**Youth & Young Adult Fellowship*****Concentrate on What's Important***

Let me introduce myself, since this is my first article. My name is Mike Workman. Since Brian and Kim Johnson have gone on to another church, Roger Eckwright and myself lead the Youth and Young adult class. Following God's will my wife Jennifer has joined us. We also have Jordan Stapleton as our secretary and Michael Stapleton who helps keep us entertained and happy. Amy Wolfe joins us when no one else is in her class.

Through many trials and adversities we remain strong, knowing God will prevail. We are doing a series of books by James Moore titled: *God Give Me Patience And Give It To Me Right Now!!* It really makes for interesting and educational reading.

Before I go on, let me tell you a little more about myself. I was saved at the age of fourteen at Salisbury Baptist Temple in Salisbury MD. As a foster child I could not believe Someone loved me so much that He died a cruel death on a cruel cross for me and loved me before I was ever born. At age 17, I attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield MO, where I majored in Christian education. I

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Glen Allen Day — September 17, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Crump Park

CARITAS — September 24 — 30 in the Education Building

Charge Conference — October 23, 4 p.m. at Laurel Park UMC

Community Thanksgiving Service — November 22 at TBD

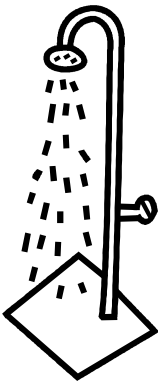
Christmas Cantata — December 18 in the Sanctuary

## ***What Are The Trustees Up To?***

Please pardon our mess. We have started converting the men's bathroom at the rear of the Sanctuary Building into a unisex, handicapped bathroom. This is something that has been needed for some time now. Hopefully this renovation will be completed in the next couple of weeks. The ladies bathroom has been designated unisex also.



The water fountain that was in the hall way has been removed and will be replaced by Diamond Springs water and cooler. Since the water fountain in the Education Building is not working, we will replace that one with the fountain we are removing from the Sanctuary Building. This should work since the water fountain we are using is both adult and kid height.



Our next project will be to install a shower in the ladies bathroom in the Education Building. This shower can be used for CARITAS and will replace the shower that is in the furnace room. This renovation will bring our shower up to code.

We apologize for any inconvenience these projects might cause and ask that you bear with us for a while.— Bob Stapleton, Trustees Chairman

**Live Simply, Love Generously  
Serve Faithfully, Speak Truthfully,  
Pray Daily ...  
Leave everything else to God**

# Vacation Bible School

## *Dive In! Paddle Out! Catch a Wave!*

By Brenda Shuler

**Wow** ... That is the word I would use to describe our V.B.S., **Son Surf**, experience this year. The weather was hot, but we all survived and had a terrific week.

We had a group of dedicated leaders, youth helpers and kids. There were thirty to forty kids and twenty-four leaders, both youth and adult.

Everyone enjoyed the opening where we met Dr. Cool and he introduced us to our theme for the day. After that, we divided into groups and went to our different stations. During the morning each group went to six stations. The bible story time was called Camp Fire Bible Stories where we learned about Jesus. We also had a center where we did experiments that related to our Bible story that involved water and the sea. One day we actually made a homemade filter to turn dirty water into clean water. All of the experiments were really neat. We made a lot of crafts that we took home and delicious snacks. Even though it was hot outside we had recreation every day. During recreation we learned how to work as a team and we also did the **limbo** one day. We learned some really good songs to help us remember our wonderful experience at V.B.S.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped make this year's V.B.S. a great success.



# Greenwood Circles

## Ruth ...

... will continue meeting on a regular basis starting Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Agnes Dalton.

We will still be doing our Bible Study, *Facing Your Giants*, by Max Lucado. We have enjoyed meeting a couple of times this summer.

We went to Carolyn and Ray Smith's river home for a picnic and fellowship. A good time was had by all.

If anyone is interested in joining our group, call Adamarye Patteson (266-6364). Everyone is welcome.

## Willing Workers

Now that summer and vacations are almost over the Willing Workers Circle will be meeting again.

Our September meeting will be hosted by Glenda Stalnaker in her home at 9920 Reedville Ave. on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing projects for the remainder of 2011 and up coming in 2012.

We want to welcome back our regular members and invite any one who would like to join us. Looking forward to seeing every one.

## ***Greenwood's After School Ministry Wish List***

- Board or card games
- Balls: Playground (rubber or plastic), football, soccer, basketball
- Outside Toys: Frisbees, hula hoops, plastic bat
- Coloring/activity books (word finds, paper dolls, mad-libs, etc.)
- Puzzles
- School supplies: Glue, Scissors, Tempera Paint, Colored and Regular Pencils and Crayons
- Recent children's movies or any Disney movie.



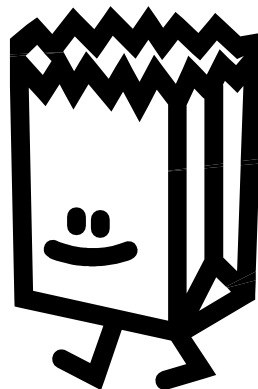
## *Fellowship Dinner*

**September 14** at 6:30 p.m. Gospel singing by "Nuera." There will be a love offering. Menu: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, apple cake – \$5.00. Sign up sheets are in the church bulletin or call the church office at 266-5341.

## *FunRaisers*

**Bag Lunch** – September 25 after worship services. Menu: Chili, corn bread, brownies. — all for only \$7.00. Sign up in the Narthex or call the church office at 266-5341.

**FunRaisers' next big project** is to buy a screen and projector for the church sanctuary. We hope to buy all the equipment to allow us to step into the 21st century. This would be a real asset to the church, enabling us to have slide shows and other capabilities. It will take a long time to pay for this, but we are hoping you will continue to buy our bag lunches after worship services so this can happen.



Good Morning, This is God.  
I will be handling all your  
problems today. I will not need  
your help. So, relax and have a  
great day!

## *From the Greenwood Kitchen*

*Contributed by Linda Walker*

The combined Greenwood and Laurel Park UMC worship service on July 31 was glorious and very meaningful as the two congregations worshipped together. Good food and fellowship was shared at the picnic afterward. Many asked for the recipe for the cake I brought, so here it is.

### **Chocolate-Zucchini Snack Cake**

Cooking time: 45 minutes / Makes 12 servings

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Coat an 11"x7" baking pan with cooking spray.

Combine  $1\frac{3}{4}$  cups whole wheat pastry flour,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons baking powder,  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking soda, and  $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon salt in a large bowl.

Whisk 2 eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup low-fat vanilla yogurt,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup canola oil, and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in a medium bowl.

Whisk in  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups shredded zucchini and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups semisweet chocolate chips. Stir into the flour mixture just until blended.

Spread into the prepared pan and bake for 30 minutes, or until lightly browned and a wooden pick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and sprinkle  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups semisweet chocolate chips over the cake. Spread with a small spatula as they melt to form an icing, placing back into the warm oven, if needed, for about 1 minute.

Per Serving: 361 calories, 5 g protein, 47 g carbohydrates, 20 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 36 mg cholesterol, 175 mg sodium, 4 g fiber.

From *Flat Belly Diet Diabetes* by Liz Vaccariello and the editors of *Prevention*, 2010

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CARITAS serves as the first line of community support for anyone in need of emergency shelter. Over 185 participating congregations provide shelter, food, and necessities on a weekly basis to individuals and families in need of immediate assistance.



The largest and most inclusive shelter in Richmond, CARITAS fills a gap in the shelter system by reaching segments of the population ineligible for any other program: adults facing addictions, families with fathers, large families, and families with adolescent sons.

Three CARITAS programs – Shelter, Furniture Bank, and Works – provide the support, training, and material assistance necessary to break the cycle of homelessness and restore stable, productive lives.

To learn more, visit their website at: <http://www.caritasshelter.org/index.html>.

## GLEN ALLEN DAY

Once again Greenwood will have a booth (actually a tent) at Glen Allen Day on Saturday, September 17 at Meadowbrook Farm/Crump Park.



Festivities kick off with a parade at 9:30 a.m. beginning at the intersection of John Cussons and Mountain Roads continuing down Mountain Road to the park. Activities will feature children's activities, balloons by Miss Sheri the Clown, Gyrosphere ride, an arts, crafts and business fair, a live petting zoo,

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give a time that you would pick it up and then carry it over to the Food Bank or the Lamb's Basket. The church will be willing to help by printing flyers for anyone willing to take on this ministry.

The one thing that each of us can do, young or old, is pray for those who need to be fed. I know that we find it hard to believe that in this land of plenty that there are people going hungry when we throw away so much food each day. (96 billion pounds of food goes to waste in the United States each year.) We as Christians are called to be good stewards of what God has given us and that means with our food as well. It is our call as Christians to care about others and to do what we can to help them. It all starts with heartfelt prayers!

"Then the righteous will answer him saying, 'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?' ... "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren you did it to Me.'" (Matthew 25:37 and 40)

Shalom

*Dean*



### September Communion Offering

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Gleaning America's Fields ~ Feeding America's Hungry

<http://www.endhunger.org>

## *What's Most Important?*

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then went on to teach at Walt Disney Public school, then Grace Christian Academy, both in Springfield. I ended my teaching career at Bible Baptist Academy back in Salisbury.

At the age of 40 I was ordained at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Cambridge, MD and I began to pastor a church in Gloucester, VA, I pastored for 5 ½ years. Our church started with 7 members and when I turned the church over to Pastor Seabolt we had about 60 members. Since I left they have moved from a strip mall into their own building and the congregation now has about 80 members.

So why does a Baptist from the ages of 14 – 50 come to a Methodist church ? My beautiful wife Jennifer started attending before we were married and said she liked the fact that people just loved and accepted her. Later we were married at Greenwood United Methodist Church and became members. So, you see I am not a Baptist or a Methodist; I am simply a Christian, always desiring to do God's will.

I will leave you with just a couple of thoughts: let's begin with a story found in Luke 10:38-42.

“Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word.



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train rides, custom and classic car show, live musical entertainment and concessions available for purchase.

This year's theme is "Glen Allen: Past Present Future." One of Henrico County's largest outdoor festivals, Glen Allen Day is sponsored by the Glen Allen Ruritan Club, in association with Henrico County. For more information, please visit [www.GlenAllenDay.org](http://www.GlenAllenDay.org) or call the Glen Allen Ruritan hotline at 257-9605. Rain date: Sat, Sept 24

## SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW

**September is National Hunger Action Month!** This is an opportunity for us to get personally engaged, through prayer and action, in the mission of helping our brothers and sisters who are hungry.

"Live out your faith!" In the Bible, Jesus shows us through his teachings that we are called to feed the hungry (Matthew 25: 35) and take care of the poor (Deuteronomy 15: 11 ). By gleaning fresh fruits and vegetables from God's abundance and using that food to feed our 40 million hungry brothers and sisters, the Society of St. Andrew is indeed following Jesus' words and "living out our faith" in wonderful and exciting ways.

Greenwood's September Communion Offering will go to the Society of St. Andrew so that we can continue to help feed those who are hungry. Hunger is a reality in our nation. Please "live out your faith" by praying, gleaning, and sharing of your financial blessings.

Read more about the Society of St. Andrew at their web site: <http://www.EndHunger.org/NHAM>.



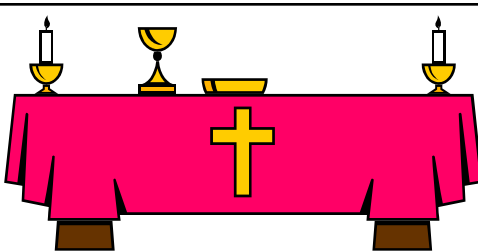
# What's Most Important?

“Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, ‘Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me.’

“Jesus answered and said unto her, ‘Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.’”

You see in this story that Martha was way too busy to see that Jesus was the most important thing going on in her house. Mary, however, wanted so desperately to be beside Him and hear His word. The only way we can grow as a church is to adhere to God's word and to love one another and to pray. When you feel you cannot do anything else, then **pray**. The strongest backbone of any church is faithful prayer warriors.

Then finally in Timothy 4:7 Paul states: “I have fought a good fight, I have finished [my] course, I have kept the faith.” This is just what we need to aim for in our life. Make a difference with Christ always at the helm. Pray for God's Church, our congregation and our pastor. Sincerely in Christ, Mike.



## Altar Guild

The Altar Guild has a great time dressing the altar. It has been our hope that this has been meaningful to all of you at one time or another. A big thank you to Betty Ritchie for keeping the two lilies looking so good. If anyone is interested in helping with this please call the church office at 266-5341. We would love to have you.

# Greenwood Church Family Celebrations

## Birthdays



Maria Lemerise .....	September 1
Lewis Daniel.....	September 2
Charlotte Hodges .....	September 4
Frank Sotos.....	September 6
Lou Graham .....	September 6
Mildred Walsh .....	September 6
Glenda Stalnaker.....	September 8
Maurice Hawkins .....	September 11
Catherine Wallace .....	September 18
William Gibbs .....	September 19
Ashley Sipe .....	September 21
Shelly Bowles .....	September 22

## Anniversaries

David & Gail Stanley .....	September 25
Cindy Jo & Lewis Daniel .....	September 26

## Church Office Volunteers

Greenwood's church office is staffed Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Our church office volunteers are: Monday — Arline Shafer; Tuesday — Betty Ritchie; Wednesday — either Charlene Hawkins or Gay Stapleton and Thursday — Jean Mowatt.

These ladies are doing a great job. Thanks to all. If you would like to join this team as an alternate please call the church office at 266-5341 or Gay Stapleton at 672-8408.





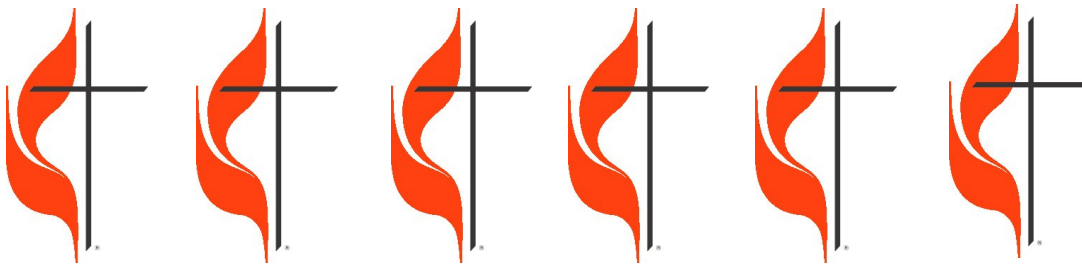
## August Attendance and Offerings

*“Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce”  
— Proverbs 3:9*

Date	Sunday School	Worship	Giving
August 3			
August 10			
August 17			
August 24			
<i>August Totals</i>			
<i>Weekly</i>			

**Data Not Available Due to Hurricane Irene**

2011 \$2,725 offering needed weekly to meet Greenwood’s operating budget of \$141,712. Your generosity is appreciat-



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