

Greenwood UMC



THE TWIG BENDER

October
2012

From the Pastor

World Communion Sunday

Wow, can you believe October is here already? It seems like just a couple of days ago, we were still dealing with 90+ degree heat, Richmond humidity, and long summer days. Now, fall is here, the weather is turning to crisp mornings, cool nights, shorter days, and thoughts of pumpkins.



Just the other day, I was chatting with Gay Stapleton about altar arrangements and making plans for some up-

coming special services. One of those is World Communion Sunday which falls on October 7.

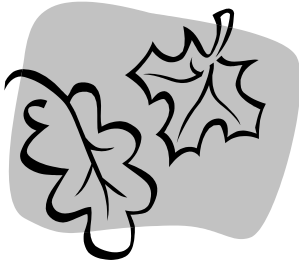
This is a special day for many reasons. As we gather at the table to celebrate the Eucharist (sometimes called Holy Communion, or the Lord's Supper), we will be gathering not only at the table as our own congrega-

OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please pray for these brothers and sisters in Christ

Ashley Draper, Roger Eckwright, Pat Moran, Virginia Moran, Pamela Mortenson, Winston Pulley, Betty and Harvey Roach, Benjamin Shannon, Lavelle Sheffield, Steve Sheffield, William Smith, Charlie Sprouse, Carolyn Stone, Johnny Taylor, Ike Wagner, Kim Winfrey, Harold Yeary

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GREENWOOD
Community Fair
Saturday, November 3
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Featuring:

Brunswick Stew Sale



Yard Sale

Bake Sale – Arts & Crafts
Vendors



Food & Drinks for Sale



We can use all the help we can get with our Fall Festival. Here's some opportunities to volunteer along with points of contact:

Bake Sale – Dorothy Sties

Brunswick Stew – cooking and sales – Brenda or Harry Shuler

Crafts – Betty Richie

Vendor Booths – Adamayre Patteson

Yard Sale – Charlene Hawkins.

Advertising and Coordination – Steve Stalnaker

After School Ministry

Rolling Right Along at After School

The Greenwood afterschool ministry is rolling right along!

Amy Yeary is back this year, and **Porter Schermerhorn** is pleased to be a part of the team. Amy and Porter are co-teachers in the program. Most importantly, the ministry is blessed with **9 bright, beautiful, active children**, ranging in ages from 5 to 16.

After school days are organized in this way: right after school, the kids have **fun activities**, outside when weather permits. Snack time is from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. every day, followed by **structured homework/reading** from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Then the kids enjoy more fun activities until 5:30 p.m. These activities include Movie Mondays, Craft Tuesdays, Chapel Wednesdays (led by Pastor Barbara), Game Day Thursdays, and Fun-For-All Fridays.

Our first **special event** day was on Wednesday, **September 26** (a Henrico Public School holiday). When we went to Henrico Fire Station #21 for an educational tour, followed by a fun lunch at McDonald's on the way back to Greenwood.

Porter and Amy say “**thank you** all for supporting the Greenwood UMC afterschool ministry!”

Adamayre Patteson added: Amy and Porter are really doing a great job. They always **welcome volunteers**. If you are interested in dropping by one afternoon, you could help with homework, listen to one of the children read or do a craft with them.

Have you taken a look at our playground? It looks so nice since the men's breakfast group worked on it. The children in the after-school program have really enjoyed playing on it. **Thank you!**

The **church is furnishing snacks** this year, so if you would like to make cupcakes or just bring in something it would be appreciated. Remember this is an outreach of our church to the community.



The Hermitage — Did You Know?

By Arline Shafer,

As Greenwood's Hermitage Representative, I've found over the years that there are some misconceptions about living there. Now that I'm a resident, I thought it would be useful to heighten our congregation's awareness of this important ministry.

The Hermitage is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) for persons 62 years of age and older. It is a part of Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc., (VUMH) a non-profit corporation based in Richmond. You can find more information on their web site at <http://www.hermitage-vumh.com/index.html>.

Residents and loved ones are assured of companionship, sharing, nurture, and good care by the Hermitage's strong Christian, family-like atmosphere. Two or more generations have lived there, including some volunteers. Many started out as volunteers and continued as residents.

Residents can bring their car, sewing machine, computer, printer, etc. They can have their own little garden; and, with permission, a

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October Communion Offering Blackstone Conference & Retreat Center

Mission: to provide service and maintain facilities that will support the ministries of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

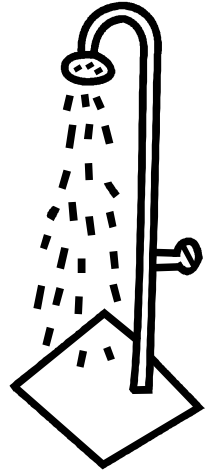


BLACKSTONE
Growing Faith for over 115 Years

From Your Greenwood Trustees

By Bob Stapleton

After a long hot summer, the Trustees are pleased to announce that the installation of the new AC is complete. It is a great feeling to know this is now behind us. Thanks to all of you for your patience and especially to Maurice Hawkins for all the behind the scenes work he did in order to complete this project. To those who made donations to help with this expense, thank you and God bless you.



We also were able to complete the installation of the shower in the ladies bathroom in the Educational Building in time for CARITAS. We hope this will make their stay with us more comfortable. I would like to thank the people who volunteered their time to see this project completed. Thanks and appreciation to Paul Brown Plumbing and Heating, Tim Jancsics, Mike Stapleton, Michael Stapleton and Porter Schermerhorn.

The landscaping project is underway. Four boxwood bushes have been transplanted from the east side of the sanctuary to the educational building, one on each side of the kitchen door and one on each side of the fellowship hall door. Already this has given a connected look to both buildings. This will be an ongoing project. For those who love the Christmas tree in the yard it will remain, with

Revised Twig Bender Deadline



In order to publicize our Community Fair on November 3, we've pushed the deadline for articles for the November issue up to **Friday, October 26**. Please submit your articles on time. Thanks from your editor!

Greenwood Women's Circles

Ruth Circle — will meet Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Dorothy Sties. We will be starting a new study in the "Women of Faith" series. If you are interested in attending call Brenda Shuler (747-4694).

Willing Workers Circle — will be sponsoring a Drive Thru Pray Booth beginning Monday, October 1 from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. for those who may be in need of help and prayer. *See the sidebar on page 7.*

We will also sponsor the yard sale for the Community Fair again this year. If you would like to donate gently used items for the Yard Sale you can leave them in the Fellowship Hall before November 2. We cannot accept electronics or clothes. We will be pricing Yard Sale items Friday, November 2, 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. If anyone would like to help we would love to have you.

The Willing Workers will continue supporting the Lambs Basket again this year. The Lambs Basket will have an open house December 7, 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Did you know that the Lambs Basket has served 16,509 in a month and the need is growing?

Again this year the Circle will be doing the Shoe Box Ministries. If anyone would like to participate you can get a list of acceptable items from Charlotte Hodges. This needs to be completed by early November.

Our circle met September 5 at Glenda Stalnaker's home. Nancy Yeary opened the meeting with a devotional. Our next meeting will be in the home of Charlotte Hodges at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3.



Greenwood Eating Opportunities

Fellowship Dinner – Wednesday, October 10 – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: baked chicken, potato casserole, string beans and coconut cake. Only \$5.00 per plate!



In order for us to plan properly for the Fellowship Dinner, we must know ahead of time how much food to prepare. Therefore, please have your reservations in by Sunday, October 7. We will regretfully be unable to take reservations after this date.

Sign up on the insert in the church bulletin, call the church office at (804) 266-5341 or e-mail admin@gumcva.org.

FundRaiser's Bag Lunch – After church service October 28. Menu: bologna & cheese, potato salad and pineapple pudding all for only \$7.00.



Sign up in the church narthex, call the church office at (804) 266-5341 or e-mail admin@gumcva.org.

Drive Through Prayers

How would you like a new way to kick start your Monday mornings? Why not try a drive-through prayer with someone willing to listen and pray with you – or for you?

Greenwood UMC will be trying this new endeavor each Monday morning from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. starting October 1, 2012.

Drive into into the sanctuary parking lot and let's see if we can make a big difference in your week.

**DRIVE-THRU
Prayer**



World Communion Sunday

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tion, but with congregations around the world to share in this special meal.

World Communion Sunday was first observed in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. Since then, many denominations, including the United Methodists, have joined in setting this one Sunday aside to celebrate Eucharist together on that day.

In addition, we each collect a special offering that same day to provide scholarship money opportunities to students who traditionally have been marginalized from higher education, especially theological educations. Many of these students decide to spend their careers serving their communities in ways that promote peace, justice, and equality.

What really excites me about the day, though, is to think about people from around the globe gathering in places of worship from sun-up to way past sun-down, community after community, from the dateline, back to the dateline, all gathering to receive God's grace, to be nurtured physically and spiritually, to all come to the table together receiving Christ together.

Can you imagine? What kind of bread are they using? Grape juice, wine, or some other beverage? What does the table look like? Different traditions, different practices, different church names but we worship together. All the people are coming together for the same reason, to celebrate the same grace, to worship the same God, the same gift. Wow.

Will you join me celebrating, encouraging, and enabling others to know Christ?

Grace and Peace,

Barbara

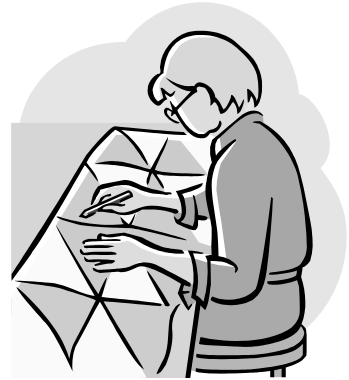


Quilting Demonstration

The Friendship Quilters are hosting a guest Mennonite quilter at their October meeting and you're invited to attend.

This quilter will make a 1 ½ hour presentation about her quilting techniques which should be of interest to any quilter. The program starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 13 in the Fellowship Hall. A \$2 donation is recommended.

Come out and support these ladies who have done so much for Greenwood and learn some neat things about quilting.



Walk to Save Lives

Sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on Saturday, October 27 at Deep Run Park, to raise money and awareness for suicide prevention.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the walk is from 9 to 11 a.m.

In the United States, a person dies by suicide every 15 minutes, claiming more than 36,000 lives each year. Suicide is the fourth leading cause of death in the U.S. among adults 18-65, individuals ages 65 and older account for 16 percent of all suicide deaths.

This is a public health issue that does not discriminate by age, gender, ethnicity, or socio-economic status.

Walk to save lives, Walk to raise funds, Walk to honor loved ones.



The Hermitage

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small pet. There are shopping trips, theater trips, out-to-lunch trips, trips to see Squirrels baseball, visits to the Glen Allen Community Center (GACC) and more. Continuing care means just that: When health no longer lets a resident live as an “independent”, it’s not necessary to move. Residents retain their room if they go to the hospital and are then released.

Despite what one may have heard, The Hermitage does not take away all a resident’s funds. Private funds stay with the resident. There is no lifetime payment on entry, just monthly rent; residents can leave at any time. That monthly rent includes three meals daily, all utilities except phone, cable and Internet service, which residents may select for themselves. There is no waiting list at the Hermitage; there are currently about 145 residents.

There are many volunteer opportunities at The Hermitage: sewing, reading, visiting, entertaining, leading a chorus, being a chimer, Bible study and teaching, manicures, walking, transportation aide, shopping aide, the Country Store, and much more. The gift shop always needs volunteers.

A representative can come and speak at any of our small groups like Cornerstones or the women’s circles. For additional information, or to answer questions, contact me, Arline Shafer, your Hermitage Representative; 474-1997; amshafer@vcu.org.



Bible Study

Book of Mark — Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
Led by Rev. Barbara

CARITAS — A Success — Again!

By Adamayre Patteson

We have just finished our week of CARITAS. Everything went really well. It was a delightful group we had. They seemed to appreciate everything we did for them.

We would like to give a **"big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered**. No job was too small or went unnoticed. It takes a lot of people to keep the week running smoothly.

Thanks, also to the trustees for getting the shower installed in the ladies restroom. It was so much nicer than going in the furnace room to shower!



Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving service will be held Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Laurel Presbyterian Church, 9675 Staples Mill Road, Glen Allen. Rev. Barbara Lewis will preach. The offering will go to Interfaith Services of Henrico (ISH) county. Their mission is to provide temporary, immediate & emergency relief to Henrico families when all other sources of assistance have been exhausted .



Greenwood Church Family

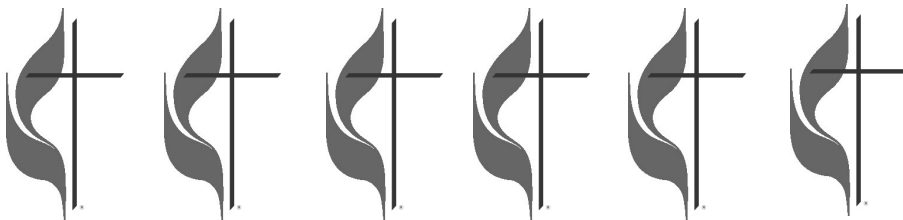
Birthdays



Amber Morgan	10/1
Tara Morgan.....	10/1
Charlene Hawkins	10/2
Leola Frayser	10/3
Dean Pittman.....	10/4
Steve Morgan	10/6
David Stanley	10/6
Andy Neagle.....	10/9
John Butler	10/13
C.J. Neagle.....	10/13
Carlos Rios	10/15
David Shuler.....	10/20
Amy Yeary	10/21
Taylor Stapleton.....	10/22
Kimberly Shuler	10/26
Michael George	10/29
Charley Banks	10/31

Anniversaries

Andy & Tina Neagle	10/3
Harold & Nancy Yeary.....	10/3
Jim & Lorrie Bowie	10/18



September 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
September 2	25	49	\$ 2,297
September 9	21	37	\$ 1,764
September 16	24	49	\$ 2,343
September 23	23	54	\$ 1,032
September 30	Fifth Sunday Service at Laurel Park		
September Totals	93	189	\$ 7,436
Weekly Average	23.3	47.3	\$ 1,859
Q3 Totals	307	613	\$ 22,652
Q3 Monthly Average	102.3	204.3	\$ 7,551
YTD Totals	938	1,934	\$ 79,431
YTD Monthly Avg	104.21	214.9	\$ 8,826

\$2,297 offering is needed weekly in 2012 to meet Greenwood's operating budget of \$138,942. Your generosity is appreciated

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Mark Your Calendars

- **Laurel Park Fall Fair** – October 6
- **Fellowship Dinner** – October 10, 6:30 p.m.
- **Revised *Twig Bender* Deadline** – Friday, October 26
- **FundRaisers Bag Lunch** – after church service October 28
- **Charge Conference** – October 28, 4 p.m. at Greenwood
- **Fall Family Community Fair** — November 3
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** –Tuesday, November 20
- **Christmas Cantata** – “Repeat the Sounding Joy” – December 9