



Seaside Tidings

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From the Pastor's Desk:

The onset of autumn is a time that many folks who live at the shore look forward to with eager expectation. Partly it's the weather – cooler and less humid. Partly it's the congestion – less of it as vacationers return to their homes. Partly it's a general sense of relief that the crazy days of summer are over and a sense of normality settles in once more. Life returns to its familiar patterns.

And so I've decided to take the next couple of months to talk about life at St. Matthews By-The-Sea and to celebrate that life that many of us have come to relish. With our summertime guests having left us, we're a family again, and my sermons will look at what that means. Among my observations are these:

- The one requirement for membership at SMBTS is the belief that God is revealed in Jesus.
- Our best church members are the ones whom the world thinks of as “losers.”
- In our church, we're not surprised when prayers are answered and lives are changed.
- Our church life is centered around a table.
- We believe that the ideal Christian life consists of loving, caring, giving, serving, suffering, and sacrificing like Jesus.
- Our congregation tries to elevate society, not contribute to its decline.
- We think rules and regulations are less important than compassion, forgiveness, humility, and love.
- Our church bears witness to the fact that when the Gospel gets inside of you, you live differently.

I hope you'll be spending your autumn Sundays with your church family because without you, our harmony and unity are incomplete.

One more thing. There are a few projects that have contributed to the quality of life in our church community and our witness to the community at large which need new leadership if they are to continue. Can you help out with any of the following? If so, contact me.

- Writing and releasing publicity releases for print and electronic media
- Organizing dinners for perspective new members
- Photographing church events and/or preparing the video slide shows run before worship on the big screen
- Helping with the church website
- Distribution of Bibles at the Ocean City Christmas parade and Winterfest

All of these are important activities, and I hope that they will be continued. But it is even more important that each of us live our lives as imitators of Christ, something that never changes even as the seasons do.

Peace, Bruce



WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 and 10:45 AM
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Sunday, October 14th is Pastor Appreciation Day:

A pastor never gets to say “I’m off duty”, never gets to punch out at 5:00, and never gets to have a normal schedule. We don’t know how many sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying for their church, how much opposition they face, how many family opportunities they miss to meet with hurting people. We can’t carry their burden for them but we can do what the Bible tells us to: Pray for them, encourage them, and support them. By blessing them we will only be blessed in return. God Bless You Bruce and Bonnie Miller!

In Memoriam

Janet Lyons – July 4
 Betsy Allen – July 16
 Tom Short – August 1
 Barbara Murphy – September 11

Those we love don’t go away,
 they walk beside us every day,
 unseen, unheard, but always near,
 still loved, still missed and very dear.



We received this note from Bill Kelley’s daughter: Dear St. Matthews By-The-Sea family, On behalf of my sister Julie and I, we would like to thank everyone who attended and helped prepare our Dad’s funeral on June 21st. We appreciate all the love and support this church community has given our father over the past several years. He loved you all and even on his sickest days looked forward to coming to church and seeing all of your smiling faces. Our hearts are broken, but we feel comfort knowing he now rests in the arms of the Lord. Peace be to all... Stacey L. Kelley-Bisler

When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember, the teacher is always quiet during a test.



PRAYER MINISTRY: *Never give up. Today is hard, tomorrow will be worse, but the day after tomorrow will be sunshine.*

~ Jack Ma

Come join us every Monday at 9:00AM for an hour of praise and supplication. We meet in the Baker Parlor. Add your prayers to that of our Prayer Group.



Love is when the other person's happiness is more important than your own.

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

- Bill & Gail Stubbs: 7-8-78
- Granville & Alta Cannon: 8-5-1956
- Bruce & Bonnie Miller: 8-8-1970
- Herb & Dottie Moore: 8-9-58
- Don & Jean Lynch: 8-15-53
- Jim & Mickey Patton: 8-26-1961
- Bill & Patsy Waddle: 8-28-60
- Bonnie & Jessie Sheppard: 10-31-59



Dear Heavenly Father,
You are God, and I am not.
You know best, and I do not.
Give our President wisdom
to make good decisions for the
Country and for the world.
Amen

I have prayed this prayer every morning since July 15th when President Trump met with Russia's President Putin in Helsinki, Finland. I invite you to join me in praying it.

Rev. Bruce Miller



BE SURE YOU HAVE HELPED THE SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW (SOSA) FEED HUNGRY AMERICANS IN 2018!

Every September St. Matthews "goes into action" to send SOSA an annual offering as large as we can to feed hungry Americans. SOSA in cooperation with farmers, nearly 33,000 volunteers, church and individual supporters salvage fresh produce that would rot in the fields. Billions of pounds of food are wasted each year, while over 42 million Americans don't get enough to eat. Your dollars go toward getting this nutrition produce from the field to hunger relief agencies for about .03 cents a serving. A "bowl" for our offering to SOSA is in the narthex. **EVERYONE, PLEASE MAKE IT YOUR PURPOSE TO GIVE AS MUCH AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN!** Jesus said "Feed the hungry" and "What you do unto the least of these, you do unto Me." and "What you do not do unto the least of these, you do not do unto me". If you write a check, make it payable to SMBTS noted for Society of St. Andrew, and your envelope number (if you have one). For you who have a "Feed" box (Folks Eating Every Day): empty and count your offering, write a check to St. Matthews as indicated above, and put it in the "bowl" in the narthex. Refold your box and continue feeding it daily for next year's offering.



CRAFTS: We are making crafts for yard sale and Christmas bazaar on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM in Clendaniel Hall.

Dee Granger



FAITH, HOPE, LOVE QUILTERS: We meet on the 3rd & 5th Mondays at 10:00 AM to make tied quilts for infusion cancer patients. Bring a smile and a covered

dish for the noon lunch break - come join us for this beautiful ministry!

Shirley Loveland



CHECKERBOARD: On September 30th we had a party to celebrate everyone's birthday; December 2nd we will have our Christmas party. Please contact

Vicki at 410-352-5813 if you know someone who is intellectually challenged and would like to attend our Checkerboard activities or if you are interested in helping with our Checkerboard Ministry.

Vicki Daisey

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING SOSA IN THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY. They are an Advance Special of the United Methodist Church

Velma Sanford



To all of America's Veterans and members of the US Armed Forces: this Veteran's Day we SALUTE YOU and THANK YOU for serving our country and protecting our freedoms!



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER: The guard takes 21 steps during his walk across the tomb. It alludes to the 21 gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary. The guard hesitates after his about face to begin his return walk 21 seconds. His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle. He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder. Guards are changed every 30 minutes, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For a person to apply for guard duty, he must be between 5'10" and 6'2" tall. His waist cannot exceed 30. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty **FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES.** They cannot swear in public **FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES** and cannot disgrace the uniform (fighting) or the tomb in any way. After 2 years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin. The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first 6 months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe Lewis (the boxer), Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, (the most decorated soldier of WWII) of Hollywood

fame. Every guard spends 5 HOURS A DAY getting his uniform ready for guard duty. In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The Tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.



HURRICANE SEASON ISN'T OVER YET.....JUNE 1 – NOV. 30TH
Be ready emergency checklist:

WATER: 1 gallon per person, per day for 3 days; freeze water bottles ahead of time.

FOOD: Ready to eat canned meat, fruits & veggies; canned juices, milk & soup (don't forget a non-electric can opener).

PRESCRIPTION MEDS: In original bottle with refill information.

FIRST AID KIT: non-prescription meds and pain relievers.

FLASHLIGHT & extra batteries

CANDLES (candle lighter and/or matches)

PORTABLE RADIO & extra batteries

CASH (bills & coins)

IMPORTANT FAMILY DOCUMENTS

CELL PHONE & BATTERY CHARGER

SMALL TOOL KIT

BATHROOM SUPPLIES: toilet paper, soap, personal hygiene items, moist towelettes, toothpaste and toothbrush.

STURDY CLOTHING: change of clothing, rain gear, bedding: blankets, pillows, sleeping bags

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM: Radio: **FM** 104.7, 89.5, 97.1; **TV:** WBOC Channel 6, WMDT Channel 7



SINGLE SENIORS: We met Sept. 18th for our planning meeting luncheon at Sue Rhue's home. Our outings will be printed in the church

bulletins for October thru December.

Wanda Baragus



We need bowlers for the Ocean City Senior Bowling League. We are looking for 2 teams of 5 bowlers on each team. It is a mixed league of men and women.

You can have 3 men & 2 women, or 5 women, but no more than 3 men on a team. The team bowls once a week on Thursdays at the Ocean City Bowling Lanes on 71st St., next to the Post Office. Times are 12:00PM to 2:30PM and 3:00PM to 5:30PM. The season runs 25 weeks, from Oct. 4 – April 11. The season ends with an award banquet. We have lots of fun & exercise. I have bowled with the league for 21 years and love it! League Fee is: Ocean City Residents \$110; Non-Residents \$120. To sign up or for more info, contact Kim Allison of Northside Parks & Rec. at 410-250-0125.

Helen Nappier



Come join me as I call Bingo for seniors 50 years and older every Tuesday morning from 9:00AM-11:00AM at Ocean City McDonald's on 123rd St. from Sept. 18 to Dec. 11. We

break for the holidays and restart Jan. 8 to April 30. If you are not a morning person, no problem, I also call the same dates at McDonald's in Bethany Beach on Coastal Hwy. from 2:00PM to 4:00PM. Win coupons for McDonald's food/drinks – it's FREE! Come join the fun!

El Barrett

Ingredients to a Fruitful Fall: Family, Friendship, Forgiveness, Fellowship, Faith



There were no UMW meetings in the summer but that didn't stop our women from being about UMW business. Ruth Sheaffer traveled to Reading, Pa. to attend the annual

Mission U classes. The study for this year was "What About Our Money? A Faith Response". Carol Hahn and Anita Angeny heard the call from the Rotary and Hockers to donate school supplies to the G.W. Carver Academy in Franford, De. The UMW donated \$100. for the purchase of the school supplies. Some of the women are completing their book lists for the UMW reading program chaired by Rose Oruc. The speaker for our Sept. 11 meeting was Laurie Lipsey from Kairos who spoke about the plight of women in prison.

Anita Angeny



THE WORLD IS MINE: Today on a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful. When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle. She had one leg and used a crutch. But as she passed, she passed a smile. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two legs – the world is mine!

I stopped to buy some candy. The child who sold it had such charm. I talked with him, he seemed so glad. If I were late, it'd do no harm. And as I left, he said to me, "I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you. You see", he said, "I'm blind." Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two eyes, the world is mine!

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew. He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do. I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?" He looked ahead without a word. I forgot, he couldn't hear. Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I have two ears, the world is mine!

With feet to take me where I'd go, with eyes to see the sunset's glow, with ears to hear what I'd know – Oh, God, forgive me when I whine, I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: Switches from 8:30AM to 9:30AM after Labor Day.

Bonnie Miller



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

BYKOTA (Be Ye Kind One To Another) Come join us as we meet between our 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM church services.

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.



- Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
- Life is beauty, admire it.
- Life is a dream, realize it.
- Life is a challenge, meet it.
- Life is a duty, complete it.
- Life is a game, play it.
- Life is a promise, fulfill it.
- Life is sorrow, overcome it.
- Life is a song, sing it.
- Life is a struggle, accept it.
- Life is a tragedy, confront it.
- Life is an adventure, dare it.
- Life is luck, make it
- Life is life, fight for it.

~ Mother Teresa



PYLE CENTER

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item with you each Sunday when you come to church. Place your donation in the red bin located in the narthex. We'll see to it

that it gets to the Pyle Center where it will go to local people who are having trouble making ends meet. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Leave footprints of kindness
Where ever you go.



JESUS & FINKELSTEIN:

Jesus was wondering around Jerusalem when he decided that he really needed a new robe. After looking around for awhile, he saw a sign for Finkelstein, the Taylor. So he went in and made the necessary arrangements to have Finkelstein prepare a new robe for him. A few days later, when the robe was finished, Jesus tried it on – and it was a perfect fit! He asked how much he owed. Finkelstein brushed him off: “No, no, no for the son of God there’s no charge. However, may I ask you a small favor? Whenever you give a sermon, perhaps you could just mention that your nice new robe was made by Finkelstein, the Taylor?”

Jesus readily agreed and as promised, extolled the virtues of his Finkelstein robe whenever he spoke to the masses.

A few months later, while Jesus was again walking through Jerusalem, he happened to walk past Finkelstein’s shop and noted a huge line of people waiting for Finkelstein’s robes. He pushed his way through the crowd to speak to him and as soon as Finkelstein spotted him he said: “Jesus, Jesus, look what you have done for my business! Would you consider a partnership?” “Certainly” replied Jesus. “Jesus and Finkelstein it is.” “Oh, no, no” said Finkelstein. “Finkelstein and Jesus. After all, I am the craftsman.” The two of them debated this for some time. Their discussion was long and spirited, but ultimately fruitful – and they finally came up with a mutually acceptable compromise. A few days later, the new sign went up over Finkelstein’s shop:

LORD AND TAYLOR



Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

~ Emma Bombeck



You there, the one reading this now, I want you to do something: **SMILE** – smile because you’re beautiful; because you’re amazing; because you’re unique; because you can; because tomorrow is a new day; because no matter what you think, someone loves you.



HEALTH MINISTRIES: Our Nurses/Health Ministers have resumed taking blood pressure between the two church services on the 3rd Sunday of every month.



Remember to get your flu vaccine to prevent infection by the influenza ("flu") virus. Given evidence showing that the influenza protection you receive

now wanes toward the end of the season, as antibodies diminish, getting a shot now means you likely would not have the strongest level of protection left for the "worst part of flu season," which tends to be in February and March. The ideal time to get your vaccination is actually the end of September or beginning of October.



What a pleasant morning that God has afforded us to give Him praise and thanks. Who are we to deserve such grace and mercy?

We are nothing in deed but simply dust. God is a good God and today let us not meditate on the things or problems that we have encountered but let us forget about our trials and tribulations and focus on Him...for indeed, He is the author and finisher of our faith. There is nothing impossible for Him. He can mend every broken piece and make it become whole again. What a big and wonderful God we serve!



From our Rick Conley:

Please keep clipboards in the pew and replace hymnals back in the hymnal rack.



Dear St. Matthews,

Thank you very much for your gift to me for my High School graduation. It was a huge surprise! Since we moved down here I have enjoyed spending time with you at services. Thank you very much for bringing me into the St. Matthew's family!

Love, Ethan Dunlap



There were two men shipwrecked on an island. The minute they got on to the island one of them started screaming and yelling, "We're going to die! We're going to die! There's no food! No water! We're going to die!"

The second man was propped up against a palm tree and acting so calmly it drove the first man crazy. "Don't you understand?! We're going to die!" The second man replied, "You don't understand, I make \$100,000 a week."

The first man looked at him quite dumbfounded and asked, "What difference does that make?! We're on an island with no food and no water! We're going to DIE!!!"

The second man answered, "You just don't get it. I make \$100,000 a week and I tithe ten percent on that \$100,000 a week. My pastor will find me!"



Do something kind. Tell no one it was you. It is easy to do something kind when people are watching. It is not always easy to do a good deed in secret and then keep that good deed secret. It can be a pleasant feeling, however, to walk around with such a happy secret and should be something that all Christians experience.



NOVEMBER 3: set clocks back one hour so as to be on time for church Sunday.

Don't forget to set your light timers also and to check your batteries in your smoke alarms.

Everyone on earth is a solution to someone's problem. The gift that is given to you may not be necessary for everyone, but it certainly is absolutely necessary for someone - your smile, your love, and your abilities. You were put on this earth for a reason.



THE STORY BEHIND THE HYMN: In the late 1600s, most worship music in Europe consisted of singing the Old Testament Psalms. Isaac Watts loved the Bible, yet he thought these songs felt "unnatural" to sing.

After one Sunday service, 15-year old Isaac complained about "the atrocious worship." A deacon challenged him with, "Give us something better, young man." He went home and penned his first hymn, and the love of hymn-writing stuck with him all his life.

Later in life, and inspired by the last half of Psalm 98, Watts penned the beloved Christmas carol Joy to the World. Watts transformed the old Jewish psalm of praise for historic deliverance, into a song of rejoicing for the salvation of God that began when Jesus came "to make his blessing flow far as the curse is found."

The music is by an unknown composer using fragments from George Frederick Handel. Some scholars say it resembles Handel's greatest work, Messiah.



WATER MINISTRY: Giving away water and smiles. We ended the season giving 4,200 bottles of water with SMBTS info and mini-Bibles (751 more than last year)!



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: The International Student Dinners ends another successful season. The

Missions Committee thanks all the servers, and others who were so faithful to our International Students. They will spread around the world the joy, love and generosity they received! Thank you SMBTS!



Be grateful for every second you get to spend with people you **LOVE**. Life is so precious!



RED BIRD MISSION is collecting Box Tops for Education, Coke Rewards coupons, and soda can tabs to raise extra money for their school and other needs at the Mission. Please save these

items and bring them to Church. They can be placed in the UMW mailbox in the hallway by the office or left in the office for Ruth Sheaffer who processes them and ships them to Red Bird or sends them with our mission team going to Red Bird. Red Bird informed me that they received \$110 for a gallon jug of soda can tabs. Thank you for your donations to Red Bird Mission.

Ruth Sheaffer

Only GOD can turn a MESS into a MESSage, a TEST into a TESTimony, a TRIal into TRIumph, a VICTim into a VICTory. GOD is GOOD...ALL THE TIME!



St. Matthews is looking for one or more persons with computer interests/skills to work on our church webpage/fb page.

If you are that person, contact Bonnie Miller (in person, by phone 302-645-4963 or email: bmillere@verizon.net)



AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT:

Actual: \$ 28,413
Budgeted: \$ 27,894

YEAR-TO-DATE:

Actual: \$215,068
Budgeted: \$213,342



Music is the greatest communication in the world. Even if people don't understand the language that you're singing in, they still know good music when they hear it.

~ Lou Rawls

SMBTS Music Ministry extends an invitation to members and friends of the congregation to join us in spreading the good news through music. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come! Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays: 4:15-6:00PM the Bells of St. Matthews and 6:30-8:00PM the Chancel Choir.

The third Sunday of each month the bells play at the 8:30 and 10:45AM services; the chancel choir sings at the 10:45AM service every Sunday except the third Sunday of each month.

September 22nd Linda Simms, director of Capital Ringers, conducted a hand bell training. All levels of experience, including no experience, were welcome to attend. The Bells of St. Matthews would love to have new ringers join us in an effort to expand our music mission.

Sunday, December 9th the chancel choir will be presenting our Christmas cantata. If you would like to join us for singing the cantata, we would be thrilled to have you! I am very understanding concerning personal commitments you may have during rehearsals and performances. I know my choir members are very committed and come when they are able. The more people we have, the easier it is to carry on effectively. Right now we are facing a hardship with three people having medical concerns and one potentially moving. Please help us fill these voids so the quality of our choirs are not compromised.

After 38 years of teaching music at East Millsboro Elementary, I am now beginning a new adventure at Phillip C. Showell in Selbyville. As when I came to St. Matthews, so is my journey to PCS. In both cases no statement was ever so true, "Sometimes God takes us to places we would normally not go on our own."

It is my goal to foster a community outreach that joins PCS with St. Matthews. The walls of the school are so brightly painted with the history and importance of Selbyville to that school. Outside my music room is painted....Church, Family and Community. How exciting is it to see "Church" painted on a school wall?

I am so thrilled to impact both local students and adults in the world of music. These students are a huge part of our community, and they are our future! I'm hoping SMBTS will support them in their quest to become successful adults. We already have a bell choir member who is a mentor at PCS. I'm looking forward to the road that lies ahead for SMBTS and PCS!

If you have any questions, please contact Debby at (302)228-7809, text or call or email me at DTSmartKids@aol.com.

Debby Dudley



JAMMING BY-THE-SEA: We continue to have jam sessions of gospel, Blue grass, and other familiar songs on the first and third Friday's of each month from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Dust off those old instruments from high school and join us for the fun!

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT!!!

Following the first Friday of the month of Jamming By-The-Sea, come join us for a covered dish dinner at 6:00PM, followed by old fashioned social and hymn sing.

Merle Dimeler



Our ladies of SMBTS go to the Atlantic Shore Rehab & Nursing Center in Millsboro on the third Thursday of every month to lead the residents in their monthly song service. The event starts at 9:30AM. Call JoAnn Strawser 302-436-4840 for information and/or directions.



May your day be filled with blessings of love, joy and peace.



The wishbone became an icon of good luck in the new world. The successful breaking of the wishbone represented the successful split between the pilgrims & the religious persecution of the English crown. The person holding the larger portion of the broken wishbone was said to have one year's good luck.



Senior citizens are constantly being criticized for every conceivable deficiency of the modern world, real or imaginary. We know we take responsibility for all we have done and do not try to blame others. **HOWEVER**, upon reflection, we would like to point out that it was NOT senior citizens who took:

The MELODY out of music, the PRIDE out of appearance, the COURTESY out of driving, the ROMANCE out of love, the COMMITMENT out of marriage, the RESPONSIBILITY out of parenthood, the TOGETHERNESS out of the family, the LEARNING out of education, the SERVICE out of patriotism, the GOLDENRULE from rulers, the NATIVITY scene out of cities, the CIVILITY out of behavior, the REFINEMENT out of language, the DEDICATION out of employment, **THE PRUDENCE** out of spending, the AMBITION out of achievement or GOD out of government and school.

And we certainly are NOT the ones who ELIMINATED PATIENCE and TOLERANCE From personal relationships and interactions with others!!

And, we DO understand the meaning of PATRIOTISM, and remember those who have **FOUGHT AND DIED FOR OUR COUNTRY**. Just look at the SENIORS with tears in their eyes and pride in their hearts, as they stand at attention with their hand over their hearts, as the American Flag passes by in a parade!

~ submitted by Bebe Antonini

Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die, so, let us all be thankful.
~ Buddha



Wishing you an all-day **HAPPY!**

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Each day you add an item to the box and on Christmas Eve you donate the contents to a foodbank



Start the Reverse Advent Calendar when you start your regular Advent Calendar. Grab a basket or box, and every day leading up to Christmas, add something useful to the box (tinned food, cleaning items, toys, whatever you think would be welcome). Then on Christmas Eve (or even a day or two before), donate the entire basket and contents to your local charity (or perhaps someone that lives alone). This year, make *someone else's* Christmas a little bit brighter.



SCIENCE SAYS WE NEED AT LEAST 4 BASIC ELEMENTS TO SURVIVE:

1. Water
2. Air
3. Food
4. Light

AND LOOK WHAT THE BIBLE TELLS US ABOUT JESUS:

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT:
WE NEED JESUS TO LIVE!**



Shortly before his death, Billy Graham approved the following response as his final My Answer column.

Question: Mr. Graham, how would you like to be remembered?

Answer: I hope I will be remembered as someone who was faithful, faithful to God, faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and faithful to the calling God gave me not only as an evangelist, but as a husband, father and friend.

I'm sure I've failed in many ways, but I take comfort in Christ's promise to forgiveness, and I take comfort also in God's ability to take even our most imperfect efforts and use them for His glory.

By the time you read this, I will be in heaven, and as I write this I'm looking forward with great anticipation to the day when I will be in God's presence forever.

REAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS SIGNS :

I'm also making a list and checking it twice....God

Christmas: Easier to spell than Hanukah

Merry Christmas! Are you offended? Never be ashamed of Christ

What does God want for Christmas: Look in a mirror

One of the benefits of being a Christian! Feel the Christmas Spirit all year long, become a Christian

A hug, the ideal gift - one size fits all

A proud message from new dad Joseph: Arrived safely! Mother and Child doing well

Christmas - is not your birthday

All we want for Christmas is your presence

Santa Claus never died for anyone. Santa is nice but ain't that the truth!

It's OK to say "Merry Christmas!" here

May the hope, the peace, the joy, and the love represented by the birth in Bethlehem this night fill our lives and become part of all we say and do.

~ Rev. Richard J. Fairchild

Love is what's with you in the room at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.

~ Anonymous

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first.

~ George Matthew Adams

Christmas is the one day of the year that carries real hope and promise for all mankind.

~ Edgar Guest

I thank God for Christmas. On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, all the world is a better place, and men and women are more lovable. Love itself seeps into every heart, and miracles happen.

~ Peter Marshall

Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that call for time and money. Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.

~ Pope Benedict XVI

Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

~ Norman Vincent Peale

It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer your hand.

~ Mother Teresa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

- 2 Patricia McGee
- 4 Christopher King
Gayle Rogers
Carol Rose
Jill Shuart
- 5 Ralph Scheffey
- 6 Coleton Lowe
Sue Peters
Frank Vandegrift
Rita Williams
- 8 Susan Howard
- 9 Bill Stubbs
- 11 Beverly Allen
Darlene Kropf
Preston Webb
- 12 Larry Christman
- 13 Mary McConnell
Burt Miller
Alma "Cookie" Woodhouse
- 14 Jean Beach
Jim Hayes
Missy Parcels
Ione Phillips
- 15 Dave Mackes
- 17 Florence (Floss) Fioravanti
Marie Rowe
- 18 Sharon Kuznick
Julie Parcels
- 19 Sandra Schimler
Gary Taylor
- 20 Kim Hook
- 21 Wanda Bagarus
- 23 Betty Carpenter
Jesse Grimm
Wayne Lyons
- 24 Marjorie Bushong
Angela Gray
- 25 Carol Singer
- 26 John Cowan
- 27 Jack Coxe
Gail Dawson
Shanna McIlvain
- 28 Jonathan Taylor
Peggy Thomas
- 29 Charlotte Klapproth
Bob Pretty
Kristina Shank
Barbara Waddle
- 31 Dorothy Ambrose
Lee Ambrose
Gary Legates

November

- 2 Peggy Harkey
- 3 Nancy Scheffey
- 4 Christina Lee Antonini
- 6 Erin Applegate
Willie Bell, Jr.
John Maks
Dolly Snyder
- 7 Kathy Hickman
- 9 Dot Moore
Jim Murphy
Jane Noland
- 10 Stanley Randall
- 11 Joy Hammond
- 12 Wendy Yelton
- 14 Anna Hewitson
Sally Rice
Viola Weiss
- 15 Linda Parcher
- 16 Pamela Anthony
- 17 Samantha Aaron
Phyllis Anthony
Erin Gibson
- 18 Fay Morris
Susan Rhue
- 19 Daisey Calhoun
Kelly Clendaniel
- 20 Mary Loats
- 21 Becky Dukes
B. J. Houser
- 22 Don Godfrey
- 23 Karen Clark
- 24 Connie Alderfer
- 25 Glenn Pierce
Gail Stubbs
- 26 David Grant
- 27 Linda Berwick
Garnet Fowler
- 28 Susan Clower
Don Harkey
Patricia Newton
- 29 Colin James
Glenn Leichliter
- 30 Vicki Daisey
Wendeline Woodside

December

- 1 Carol Lee Beck
Merle Dimeler
- 2 Jacqueline Law
Esther Lupton
- 3 Dennis Mather
Charlotte Weston
Harry Yeich
- 4 Roni Williams
- 5 Kathy Weaver
- 6 Theresa Fleetwood
Susan Geisler
Sandra Robertson
- 9 Keith Hitchens
Marge Hynson
Tonya Sas
- 11 Phil Drew
George Gantz
- 12 Bill Smith
- 13 Cindy Childers
Marilyn Wockley
- 14 Joan Whitney
- 15 Melanie Nooney
- 16 Bill Moore
Karen Schaub
Michael Shanahan
- 17 Peggie Ball
- 18 Mallory Enck
Wanda Nagers
- 19 Jackie Childers
Helen Nappier
Charles Rossiter
- 20 Howard Beach
Dorothy Vandegrift
- 22 Janet Hess
Carl Lyons
- 24 Tina Hitchens
Anne Lyons
- 25 **JESUS CHRIST**
Darlene Ward
- 27 Mark Brennan
Phyllis Nichols
- 28 Herb Moore
Karyn Vice
- 29 Robert Bryan
Sue Young
- 30 Ron Jones
Dolores Kersey
Pat Plocek
- 31 Bette Bates
Linda Teplica

For unto you is born this day
in the city of David a
Saviour, which is Christ the
Lord ~ Luke 2:11

October 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9am-Prayer Group 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	2 9am-Crafts 8pm-AA Mtg.	3 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	4 5:30pm - Yoga	5 4:00pm-Jammin By-The-Sea	6
7 Holy Communion	8 9am-Prayer Group 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	9 9am-Crafts 12:30 UMW Meeting 5:30pm SPRC Meeting2 8pm-AA Mtg.	10 4:15pm-Hand Bells 5:30pm-SPRC Meeting 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	11 5:30pm - Yoga	12 5:00pm-Frye/Clark Rehearsal	13 10:00am-Al-Anon Meeting 4:00pm Frye/Clark Wedding
14 Commitment Sunday	15 9am-Prayer Group 10am-Quilters 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	16 9 am-Crafts 8pm-AA Mtg.	17 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	18 9:30am-UMW @ Atlantic Shores 5:30pm - Yoga	19 4:00pm Jammin By-The-Sea	20
21 Red Bird Mission Sunday	22 9am-Prayer Group 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	23 9 am-Crafts 8pm-AA Mtg.	24 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	25 5:30pm - Yoga	26	27 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Solid Ground Community Church Retreat
28 Laity Sunday	29 9am-Prayer Group 10 am Quilters 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	30 9am-Crafts 8pm-AA Mtg.	31 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-Chancel Choir			

NOVEMBER 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 5:30pm Yoga	2 4:00pm-Jammin By-The-Sea	3
4 Holy Communion	5 9am-Prayer Group 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	6 9am – Crafts 8pm-AA Mtg.	7 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm- Chancel Choir 6:00pm- Financial Committee	8 5:30pm-Yoga 5:30pm-Elder Law Seminar	9 5pm – 8pm Bazaar	10 8am – 1pm Bazaar
					UMW FALL BAZAAR	
11	12 9am-Prayer Group 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	13 12:30pm-UMW Meeting 8pm-AA Mtg.	14 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm- Chancel Choir 6:00pm- Financial Committee	15 9:30a.m. UMW @ Atlantic Shores 5:30pm Yoga	16 4:00pm-Jammin By-The-Sea	17
18 12:00pm- Admin Council	19 9am-Prayer Group 10am – Quilters 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	20 8pm-AA Mtg.	21 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm- Chancel Choir	22  Happy Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26 9am-Prayer Group 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	27 8pm-AA Mtg.	28 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm- Chancel Choir	29 5:30pm-Yoga	30	

December 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 4:30pm – Hanging of the Greens
2 Communion Sunday 2pm-5pm Checkerboard Christmas Party	3 9AM: Prayer Group 7PM: AA Mtg. 7PM: AL Anon	4 8PM: AA Mtg.	5 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	6 5:30pm-Yoga	7 4:00pm-Jammin By-The-Sea	8
9 Christmas Cantata 10:45 Only 3:30pm Church Conference	10 9AM: Prayer Group 7PM: AA Mtg. 7PM: AL Anon	11 12:30pm-UMW Meeting 8PM: AA Mtg.	12	13 5:30pm-Yoga	14	15
16 10:45 One Service Only	17 9AM: Prayer Group 10AM – Quilters 7PM: AA Mtg. 7PM: AL Anon	18 8PM: AA Mtg.	19 4:15pm-Hand Bells 6:30pm-Chancel Choir	20 9:30am-WMW@ Atlantic Shores 5:30pm-Yoga	21 4:00pm-Jammin By-The-Sea	22
23 10:45AM: ONE SERVICE ONLY 30 10:45am One Service Only Memorial Communion Service	24 9am-Prayer Group 7pm – Christmas Eve Service 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm – AL Anon 31 9am-Prayer Group 10am Quilters 7pm-AA Mtg 7pm-AL Anon	25	26	27 5:30pm-Yoga	28	29