

LOVE

the Triumph

From the Senior Pastor

Since the word is out anyway, I want to go ahead and confirm that I will be retiring from the ministry as of the Annual Conference in June 2018. Needless to say, this hasn't been an easy decision for Nancy and me. But I am currently the longest-serving active minister in the Virginia Conference of the UMC—having started in 1973 when I was twenty-three. I'll be sixty-eight in June. Mandatory retirement for UMC pastors is seventy-two, but most retire by age sixty-five or even younger.

This past year has been a stressful one for our family—with two very difficult births of grandchildren in other states (out of three total new grandchildren for us this year) and the physical decline and death of Nancy's eighty-nine year-old father in Maryland.

I am looking forward to being—as one pastor put it to me years ago—"a professional grandfather!" For the time being, however, Nancy will continue to work part-time as a nurse at Fair Oaks Hospital—meaning, of course, that we'll be remaining in the area for a while at least. Currently, our retirement home in Cape Cod, where we hope to settle eventually, is rented out.

As for the St. Thomas Church, our District Superintendent, Rev. Jeff Mickle, will be working in the next couple of months with our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, chaired by Gordon Haines, to determine the needs of the church for pastoral leadership and which Virginia Conference pastor can best fulfill those needs. As you may be aware, all UMC pastors are appointed to their places of service by the Bishop of the

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Conference, who works with the District Superintendents to ascertain the best pastor to serve in the various churches.

Please pray for this process—that God will do the selecting through his human agents. As of Sunday, July 1, 2018 St. Thomas will have a new Senior Pastor. Literally, at this point only God knows who that person will be.

I cannot conclude without thanking everyone at St. Thomas for your wonderful kindness to me and my family for the last seven and a half years; and for your patience and support.

God bless you.



I'm doing a 6-part series of sermons from January 7th to February 11th entitled: "What Is Christianity All About?" Below are the scheduled sermons for this.

- ♥ January 7 "It's About God's Love" (1 John 4:7-12; Luke 15:11-32)
- ♥ January 14 "It's About God's Call" (Mark 1:16-20)
- ♥ January 21 "It's About God's Strength" (1 Samuel 17:1-24, 32-43, 48-50)
- ♥ January 28 "It's About God's Way" (Matthew 6:25-34)
- ♥ February 4 "It's About God's Church" (Psalm 122: 1-9; Matthew 16:13-20)
- ♥ February 11 "It's About God's Promise" (Matthew 28:16-20)

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14 and Easter is April 1.

David Forrest, Senior Pastor

Operation Bearhug is Coming

For health reasons, please bring new teddy bears to the sanctuary on Sunday, February 4th or Sunday, February 11th. Bears should be of a size that fit in a hospital bed, not too big and not too small. We will hug them, pray over them and distribute them to Prince William Hospital and Manassas Health and Rehab in time for Valentines Day. Thank you for your participation and your caring. Questions can be directed to Cathy Campbell at 703-369-3220 or ssteechur@yahoo.com.

A Letter From a Caring Member

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ's service, I write with a heavy heart. I have been researching over the past year or so, the plight that many of our brothers and sisters in Christ face daily for their faith, around the globe. Accounts of atrocities which I have heard and read about in places such as North Korea, Middle East, Myanmar (Borneo), Philippine's, China, Russia, Africa, Central and South America and the Caribbean have brought me to tears at times. Imagine what it would be like to face, daily, threats of imprisonment, beatings, torture and even murder; couple that with losing your home and facing famine, and wondering how you're going to feed your children, and you begin to understand what's these innocent men, women and children are experiencing. We simply cannot stand by "listening-inward" without "acting outward"! The Bible says, when one member of the body suffers, the whole body suffers. This has never been truer than it is today. Some would argue that the persecution of Christians-and non-Christians, isn't new to the world. That statement is true! What isn't stated in that truth is the sheer magnitude of the persecution being put upon believers today, it far out distances the past. Many believe we are living in the age that Christ referred to in Matthew 24, as the Beginning of Sorrows! Regardless of how you view current world events, we know that in Matthew 25 Christ says if you give to the brethren who are in need of food, drink, clothing, shelter, medicine, healthcare, or visit the sick and imprisoned, then it's as though you were giving unto the Lord Himself. Christ makes it clear to fellow believers, that the care of the poor and downtrodden is sentinel to our responsibilities as part of the church body. Yet, today, we Christians aren't doing so well in meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters overseas. Some Christians are going above and beyond in their giving, others sadly don't contribute

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anything. We need to up the ante and begin supporting our brothers and sisters in harms way. I pray that you will prayerfully give! Here are some suggestions: Voice of the Martyrs, Christian Aid, Samaritan's Purse, Cross International, Food for the Poor, Doctors without Borders. Every month WAVA joins other Christian broadcast networks in giving campaigns. This is an excellent way to learn about the plight of our "family" and to give according to your means. I pray that you listen in between 4 and 6 PM daily.



May God Bless You Richly!

Haymarket Church Updates

Women at Haymarket Church Forming in January

Every person faces confusion, loss, and missteps in life – struggle doesn't mean that we are weak or failing – it means that we are alive. A new Haymarket Church Women's Group will form this January, and we will be reading "Of Mess and Moxie," by Jen Hatmaker, a well-known author. Hatmaker's book explores the power of struggle, tragedy, and triumph in life – particularly in the life of women. The group will meet on Mondays beginning on January 8 and running through February 5 at a home in the Parks at Piedmont neighborhood. If you are interested or want more information, please email info@haymarketchurch.org.

New January Sermon Series at Haymarket Church – Hard Conversations in Divisive Times

Sometimes it feels as if our world is full of division. Sometimes it feels like we've lost the ability to remain united with people with whom we disagree. Sometimes it feels like churches are afraid to talk about hard topics – as if we are just "playing nice" because we are afraid that, if we express our true opinions, it will lead to conflict. But our church believes in something different – we believe that it's possible to disagree and still remain united in love – to have significant disagreements and still work

together towards a common goal. Beginning on January 7, Haymarket Church will explore some basic Christian principles for having hard conversations – in church and in all of life. We believe that, by having these conversations, we can help show the world, at least our world, a better way forward. We hope you'll be there in January and invite a friend as we learn to have hard (and important) conversations together!

Haymarket Church Pastor's Update

Fall and early winter of 2017 have been an exciting time for Haymarket Church (The Haymarket Campus of St. Thomas United Methodist Church). Since the end of August our average worship attendance is up by about 20% over the same period last year. This increase represents numerous new families getting connected with Haymarket Church through community events, special activities, small groups, and personal invitation. We have sponsored numerous events in our community – acting as the primary hospitality station for Haymarket Day, serving as the sound team for the Town of Haymarket's Holiday Celebration, sponsoring an End-of-Summer Block Party at the end of August, packaging 10,000 meals as part of worship, packaging flood buckets for UMCOR, and more.

In late November, we sponsored our first "Friendsgiving Feast" – a Thanksgiving feast after worship where we got to eat together and build community – and it was a big success. November also included our annual Youth Lock-in and Youth Sunday – an opportunity for our teenagers, as part of their annual lock-in, to take leadership roles in Sunday worship (beyond the leadership many of them offer every week).

In December we also sponsored two special Christmas events in our community. On Saturday, December 16, we sponsored Carols, Cookies, and Cocoa on the Roof – an opportunity to celebrate Christmas with our community. This event was a great opportunity for us to reach out to our community and meet new people – as well as being a fun way for everyone involved to kick off the Christmas season. Then, on Sunday, December 17, we partnered with the Sweet Julia Grace Foundation, a local non-profit, to sponsor a Christmas celebration for a family in our community whose Kindergarten son was recently diagnosed with cancer. About 200 people participated in this event (providing gifts for the family and caroling at their home), and it was a great opportunity for us to share about our church with

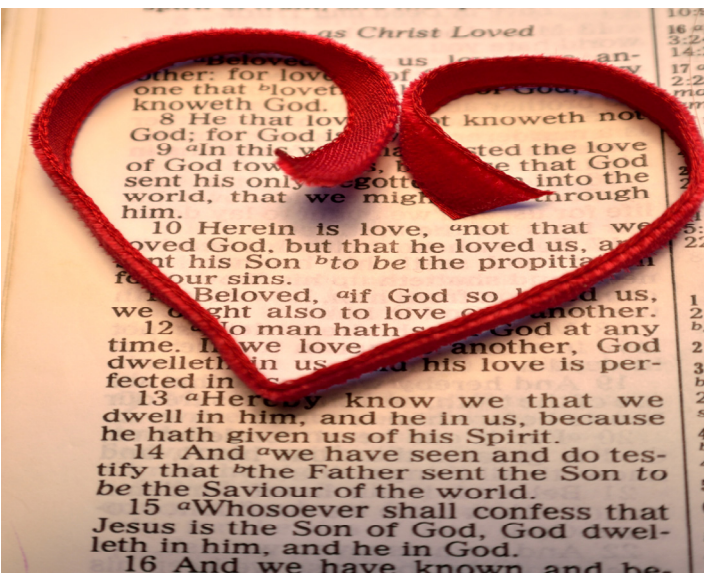
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the community and make a difference in the lives of a family that could really use a little extra joy.

In addition to these great activities, we have also launched a number of new initiatives this fall. Our weekly Wednesday night Dinner Church worship service has launched as an alternative worship experience that provides community, deep engagement with Scripture, and an opportunity for people who would not otherwise be able to make it to worship during the week. Our recent co-working initiative – encouraging community groups and people who work remotely to make use of our space at the Old Bank Building – has helped us meet more people and help the Old Bank Building emerge as a hub of community activity here in Haymarket.

All of this has contributed to the sense that there is increased energy and buzz at Haymarket Church. We are becoming ever more deeply knit into the fabric of the wider Haymarket community. Over recent months, we have had more and more people calling us and inviting us to get involved in good work in our community – which means that we are becoming an established presence that is known for the entire community. That's exactly what we've been trying to do this year – and it looks like it's succeeding!

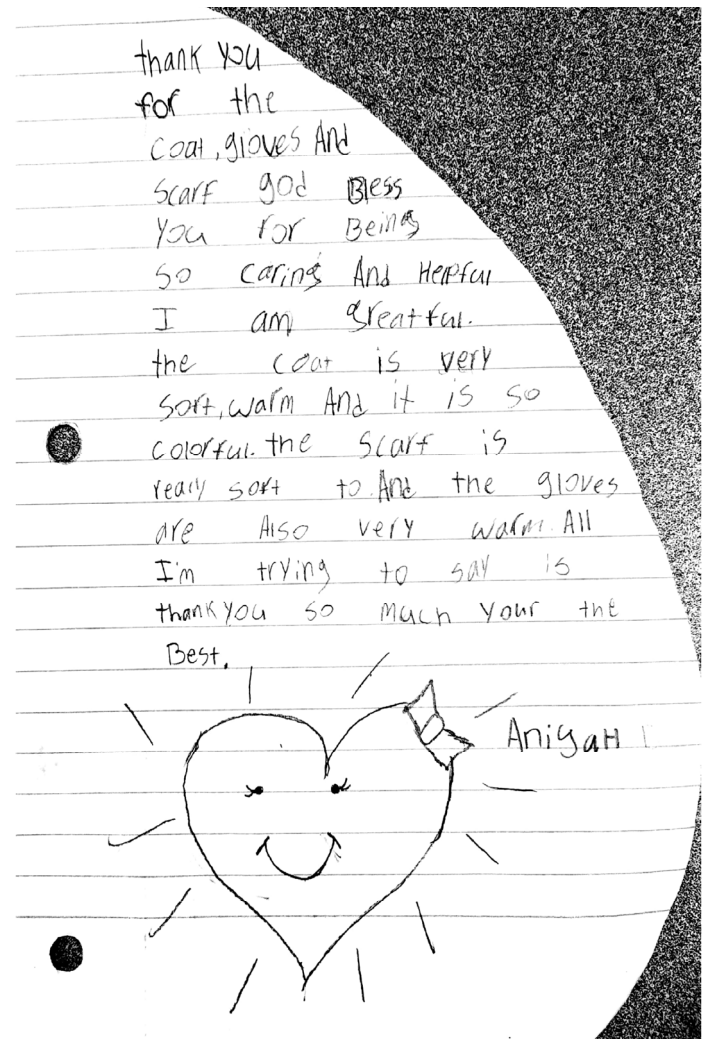
This is truly an exciting time at Haymarket Church – things are happening, new people are discovering new depths and riches of faith, and God is leading us forward in good and important work. God is on the move, and we are thankful that we get to be a part of it. Thank you so much for all the ways you support this work – something good is happening here!



Missions Committee

What God is doing through us to His community. We received a beautiful thank you note from a little girl that received one of the coats that you generously donated to our partner school Mullen Elementary. Please see the picture of the letter. Also, our Angel Shop was a huge success. The parents "shopped" for gifts and our "elves" wrapped all of them to be taken home by the parents. Even when the janitors accidentally threw away the wrapping paper, we regrouped, got some more and kept wrapping. All of the parents were very grateful. In fact, many of them hugged us many times. We were blessed by seeing the smiles on their faces both nights. They were all invited to our Christmas Day Dinner so at this writing we are praying that some will join us that day. We are all truly being that hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Lori Perez, Chair of Mission



King's Kids

JANUARY

PRESCHOOL-WATCH THIS



This month the words 'WATCH THIS!' will be said... A LOT! For all of you science experiment fans, you're going to have a blast! Any messes that will be made will be totally worth it. We want to invite preschoolers to WATCH

THIS as we do a few impressive things, so we can lead them to the ONE who can do ANYTHING! The goal for this month is to learn that Jesus is the one to watch, because JESUS CAN DO ANYTHING!

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus can do anything.

ELEMENTARY-WORK IT OUT



Growing in faith is not something that happens by simply cramming information about the Bible into a child's brain. The knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can

do in their heart. To experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith and that takes commitment. God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has kept His promises to us, we can make a plan and stick to it. One of the best plans you can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out your faith every day.

BOTTOM LINE: Commitment is a reflection of the character of God.

MEMORY VERSE: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. " 1 Timothy 4:8, NIV

FEBRUARY



PRESCHOOL-SWEET SHOP

Jesus loves everyone is the sweetest news we will ever share with our preschoolers. And since sweets are a

huge part of this month--with all the heart-shaped cookies and candy hearts--we decided the perfect theme for February would be Sweet Shop. We will hear the stories of the woman at the well, Zacchaeus, the unloved woman, and Peter. Jesus showed love to all people, the same kind of love He has for you and me and every preschooler that we get to teach each Sunday. We want our preschoolers to grow up knowing that Jesus loves us all, no matter what, and He will never stop loving us. So get your sweet tooth and your heart ready for a super sweet month filled with the good news that JESUS LOVES EVERYONE! It's going to be one huge sugar overload, not because of candy but because Jesus' love is just that big and sweet.

BOTTOM LINE: Jesus can do anything.

ELEMENTARY-REWIND

God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it, even as sinners. Jesus died for us. Because of God's great love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus personified kindness in the way He lived and interacted with the people He met. But, as we read the Gospels, we find that Jesus didn't just model kindness. He commanded it. By treating others the way we want to be treated, we live out the way Jesus taught us to live.

BOTTOM LINE: Kindness is a reflection of the character of God.

MEMORY VERSE: "Do to others as you would have them to do to you. " Luke 6:31, NIV



Upcoming Events with Our Youth

SCOUT SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

All those involved in scouting, don't forget to wear your uniform to church so we can recognize you!"



PACK MEETINGS

- ♥ January 16: Minute To Win It Games
- ♥ January 19-20: Bowling Lock-In, 11:00 PM-7:00 AM
- ♥ January 30: Game Night

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♥ February 6

♥ February 20

CONFIRMATION 2018***JANUARY 7-MARCH 18***

Confirmation is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God available to us, as acknowledged in baptism, and to promise to live as a person of faith. We will hold the first class for

parents and students on Sunday January 7, 2017 at 10:45 AM in Room 300. If you are in 6th grade or older, have not been through the class, and feel you are ready to take this next step in your faith journey, then please join us! Please contact Caleb to sign up. caleb.mathews@stthomasumc.org

Meet Our King's Kids Staff!

It takes many hands and loving hearts to make our Children's Ministry happen. Each month we're going to highlight our teachers to appreciate them for all their hard work and to help you get to know them better.

Lynda Workman: Serves in Our Preschool Class.***How long have you served in Children's Ministry?***

I've been teaching in the Preschool class for about two years. It had been many years since I last taught Sunday School, but when I saw how much support there was for teachers here at St. Thomas, I knew I wanted to teach again.

Lynda Workman***Why do you serve in King's Kids?***

Educational discipleship is an important role for both teachers and students, no matter how young, in the life of the church, it's

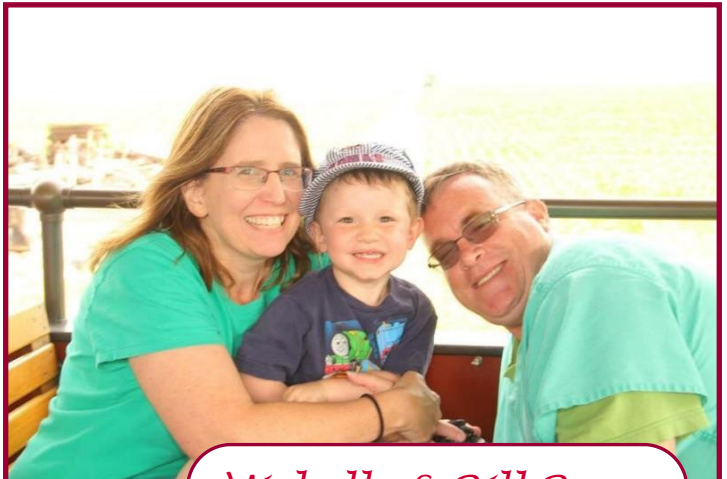
fun to work with Bill and Michelle Beecy, and the Preschool lead teachers, they are so capably understand the learning needs of preschoolers and always go the extra mile to plan fun activities for the children. It's also an honor to work with our caring substitute teachers who fill in for us when needed. The parents of our preschoolers are amazing. They etg up early on Sunday mornings to get their children ready for church and Sunday School. Their children will never forget this parental dedication.

What is your favorite part about serving in King's Kids?

My favorite part is watching the children laugh, learn their brief Bible verses, create art works, use their imaginations, and play. Like all children, our students love to play and so we try to incorporate play into as many activities as we can. In our class the teachers love to play and do activities as much as the kids. It's very nice to see the children grow in their skills.

Fun fact about yourself?

At home i enjoy babysitting my four-year-old granddaughter and visiting with family members and friends.

Michelle and Bill Beecy: Serve in Our Preschool Class.***Michelle & Bill Beecy******How long have you served in Children's Ministry?***

Bill: all together, seven years. We've been teaching the Preschool Class for over two years, and we volunteered in the nursery beginning when Billy was born. I also worked with children at another church.

Michelle: it's hard to count if you want a total. My mother was

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the Sunday School Superintendent at our church in Pennsylvania. I could be charged with teaching any class I was older than. I was youth leader at Springfield United Methodist for a while, and went on mission trips with youth at First United Methodist in Charlottesville. Now we do Preschool.

Why do you serve in King's Kids?

Bill: i am a large child.

Michelle: I love making learning fun, and where is there a better place to do it?

What is your favorite part about serving in King's Kids?

Bill: being the biggest toy in the room. I've been covered in toilet paper, battered with foam swords and stickered with fake leprosy spots. Where else would that happen? Also, it makes my wife happy.

Michelle: I love three to five as an age generally. There's so much natural wonder and joy and it's fun to introduce them to these stories for what may be the first time, or even just make them more concrete. For example, when I bring hay to explain what it means that baby Jesus was "asleep in the hay," it's exciting to watch the lightbulbs go off.

Fun fact about yourself?

Bill: despite a severe blood phobia, I delivered my daughter with a 911 Operator talking me through how to do it. It made the local papers.

Michelle: I am that aunt who bought her niece an actual breathing horse.

Drive-Thru Nativity

Snowing from 8am to 8pm made it challenged us to get everything put together during the day. On the other hand, it did add some ambience to the whole event – do you think it might have been snowing the night the Christ Child was born? The 2017 version of the STUMC Drive Thru Nativity was a success once again. There were even live sheep from Winchester, two new beautifully painted set backdrops, and some new angel wings grabbed a lot of attention from people driving through and those putting the sets together. The set-up crew braved the snow in the morning and early afternoon. In the evening, the actors were kept warm between half hour shifts with soup, chili, mac and cheese, sandwiches, hot chocolate and more cookies then could be

counted. The chatter and fellowship between shifts was something to behold! Approximately 220 cars were guided by milk jug luminaries around the campus to view twelve scenes depicting the Christ Child birth story. There were still people who expected to pay – we will put FREE on the road sign next year!



Drive-Thru Nativity

Neither snow nor rain...nor gloom of night...The Drive-Thru Nativity was a complete success.

When it was all said and done, there was no frostbite but lots of smiles from everyone! The final set piece was put away at 11:15 pm and thoughts were already turning to what will be new in 2018. Thank you to ALL who participated. It takes everyone of you to make this event so joyfull. Pictures are available on the church website.

From the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee sees an amazing support for all of St. Thomas' projects. This is done through the designated giving of the church members. Through designated giving we have a newer van, new sound system, WIFI. In 2017 these funds supported our choir, bells, JNS, Prosperity House, Back Pack Snack Attack for Crossroads connection in Haymarket, Rising Hope 3 year capital fund drive, food pantry, St. Thomas kitchen, ACTS, cold night support for the homeless, donation for "needy kids" at Mullen, Caring Hands, upgrading the Drive-Thru Nativity scenery, Okinawa Missionary program, Missionaries in Peru, eight High School graduates' awards, India Seminary Students and others.

Now the Church needs help. Our envelopes indicate General Budget and Other Offering. The General Budget is our operating fund and pays for the communications, maintenance, utility bills and staff. These costs never go away and like your home there is maintenance, utility bills, lawn care, and technology expenses. These costs are increasing.

When we pledge to the Church, that is for the operating fund (our tithe). The designated giving is above and beyond the pledge and is known as the "second mile giving". If you look at the back page of the bulletin, there is always a report on the General Budget Offering. Sorry, but since last summer, when giving was low, we have never recovered. The expenses are greater than the income. Pray that we can increase our giving to the General Budget-operating Fund in 2018.

OWLS (Older, Wiser, Livelier, Seniors)

OWLS enjoyed lunch at two different venues in November and December.

November 17 was a beautiful day for a leisurely drive to Graves Mountain Lodge where 18 of us enjoyed a family style meal featuring chicken pot pie and a delicious dessert. The fabulous meal

was made even better by the warm friendly fellowship that was shared by all. It was really nice to see Marla Sloper, a one-time member of St. Thomas UMC.



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December 14

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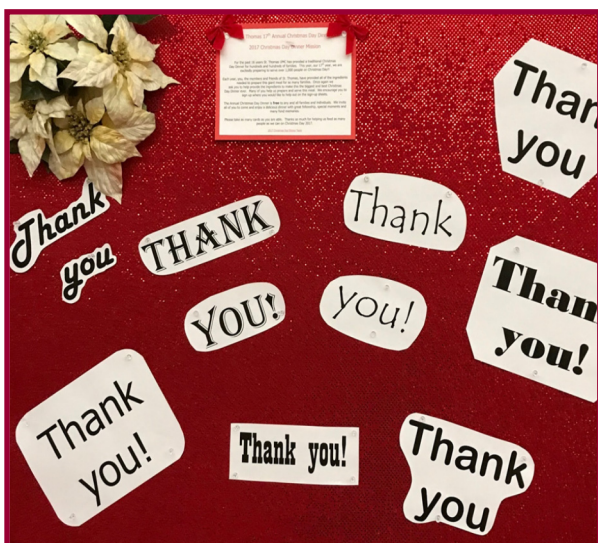
2018 will bring new adventures for the OWLS. We will meet on January 19 and February 16 for "surprise" outings. They are so much a surprise that Lynn and Marian would love to hear your ideas on what we could do. We are always open to suggestions. Plans are being made for where to go and what to do so please watch the Sunday bulletins, over-head screens, and e-blasts for undated information on January and February outings.

Our 17th Christmas Day Dinner

Turkeys were prepped and baked on December 23rd. December 24th saw a flurry of activity as rutabagas, sweet potatoes, and white potatoes were peeled, turkeys de-boned and hams sliced, silverware was rolled and tables were decorated. The kitchen was a-brewing with our chef Frank Priest at the helm directing our army of valiant volunteers to another Christmas Day victory!



Christmas morning began with getting all the food ready, and packing food for all the nearby hospitals, police stations, and fire stations, setting a record of 332 meals and dessert trays delivered! Even the littlest of volunteers dedicated their hard efforts to helping out!



The doors opened at 11, and 402 people dined with us until 2 o'clock. It was an eventful day, one ending with the electricity going out for the last 15 minutes of the dinner. But our excellent and professional volunteers kept the ship smoothly running! Many many thanks to everyone who contributed in some form or another, and for being willing to do any job that was asked of them.

Thank you again! – The Christmas Day Dinner Team

January & February Birthdays

January Birthdays

January 1

Jennifer Collins

January 2

Gary Gallahan

Ron Weber

January 4

Matthew Kennedy

Terry Dearth

January 5

Kristin Luetkenhaus

Lauren Obaugh

January 7

Joan Doggett

Jamison Weed

January 8

David Ometz

Brian Harper

January 9

Emmanuel Ravichandar

Sherry Mootz

Paul Davis

January 11

AJ Hunter

Doug Price

Wyn Weber

January 12

Al Dawson

Maddy Maynard

Riley Miller

January 15

Sue Booher

Holly Banner

Susan Must

January 16

Nanette Santiesteban

January 17

Julia Hunter

January 18

Tim Grembowski

January 19

Henry Davison

Pam MacKay

January 20

Zachary Jones

January 21

Dwayne Young

January 22

David Petrilla

Charlie Monfort

January 23

Jean Webb

January 24

Colleen Rummel

John Guice

January 25

MaKayla Wright

January 27

Janie Russell

Marian Ludlow

Nathan Mathis

January 28

Nick Blankenship

Otis Greene

Rynn Davis

Samantha Sallada

January 29

Erin Wolf

Sue Kales

Matthew Hammack

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John Duffy

Meredith Crockett

January 31

Eric McFarlane

Frank Wald

Kristi Swanson

Lauren Wolf

February Birthdays

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January & February Birthdays

February 2

Jonathan Drake

Chad McKinney

February 4

Traci Birdsell

Sandy Collins

February 5

Barbara Kurtz

John Rosko

Patricia Good

February 6

Ruth Gorgas

Ann McKinney

February 7

Dylan Fowler

Brandon Hayes

Lynne Goldfarb

February 8

Forrest Michalek

February 9

Brian Saari

February 10

Frank Priest

Jacob Baker

February 11

Chris Verosko

February 12

Pauline Foster

William Wagner

Caleb Waters

February 14

Jhenny Michalek

Diane Hammond

Madi Greene

February 16

Cathy Campbell

February 17

Emmett Davison

February 18

Gary Furlong

February 19

Audra Blevins

David Enke

February 20

Joe Monfort

February 21

Laney Schoch

February 22

Lucy Stephany

Terry Bryant

February 23

Owen Wolf

February 24

Jeanette Mathis

February 25

Rick McMahon

Karen Weaver

February 26

Jensen Williams

Alisha Alexander

February 28

Miranda Banner

January & February Meetings

Monday, January 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

7:15pm Trustees Committee Meeting

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 3

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Dementia/Alzheimer's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:00pm Route 15 Small Group—Kales

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 4

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas Rehearsal

Friday, January 5

9:15am Mom's Group

9:30am Caregiver Support Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

7:00pm Media Circle

Saturday, January 6

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

8:00am Sunbeam Children's Center Workshop

9:00am Food Pantry

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, January 7

11:00am DC Homeless Mission Sandwich Making

12noon Joyful Noise Singers

1:00pm Hispanic Church

5:00pm DC Homeless Mission Trip

Monday, January 8

9:30am National Counseling Group

6:00pm Evangelism & Outreach Committee

7:00pm Precept

7:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, January 9

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Epiphany Breakfast- Home of Larry & Leslie Oakes

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

1:00pm Dorcas Circle

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm UMW Executive Meeting

Thursday, January 11

7:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas Rehearsal

Friday, January 12

9:15am Mom's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

Saturday, January 13

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

8:00am USDA Food Program

9:00am Food Pantry

9:30am Bi District Training Day-Christ UMC

10:00am DAR Meeting

1:30pm Portillo Birthday Party

3:00pm Emmaus Gathering

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, January 14

12noon Joyful Noise Singers

1:00pm Hispanic Church

Monday, January 15

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 St. Thom Cats Rehearsal

Tuesday, January 16

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

5:30pm The Pack Meeting

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:15pm Church Council Committee

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

January & February Meetings

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 17

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks

In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:00am Clergy Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Route 15 Small Group- Kales

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 18

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas Rehearsal

Friday, January 19

9:15am Mom's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

10:30pm PACK Bi-District Bowling Lock In- Chantilly Bowl America

Saturday, January 20

PACK Bi-District Bowling Lock In- Chantilly Bowl America

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

8:00am Sunbeam Children's Center Workshop

8:00am USDA

9:00am Food Pantry

11:00am Memory Cafe

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:00pm JNS Dinner A la carte

7:00pm Movie Night

Sunday, January 21

1:00pm Hispanic Church

1:30pm Women's Trip to Museum of the Bible

Monday, January 22

9:30am National Counseling Group

7:00pm Precept

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, January 23

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:15pm Missions Committee Meeting

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 24

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas Rehearsal

Friday, January 26

9:15am Mom's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

Saturday, January 27

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

9:00am Food Pantry

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, January 28

12noon Joyful Noise Singers

1:00pm Hispanic Church

Monday, January 29

7:00pm Precept

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, January 30

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

5:30pm PACK Game Night

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas Rehearsal

Friday, February 2

9:15am Mom's Group

9:30am Caregiver Support Group

January & February Meetings

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

7:00pm Media Circle

Saturday, February 3

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

9:00am Food Pantry

3:00pm Party

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, February 4

11:00am Sandwiches-DC Homeless Trip

12noon Joyful Noise Singers

1:00pm Hispanic Church

5:00pm DC Homeless Mission Trip

Monday, February 5

9:30am National Counseling Group

2:30pm Blood Drive

7:00pm Precept

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, February 6

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

5:30pm The PACK Meeting

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:15pm Trustees Committee Meeting

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:00am Clergy Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:00pm Early Stage Dementia Networking Group

6:00pm Route 15 Small Group-Kales

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8

Large Church Event-River Road Church

7:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas

Friday, February 9

9:15am Mom's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

Saturday, February 10

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

9:00am Food Pantry

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, February 11

12noon Joyful Noise Singers

1:00pm Hispanic Church

Monday, February 12

6:00pm Evangelism & Outreach Committee

7:00pm Precept

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, February 13

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

1:00pm Dorcas Circle

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:00pm Finance Committee

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

12noon Ash Wednesday Service

6:00pm Hispanic Church

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas Rehearsal

Friday, February 16

9:15am Mom's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

Saturday, February 17

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

8:00am USDA Food Program

9:00am Food Pantry

11:00am Memory Café

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, February 18

12noon Joyful Noise Singers Rehearsal

1:00pm Hispanic Church

January & February Meetings

Monday, February 19

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, February 20

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

5:30pm PACK Meeting

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:15pm Church Council

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:00pm Route 15 Small Group-Kales

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

7:30pm Bells of St. Thomas

Friday, February 23

9:15am Mom's Group

6:00pm Hispanic Youth Group

Saturday, February 24

8:00am Ladies Emmaus Reunion Group

8:00am Men's Breakfast Group

9:00am Food Pantry

10:00am DAR Monthly Meeting

12noon Chat N'Chew - Ebenezer UMC

6:00pm Hispanic Church

Sunday, February 25

1:00pm Hispanic Church

7:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service

Monday, February 26

7:00pm Precept

7:30pm St. Thom Cats

Tuesday, February 27

5:00am Hispanic Church Meeting for Prayer

9:30am Staff Meeting

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

5:30pm Tuesday Night Dinner

6:15pm Kidz Rock Choir

6:30pm Tuesday Night Worship

7:00pm Missions Committee Meeting

7:30pm 9:40 Worship Team Rehearsal

8:00pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 28

6:20am Haymarket Men's Breakfast- Starbucks In Harris Teeter on Heathcote

10:00am Quilts for Kids

11:30am Sunbeam Children's Center Chapel

6:00pm Hispanic Church

6:45pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal



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8:15, 9:40 and 11:00 AM

HAYMARKET CAMPUS

Sunday Meeting Place:
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Haymarket, VA 20169
Brian Johnson - *Lead Pastor, Haymarket*

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME: 10:00 AM