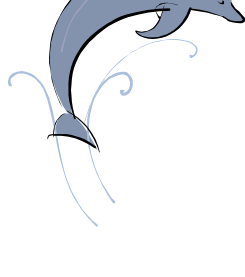


The Sandpiper Newsletter

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SUMMER TIME @ SCCUMC!

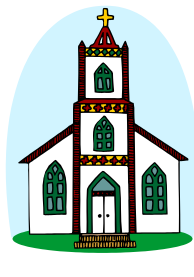


Sandbridge Community Chapel is a church that ministers to the spiritual needs of a unique seaside community. We strive under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to meet the needs of a diverse group of people who come together to gain a personal relationship with Christ, the living God and grow in fellowship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

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



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
*** Sunday School in Recess until September**



A Word From Pastor Frank

July/August 2010



Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28: 16-20)

I recently read "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns who is the president of World Vision U.S., where he asks "What does God expect?" The answer is threefold and it is pretty simple: love God, love your neighbor, and go and make disciples of others that will do the same. If we don't think in these terms as Christians, then there is a hole in our gospel. However, when we begin to think in these terms, that every thought, word, deed, or action we have in the living our lives as Christians is about this three part business, not only do we find that our lives are transformed, but also that the world is transformed as well. We find ourselves participating in the kingdom of God in ways we never imagined. But the key is that some kind of action is required on our part. We are to go. Hence, the bible challenges us to put our faith into action.

We find the Great Commission of Matthew's gospel listed above included in every bible translation available, not just in the pew bibles in our sanctuary or in the many copies in my office or on my desk. The observant reader will also note that in every bible there are similar commissions at the end of both Mark's and Luke's gospels, as well as a challenge from Jesus to Peter to "feed my sheep..." at the end of John's gospel. Church, there is nothing passive about being a Christian. We are to love God, to love our neighbor, and to go and make disciples. That is **OUR** commission.

This year the mission opportunities to serve are going to be there. We are planning to send mission teams to the Czech Republic, Haiti, Honduras, and Jamaica, as well as youth mission teams to places in the USA, and mission teams for local projects. The opportunity for the harvest is great. Laborers are needed. Try to participate if you can. If you cannot go on a mission trip yourself, help to sponsor someone who can. Help to raise funds. Participate in local mission opportunities. Get involved in the next golf for missions fundraising tournament. Let's go and make disciples and truly become a mission church.

In closing I am reminded of a story. It was 1920. The scene was an examining board for selecting missionaries. Standing before the board was a young man named Oswald Smith. One dream dominated his heart. He wanted to be a missionary. Over and over he prayed, "Lord, I want to go as a missionary for you. Open a door of service for me." Now, at last, he knew his prayer would be answered. When the examination was over, the board turned Oswald Smith down. He did not meet their qualifications. Oswald Smith had set his direction, but now life gave him a detour. What would he do? As Oswald Smith prayed, God planted another idea in his heart. If he could not go as a missionary, he would build a church which could send out missionaries. And that is what he did. Oswald Smith, pastor of The People's Church in Toronto, Canada, sent out more missionaries than any other church at that time.

The time for the harvest is now. If not us, then whom will God send. My prayer is that we will rejoice in, pray for, and support whoever God sends, and that he will open a door of mission service for each of us. "Here I am Lord, send me."

Amen!

MINUTES OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
 SANDBRIDGE COMMUNITY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 June 14, 2010

Administrative Council

Reports

(*Finance Committee; District Conference Delegate**)

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	8:30 – Connie Richeson; Mary Holden	
	11:00 – Altar Guild –	
	Ushers – Don Ashby	
	Greeters –	
	Multi-media – Ryan Johnson, Nancy Underwood	
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External		
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The minutes from the May meeting were approved as read.

Those present at the June 14th meeting were: Mary Beth Grambo, David Grambo, Don Argus, Lynn Argus, Sarah McMillin, Marta Courtney, Charles Learned, Mike Finch, Kenny Underwood, Bryan Harrell, Gerald Phelps, Sally DeVan and Fred Jenkins.

The meeting was opened with prayer at 7:05 pm.

Calendar Items:

- 6/14 Administrative Council Meeting
- 6/17 MS Support Group Dinner (may be postponed unless there is a better response)
- 6/19 Graduation, Civic League Meeting and UMM Clean shed
- 6/20 New Worship schedule begins-Traditional Service 8:30, Contemporary Service and Children's Church 10:00 am
- 6/20 Youth Mission Trip
- 6/21 Ladies Night Out
- 6/24 Trustees Meeting 6PM
- 6/25 & 6/26 UMW Retreat
- 6/27 VBS Meeting and luncheon after 10 am service
- 6/27 Cookout after 10am service
- 6/28 Staff Parrish Meeting 7 pm
- 6/29 Seafood Fest Meeting 6pm
- 7/7 Wednesday Night Dinners Begin
- 7/12 No Council Meeting in July
- 7/13 Men's breakfast
- 7/13 Bible Study 7pm
- 7/17 Setup for Seafood Fest
- 7/18 Seafood Fest
- 7/19 Ladies Night Out
- 7/26-7/30 VBS

- 8/9 Council Meeting 7pm
- 8/20 Leadership Training for Small Groups 7-9pm
- 8/21 Leadership Training for Small Groups 9-10:30 & 1-5
- 8/29 Fifth Sunday

Reports from Committees on Administration:

Financial Secretary – No Report

Church Treasurer – Fred Jenkins – General Fund income for May was \$25,700 and expenses were \$28,200.

Expenses exceeded income by \$2,500. \$6,400 of the expenses was for the final payment of insurance premiums for the year.

Finance Chairperson-Sally DeVan-There has been a workman's comp audit and some questions were raised about drivers of the van. The church audit will take place on June 24th.

Stewardship – No Report

Trustees – David Whitley – No Report

Staff Parish Relations – Kenny Underwood – Clergy evaluations are due in August

Lay Leader – Marybeth Grambo – No Report

Lay Member of Annual Conference – Ben Lane –No Report

Reports from Committees:

Christian Education Sunday School Superintendent – No Report

Director of Discipleship-Mike Finch- Beach Party success, 20 & 30's group forming well, discussing plans for Wednesday dinner and possible Bible Study, Continuing Monday Night Prayer, Small Group Training Aug. 20-21, working on ministry board, need additional greeters, Need has been expressed to reach out to disenfranchised members, need Children's Ministry prayer and planning team and Youth Ministry prayer and planning team.

Missions – Connie Richeson – Report given by Sarah McMillin- Need prayers for the Hands of Hope Ministry as that area in West Virginia was flooded. Sarah will report on some practical help we can give to the people there. Golf tournament was a success

Outreach – Gerald Phelps – Need to let Beth and Nancy know about van use as they use the van for the daycare. Received a thank you card from Paula Byers, signup sheet for cookies for fellowship following church services

Nurture and Membership Care – Joan Kennedy – No Report

Communications – Marta Courtney – Marta is willing to publish and information we need her to communicate if we will send her an e-mail with the particulars.

Director of Youth Ministry – No Report

Church Historian – Charles Learned – 2009 Church History is completed

Worship – No Report

Disaster Coordinator – Ben Lane – No Report

United Methodist Men – Don Argus-Seafood Fest 7/18

United Methodist Women – Leslie Menges- Women's Retreat June 25th & 26th

Annual Conference – No Report

Member At Large – No Report

Day School – No Report

New Business: Sarah McMillin has a copyright for the cross and there are written guidelines for both internal and

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(The highlighted positions on this report are the only ones who should give reports at Administrative
Council meetings. Other positions submit their reports to ministry area or committee chairpersons to
present to the Council.)

The meeting closed in prayer at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Argus, Recording Secretary

Hello Church!

I am so excited about the awesome things God is doing in our church body. The men's and women's small groups have been places for growth and discipleship, "Real Prayer" has allowed for people to enter into the presence of God as a group on behalf of our church and nation, "The Crew" formerly known as the 20's & 30's group is providing a place for wholesome Christian fellowship, and the future is looking bright as well on several fronts

One particular thing I am looking forward to the first "Goodness Café". This is an informal Wednesday night dinner (6 pm) that will build on some of this welcoming church family's strengths – Christian fellowship, embracing new-comers, and enjoying food J (among other strengths of course). "The Goodness Café" is simply a dinner from 6-6:45, starting July 14th with childcare provided until 9:00 pm. There is a recommended donation of \$3.00 per adult (kids eat free) to simply cover the cost of the food. Our first meal will be spaghetti and meatballs with bread, a mixed greens salad and cookies and cream "Hurricane" pudding for dessert. This dinner is the perfect sort of thing for families with kids – an easy and inexpensive meal in a Christian community setting. It is really perfect for just about anyone – from the retired senior who would like to be with his or her Christian family, to the college student who is subsisting on Ramen noodles and needs a wholesome meal, and everyone in-between!

"The Goodness Café" will be followed by a relaxed church-ish service called "Un-church" from 6:45-7:15 with child-care provided. Please don't feel obligated to stay for "Un-church" if you attend the dinner, that would potentially keep you away from the Christian fellowship found in the dinner if the service became a burden – only stay if you want to – or leave in the middle of worship, not a big deal at all. Why is it called "Un-church"? Well it will take place right in the room where the meal is. We will have musicians come in and play a short worship set. If you know you want to sing, you might want to sit toward the front of the room closer to the musicians. If you think you just want to relax and enjoy the music, or if you invited someone who hasn't been to church before, sit toward the back of the room where you have the freedom to stand and worship or to sit and enjoy watching the worship – possibly while drinking coffee or tea. After the short worship set we will watch a cutting edge video put out by "Nooma." These videos are powerful presentations of Biblical truths that will appeal to anyone, but especially should appeal to young adults (18-heck – after being in this church for six months 18-85 J). This really is an experimental idea that follows the "emergent church" model. What is "Emergent"? This is a new trend in Christian culture that attempts to create an atmosphere that does not strike the newcomer as overly "churchy," and has some openness in format. The current conception of "Un-church" has a fairly simple format that will open up into a discussion format for any who would like it in the next section of the night – "Breakout!"

So what is "Breakout!?" This is when people can either go to do small-groups, Bible studies, worship practice, or any other church group, take off for home – or they can stay in the dining area and participate in a self-guided study. Each table will have a Bible and a sheet of paper with questions on it. The questions will take the Nooma video message deeper by leading people into the scriptures together, allowing for more personal and in-depth interaction with the ideas in the video and the group, and giving each table an opportunity to pray together as a group. This informal "small-group time" could be perfect for all sorts, from seniors in high school to seniors in retirement. This also is a great opportunity to invite a new person to a unique worship experience.

I wanted to focus on "The Goodness Café" in this letter, but look for news about the formation of a children's prayer and planning team and the youth prayer and planning team. Also on August 20th and 21st we will have a "Small Group Leader Training" seminar. More information will follow.

One last note, thank you again for your kindness towards Paula and I these last six months. You as a church body have continually been gracious and helpful in many ways with all the little challenges life has thrown our way (moving twice, etc.). We both feel privileged to be part of such an awesome Christian family. Thank you!

Many Blessings,

Mike

Mike Finch

Director of Discipleship

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General information on Hurricanes

Disaster Preparedness: Get Ready (Steps 1 & 2)

During the next few news letters, I will be sharing vital disaster preparation information. Since we are at hurricane season and live on the coast (duh), much of the information will be directed toward hurricane preparation and response. Related excellent information may be obtained at the following websites:

Va Dept of Emergency Services - www.vaemergency.com (**resource for this article**)

National Weather Service Wakefield Office - www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/

Va State Police - www.vsp.state.va.us

The Va Dept of Transportation - www.virginiaDOT.org/hurricanes

The Federal Emergency Mgmt Agency (FEMA) - www.fema.gov

City of Virginia Beach (Residents tab) - <http://www.vbgov.com/>

Emergencies and disasters can strike anyone, anytime and anywhere. They can happen quickly and without warning and can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. It is vital that you understand what a disaster could mean for you and your family. This page will help you prepare your family and property for unexpected emergencies and forecasted disasters.

1. Understand What Could Happen

Look Around Where You Live

Virginians experience hurricanes, winter storms, thunderstorms, toxic spills, earthquakes, tornadoes, terrorism, flooding and fires. Look around where you live. Do you live near a highway where a hazardous material spill could occur? Are you in a flood-prone area? Ask yourself what emergencies or disasters could occur in your area.

Learn About Community Disaster Plans

Learn how facilities will handle an emergency where you or your family spend time, such as your workplace, your children's school or daycare center and your community.

Know Your Community Warning Sirens. Know what they sound like and what to do when you hear them. Keep a battery-powered radio and extra batteries handy so you can get important information in an emergency, even if the power is out. A NOAA Weather Radio is a valuable source of information. Most models have an automatic alert feature that can be programmed for your specific area.

The hearing-impaired might have difficulty hearing sirens or other types of alerts. Consider purchasing an alert system with a visual signal and make special arrangements ahead of time through local emergency management officials.

When Disaster Strikes

- There can be significant damage and loss of life.
- Health and mental health resources can be overwhelmed.
- Media coverage and public fear can continue for a prolonged period.
- Public facilities, workplaces & schools might close. Officials might restrict travel.
- You might have to evacuate to a designated location or remain where you are for an extended period of time.
- Cleanup might take months.

Water, food or medicine might be contaminated.

2. Create a Disaster Plan

Prepare for What Might Happen:

Discuss with your family, friends and neighbors the types of disasters and emergencies that are most likely to happen and what to do in each case. Take a first aid, CPR or other class so that you have the knowledge to help yourself and others if needed. If you do not own a vehicle or drive, learn in advance what your community's arrangements are for those without private transportation. **Contact school officials to learn how they will notify you of your child's status if an emergency occurs. For older children who self-transport, ask them to follow the instructions of authorities.**

Have an Out-Of-Town Contact: After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance than make a local call. Ask an out-of-town friend/relative to be your family emergency contact. All family members should call this person in an emergency to check in.

Plan for Your Pets: Many emergency shelters will not accept pets other than service animals. Talk to your veterinarian or local humane society in advance about an emergency plan for your pets. Or, plan to shelter your pet with family, friends or in a pet-friendly motel. If you do have to leave your pet at home, post stickers or signs on doors that are clearly visible from the outside. Specify what types and the number of animals.

Plan for the Mobility-Impaired: Keep support items in the same place, so they can always be found quickly. For those who have home-health caregivers, particularly for those who are bed-bound, it is essential to discuss emergency procedures with your service representative. Have an alternate plan. Know your neighbors and consider how they can assist you if the home-health caregiver cannot come to you. Contact your local emergency manager to learn what plans are in place to assist you in case of evacuation.

Determine Where to Meet: Decide now where you and your family will meet in case you can't return home because of an emergency. Keep a record of the location's address and phone number, as well as the phone numbers of your family, with you at all times.

Insurance Coverage: Homeowners' insurance typically does not cover flood damage. If you live in an area that's prone to flooding, talk to your insurance agent about purchasing flood insurance.

Inventory Home Possessions: Make a visual or written record of your possessions to help you claim losses in the event of damage. Include photographs of cars, boats and recreational vehicles. Get professional appraisals of jewelry, collectibles, artwork or other items that might be difficult to evaluate. Also, photograph the exterior of your home. Include the landscaping that might not be insurable but does increase the value of your property for tax purposes. Make copies of receipts and canceled checks for valuable items. Keep these and other vital records, such as your insurance policies and birth certificates, in one location in a waterproof container or in a safety deposit box. They will help you claim assistance.

Next newsletter, we will review remaining steps of **Disaster Preparedness: Get Ready**

3. Make an Emergency Supplies Kit

4. Listen for Local Instructions

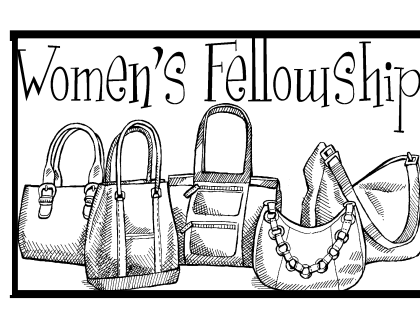
5. When the Disaster is Over

6. Important Preparedness Tips

In His Service, Ben Lane, SCC Disaster Response Coordinator

United Methodist Women

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is: To know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop creative supportive, fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. All ladies are welcome to attend any meeting.



Greetings!

Our June Women's Retreat (called Sweet Life Cafe) was very successful. Eighteen of us enjoyed a time of renewal and refreshment...so important, so vital in all our very busy lives. Volunteers from United Methodist Men served our dinner and then our breakfast meals! We so appreciated being served and feeling God's Presence in the kind attention of our menfolk! The music was lovely and worshipful; the fellowship, even sweeter. If you missed it, do not despair! We are planning to have the next one in late **October**.

The August UMW Meeting will be August 11...a salad luncheon at Connie Richeson's home. Details to follow!

Ladies Night Out dates and locations for July and August are:

July 19	6:30	Outer Banks
Aug 16	6:30	Margie & Ray's

Blessings!

Leslie

NEWSLETTER UPDATE!!!!

We will now be providing the Sandpiper Newsletter and calendar for two months at a time. So this month will be for JULY/AUGUST In many ways this will help us to know what is happening at SCCUMC. But to make this work everyone will have to provide TWO months of info to the church office in a timely manner. Please help by submitting your news articles via email whenever possible, this makes it much easier for the staff to transfer into publisher. Thanks for your cooperation, I know we can do it!!!

THE MAY 2010 J-TEAM

The Team arrived in Jamaica May 1st, 2010 and returned to Norfolk to May 10, 2010.

The following people from Sandbridge Community Chapel participated: Bob McMillin, Connie Richeson, Gerald Phelps and Jill McMillin.

Our team sang and spoke of God's Faithfulness from our first meeting to the last. He proved it:

- By giving health, safety, and strength for each day: Many miles traveled, a house built, 702 patients treated and 2,198 prescriptions dispensed.
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- Through the Word: to the children in Ecuador, schools, clinics and at Wednesday's Bible Club.
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- With fellow believers: at Maranatha Baptist for Sunday morning and then working along side them on Monday to finish their classroom addition.
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- As we witnessed: with the residents of Teen Challenge and to the clinic patients.
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- In the house dedication: Fitzroy and Daphne James were overwhelmed with gratitude for God's provision for them!

Bob McMillin

Newsletter Articles and Important Information!!!

Newsletter Articles are Due by the 15th of the month—so please make sure you have your information in to the church office by that date.

Also, so much is happening at Sandbridge Community Chapel and most of it does not get recognized—If you know of a note worthy activity or a positive story about SCCUMC members, please send it along to the church office (our email is: www.office@sccumc.org) so we can share God’s blessings with everyone!!

SCCUMC Volunteers for July/August —We Appreciate all you do at SCCUMC

	<u>Greeters and Ushers for July/August</u>
July 4th	Bob & Sarah McMillin
July 11th	Hank & Lucy Redick
July 18th	Hank & Connie Richeson
July 25th	Lorraine Jones & Mary Holden
	<u>Counters for July/August</u>
July 4th	Charles Learned & Andy Kennedy
July 11th	Kenny Underwood & Judy Donahue
July 18th	Judy Gellasch & Tim Patrick
July 25th	Donna Mack & Mary Holden
Aug 1st	Eddie Abrams & Andy Kennedy
Aug 8th	Kenny Underwood & Gerald Phelps
Aug 15th	Judy Donahue & Tim Patrick
Aug 22nd	Charles Learned & Mary Holden
Aug 29th	Donna Mack & Andy Kennedy



Thank goodness for The Goodness Café!

Won't you join us for great food and great company!
WEDNESDAYS starting July 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

LADIES...Mark Down These Dates!
Don't miss the great Fellowship at Ladies Night Out—All are welcome!

July 19th @ Outer Banks Seafood at 6:30 p.m.
August 16th @ Margie & Rays at 6:30 p.m.





JULY

1 Hunter Makowski
2 Amy Nicolia
3 Angela Dunkailo
3 Marina Evelyn Royston
5 Nicole Roper
6 Peggy Day Owens
11 David Glasier
13 Vicki Jenkins
18 Samuel Krewson
19 Steve Braxton
20 Carolyn Shreve
21 Karli Bell
22 Donald Robert Argus, Jr.
22 Donald Marshall
22 Julie Ann McLaughlin
25 Courtney Church
25 Donna Mack
30 Andrew Kennedy
31 Zachary Church

AUGUST

7 Joseph Dabiero
7 Judith Gellasch
11 Drew Makowski
13 Debra Harrell
14 Mark Makowski
15 Gayle McCants
18 Hannah Harris
20 Samuel Kennedy
20 Cynthia Snider
21 Ryan Johnson
21 Kay Scafone
29 Michelle Argus
29 Dylan Royston

July/August 2010
A Birthday Prayer for YOU!!

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

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