



Pastor's Message

The Season of Fall

September 6th is the first day of school for our children and some of us older kids as well. It's also a reminder that fall is right around the corner. Our summer vacations have come and gone, and now it's time to get back to a more routine schedule. Perhaps you'll plan to get back into the routine of an exercise program. Maybe the routine of eating balanced meals will replace the hot dogs, hamburgers and fried chicken of our summer picnics. Maybe you'll get back into the routine maintenance that's needed around the house. There's something to be said for a time of recreation (re-creation), but there's also merit to having a more routine lifestyle. What are some of the routines you will revisit this fall?



Have you considered getting back to routines in the context of your faith? Is it time to get back into the routine of daily devotion or setting a scheduled time to pray? Will your fall routine include participating in a bible study? Have you considered making a commitment to spending time in mission or working with our children and youth programs? How about committing to get into the routine of regularly attending Sunday worship? I always find it interesting when people tell me they don't really need to worship every Sunday. Truth is, of course, it's not about us. It's about setting time aside to worship our God. It is about joining together to praise and thank God for the many blessings we receive every day of our lives. The Psalmist says it best:

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

*Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and flute,
praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.*

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD. Ps 150:1-6

Our church is getting back into a more routine ebb and flow for fall. Sunday school, youth programs, bible studies, mission projects and many more activities are being scheduled as I write. What routines will you embrace to nurture your faith this fall? It's yours to ponder,

Pastor John

SEPTEMBER 11

THE FRIENDSHIP CLASS

4 WEEK SERIES BEGINS ON THE BOOK OF JOB

September 11th marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attack on America, the loss of over 3,000 innocent lives, and the pain and suffering of a nation in shock. My message for this day looks at this tragic event in the context of Job's suffering. It will be the first in a 4 part series on Job.

This meaningful series will provide opportunities for us to consider why good people experience pain and suffering in the context of our faith in God. If you have ever wondered why all of humanity is vulnerable to pain and suffering, I urge you to make it a priority for you and your family to attend these services.

THE RACE TRACK RALLY Christian Education Event

On Sunday September 11th 9:45-10:45 Children Pre-K through 6th grade and their parents are invited to come out for snacks, games, and a special presentation from a race car driver. It will be an excellent time of fellowship, worship, and fun. This is an exciting start to our revamped Christian education experience for our children.



The Friendship Class will be starting a new study on September 11. We will be studying the "Faith Lessons on the Promised Land". This is an exciting video and study series that was filmed on location in Israel and brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. It is a study that weaves together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts to reveal keen insights into the Scripture's significance for modern believers. The Fall session will focus on how God put his mark on a people and their land -- a mark He has extended through ancient Israel to the faithful of today. Jeanette Hatcher and Brian Griffen will be leading this study. Please call or e-mail Jeanette (598-4117 or jphartigan55@aol.com) if you would like to join us, so that we can ensure that enough study books are available. It's a great study, and we would love to have you join us!

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



There will be a candlelight commemorative service on Sunday, September 11 on the Powhatan Courthouse Green at 7pm. We are in need of old candles for the program. Please bring and leave in the church office by Sunday, September 4. Hope to see you there on 9/11 in your red, white and blue.

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SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 1823 has been very active this summer. June was graduation with all the boys completing their perspective badges and moving to the next rank.

The boys learned scouting skills like Wilderness Survival and First Aid taught by the Scouts from Troop 1823. A Spring Campout afterward gave the boys a chance to use some of those skills and also do a little fishing and boating. July was Day Camp hosted by the District at the Powhatan Rescue Squad Grounds.

Over the hottest Five days of the summer, the boys learned Archery Skills, BB gun safety, Crafts, Summer Safety techniques, more First Aid, Map and Com-

pass, Outdoor Cooking and lots of songs and chants. August was the First Annual Father Son Fishing Tournament.

All participants had a blast with over 50 fish caught and released. Congratulations to Dan Hymel for the Whopper Award, Asher Timberlake for Most Fish, Runner up Raymond and Josh Decker for the Father Son Champion, and Dan and Jacob Hymel for the 1st Place Father Son Champions.

If you are interested in volunteering or know boys interested in joining please contact Jamie Timberlake jtimmerlake@powhatanva.gov or Kris Stewart stewart64kl@gmail.com



OCCUPATIONAL HYMNS

- Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn.....Standing on the Promises
- Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light
- The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
- The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion
- Massage Therapists Hymn..... He Touched Me
- The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

It's time for our choir, The Voices of Victory, to start back up having taken a summer break, and we want new faces to join us! We rehearse every Wednesday night, in the sanctuary at 7:00pm. We begin practice by working on our Christmas Cantata music for 45 minutes, and then we work on Sunday morning music for 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join us - no experience necessary! The Voices of Victory alternate between the 8:30am and 11:00am services. We hope to see you! Please call if you have any questions - Allison 651-5488



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THE MESSENGER

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PRESCHOOL



Why do parents who do not need full time child care choose to enroll their young children in preschool? There are many reasons. The presence of other children and wide variety of age appropriate materials together with teachers trained in early childhood education are what make preschool different from home.

Powhatan United Methodist Preschool is specifically designed for families of any faith looking for a part-time program that will provide a safe and nurturing “first school” environment for their child. Our program is both academic and social, but most importantly, developmentally appropriated. Preschool is about having fun and acquiring skills at the same time!

Emphasis here is on building the whole child by teaching social, emotional, physical and educational skills in a group setting. Children will move through a structured morning of songs, stories, outdoor activities, art and music and play. Listening to poetry and singing songs are building blocks needed to grasp phonics and reading skills when the child is ready. Playing in sand and water forms the foundation for understanding basic math concepts.

Matching, sequencing and one to one correspondence are activities done to help children get ready to learn academics. Learning to listen, take turns, speak kindly and help one another lead to developing empathy and compassion at a

very young age.

Current brain research shows what parents have known for years: during the preschool years children are learning at a rapid rate. Since they are like sponges, soaking up all that is around them, we need to be sure that a preschool is “content rich” with appropriate information and materials. Our preschool is designed by teachers with years of experience to encourage movement and exploration. Academic milestones will come if the child has enough time to build with blocks, paint, sing, work puzzles, listen to stories and play.

While every preschool class aims to help children get ready for kindergarten, our 5 days a week Pre K class is specifically designed for children who may be “old” enough for kindergarten but who are not quite “ready.” Social, emotional and physical readiness are just as important as age when deciding the optimal time to begin kindergarten. This half day program gives children good academic, social and behavior management skills so that when they do go to kindergarten, they will go ready for success!

As a ministry of Powhatan United Methodist Church, the preschool is a non-profit licensed by the Department of Social Services. Our costs are kept low so that families can afford this option for their child. We hope you will join us as we begin another year of fun and learning.



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Welcome all children ages 4-9(notice this is a new age) to Children's Church. We meet every week during the 11 o'clock service where we have bible stories, snacks, crafts, and recreation. Please join us if you haven't already.

KIDS WITH PURPOSE

September 2011 Kickoff will take place on Sunday, September 18th from 12-2 immediately following the 11 o'clock service. We will be visiting the Powhatan Food Bank and taking donations at that time to the pantry. We will be sponsoring a "Toilet Paper Drive" beginning September 1st so start buying an extra pack every trip to the grocery store.

We will have lunch at church and a time of devotion before we leave for the Pantry. Please bring a 2 liter soft drink or lemonade to be shared with the group. After our trip we will be going to Brusters for ice cream, so please bring money for ice cream. Parents---I will need chaperones and drivers for that day. Please call me @ 347-7913 to let me know if you can help.

Calling all church members---Kids With Purpose will be sponsoring a "Toilet Paper" drive for the Powhatan Food Bank. Please support the kids in this community mission and bring packs of toilet paper to church and place in display in the commons, starting September 1st. We need your help to reach our goal of 50 packs, (large or small) by September 18th. Thank you ahead of time for your help.

ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Halloween is coming and so is our annual Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday night, October 29th from 6:30-8:00. So put on your favorite costume, bake your favorite cupcakes and join us for a night of fun and games. There will be costume contests, and cupcake contests, so put your thinking caps on and be creative. Trunk or Treating will be promptly at 6:30, so be there or be square.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

MNC

Will meet, 7:00p.m., Mon., Sept. 26 in Church Commons. Virginia Puett is hostess and Sandy Lineweaver is supplying dessert.

JOY

Celebrate fall and join this group of age 55 + as they meet on the second Wednesday of each month through May 2012. Just Older Youth (JOY) will meet Wednesday, September 14, at 11:30, in the Commons. Peggy Case will be the hostess. Please bring a covered dish. Watch your bulletin for details on the program for this event. Join us for food, fellowship and lots of fun and laughter. Questions: Peggy Case 598-9169

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October 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the CLC Gym

UNITY SUNDAY:

No SS on 5th Sundays (Oct. 30). Worship at 10 a.m. A combined 8:30 & 11 a.m. unity worship service.

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Our next meeting is September 12, **second Monday**. We are making items to sell for the Day in the Country and the money made goes to missions. Bring your ideas and crafts and help plan. All ladies are welcome. We meet at 10:30 and refreshments at 10 AM. Rada cutlery makes great Christmas gifts so place your order with us now.

UMCOR KITS

Now is the time to buy supplies for school kits. Three spiral notebooks are needed for each kit on sale from 15 to 20 cents. Blunt tip scissors, 2 inch erasers, and a box of 24 crayons. Stock up while they are on sale. Put them in the purple box near the mailboxes.

*Living as Christ's Disciples
within our hearts
and beyond our doors*



FINANCE COMMITTEE

As of July 31, 2011 the church's financial records report the following:

	<u>1st Qt(Jan-Mar)</u>	<u>2nd Qt(Apr-June)</u>	<u>3rd Qt (July)</u>	<u>YTD Total</u>	<u>Budg Proj</u> Thru 7/31/11
Tithes & Offerings	\$78,293	\$70,681	\$22,575	\$171,549	\$168,672
Other Income					
Sun Sch Offering	\$370	\$357	\$ 77	\$ 804	\$ 715
Building Use	\$1,275	\$1,793		\$ 3,068	\$ 3,296
Parsonage Rent	\$1,300	\$1,800	\$ 900	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,625
Pre-School	\$3,000			\$ 3,000	\$ 4,514
Total Rev Rec'd	\$84,238	\$74,631	\$23,552	\$182,421	\$179,822
Total Exp Pd	\$76,813	\$71,330	\$23,615	\$171,758	\$182,715

As of August 28 we have received \$8,985 in donations towards the new A/C (cost \$18,277).

The Stewardship Chair has been busy making plans for our upcoming Stewardship Campaign which will begin October 2 and conclude with our Celebration brunch/lunch on October 23. We Look forward to your participation on October 23 where we can join together in celebrating this year's stewardship journey. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 272-0648 or bettybowman@verizon.net

