

The Towers Newsletter

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2024



Invite friends and family and join us
for Easter Sunday Service
Sunday, March 31st at 11:00am





Pastor's Column

I hope that you will invite friends and family and join us for Holy Week activities and our Easter Sunday service. We will host our Last Supper re-enactment Thursday night at 7:00, the youth will hold our annual Easter Vigil Saturday night at 8:00, and we will gather to celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m. I am grateful to everyone who is working joyfully and diligently to make these meaningful times of worship in the life of our church.

Also, please mark your calendars for Tuesday April 9th and Wednesday April 10th. On Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. the deacons invite you to an open session in the West Memorial Classroom. If you have questions or concerns to share, they will be there to listen. Our semi-annual church conference will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday in West Memorial. Plan to attend to hear important reports and updates in the life of our church.

As most of you have heard by now, our promising pastoral candidate withdrew from consideration recently. Although we are disappointed, we continue to trust that God will bring us the right candidate at the right time. Please join me in continuing to pray for our Search Team and the person God is preparing to come to SCC. We are already in the process of reaching out to new candidates and will keep you posted on new developments.

In the meantime, I'm on the journey with you,

Tracy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

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Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-February 2024 income - \$35,239.30

January-February 2024 expenses - \$52,448.50

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$1,722.48
(includes special monthly mission)



*The Board of Deacons Reports.....*from the March 13, 2024 Meeting

- *Congregational updates were given by Dr. Hartman.
- *The yellow envelope mission for April is SCC Scholarship Fund.
- *The Pastoral Search team gave a report. The latest candidate being interviewed has withdrawn from the process.
- *The revised SCC Constitution is now laying on the table for 90 days. Copies are available in the office.
- *The Board voted to have a plaque made to honor all past Deacons Emeriti of our church.
- * The Board voted to purchase a new computer for the church office.
- *The Board approved a request from Kelly Myles to use the church sidewalks for a yard sale on May 18, to be sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 0946.
- *April 10, 2024 is the date for our spring church conference. The time is 7:00 p.m.
- *THE NEXT OPEN SESSION OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 6:30 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024, IN THE WEST MEMORIAL CLASSROOM. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS.



Reporting on Missions...

The **Yellow** Envelope Mission for the month of April is the Suffolk Christian Church Scholarship Fund. Each year this scholarship is awarded to a member of our congregation who chooses to enroll full time at a Virginia college or university. We encourage you to please give what is in your heart to this mission, by using April's **yellow** envelope.



In Memory of

**A donation to the Music Fund in memory of
Tom Atkins has been given by The Chancel Choir
of Suffolk Christian Church**

**A donation to Suffolk Christian Church in memory of
Doris H. Cones has been given by Travis and Kelly Myles**

**Donations to Care and Concern in memory of June Hood have been
given by Barbara Boehm, Bill and Dae Nixon,
Emily King, Helen F. Glenn, Edie Matthews**

**A donation to the Memorial Garden in memory of June Hood has
been given by Calvin and Evelyn Jones**

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MEMORIAL GARDEN

If you would like to be a member of our "Gardening Club", which will assist with aspects of planning and maintaining our garden, we welcome you! Please contact Orin Reams if you would like to join.

Spring is quickly approaching, and our Memorial Garden needs some tender loving care! The memorial plaques on the church have been recently cleaned and refurbished. Tim Johnson of Johnson's Gardens has met with the garden committee and will be selecting some new plantings for the area. Some of the older plants will remain in place, while others need to be removed. There have been some donations to this project to help offset the costs. If you would like to give, please designate your gift to the Memorial Garden.



Kasey Banton	04/01
Matthew Grandy, Jr.	04/02
Christine Burden	04/05
Orin Reams Jr.	04/07
Wendy Blausey	04/08
Charles Rawls Jr.	04/11
Jeanie Baines	04/12
April Fleming	04/12
Bev Gayle	04/14
Diana McBride	04/14
Maggie Copeland	04/16
Becky Bradshaw	04/17
Bill Hannah	04/17
Noelle Grandy	04/17
Gwynne Williams	04/18
Vicki Martin	04/18
Lisa McLaughlin	04/18
Jim Gobin	04/19
Kirk Alexander	04/23
Priscilla Bunch	04/23
Beth Brinkley	04/24
Benita Rhodes	04/25
Ginny Thomas	04/25
Mary Huber	04/28
Sherrill Roberts	04/28
Eric Bunch	04/29



April 12th

April 26th

Come join in the fun @ 7:00pm and play cards with us. Lots of laughs!

Notice

The first open session of 2024 with the Board of Deacons will be held on April 9th at 6:30pm in the West Memorial Room.



FROM: HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Lights, thermostats, doors, ACTION

It seems the cost of everything has gone up including our utility costs. Please help by turning lights off when leaving the room and area, returning thermostats to the suggested setting and closing doors behind you. The sanctuary thermostat is pre-programmed and if you change the temperature, you don't need to use the hold setting - it will return to the programmed setting (in case you forget to reset the temperature).

Closing the doors will also help to control any fire and smoke damage in the surrounding area.



Thanks

Dear Suffolk Christian Church Care and Concern Committee,

Thank you for the delicious meals you and Debra Carr have been sending me. I appreciate all of you and Debra for delivering each one. She, and all of you, are true blessings to our church. Thank you, too, for the cards, calls and visits you have made.

In Jesus' most precious name,
I love you all,
Emily R. King

My dear, dear friends of Suffolk Christian,

You brought tears to my eyes when I opened that beautiful card and then saw your very generous gift. The fact that you continue to remember me is so loving. You know that Tom and I loved you all at Suffolk Christian. You return that love many times over.

I am 95, will be 96 in April, and still am doing quite well, though my handwriting is not good.

I will always remember you and your love for us.

God Bless each and everyone.

Lovingly,

Colleen Britton



thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Love offering for Conner. Despite some challenges, his recovery is going well. We are amazed at Conner's progress, and we pray for continued strength and healing. We are blessed with a compassionate and supportive church family.

With much gratitude,
Art, Wendy, and Conner



Suffolk Christian Church Care and Concern Committee,

Thank you for the beautiful sympathy cards following the loss of my mother. The funeral reception was so wonderful, also.

Care and Concern is such an important part of our church. It means so much to the families.

Love,
Eddie Matthews



The April meeting of FFW will take place on April 22, 2024 at 5:30pm at church. We are calling this meeting “Growing Fellowship for Women” and the program will involve growing green things, as well. Helen and Tim Johnson are our guest speakers. A sub sandwich supper will be provided and we are hoping you will attend. We are delighted with the positive comments we are hearing about our first two meetings. Please come and be a part of this effort as we fellowship together and take our friendships to new levels. As always all are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the office to help us better prepare.



Food Pantry Needs

The little red wagon will be at the North entrance every first Sunday for food pantry donations. Below is a revised list of needed items:

Food Pantry Needs - Applesauce (Individual Cups); Canned fruit, Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts), Oatmeal (Individual Servings), Pop Tarts, Small boxes of cereal, Noodles, Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni, Rice (1 lb. Bags), Dried Beans, Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Protein Shakes, Boxed Milk, Bottled Water, and Flavor Packets for Water Bottle



Our spring church conference will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm in West Memorial. Please plan to be a part of this important event.



Volunteers are needed to serve as 1st Sunday Greeters for North and South entrances. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

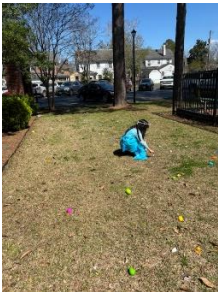



Scholarship applications will be available in the church office on April 1st. You may stop by the office to pick up an application or email the church office at: suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com to have the applications emailed to you. Students may apply for any of the multiple scholarships. Applications must be received in the church office by May 17th.



January 2024 – SCC Suffolk Schools Partnership - \$1,465.11
February 2024 – Coats for Community - \$850.00
March 2024 – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$821.00

Palm Sunday Processional and Easter Egg Hunt





April

Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: Genesis 3:14-15

Day 2: Genesis 12:1-3

Day 3: Numbers 24:17

Day 4: Psalm 22:16-18

Day 5: 2 Samuel 7:12-13

Day 6: Isaiah 9:6-7

Day 7: Isaiah 35:3-6

Day 8: Isaiah 53:4-5

Day 9: Isaiah 53:6-7

Day 10: Isaiah 53:8-9

Day 11: Isaiah 53:10-11

Day 12: Isaiah 53:12

Day 13: Matthew 26:31-32

Day 14: Matthew 26:38-39

Day 15: Matthew 26:53-54

Day 16: Matthew 27:45-46

Day 17: Matthew 27:50-51

Day 18: Mark 15:46

Day 19: Luke 24:1-2

Day 20: Luke 24:3-4

Day 21: Luke 24:5-7

Day 22: John 20:11-14

Day 23: John 20:15-17

Day 24: John 20:26-27

Day 25: John 20:28-29

Day 26: John 20:30-31

Day 27: Romans 8:33-34

Day 28: 2 Corinthians 5:17





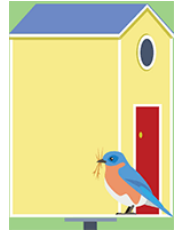


Day 29: 2 Corinthians 5:18

Day 30: Revelations 5:11-13

Commit to reading your bible daily for 10 minutes.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00p Saints Alive 7:00p Bible study, The Great Disappearance	3 10:00p Bible study, The Great Disappearance 7:00p Board of Christian Ed. 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 10:00am Thursday Crafters No Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6 
7 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church	8	9 1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry 6:30p Open session Board of Deacons meeting 7:00p Bible study, The Great Disappearance	10 10:00p Bible study, The Great Disappearance 5:30p All Saints Pres.Church 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous bus.meeting 7:00p Church Conference	11 10:00am Thursday Crafters 2:00pm Prayer Team 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12  7:00p Game Night	13
14 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church	15 	16 12:00p Saints Alive Potluck 3:00p Food Pantry 7:00p Bible study, The Great Disappearance	17 6:30pm Board of Finance 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	18 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 *Newsletter articles for May due.	20 
21 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 12:00p Covered dish luncheon sponsored by Churchwide fellowship 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church	22 5:30pm Fellowship for Women	23 1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry	24 5:30p All Saints Pres.Church 7:00pm HOW meeting 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	25 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	26  7:00p Game Night	27
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