The Towers Newsletter

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SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE CALLING OF IT'S 13TH PASTOR REVEREND DONALD (D.J.) WALTZ

D.J.'s first Sunday will be August 31, 2025
We are delighted to welcome D.J., Bethany, Ruby and Barrett to the SCC Family

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH EXTENDS A NOTE OF SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE REV. DR. TRACY HARTMAN

For your faithfulness to God and to our congregation, for your tireless pastoral efforts in ministering to us and our families, for your deep compassion for all of God's children and for planting seeds of hope and love in our lives, we thank you, Tracy Hartman. When you entered our pulpit on November 28, 2021, as our interim pastor, you became much more to all of us…. you became our friend. A respected friend who has taught us, encouraged us, and stood by us through good and bad times. We are forever indebted to you for your dedicated service to Suffolk Christian Church and we thank God for bringing you to us. You will be missed, but our friendship and love will always remain. To you, Jay and Missy we extend a humble Thank You!

You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!
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The Board of Deacons Report….from the July 9, 2025 meeting

The Veteran's board will be taken down and put in the library for the congregation to review for any missing veterans that need to be added. The outreach mission with The Kalamoo Lego Club/STEM has held 2 meetings with an impressive number of children attending. The club meets every Monday at 10:00am on the 2nd floor classrooms. New members are welcome! The pulpit will be filled, during the period between Tracy leaving and DJ arriving, with well-known lay leaders from our congregation. Plans are under way for the installation of DJ in October!

THE BOARD OF DEACONS WELCOME THE WALTZ FAMILY TO SCC!

WELCOME TO THE WALTZ FAMILY!!!

A donation to the Music Fund in **Memory of William (Bill) Carr** was given by Mills & Gin Staylor.

A donation to the Memorial Fund in **Memory of David Parker** was given by Curtiss & Betty Johnson.

A donation to the Memorial Fund in **Memory of Martha Ligon Savage** was given by Sara Butler.

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January-May 2025 income - $97,424.26
January-May 2025 expenses - $117,895.98
Emergency Relief Fund - $1,157.00

We enjoyed our True North VBS this year during the week of June 22nd – 26th. We averaged 20 children each night. Thank you to all the volunteers for all your help this year.

January 2025 – CAPS - $450.00
February 2025 – Genieve Shelter - $730.00
March 2025 – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - $930.00
April 2025 – SCC Scholarship Fund - $415.00
May 2025 – Crisis Pregnancy Center - $528.26
June 2025 – Meals on Wheels - $684.00
July 2025 – SCC/Suffolk Schools Partnership - $480.00

Reporting on Missions….

August's Yellow Envelope Mission: SCC Family Assistance

The mission we are supporting for the month of August is Suffolk Christian Church Family Assistance. This fund exists to help church members financially during emergency situations and is administered by the pastor, the chair, vice-chair, and secretary of the Board of Deacons. Your support of this fund is greatly appreciated as we provide a helping hand to those experiencing trying circumstances. We encourage you to please give what is in your heart to this mission and we thank you for your generosity in the support of our church family.

Community Clothes Giveaway

A community clothes giveaway is planned for Saturday, August 23 from 9:00am-12:00pm. We will again need volunteers for this event. We are low on men's, young girl, young boy and baby boy clothing. There are totes in the library for donation drop off. Thank you for your support of this mission!

Beverly McGahee	08/01
Donna Henderson	08/01
Dana Bilby	08/01
Sergio Galan	08/01
Bill Bailey Jr	08/04
Joan Harrell	08/04
Jean Saunders	08/04
Julie Masters	08/08
Betty Johnson	08/09
Lee Trump Jr.	08/09
Thomas Queen	08/09
Tracy Hartman	08/11
McKenna Myles	08/11
Mary Emily Dailey	08/12
Gin Staylor	08/13
Eileen Gray	08/13
Chloe Underwood	08/15
Mary Ralph	08/16
Diane Mathias	08/18
R. Joe Simmons	08/18
Rachel Bradshaw	08/20
Susan Judkins	08/23
Joey Briggs	08/23
Brian Saunders	08/23
Margot Sullivan	08/23
James Wilson	08/26
Jim Mann	08/27
"Corky" Harry IV	08/27
Cathy Nelms	08/28
Renee Hensler	08/31

Sunday, September 7th during the 11:00 am Worship Service

All students, teachers and administrators – please bring your backpacks for the blessing!

Our Food Pantry needs several items for our weekly pantry. Some items needed are: Applesauce (individual cups); fruit cups; Snacks (Granola bars, Nabs, Individual packs of Nuts); Individual serving packets of Oatmeal & Grits; Pop Tarts; small boxes of Cereal; Spaghetti Sauce w/ meat; Spaghetti Noodles; Macaroni & Cheese; 1 lb. bags Rice; Flavored Rice; Stove Top Stuffing; Scalloped Potatoes; Au gratin Potatoes; Dried Beans; Canned Meats; Canned Vegetables; Canned Pasta w/ Meat; Peanut Butter; Jelly; and Crackers.

Any items you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 946 SILVER AWARD
SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FOOD PANTRY EXPANSION PROJECT

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Tissues
- Napkins
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Tooth paste
- Deodorant

McKenna Myles and Katherine Wilson, along with two other troop members are currently working on their Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The Silver Award is a take action project where you team up with a small group from your Girl Scout Troop and find an issue that you care about and make a difference in your community. The Silver Award is one of the highest awards in Girl Scouting. The girls would like to expand the offerings at the current Suffolk Christian Church food pantry. By doing this they will assist needy families with obtaining household paper products and toiletry items, in addition to the weekly grocery items that are offered to them. After surveying the current recipients of food pantry items, we found that 65% of them would appreciate having paper products available to them through the food pantry, such as toilet paper, paper towels, and paper plates. A significant number would also like access to hygiene products, such as soap, shampoo, and toothpaste. Please consider donating to this project.

The Music Board would like to thank all of our musical talent we have here at Suffolk Christian Church. They have done a great job throughout the year. Our choir has had some time off for the summer. Time well earned. We will start our practices back on Thursday, August 14, 7:15 pm. Anyone wishing to join the choir, please come and try us out. You might like our time together. Many thanks to Ben Traylor, when he has been able to come and bring the wonderful sounds of the organ. Rebecca always continues to amaze us with her selections. Sean and the handbell choir, always wonderful. Dana keeps the choir going strong. Thanks to all who make our music ministry possible. Glad to see Janet at worship service.

Kitty Martin
Music Board

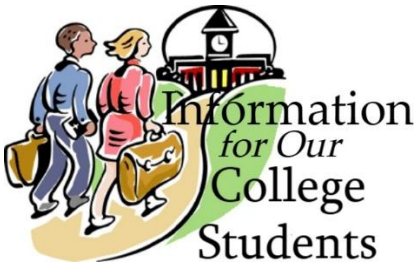
"Twelve Women of the Bible"

We will start a new bible study on Tuesday, September 16th, @ 7:00 pm. This is a twelve-session study.
You will meet a group of amazing women who are real. At moments you might wonder why God captured these stories in the pages of his Holy Word. But, as you press on, you will discover that the raw and revealing accounts are a gift to women today. As you meet these real women, open your heart to what God wants to do in you.
The cost of the study guide will be approximately $12.00.
Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office by Sunday, September 7th, if you would like to attend the study. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

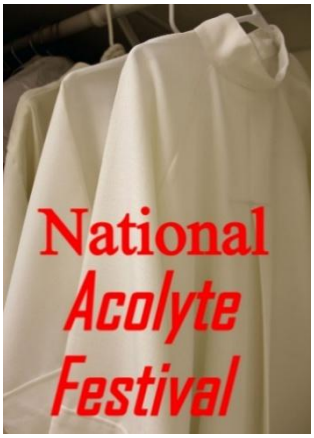
thank you

My heart was so deeply touched by all of the Get Well cards and prayers after my fall and surgery to repair the damage. I'm happy to say your prayers worked.
Thank you all so very much!

In Christian Love,
Becky Sharrett



It's hard to believe it's that time of the year again but we are requesting updated information on our college students. We would like to add them to our Prayer List. Please send Priscilla your child's name and where they will be attending college/trade school by Sunday, August 17th. Priscilla's contact information is pbunch1@aol.com. Thank you!!



Saturday, October 11th

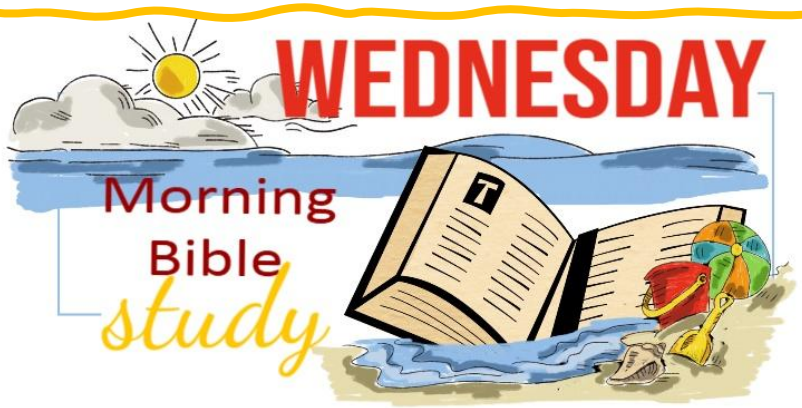
The Washington National Cathedral is welcoming acolytes from across the country again this year. The day includes the Grandest of Processions, which we participate, and the celebration of a festival holy Eucharist, followed by opportunities for exploring the Cathedral and joining a variety of workshops.

There will be a sign- up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. Please sign up no later than Sunday, September 28th, so we can plan our transportation. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

Honoring Our First Responders

Thursday, September 11th

We will be having our annual cookout for the First Responders of our city on Thursday, September 11th, from ***11:30 am – 2:00 pm***. We will need people to set up, cook, provide items, help during the day and clean up. We would need to be at the church no later than 9:30 am to set up. All church members are welcome. If you plan to come, please bring a covered dish to share. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the church office. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



We have enjoyed our Wednesday Morning Children Bible studies during the month of July. We have learned about the stars and Fish in the Bible. We encourage the children to come and join us each Wednesday during the month of July.

Day 1: Matthew 17:14-21

Day 2: Matthews 21:21-22

Day 3: Hebrews 11:1-3

Day 4: Hebrews 11:4-7

Day 5: Hebrews 11:8-12

Day 6: Hebrews 11:23-31

Day 7: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Day 8: James 2:14-17

Day 9: James 2:18-26

Day 10: Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 11: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Day 12: James 1:3

Day 13: James 1:6

Day 14: James 5:14-15

Day 15: Mark 10:52

Day 16: Mark 11:24

Day 17: Romans 4:8-12

Day 18: Romans 5: 1-5

Day 19: Romans 10:9-11

Day 20: Psalm 37:5-6

Day 21: 1 Timothy 4:10-12

Day 22: Galatians 3:23-29

Day 23: John 3:14-17

Day 24: Romans 1:16-17

Day 25: John 11:23-27

Day 26: 1 Corinthians15:16

Day 27: Ephesians 3:16-17

Day 28: John 6:35

Day 29: 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

Day 30: Psalm 119:30

Day 31: Romans 14:1

Commit to reading your bible for 10 minutes each day. Read the above scripture and reflect on how this scripture could apply to your life.

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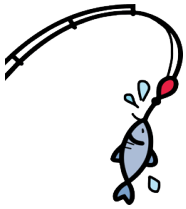
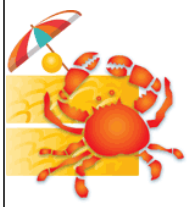
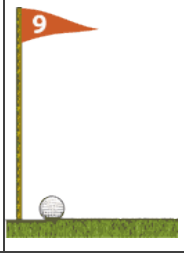
					1	2 
3 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service	4 10:00-11:30am Kalamoo Lego Club	5 1:00p Saints Alive	6 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous bus. meeting	7 10:00am Thursday Crafters	8	9 
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