

# The Towers Newsletter

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## **Pastor's Article** **Persevering in Faithfulness**

Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered at a number of wonderful events in the life of our church this month. In addition to our regular monthly activities, we celebrated Mother's Day, hosted a wonderful organ concert, and observed Memorial Sunday with a meaningful time of worship and fellowship around the tables after. I am grateful for each person who gave of their time, talents and energy to make each of these events special in the life of our church.

### Upcoming Events

June will continue to be a busy time in the life of our church. Plan to join us for these special days ahead:

June 4th Graduate Sunday

June 11th Music Sunday

June 18th Father's Day – Jim Judkins Preaching

June 25th – 29th Vacation Bible School

Please see the bulletin board outside of Priscilla's office and sign-up as you are able to bring supplies, fix and serve supper, or help work with our children each evening. Volunteers of all ages are welcome!

### Pastor Search Team

The Center for Healthy Churches is continuing to seek out qualified pastoral candidates, and the Pastor Search Team is continuing to interview candidates as they become available. Please continue to support the Pastor Search team with your prayers as they continue their work. The pool of candidates is relatively small at this time, and we join many other churches who are patiently waiting for God to reveal the right candidate to them. We have been praying for our new pastor for many months, and I am confident that God will send him/her to us when the time is right. In the meantime, I'm on the journey with you!



**You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!**

Go to: [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe

**You also find us on:**

[www.suffolkchristian.org](http://www.suffolkchristian.org)

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**From your SCC Board of Deacons**

**The Board met Wednesday, May 10th. An open session was held to address concerns brought to the Board on April 12th. The Deacons conducted an in-depth review into the concerns presented and provided a detailed response to each of those concerns. Anyone not present but wishing to know the details of these discussions, please reach out to any of the Deacons who will be able to provide you the information. The next open session will be held August 9th.**

**The June Mission will be Meals on Wheels.**

**The Food Ministry ~~ based upon input received, we are seeking to expand and update how we provide for those in need. If you have ideas on how to expand this mission please reach out to Ginnie Kinsey or Tommy Queen.**

**The Pastoral Search Committee continues their endeavors to connect with the pastor that God has called for SCC. Updates to the congregation will be provided when available.**

**The SCC Constitution remains under review. If any Board has an area of concern that you would like the Deacons to review, please contact Carman Goben at [carmangoben@gmail.com](mailto:carmangoben@gmail.com).**

**Wishing you God's blessings,  
SCC Deacons**



## *Reporting on missions*

### **June Mission: Meals on Wheels**

Please use your **yellow** envelope this month to support this very worthwhile mission. Since Meals on Wheels receives no government funding, your donations are so important to them. People in our community who need help with the provision of their daily meals can sign up to receive 2 each day, Monday through Friday. One cold meal and one hot meal is prepared and packaged by Obici Hospital. Our church sponsors a team and has numerous volunteers who participate but can always use more help. Our SCC team delivers the Friday route to the Chuckatuck area and there are always two volunteers who travel together. Kitty Martin is the chair of our team and she says this mission warms her heart because people are always so appreciative. Kitty says a huge part of this mission is the contact between volunteer and recipient. It is sometimes the only person they see in a day. Kitty says it takes about an hour to deliver to 10-15 people. Even under Covid conditions people have faithfully delivered meals, although for now they are usually left at the front door. Perhaps God is calling you to this mission. If you are willing to serve Him in this way, please let the church office know or talk to Kitty.



**January 2023** - Church Family Assistance - \$1,108.00  
**February 2023** - Coats for Community - \$865.00  
**March 2023** - Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$862.00  
**April 2023** - SCC Scholarship Fund - \$1,517.00  
**May** - Tornado and Storm Damage - \$911.00



A donation to the SCC Scholarship Fund in memory of Shirley H. Talbert has been given by Jim and Jane Marie Dailey

A donation to the General Fund in memory of Albro and Fannie Ellis has been given by Jan Ellis and family

### Stewardship Report

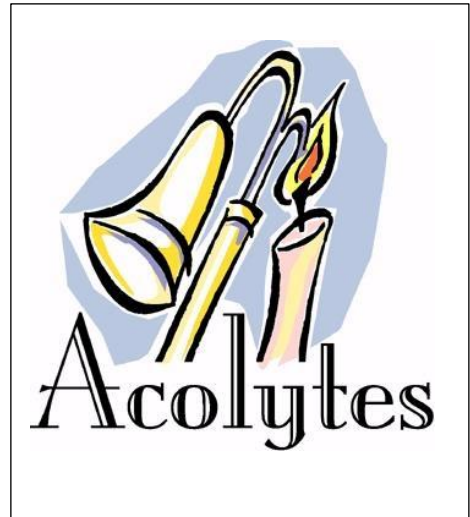
*"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"*

January - April 2023 income - \$81,620.20  
January - April 2023 expenses - \$85,004.17

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$2,041.48



The music committee would like to welcome our summer organist, Grace Garner. We look forward to her sharing her musical talents with our congregation.



Washington National Cathedral is delighted to welcome back acolytes from across the country to celebrate this vital ministry of service and faith on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The day begins as acolytes, servers, clergy and vergers join in the longest and most colorful procession imaginable – the Grandest of Processions – as we prepare to gather around Christ’s table for a festival Holy Eucharist. This is a wonderful experience for the acolytes of our church. Lunch will be available to purchase, or you can bring your own.

If you would like to attend this year, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office. We will need to register our group. We will most likely have to rent a vehicle so we will need to know how many need transportation. Please sign up prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Priscilla.



**Suffolk Christian’s Music Ministry will lead our morning worship on Sunday, June 11, as we worship together and praise God through music.**

**We are blessed to have our Chancel Choir back in the choir loft, and to once again hear both the organ and piano in our services. The King’s Ringers and Chancel Handbell choirs will “ring” their praises and we will sing some of your favorites.**

**This is a wonderful opportunity to invite family and friends to worship with you. Plan now to attend – and leave with a “song in your heart”.**

***Did you know that the word “sing” is in the Bible over 400 times – 50 are commands!***



## June 4th

On Sunday, June 4th, during the 11:00am worship service, we will be honoring our graduates. If you are graduating or have already graduated this year from high school or college, please plan to attend. **Graduates: please wear your cap and gowns.** We will meet in the West Memorial Bible Class at **10:45 am**. Looking forward to seeing all our graduates.



If you have a child graduating this year from high school or college, please send Priscilla Bunch, [pbunch121@gmail.com](mailto:pbunch121@gmail.com), their information (school, honors, college or career plans, etc.). If you have a child who graduated since our Graduate Sunday last year, please send their information as well. Please send this information by Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Scholarship recipients will be recognized on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.*



Meredith McLaughlin	June 1
Johnnie Winslow	June 3
Hannah Fleming	June 4
Steve Rice	June 6
Robert Whitmore	June 6
Lili McNeil	June 7
Jennifer Hott	June 9
Zachary Harry	June 11
Janet Rock	June 12
Michele Bryant	June 12
Julie Maschino	June 13
Scott Munn	June 14
Debbie Spivey	June 15
Judy Twiford	June 15
Kim Parr	June 16
Lillee Myles	June 19
Luke Stroup	June 20
Vickie Wilson	June 21
Cheryl Griffin	June 21
William James	June 21
Raina Allen	June 22
Amaya Allen	June 22
Tim Copeland Jr.	June 22
Len Cox Jr	June 26
Joe Jones	June 26
Barbara Jacobs-Ascher	June 27
Andy McLaughlin	June 28
Pat Hawn	June 29
Neal Davis Jr.	June 29
Janet Nemish	June 29
Alexis Underwood	June 29



June 18th



## Vacation Bible School

VBS is quickly approaching! Please look at the sign-up sheets outside of the Board of Christian Education office and sign up to volunteer. Without volunteers, we would not be able to have a VBS each year. Please have your children invite friends to come with them this year. If you have someone you would like to send an invitation to, please let Priscilla know. This is a fun week sharing God's word with the children of our church and others from the community! If you have any questions, please contact: Priscilla@[pbunch121@gmail.com](mailto:pbunch121@gmail.com).

**Game Nights**  
FELLOWSHIP

**6:45 pm**  
**Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Come join us for fun, food & fellowship!**  
**Bring a snack to share.**

*June*



## Daily Bible Reading Plan

Day #1:	1 John 1:5-7	Day #16:	Luke 17:3-4
Day #2:	1 John 1:8-10	Day #17:	Matthew 6:12,14-15
Day #3:	1 John 2:1-4	Day #18:	Psalm 86:3-5
Day #4:	1 John 2:5-8	Day #19:	Psalm 103:1-4
Day #5:	1 John 2:9-11	Day #20:	Psalm 32:1-5
Day #6:	1 John 2:12-14	Day #21:	Ephesians 1:3-7
Day #7:	Matthew 18:21-22	Day #22:	Colossians 1:9-14
Day #8:	Matthew 5:23-24	Day #23:	James 5:15-16
Day #9:	Mark 11:24-25	Day #24:	Romans 3:21-24
Day #10:	Colossians 3:12-13	Day #25:	Romans 3:25-26
Day #11:	Ephesians 4:26-27	Day #26:	Luke 7:44-50
Day #12:	Ephesians 4:31-32	Day #27:	Micah 7:18-19
Day #13:	Psalm 103:8-12	Day #28:	Acts 2:37-39
Day #14:	2 Corinthians 2:5-8	Day #29:	Romans 8:1-4
Day #15:	2 Corinthians 2:9-11	Day #30:	John 8:1-11

Commit to reading your bible 10 minutes each day and meditate on the scripture you have read.



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