

The Towers Newsletter

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2024

Plan to join us for Holy Week – and invite a friend or neighbor to join us!



March 24th	Palm Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday procession on Main Street
		11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Noon	Pot luck and Easter Egg Hunt
March 28th	Maundy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Lord's Supper Re-enactment



Maundy Thursday

March 30th	Holy Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil led by our youth and children
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March 31st	Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship with baptisms
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Pastor's Column

March is shaping up to be an exciting month in the life of our church! On March 7-8 the Search Team has an on-site interview with a very promising pastoral candidate. After two good zoom interviews, it is time for the team and the candidate to meet in person and for the candidate to see our beautiful church. Please continue to pray for the search team and the candidate, that God will continue to be in their midst, providing discernment and direction. If both the Search Team and the candidate decide to move forward after this interview, a Call Weekend will be scheduled for the entire church to meet the candidate, hear a trial sermon and vote on calling this person to be our new pastor.

In the meantime, we will be making our way through the Lenten season together. Priscilla Bunch and Sean Bilby are leading two of our youth through the updated pastor's class, now called, "My Journey to Accepting Christ." These two youth will then journey through the waters of baptism on Easter Sunday! Thanks to Priscilla and Sean for leading this very important class, please pray for all involved in this worthy time of growth.

Work on our new initiatives is progressing. In January we raised over \$1,300 for school supplies for Elephant's Fork Elementary. In her sermon on February 4th, Cheryl helped us think about our homeless neighbors in more compassionate ways – one of the goals of this team. The Fellowship for Women had a launch event on February 26th and plans are underway for a time for our ladies to gather monthly. Thanks to all who have begun work on these initiatives.

Finally, the deacons have revised our Constitution in response to the January Town Hall Meeting, changing the quorum back to 50 as proposed. The Constitution is now on the table for 90 days. We will vote on this revised document in a special called business session after worship when the 90 day period has been completed.

As spring approaches, I see signs of new life in and around Suffolk Christian Church. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to help us remain a beacon on Main Street.

On the journey with you, Tracy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

Go to: YouTube.com

Suffolk Christian Live Worship / Subscribe

You also find us on:

www.suffolkchristian.org

Facebook

Stewardship Report

"We are Walking by Faith through Commitment"

January 2024 income - \$19,885.80

January 2024 expenses - \$24,472.04

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$729.48



The Board of Deacon's Report from the February 13, 2024 meeting:

As a follow-up to the feasibility of the church affiliating with a conference/denomination as mentioned in the February newsletter, a decision was made that this is not recommended at this time.

The next open session with the Board will be held on April 9, 2024 at 6:30pm in the West Memorial Room.

The spring Church Conference will be held April 10, 2024 at 7pm.

The Board reviewed the responses received from the January Town Hall and updated the Constitution to reflect the following: The quorum has been restored to 50. The Board of Ushers will become a Committee under the Board of Deacons. Committees are not outlined in the Constitution. The Constitution will lay for 90 days effective 19 February. A called church conference will be held following the 90-day period and will be held immediately following a Sunday worship service.

The Pastor Search Team will have a face-to-face meeting with a potential candidate in early March. An update will be provided to the congregation afterwards. Please continue to pray for the team and the candidate God is preparing for our church.

Our January mission - SCC and Suffolk School Partnership raised \$1395.95

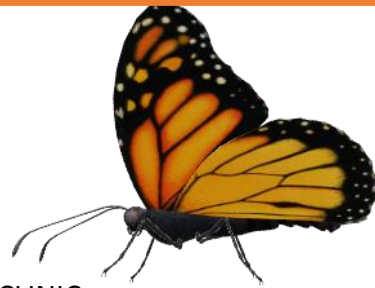
February mission - Coats for the Community

March mission - Western Tidewater Free Clinic

April mission - SCC Scholarship Fund

May - Crisis Pregnancy Center

June - Meals on Wheels



Reporting on Missions....

March **Yellow** Envelope Mission: WESTERN TIDEWATER FREE CLINIC

The **yellow** envelope for March is designated for the Western Tidewater Free Clinic. This is a local mission, most worthy of our support. WTFC was opened in 2007 and serves the Western Tidewater area. It is a health home for uninsured, underinsured and underserved adults, delivering compassionate and quality care through many programs. The clinic states its mission this way, "to provide high-quality, non-emergency health care to the residents of Western Tidewater who cannot otherwise afford it." Several of our church members were instrumental in starting this endeavor and many more continue to serve and support it today. We encourage you to please give what is in your heart to this mission, by using March's **yellow** envelope.



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.



In Memory of

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of Paul J. Fowler, Jr. has been given by Jim and Jane Marie Dailey

Donations to Suffolk Christian Church in memory of Doris H. Cones have been given by Cheryl F. Abernathy, Benita Rhodes

Donations to Saints Alive in memory of Doris H. Cones have been given by David and Barbara Ascher, Adult Bible Class

A donation to the Music Fund in memory of Doris H. Cones has been given by The Chancel Choir of Suffolk Christian Church

A donation to the Care and Concern Ministry in memory of Doris H. Cones has been given by Mary Jane Cathey, Billy and Barbara Hannah, and Charlie and Donna Henderson

Donations to Care and Concern in memory of June Hood have been given by the West Memorial Bible Class, Jim and Pat Mann, Jan Ellis, Tom and Jane Arthur

Donations to the Memorial Garden in memory of June Hood have been given by Joyce Trump, Curtiss and Betty Johnson

A donation to the Memorial Garden in memory of Tom Atkins has been given by Curtiss and Betty Johnson

A donation to Care and Concern in memory of Pat Beale has been given by Jan Ellis



Judy Eure	03/02
Kim James	03/02
Tiffany Gray	03/02
William Blake Jr.	03/07
Chase Phillips	03/07
Virginia Savage	03/08
Harden Barnett Jr.	03/09
Sue Bracy	03/09
Michael Halley	03/11
Rob Abernathy	03/13
Rebecca Padrick	03/16
Marion Johnson	03/16
Cheryl Ashcraft	03/16
Mike Beale	03/18
Scott Wilson	03/18
Stephanie Savage	03/19
Sharon Fanny	03/20
Connor Munn	03/21
Billy Wyatt Sr.	03/24
Claudia Salmon	03/24
Ed Skillen Jr.	03/24
Nick Allen	03/24
Bobby Myles	03/24
Bob James	03/25
Jimmy Fanny	03/26
Janine Joyner	03/28
Charlie Henderson Jr	03/28
Bob Richardson Sr.	03/30
Nancy Cocco	03/30



March 1st

March 15th

March 29th

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

Thanks

We feel so blessed by our Church family. Thank you for all the cards, calls, food, the reception and your prayers. Death is never easy, but we were surrounded by your love and caring.

The family of Doris Cones

*Suffolk Christian Church,
Eddie, Ellie and I thank you from the bottom
of our hearts for the incredible prayers, love
and support you've given during this most recent
health crisis.*

*The prayers were answered, the food was wonderful and your
"just checking in" phone calls texts and messages were much
appreciated.*

*God's love lives on Main Street, Suffolk,
Pat, Eddie and Ellie Hawn*



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.



FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

The next meeting of FFW will take place on March 25, 2024 at 3:30 at church. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The planning committee is alternating right now between day and night meeting times, trying to determine what best suits the most people. We are so excited by the response to this restart of a fellowship group for women of our church. And remember all are welcome...invite a friend and join us on the 25th!



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



Save the DATE for
VBS
June 23rd - 27th
Invite your friends now!



Church Finances

News from the Finance Board:

Due to our expenses exceeding income for December and January and the unusual occurrence of 3 payrolls in February, the Finance Board voted to move \$20,000 in funds from an investment account to the general fund to cover expenses.



January 2024 - SCC Suffolk Schools Partnership - \$1,395.35
February 2024 - Coats for Community - \$585.00



Sunday, March 24th

We will have our annual potluck luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship service. The Board of Christian Education will provide fried chicken and beverages. Please bring a covered dish/dessert with you to share with others. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the church office if you plan to attend by Sunday, March 17th. We hope to see you there...invite someone to come with you.

CARE AND CONCERN

The Care and Concern Committee will meet on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm at church. This Committee continues to provide meals for our shut-ins, provide funeral receptions for church families when requested and send cards as needed. All of this requires the help of many volunteers. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining us at our first meeting – one of only two meetings held each year. We look forward to seeing our current members as well as anyone who may be interested in learning more about the Care and Concern Committee. Please join us on March 4th and learn how you can be a part of this worthwhile committee. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Elaine Abernathy and Claudia Salmon – Co-Facilitators



Saturday
March
30th

We will have our annual Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 30th. All school aged – college students are invited to participate in the vigil. All students will meet in the Conference Room at 4:30pm to prepare for the service. The congregation is invited to attend the vigil at 8:00 pm in the fellowship hall. This is always a very moving service, and we hope you will attend. Dinner will be served to the students so please let Sean Bilby or Priscilla Bunch know who will be attending so we will have enough food.



Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 pm
Reenactment of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, March 28th



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



Scholarships
Information on Scholarship applications will be available soon and in the April newsletter.

March

Daily Bible Readings



Day 1: Luke 17:5
Day 2: Romans 10:17
Day 3: Galatians 5:6
Day 4: Hebrews 11:1
Day 5: James 2:17
Day 6: I John 5:4-5
Day 7: John 6:29
Day 8: Hebrews 11:6
Day 9: James 1:6
Day 10: Psalm 57:5
Day 11: Proverbs 5:5
Day 12: Matthew 6:50

Day 13: Matthew 17:20
Day 14: 2 Corinthians 5:7
Day 15: Acts 26:18
Day 16: Ephesians 6:16
Day 17: 2 Timothy 4:7
Day 18: Matthew 14:29-51
Day 19: John 20:29
Day 20: I John 5:15
Day 21: Galatians 5:22
Day 22: John 1:12
Day 23: Mark 10:52
Day 24: Romans 1:17
Day 25: 1 Peter 1:21
Day 26: Titus 1:2
Day 27: 1 Corinthians 16:15
Day 28: Mark 11:24
Day 29: 1 Timothy 6:11
Day 30: 1 Thessalonians 1:3
Day 31: 1 Peter 1:7

Commit to reading your bible
10 minutes per day!



March 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

					<p>1</p>  <p>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER</p> <p>7:00PM GAME NIGHT</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 2:00pm-8pm All Saints Presbyterian Church 6:00p-“Journey to accepting Christ” class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00p Care & Concern</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive</p> <p>7:00p Bible study- The Great Disappearance</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00a Bible study- The Great Disappearance</p> <p>6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous bus.meeting 7:00p Board of Christian Ed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters</p> <p>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> 
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Easter Arrangements, Sprays, and Lilies

If you would like to place an order for any of the items listed below, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Cheryl Ashcraft at 757.418.4553.

The deadline to order is Monday, March 25. No orders will be accepted after that date.



- Spray on the inside front column \$50
- Spray on the inside front column\$50
- Piano/Organ Arrangement\$40
- Huntboard arrangement \$45
- Second floor foyer\$40
- South vestibule arrangement.....\$40
- North entrance floral spray (columns)\$40
- North entrance floral spray (columns)\$40
- North entrance floral spray (doors)\$40
- North entrance floral spray (doors)\$40
- South outside entrance floral spray\$40
- Front outside floral spray\$40
- Front outside floral spray\$40
- North vestibule arrangement\$40
- North second floor vestibule arrangement\$40
- Pascal Candle\$40
- Wreath outside of office door\$40

Sprays/Arrangements In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by:

Easter Lilies

Quantity	Total (\$20 each)



Lilies In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by:

Please make your check marked
 "Easter Flowers" payable to:
Suffolk Christian Church

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