

The Towers Newsletter

216 North Main Street, Suffolk VA 23434

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November 2023



Potluck Lunch

POTLUCK LUNCH AND TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, November 12th, following worship

Please plan now to be a part of the potluck lunch and Town Hall meeting.

We will be organizing to begin work on the four initiatives we identified during our “Visioning our Future” town hall meeting last year.

Main dish and drinks provided by the deacons, please bring sides and desserts to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office so we have plenty!





Pastor's Column

As we turn the calendar to November, we turn our hearts and our minds towards a season of Thanksgiving. Retailers want to move us from Halloween straight into Christmas, but we do well to pause and reflect on the many ways that we have been blessed – both in our personal lives and in the life of our church. In I Thessalonians 5:16-18 we read, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” This doesn’t mean that we deny our difficulties and struggles or pretend that our lives are perfect. It means we remember that God walks with us every day, providing peace and joy that can only come from God. For this I am deeply grateful, and this is my prayer for each of us and all of us this Thanksgiving season.

This will be a busy season in the life of the church. I hope that you will be able to help with the Family Fun Night and Trunk or Treat this Saturday, October 28th, and with the Church Bazaar on Saturday, November 4th. Volunteers are needed at both events, as well as donations for the bazaar. Also, please plan to participate in the Town Hall on November 12th after church and plan to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19th –it will be a great evening of feasting and fellowship.

As always, it’s an honor and a joy to be on the journey with you, Tracy



You may now watch our service LIVE Sunday mornings!

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

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www.suffolkchristian.org

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Board of Deacons Report: October 11, 2023 Meeting

- Prior to the meeting, Dan Cooke from All Saints Presbyterian Church of Suffolk addressed the Deacons and reported their attendance has doubled and proposed having a second Sunday service as well as having their Wednesday service every week instead of every other week. An additional request was made to use our church for the ordination of their pastor, to take place on or around January 12, 2024. Finally, Mr. Cooke offered the services of their men to assist with maintenance of our building and grounds.
- The Food Ministry/Pantry reports serving 18-20 people on each outing. In addition, the ministry is considering providing a limited number of Thanksgiving meal baskets.
- The Board approved the following items:
 - a. November's mission (yellow envelope) will be the Church Family Assistance Fund.
 - b. To continue providing rice for a local Thanksgiving event.
 - c. To use Food Ministry resources to periodically provide groceries to a couple in our congregation dealing with medical bills and transportation issues.
 - d. Approved the request by All Saints Presbyterian Church of Suffolk for a second service on Sunday at 2pm and Wednesday service every week instead of every other week. These additional services will begin in January 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Garner, BoD Chair at 757-630-8651 or email: wakefieldpharmacy@verizon.net

Reporting on Missions....

November **Yellow Envelope Mission:**

SCC FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND



The Board of Deacons has designated our church's Family Assistance Fund to be the recipient of our **yellow** mission envelope for the month of November. This fund exists to help church Members financially during emergency situations and is administered by the pastor, chair and Vice-chair of the Board of Deacons. Your support of this fund is greatly appreciated as we try to provide a helping hand to those experiencing trying circumstances. Thank you so much for your generosity in the support of our church family.



January 2023 – Church Family Assistance - \$1,108.00
February 2023 – Coats for Community - \$865.00
March 2023 – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$987.00
April 2023 – SCC Scholarship Fund - \$1,567.00
May 2023– Tornado and Storm Damage - \$943.00
June 2023 – Meals on Wheels - \$765.00
July 2023 – Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$904.00
August 2023 – Genieve Shelter - \$921.00
September 2023 – Neighbors in Need - \$855.00
October 2023 – Sheltering the Homeless - \$900.00

Maui Wildfires - \$927.00

Stewardship Report

“We are Walking by Faith through Commitment”

January – September 2023 income - \$194,015.90
January – September 2023 expenses - \$194,297.07

Dollars for Supply & Multiply - \$2,202.48



Thanksgiving
Baskets

Thanksgiving Fruit Baskets

The Board of Deacons is once again sponsoring the distribution of Thanksgiving fruit baskets to the homebound of our church. We are inviting you to participate with us by bringing your gift of fruit to church on Sunday morning (November 19) and leave it in the church library. Your contribution of oranges, pears, apples, grapefruit, grapes, bananas, etc. will help tremendously as we seek to remember those who are unable to be at church with us. We will assemble the fruit that morning and deliver following the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would like to help by making a delivery or two, we would appreciate that as well. You may volunteer that Sunday morning or call Robert Boyce (757 255-4867), Janet Nemish (757 589-5772) or Beverly McGahee (757 934-1398) if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of this mission to our members.



In Memory of

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of
Glenn Ellis has been given by Jan Ellis

A donation to the Care and Concern Ministry in memory of
Glenn Ellis has been given by Charlie and Donna Henderson

A donation to the General Fund in memory of
Catherine Everlena Ellis and Mary Virginia Ellis Vick
has been given by Jan Ellis and family

Donations to the Care and Concern Ministry
in memory of Jack W. Nurney, Jr. have been given by
Mike Hart and Sushi aka, John and Lillian McLemore,
Allison and Suzanne Griffin, Harden and Beth Barnett,
Nita Bagnell, Jim and Jane Marie Dailey, John and
Janet Nemish, Walter B. Paxton, Scott and Heather Carr,
Charlie and Diane Mathias, Jan Ellis, Cathy Allsbrook, Billy
Chorey, Dabney Carr, Charlie and Donna Henderson,
William and Chelsea Saunders, Margaret Harry

A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of
Jack W. Nurney, Jr. has been given by
The Trump Family - Lee, Renee, Joyce

A donation to the Memorial Garden Fund in memory of
Jack W. Nurney, Jr. has been given by Curtiss and Betty Johnson

In Honor of

A donation in honor of Joyce Trump has been given
by the Sans Souci Book Club



Greetings,

Another year is quickly coming to a close, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who participate in the Care and Concern card ministry. This ministry sends cards to our Suffolk Christian Church family members in times of joy, heartache, and when prayers and support are needed.

If you are looking for a way to serve SCC, we welcome you to join the current volunteers. The card ministry volunteers handle their duty for a single month throughout the year. All cards and postage are provided.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this church outreach program, please contact Carman Goben at 757-650-7360 or via email at carmangoben@gmail.com



A special thanks to Grace Garner-Atkins for the sofa and chairs she donated to the church that are located on the 2nd floor foyer area, off the elevator.

Thank you!

Searching for a **NEW Pastor**



We knew that the process of finding a new pastor would, and is, a long journey. Please rest assured that the Pastor Search committee is still diligently interviewing prospective candidates.

As everyone is hopefully aware, the number of availabilities has been low but we have had several interviews. We are still receiving resumes and the team is wasting no time in contacting them.

Please keep praying for the team that we find that person who will lead our church upward and outward.

God Bless,

Lisa Carraway, Co-Chair



*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."
Revelation 7:12, NRSV*

Thanksgiving Basket Drive

We would like to give our Food Pantry recipients a "Thanksgiving Basket" this year. Our goal is to prepare 25 baskets. The following list of items are needed for each basket. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. **Please return your items to the church no later than Sunday, November 12th** so we can fill the baskets and distribute them on Tuesday, November 21st.

- 2 canned vegetables - corn, green beans, peas, carrots
- 1 can of collard greens
- 1 brownie or cake mix/icing
- 1 box of mac and cheese
- 1 box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1 packet of instant turkey gravy
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 bag of marshmallows
- 1 package of brown sugar
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 roll of aluminum foil
- 1 aluminum roaster pan
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 bottle of dish soap
- 1 bottle of hand soap
- 1 roll of plastic wrap



Bryce Jones	11/01
Tommy Ashcraft	11/01
Joyce Ralph	11/02
Lee Bradshaw	11/02
Lindsey Young	11/03
John Kinsey Jr.	11/04
Christopher Ashcraft	11/04
Toni Shank	11/05
Judy Gardner	11/06
Janie Darden	11/06
Catelyn Joyner	11/06
Tyler Bunch	11/08
Lucca Rice	11/08
Charles Parr Sr.	11/09
Lynne Copeland	11/09
Pat Wyatt	11/10
Brandon Ashcraft	11/10
Brayden Stroup	11/11
Dae Nixon	11/12
Audrey Johnson	11/12
Marissa Banton	11/12
Billie Harry	11/13
Shae Masters	11/13
Thomas Savage	11/16
Andra Bailey	11/17
Wanda Thorsen	11/17
Aubrey Smith	11/18
Jim Topping	11/20
Mary Beth Carden	11/21
Alex Scott	11/22
Nola Jiles	11/23
Bobby Ralph	11/24
Ryan Chavis	11/25
Brenda Wright	11/27
Tim Johnson	11/28
Alex Brown	11/28
Samantha Brown	11/29
Linda Culliton	11/29



Church Meetings during the week:

Please use the South parking lot/entrance. It has adequate handicap parking and lighting and lighting under walkway is on at night.



Suffolk Christian Church Handbell Choir

Come join us as we join with other bell choirs in Suffolk for our performance at the Suffolk Grand Illumination on Friday, Nov. 17th. This special event is being held from 6pm to 8pm at Market Park (next to Seaboard Station Railroad Museum). Come support the Suffolk Christian Church Handbell Choir. We are honored to be a part of this special event.



Thanksgiving Dinner

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We will serve the traditional Thanksgiving dinner of, turkey, dressing, gravy, sweet potato casserole, green beans, roll, and dessert.

Tickets are \$12.00 and will be available after worship service each Sunday beginning October 29, and during the week they can be purchased in the church office. The deadline to buy a ticket is Wednesday, November 15.

Following the dinner, we will have an auction. The proceeds will go to: Missions.

If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact Cheryl Ashcraft at 757-418-4553. We need to know what item you will be donating for the auction as soon as possible.

The Christmas season is approaching quickly, and it is time to be thinking about placing your order for Christmas greenery, arrangements, and poinsettias. 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 for orders is Monday, November 27th

	2 Outside Front Wreaths	\$85 each
	3 Upstairs Balcony Wreaths	\$85 each
	1 Inside Front Column Wreaths	\$50 each
	1 Side Foyer Arrangement SOLD	\$40
	1 Huntboard Arrangement SOLD	\$50
	Piano/Organ Arrangement SOLD	\$40
	Upstairs Foyer Arrangement (outside of Sanctuary)	\$40
	1 Downstairs Newel Post Swag SOLD	\$40
	2 Wreaths North Entrance Columns SOLD	\$50 each
	2 Wreaths North Entrance Doors SOLD	\$50 each
	2 Wreaths Iron Gates Front Entrance	\$30 each
	17 Boxwood Wreaths Outside Windows	\$30 each
	North Foyer Arrangement SOLD	\$40
	North Second Floor Foyer Arrangement	\$40
	Wreath Beside Office Door SOLD	\$50
	2 Wreaths Iron Gates Walkway	\$30 each
	Miscellaneous items (greens, candles, etc.)	\$100

Greenery/Arrangements in Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by: _____

Poinsettias (51 poinsettias are needed to fill the poinsettia tree)

Quantity	Total (\$15 each)

Poinsettias In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by: _____

Please complete and return your **order form** with payment to the office or mail to: Suffolk Christian Church / Attn: Cheryl Ashcraft / 216 North Main Street / Suffolk, VA 23434. Please mark your check "Christmas Flowers" and make payable to:
Suffolk Christian Church.



Fall Bazaar

Saturday, November 4th

Our Fall Bazaar is approaching quickly. Please look at the bulletin board outside of the Board of Christian Education office and sign up to help. We always need baked goods, candies, breads, homemade pickles, jams, jellies, etc. If you are not sure how you can help the day of the bazaar, please contact Priscilla Bunch.



ForKids is one of the largest service providers to children and families experiencing homelessness in Virginia. They serve 14 cities and counties in Hampton Roads by providing housing solutions, education, and critical services.

The ForKids organization helped numerous children last year to have a brighter Christmas. We will be collecting toys this year for this organization. The tubs will be put out by the Christmas tree in the south foyer on the 1st floor by Sunday, November 19th. **Please return the toys to the church no later than Sunday, December 10th.** All toys will be taken to the organization on Monday, December 11th. There is a list of suggested toys/items in the newsletter. Your support of this organization is greatly appreciated by those in our community and will bring smiles to children who may be less fortunate than we are at this time. If you should have any questions, please contact Priscilla Bunch.

ForKids Suggested Toy List

Please New Items Only Unwrapped

Teens, Ages 13-18 • Art supplies and craft kits • Video games (nonviolent) • Manicure and makeup sets • Small drones • Jewelry, watches, purses, and belt bags • Skateboards, bikes, rollerblades, scooters with helmets • Electronics - Bluetooth speakers, wireless earbuds • Lego sets • Sports items- basketballs, footballs, soccer balls • Cozy slippers, robes, eye masks • Multicultural hair product sets • NFL team merchandise

Ages 9-12 • Arts, craft, and slime making kits • Jewelry sets and purses • Multicultural dolls • Hair accessory sets • Lego sets • Musical instruments • Skateboards, bikes, roller blades, scooters with helmets • Sports items- basketballs, footballs, soccer balls • Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite items • Star Wars, Transformers, superhero items • Remote control cars

Ages 5-8 • Arts & craft kits • Dinosaur sets • Popular character dolls and figurines • Multicultural dolls • Hot Wheels sets • Board games • Bristle Blocks • Dress-up and nail decorating kits • Kitchen play sets • Skateboards, bikes, roller blades, scooters with helmets

Infants & Toddlers • Popular character toys • Mega Blocks • Baby Einstein • Counting or stacking toys • Fisher Price toys • Little Tikes • Musical Instruments • Wooden puzzles • Scooting toys • Tool and construction sets • Tonka Trucks • Wagons • Vtech and LeapFrog

Please no toy weapons, weapon accessories, squirt guns, swords, machine guns, or ninja sets.

Please only brand new coats.

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A



And

Shopping at DeWayne's Christmas Land and Garden Center

Monday, December 4, 2023

Cost Per Person \$60.00

Reservation and Final Payment Due November 12th

We will travel by van from the Church Parking lot promptly at 8:00 AM and return no later than 8:00 PM

Lunch on your own at Smithfield Chicken and Barbeque

We will enjoy a light dinner and a dessert on the way home

If you are not familiar with "The Rudy", it is a small hometown Theater located in Selma, NC. The show consists of various types of Christmas Music, a sing along and a comedian. DeWayne's is a Christmas shopper's delight with unique gifts and Christmas Décor. We will enjoy each other's company and enjoy beautiful Christmas Music, shopping and good food.

Hope you will join us.



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 Bottles.



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Daily Bible Readings

Day 1:	Psalm 7:10-17	Day 16:	Psalm 116:14-19
Day 2:	Psalm 9:1-9	Day 17:	Psalm 136:1-9
Day 3:	Psalm 26:1-7	Day 18:	Psalm 145:1-10
Day 4:	Psalm 28:1-4	Day 19:	Psalm 147:1-7
Day 5:	Psalm 28:5-7	Day 20:	1 Chronicles 16:1-8
Day 6:	Psalm 30:1-12	Day 21:	1 Chronicles 16:27-24
Day 7:	Psalm 69:39-34	Day 22:	Philippians 4:1-7
Day 8:	Psalm 75:1-7	Day 23:	1 Timothy 4:1-5
Day 9:	Psalm 95:1-6	Day 24:	Colossians 3:12-17
Day 10:	Psalm 100:1-5	Day 25:	Colossians 4:1-6
Day 11:	Psalm 105:1-7	Day 26:	Isaiah 12:1-6
Day 12:	Psalm 106:1-5	Day 27:	Hebrews 12:22-29
Day 13:	Psalm 107:1-9	Day 28:	1 Thessalonians 5:12-17
Day 14:	Psalm 107:10-21	Day 29:	Jeremiah 22:1-11
Day 15:	Psalm 107:22-31	Day 30:	2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			<p>1</p> <p>7:00p Board of Christian Ed. 7:30p Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>Set Up Bazaar</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Set Up Bazaar</p>	 <p>9:00am-2:00pm</p>
<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm Reformed Pres. Church</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00p All Saints Pres. Church 6:30p Narcotics Anonymous 6:30p Board of Deacons</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 2:00pm Prayer Team</p> <p>6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	 <p>Game night 6:45pm</p>	 <p>VETERANS DAY</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service Potluck lunch and Town Hall Meeting Following worship.</p> <p>4:00pm Reformed Pres. Church</p>		<p>14</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30p Board of Finance 7:30p Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00a Set up for Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	
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<p>26</p> <p>9:30am King's Ringers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Sunday Service 4:00pm Reformed Pres. Church</p>		<p>28</p> <p>1:00p Saints Alive 3:00p Food Pantry</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30p Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>		