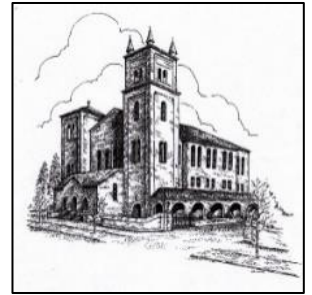


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Rev. Dr. Tracy Hartman, Transitional Pastor

The Board of Deacons is pleased to announce the hiring of the Rev. Dr. Tracy Hartman as our Transitional Pastor.

Rev. Dr. Hartman received her Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary, Presbyterian School of Christian Education and her Master of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond,

Virginia. Additionally, she obtained Executive Coach Training from the Center for Congregational Health, Foundations for Christian Leadership Certificate from Duke University, and STEP Interim Ministry Training from The Center for Healthy Churches.

Tracy enjoys knitting, crocheting, quilting, and hiking and camping with husband of 40 years, Jay. They reside in Richmond and have three sons and one granddaughter.

She will serve Suffolk Christian Church by preaching on Sundays; providing pastoral care; leading congregational town hall meetings to help the congregation with visioning & asset mapping; working with SCC leaders to align mission, building use, budgeting and programming; and by coaching the Pastor Search Committee to expedite the search process and assure candidates meet the needs of Suffolk Christian Church.

Dr. Hartman will begin November 28, 2021, and will lead us through Advent. As the New Year begins, we will start the process of holding Town Hall Meetings with the congregation and developing our church profile. Through this process, we pray for God's guidance as we move into the next phase of Suffolk Christian Church.

Members of the Board of Deacons or the Transition Team will be happy to answer any questions that you may have during this transition.



You can find the weekly services online at
www.suffolkchristian.org , YouTube or
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SuffolkChristianChurch/>



November Mission: CAPS Night Stay

**Please use the YELLOW tithing envelope
to support this mission**

Every night individuals and families experience homelessness in Suffolk. Every night these people – our neighbors – deal with hunger, insecurity, discomfort, and fear. Every night there is an opportunity to show love to our neighbors.

CAPS started the Night Stay Program as a rotating shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness during winter months. Churches came together to host homeless guests and provide food, shelter and safety during the coldest months of the year.

The early part of last year, Covid-19 changed the way we had to approach our Night Stay program. In compliance with state regulations, most churches were closed. We have been open, and active for some time.

At the October 2021 Deacons meeting, it was decided that we could not serve as a host church this year but could support in other ways. There is a CAPS Night Stay program with some hosting churches. We can volunteer with a host church, help with the preparation and serving of meals, prepare care packages for the homeless or purchase gift cards. At this time, the CAPS Night Stay program will begin in January.

There will also be the Suffolk Winter Shelter this year where homeless will be housed in a hotel. We can provide meals for these people as well. This program will run from November 15th – the end of March.

These are opportunities where our church can help the homeless in Suffolk during the cold, winter months.



A Step Back In Time

On June 26, 1955 Emma Holland Rawls donated a painting of the Last Supper to the ladies in the Philathea Class. The painting was donated in memory of her husband, Japheth Edward Rawles. The painting may be viewed inside the West Memorial Class.

Photo by Beverly McGahee

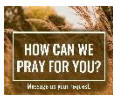
During the month of November, we are honored to have our pulpit filled with members as well as friends. Please plan to attend the following Sundays and support those who will be filling the pulpit until we are able to secure an intentional interim pastor.

Nov. 7 – Alan Garner, Speaking and Sean Bilby,
Communion

Nov. 14 Rev. Wayne Gardner

Nov. 21 – Rev. Robert Bunn

Nov. 28 – Dr. Tracy Hartman



Do you have a prayer request? Please contact Amy in the church office at suffolkchristianchurchoffice@gmail.com



GOOD NEWS... THANKSGIVING DINNER

The Thanksgiving Dinner is back but will be a bit different. It will be held on Sunday, November 21, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. We will serve the traditional Thanksgiving dinner of, turkey, dressing, gravy, candied yams, green beans, roll, and dessert. The dinner will be catered by Roy's and Ricky's Catering and served in individual take out plates. A short program will follow the dinner.

Tickets are \$12.00 and will be available beginning October 31, after church and during the week in the church office. The deadline to buy a ticket is Thursday, November 18. **YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET**, as we will only be ordering the number of plates that are paid for. **THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AFTER THE 18TH.....NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Following the dinner there will be a short program.



"Due to the current increase in the number of COVID 19 Delta Variant cases in our area, the CDC and the Governor of Virginia recommends that everyone, **vaccinated or unvaccinated**, wear a mask for indoor group activities. Exceptions apply for children under 5 and those with certain health issues."



ACOLYTE EMERITUS

Congratulations to Nathan Wilson for being recognized as the first Suffolk Christian Church Acolyte Emeritus. Nathan has faithfully served SCC as Acolyte 169 times during an eight year period. Nathan's devotion to this service is to be admired. We are honored to bestow this award and wish Nathan all God's blessings.

Board of Christian Education



Attention Ladies: The **Afternoon Circle** plans to meet **NOVEMBER 1st** at **1 pm** in The Saints Alive room. Mark your calendar and join us for fellowship.



The **Evening Circle** will meet Monday, November 1st at 7 PM.

**Items are needed for the weekly food pantry!*
 Applesauce (individual cups); Snacks (Granola Bars, Nabs, Individual Packs of Nuts); Oatmeal (Individual Servings); Pop Tarts; Noodles; Spaghetti; Macaroni; Rice (1 lb. bags); Dried Beans; Macaroni and Cheese; Canned Vegetables; Spaghetti Sauce; Canned Pasta, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Protein Drinks.



Happy Birthday !!!!

Tommy Ashcraft	Nov. 1
Bryce Jones	Nov. 1
Joyce Ralph	Nov. 2
Rita Redfern	Nov. 3
Lindsey Young	Nov. 3
Christopher Ashcraft	Nov. 4
John Kinsey	Nov. 4
Toni Shank	Nov. 5
Janie Darden	Nov. 6
Catelyn Joyner	Nov. 6
Tyler Bunch	Nov. 8
Lucca Rice	Nov. 8
Lynne Copeland	Nov. 9
Charles Parr	Nov. 9
Brandon Ashcraft	Nov. 10
Pat Bristow	Nov. 10
Audrey Johnson	Nov. 12
Dae Nixon	Nov. 12
Marissa Banton	Nov. 12
Brenda Worrell	Nov. 12
Billie Harry	Nov. 13
Jack Nurney	Nov. 13
Shae Masters	Nov. 13
Tom Savage	Nov. 16
Wanda Thorsen	Nov. 17
Andra Bailey	Nov. 17
Aubrey Smith	Nov. 18
Jim Topping	Nov. 20
MaryBeth Carden	Nov. 21
Alex Scott	Nov. 22
Nola "Sam" Jiles	Nov. 23
Bobby Ralph	Nov. 24
Ryan Chavis	Nov. 25
Brenda Wright	Nov. 27
Tim Johnson	Nov. 28
Alex Brown	Nov. 28
Samantha Brown	Nov. 29
Linda Culliton	Nov. 29



Memorials

Donations to the Young at Heart ministry in memory of Millie Strickland have been given by T. E. and Judith Marriner, Sharon W. Woodard, Darrell Lee Caldwell, David Moore (from Millie's son's football officiating crew), Darrell and Anita Caldwell, Ronnie and Patricia Woolard

Donations to the Memorial Fund in memory of Margaret Harry Heuberger has been given by Nita Bagnell, Hubert and Christine Young, Revelle Builders, Brian and Lisa Knoll, Jim and Dot Gwaltney, Betty H. Mazie, Rick and Jane Brothers, William and Theresa Sawyer, Mills and Gin Staylor, Owen and Ann Gillette, Richard and Joyce Pond, Margaret Newman Balfe, L. H. and Pat Byrum, Al, Ann, Angie, Nancy, and David Felton, Aston and Bunny Lewis, Keith, Jennifer and Courtney Simpson, Ronald and Ruth Tolbert, Eloise M. Raine, Chuck and Anne Moody, Ray and Judy Felton, Harrell & Associates, John and Janet Nemish, Dale and Ginny Kelley, William and Karen Branche, Elizabeth K. Brothers, Jim and Becky Bradshaw, John and Mary Ann Eure

A donation to the Food Pantry in memory of Margaret Harry Heuberger has been given by Nancy L. Ballard

January 2021 – Food Pantry - \$1,200.00
February 2021 – Scholarship Fund - \$840.00
March 2021 – Western Tidewater Free Clinic - \$845.00
April 2021 – Children's/Youth Fund - \$965.00
May 2021 – Crisis Pregnancy Center - \$651.00
June 2021 – Genieve Shelter - \$657.00
July 2021 – Salvation Army - \$935.00
August 2021 – CAPS - \$1085.00
September 2021 – Food Pantry - \$820.00
October 2021 – Meals on Wheels - \$695.00

Thanksgiving Fruit Baskets

The Board of Deacons is once again sponsoring the distribution of Thanksgiving fruit baskets to the home bound of our church. We are inviting you to participate with us by bringing your gift of fruit to church on Sunday morning, November 21. 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. During this time when many are exercising great caution in leaving their homes, there are numerous families we would like to remember. Please call Jim Thorsen or Billy Wyatt to volunteer or ask a question. Thank you for your continued support of this mission to our members.



2022 Board Appointments and Nominations



Board of Deacons

Alan Garner (2024), Robert Boyce (2024),
Tommy Queen (2024), Beverly McGahee (2024),
Carman Goben (2024)

Board of Finance

Elaine Abernathy (2024), Calvin Jones (2024), Nancy Pichel (2022),
Curtiss Johnson (2024), Charles Parr (2022), Debra Carr (2024)

Board of Christian Education

Nathan Wilson (2024), Lynn Pope (2024), Debbie Clements (2023),
Sarah Burford (2024), Suzanne Cox (2024), Linda Culliton (2024), Kim Parr (2023)

Music Committee

Benita Rhodes (2024), Brenda Wright (2024)

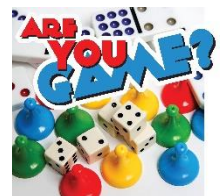
Scholarship Committee

Alan Garner (2024), Vicki Winslow (2024), Rita Queen (2024),
Janet Simmons (2024)

Game Night

Friday, November 12th, 6:45 pm

As we approach the holidays and our church activities increase, we will have to adjust our dates and omit dates for Game Nights. For the month of November, we will only meet on Friday, November 12th, @ 6:45pm.



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 757.934.1646.

Deadline for all orders is Monday, December 6.
(please check what you are ordering)



2 Outside Front Wreaths	\$85 each
4 Upstairs Balcony Wreaths	\$85 each
2 Inside Front Column Wreaths	\$45 each
1 Side Foyer Arrangement	\$40
1 Huntboard Arrangement	\$50
Piano/Organ Arrangement	\$40
Upstairs Foyer Arrangement	\$40
1 Downstairs Newel Post Swag	\$40
2 Wreaths North Entrance Columns	\$45 each
2 Wreaths North Entrance Doors	\$45 each
2 Wreaths Iron Gates Front Entrance	\$25 each
17 Boxwood Wreaths Outside Windows	\$25 each
North Foyer Arrangement	\$40
North Second Floor Foyer Arrangement	\$40
Wreath Beside Office Door	\$50
2 Wreaths Iron Gates Walkway	\$25 each
Miscellaneous items (greens, candles, etc.)	\$100

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

Given by:

Poinsettias (55 poinsettias are needed to fill the poinsettia tree)

Quantity	Total (\$12 each)

Poinsettias In Honor/Memory of: [Circle one]

Given by:

If you would like to place an order, please contact Cheryl Ashcraft at 757-418-4553 or mail a check to: Suffolk Christian Church / Attn: Cheryl Ashcraft / 216 North Main Street / Suffolk, VA 23434
 Please make your check marked "Christmas Flowers" payable to:
Suffolk Christian Church



Fall

Bazaar

Saturday, November 6th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come join us for food, shopping and
fellowship.

Suffolk Christian Church

216 North Main Street

Suffolk, VA 23434

757-539-9182

www.suffolkchristian.org





ForKids Holiday Toy Drive

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 to more than 70,000 individuals a year.

The ForKids organization helped 946 children last year to have a brighter Christmas. We will be collecting toys this year for this organization as we did last year. The tubs will be put out by the Christmas Tree in the South foyer on the 1st floor by Sunday, November 21st. Please return toys to the church no later than Sunday, December 12th. All toys will be taken to the organization on Monday, December 13th. 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:

NFL TEAM MERCHANDISE Washington Football Team, Carolina Panthers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, Seattle Seahawks, New England Patriots, New York Giants, Green Bay Packers

INFANTS & TODDLERS:

Brand New Coats, Baby Shark Toys, Peppa Pig, Paw Patrol, Mega Blocks, Mozart Effect, Baby Einstein Counting Toys, Fisher Price Toys, Little Tikes, Magna Doodle, Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head, Musical Instruments, Wooden Puzzles, Scooting Toys, Tool sets, Tonka Trucks, Wagons, V- Electronics

AGES 5-8:

Brand New Coats, Arts & Crafts Items, Dinosaurs, Disney's Frozen Items Dolls – Multicultural, Hot Wheels, Board Games, Diva Dolls, LOL Surprise, My Little Pony, Bristle Blocks, Dress-ups, Girls Nail Decorating Kits, Kitchen Play, Rescue Rangers, Figurines, Superhero Toys/Items, Purses, Scooters

AGES 9-12:

Brand New Coats, Arts & Craft Items, Jewelry Sets, Purses, Baking Sets, Slime Kits, Cameras, Dolls – Multicultural, Hair Accessories & DIY Kits, Legos, Musical instruments, Skateboards, Bikes, Roller Blades, Scooters w/ Helmets, Sports Items & Games (basketball hoops, mini foosball), Minecraft, Roblox, Fortnite, Star Wars Items, Transformers, Superhero Items, Remote Control Cars, Comic Books, Book Sets

TEENS, AGES 13-18:

Brand New Coats, Art Supplies, Alexa Echo Dot, Batteries, Video Games (nonviolent), Nail Polish/Manicure Sets, Small Drones, Watches, Purses, Belts, Jewelry, Skateboards, Bikes, Rollerblades & Scooters w/ Helmets, Bluetooth Speakers, (water bottles, beanies, etc.), Karaoke Microphones, Wireless Headphones/Ear Buds, LED Lights, LED Mirrors, Tripod, Ring Light, Selfie Stick, Wireless Keyboards, Smartphone Camera Lens, Moon Lamp/Lava Lamp, Bluetooth Beanie, Face Mask DIY Kits, Cozy Slippers/ Robes, Eye Masks, Multicultural Hair Masks/Hair Kits (such as a soft hood blow dryer/ microwaveable hair bonnet), String Lights/ Picture Frames/ Cinema Light Box/ Tapestries, Small Duffel Bags/ Satchels (male & female), Portable Chargers, Workout Equipment (weights, resistance bands, floor mats), Big Kid Bikes

Please No Toy Weapons/Weapon Accessories, Squirt Guns, Swords, Machine Guns or Ninja Sets.



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
		Day 31:	Matthew 6:21

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

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 1:00pm Afternoon Circle 7:00pm Evening Circle	2 2:00pm Saints Alive	3 10:00am Bible Study "Mysteries of the Messiah" 7:00pm Board of Christian Ed 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	4 10:00am Thursday Crafters 6:45pm Chancel Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 11:30am Meals on Wheels	
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21 Deadline to bring fruit for fruit baskets 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service 6:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner	22	23 2:00pm Saints Alive 3:00pm Food Pantry	24 7:00pm House of Worship 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	25 Church office closed Thanksgiving 	26 Church office closed 	27
28 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service	29	30 2:00pm Saints Alive 3:00pm Food Pantry				

CHANGE: House of Worship meeting has been changed from November 24 to November 17 at 7:00 p.m.