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World Communion Sunday, October 1

The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This is scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.




The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering/Peace and Global Witness for fall, 2017, provides relief, shelter, and hope to families who have fled their homes in search of safety. The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the peacemaking and reconciliation efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts given to the Offering through a congregation are divided in the following manner: 25% is retained by congregations for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; 25% retained by mid-councils (12.5% presbytery/12.5% synod) for support of their own peace and reconciliation efforts; and 50% to the Mission Agency to provide assistance and resources for congregations to promote the peace of Christ. Support this mission today; send your donation marked “peace and global witness.”



There will be Halloween goodie bags for kids, refreshments and decorated, candy-filled trunks and costumed people. Cars/Trunks' hosts will be giving out treats for everyone to enjoy. Come with your children or the entire family dressed in costume (or not!). We are sharing the hosting of the event this year with friends from Rappahannock Christian Church and Zion Baptist, Chance.

Bring the family and enjoy a safe and fun Halloween celebration. This is a community event allowing children to safely celebrate Halloween with their families, neighbors, and friends. Please volunteer your car trunk, candy, or make a donation! For more information you can call 804-443-9977 or email tappcc@va.metrocast.com.



Birthdays in Oct. and Nov.

OCTOBER
David Jones 21
Roland Geddes 22
Pat Morris 23

NOVEMBER
Betty Geddes 2
Grace Lam 5
Kathy Hughes 17
Ayden Pepin
Jerry Colby 27

Save the Date

Essex Resource Council and Essex Churches Together



Invite you to a

COMMUNITY FORUM

on youth enrichment

October 24, 2017

7:00 pm

Beale Courthouse

Join us for this informative and important community discussion regarding the availability of enriching activities for our youth, and what our community can do.

Refreshments will be served!

OCTOBER CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

TPC ACTIVITIES:

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY 1 PM, GOSPEL OF MARK, 10-3 Ch 13; 10-10 Ch 14; 10-17 Ch 15; 10-24 Ch 16.

WORLD COMMUNION WILL BE OCTOBER 1ST: we will celebrate the Lord's Supper, using breads of the world, with friends from St. Andrew and Mildred Presbyterian churches. Finger foods and fellowship to follow.

Our five cents a meal offering will be **Oct. 15**, gathered by the children.

Saturday, Oct. 21: It's our turn to help fund-raise for the **2018 Operation Inasmuch United Day**. Our church and Union First Baptist will sponsor the ECT bake sale booth on Saturday, October 21st, at the Farmer's Market. We need home-baked goods and helpers. Please contact Sherry Jones or Kathy Hughes if you can help provide baked goods and/or help sell the cakes, cookies and pies that day.

NEXT SESSION MEETING IS Oct. 17 AT 6 PM.

The future of our county will come from our children's experiences, challenges and encouragement. The Essex Resource Council has formed a **Youth Enrichment Program** committee to determine how we can provide the best avenues for our youth in Essex County to insure a solid future. Please join us for our **Community Forum on Youth Enrichment co-hosted by Essex Churches Together and the Essex Resource Council, being held on the October 24th at 7:00 pm at Old Beale Courthouse** to hear ideas,

learn about other counties programs, ask questions and share your thoughts on this important subject.

Following the question and answer portion there will be tables set up where youth organizations and programs will have the opportunity to showcase their materials and discuss their programs. If you work with a youth organization which would like to have a presence at the forum, please contact Katherine Newman at knewman@bayaging.org. Courtesy of Bay Transit, transportation is available that evening for those who need it! Attendees in need of transportation must contact Bay Transit no later than 5:00 PM October 20th. To schedule a ride call: (804) 250-2011.

There are continuing needs in Essex County from the **ECLTRG (Essex County Long Term Recovery Group)** for the **tornado survivors of 2016!** They are listed below. If you can fill any of the needs, please contact Rev. Candine Johnson at 804-443-2130. At this time we are most in need of someone who has the equipment and expertise to bush hog the three properties we are working on. Two of the properties are major repair/refurbishments and one is new build. We have exhausted all of our contacts regarding the bush hogging and they are building working at these three sites now. **This need is IMMEDIATE.**

We are pretty much fixed for furniture---Westminster Canterbury in Richmond provided us with rooms of great furniture. We purchase new mattresses when we provide beds. We have received requests from the three homeowners whose homes we are working on and they all asked for lawn mowers (push mowers are ok). Also, one asked for a weed whacker. And washers & dryers are always requested---we have stoves, fridges & microwaves but no laundry equipment.

TPC'S ANNUAL MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE OCTOBER 28TH AT 8 AM.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION! It's not too soon to tell people about our **Messiah Sing-along** so they can mark the date on their calendars. On **December 3rd, at 3:00**, we invite the community (far and wide) to join us in singing the great choruses of Handel's Messiah. All they have to do is come, pick up a score and sing under the direction of Em Hughes, with organ and harpsichord accompaniment. No audition or rehearsal required! Four soloists will share their beautiful voices and help lead. Listeners are encouraged to come and be inspired by the wonderful music which sets a sacred tone for the Advent/Christmas season.

About other opportunities:

THERE IS A NEED FOR A DRIVER FOR MEALS ON WHEELS. Please call Ken Rodgers if you are able to help 804-758-8853, or krogers@bayaging.org.

THE BOOK SHELF IS BARE AT ESSEX COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES for both children's and adult books. The ECSS offers free books to those who visit there and the books collected on OIAM day are now gone. If you can take them to the location, please do, but if you need assistance with delivering them, let Kathy Hughes know.

BANANA BINGO AT ESSEX HOUSE Tuesday, Oct 17, at 10:00 AM. Join the residents for lots of fun and bananas too!

MEN'S RETREAT OCTOBER 13 – 14, 2017 CAMP HANOVER. Mark your calendars for a great time of fellowship. Our time together will begin with dinner at 6 pm on Friday, October 13 and end at 5 pm on Saturday, October 1. The cost for this retreat is \$55 per person and includes lodging, 3 meals, and program.

7P'S & 5A'S OF COMMUNICATION—OCT. 24, 9:30 AM—THE BRANDERMILL CHURCH. Registration will be up on the POJ website September 1. Join Madison+Main Chief Idea Officer Dave Saunders as he presents a fun and informative seminar, specifically designed for church communities. In his "By the Numbers" seminar, you'll learn about the three kinds of brands, the "7Ps of Communications," and the "5As of Integrated Communications Strategies."

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2017—The conference will feature dynamic speaker, podcaster and author Jamie Ivey. November 3-4, 2017 at River Road Presbyterian Church. \$125 per person.

ASH GROVE WOMEN'S RETREAT Ashland Presbyterian Church invites the women of the Presbytery of the James to participate in the Ash Grove Women's Retreat on November 10-11, 2017. The theme of this ecumenical retreat is "Finding Strength in the Broken Places: Connecting with Resilience Within."

WE ARE CONTINUING TO COLLECT CANNED GOODS and other requested food items in *Lucy's Basket* (at the front in the sanctuary) to deliver them periodically to the Community Services Food Bank.

Reformation 500! This fall marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To commemorate that transforming event, Chester Presbyterian Church will host a 4-part evening series "A Sustainable Presbyterian Future," featuring The Rev. Dr. Louis Weeks. Louis Weeks, the President Emeritus of Union Presbyterian Seminary, currently lives in Williamsburg VA with his wife Carolyn. He has taught and written extensively on the history and nature of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. Weeks served as Professor of Historical Theology and as Dean of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he collaborated with John Mulder and Joe Coalter to direct the most extensive study yet of Presbyterians in the U.S.A. They published "The Presbyterian Presence" series of seven books, editing six comprising essays and writing one summarizing the findings (1990-1992). *Vital Signs: The Promise of Mainstream Protestantism* enlarged the topic subsequently, by invitation from Eerdmans Press. His other books include *To Be a Presbyterian* (1983,2010) *The Presbyterian Source: Bible Words That Shape a Faith* (1984) and *A Sustainable Presbyterian Future: What's Working and Why*(2012). Weeks' latest book is the one that will be studied in Chester's Reformation 500 series. Each evening will include worship, reflection and conversation centered on his book of the same title. The series runs Tuesdays, October 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 7:00P.M. Dr. Weeks has made advance copies of his book available at the author's price, \$8.50. Purchase yours through the Chester Presbyterian Church office (804-748-4636).