

Worship Services:
8:15, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

**Sunday School for
All Ages: 9:45 AM
Adults: 11:00 AM**



Tabernacle Spotlighter

February 2012

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Extravagant Generosity?

Extravagant Generosity—isn't that just a ploy to increase the budget?

Ah, NO.

Tabernacle's budget has been proposed and accepted months ago. Extravagant Generosity is about who you and I are becoming. It is about character and courage and growth in spirit by challenging one of the toughest fears we have—can I trust God to take care of me?

Before John Wesley became the founder of the Methodist Church, he was a teacher at Oxford University back in the 1700's. When he began his career he was paid 30 pounds per year, in those days a lot of money. His living expenses were 28 pounds and he gave 2 pounds away.

The next year his income doubled but he still managed to live on 28 pounds and gave away 32 pounds. The third year he earned 90 pound, lived on 28 and gave away 62. The fourth year he earned 120 pounds, lived on 28 and gave away 92. One year his income was a little over 1,400 pounds, he lived on 30 and gave away nearly all of the 1,400 pounds.

Wesley felt that with increasing income, what should rise is not the Christian's standard of living but the standard of giving. Increasing our standard of giving that is extravagant generosity.

A life of extravagant generosity will make a direct impact on many lives if we give to things that have lasting, eternal significance. Building a Sunday School building in Costa Rica, giving a meal and an ear to the homeless in our community, teaching the next generation a love for Christ and a love for church.

Also, a life of extravagant generosity will be clear evidence of reality of our faith in Christ. Who needs that evidence? Our kids, our grandkids, our unbelieving or lukewarm neighbors. If we are motivated by a love for God and a gratitude for salvation, our lives will be a light that "let's your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Extravagant Generosity is learned, is scary at first, is satisfying and changes time and money into blessings and joy giving satisfaction.

Are you in?

Pastor Steve



BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST BY GROWING MATURE DISCIPLES THROUGH:

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| 2 Kaylin Johnson Alexander Bliss | 14 Donna Jordan Melissa Woodie | 24 Matthew Graham |
| Justin Hanson Ursula Gough Courtney Carney | Terry Mathis Jennie Lumpkin Valerie Struchtemeyer | 25 Angela Potts Kenneth Lipscomb Stephen Balderson Jr. Andrea Hostetter |
| Bryan Buckles | 15 Bruce MacGregor Kristopher Moxley | Kyle Gibson Zachary Andrade |
| 3 Michael Conrad Benjamin Lambert | Nick Uebelhoer | 26 Kelsea Carmichael Benjamin McIntosh Sr. Michael Petro |
| 4 Deborah Patterson Cynthia Hay Patricia Cole | 16 Abigail Holcombe Emily Taninecz | Alison Harvey Spencer Harvey Cheryl Brown Pamela Hinds |
| 5 Diane Heflin Elisabeth Larcombe Ryan Lipscomb | 17 Shirley Amidon Margaret Smith Lauren Hunter | 27 Trevor Newton |
| 6 Lauren May Catherine Petro Rebecca Minter Heather Haag Alan Shute Carol Forry Kent Lutz Garry Ellis | 18 Paige Godwin Joshua Page Audrey Boetig Buffy Webb | 28 Aubrey Kirtley III Samantha Geer Melinda Smith Claire Boetig Charles Winters Jr. Thomas Geer |
| 7 Charles Hines | 19 Cole Matsui Roberta Miller | |
| 8 Margaret Rouse Paul Smith Kathy Temple | 20 Heather Bass Karen Lovas Donna Steckler | |
| 9 Rhys Nettles Liv Baxter | 21 Mary Lou Cornell Donna Jones | |
| 10 Aiden Winters | 22 Nancy Nolen Virginia Weedon Mark Thorburn Neal Rouse Ashley Peck Diana Wellerman | |
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9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
10:30 AM Rosa Miller Circle
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
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9:00 AM CARE Prayer Group
9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 PM Thursday AA Group
7:00 PM Praise Team
3
5:00 PM Confirmation Class 2012
6:30 PM Troop
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12:00 AM Confirmation Class 2012
7:30 AM AA #1
9:00 AM AA #2
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11:00 AM Women Of Faith
12:00 PM Junior High Youth
3:00 PM Extravagant Generosity Class
5:00 PM Brownie Troop
5:00 PM Senior High Group
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7:00 PM Church Council
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12:00 PM Tuesday AA
7:00 PM Beginner's Quilting Class
7:00 PM Extravagant Generosity Class
7:00 PM Joy Song Ministry
7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training
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9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
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9:00 AM CARE Prayer Group
9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 PM Thursday AA Group
7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 PM Praise Team

11
7:30 AM AA #1
8:00 AM Girl Scout Thinking Day
9:00 AM AA #2
9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
12
11:00 AM Education Committee Meeting
11:00 AM Women Of Faith
12:00 PM Junior High Youth
12:30 PM Confirmation Class 2012
3:00 PM Extravagant Generosity Class
5:00 PM Brownie Troop
5:00 PM Senior High Group
7:00 PM UMM
7:00 PM UMW
13
9:15 AM MOPS
7:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting
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12:00 PM Tuesday AA
7:00 PM Beginner's Quilting Class
7:00 PM Extravagant Generosity Class
7:00 PM Joy Song Ministry
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9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir
7:00 PM Ruth Circle
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9:00 AM CARE Prayer Group
9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 PM Thursday AA Group
7:00 PM Praise Team
7:00 PM SPR Meeting
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3:00 PM Micah Ministries
6:30 PM Troop 3721
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5:00 AM Costa Rico Mission Team Departs
7:30 AM AA #1
8:00 AM Community Breakfast
9:00 AM AA #2
9:30 AM Stephen Ministry

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11:00 AM Women Of Faith
12:00 PM Junior High Youth
12:30 PM Confirmation Class 2012
12:30 PM Lay Reader Training
5:00 PM Brownie Troop 472
5:00 PM Senior High Group
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7:00 PM COM
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12:00 PM Tuesday AA
5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
7:00 PM Beginner's Quilting Class
7:00 PM Joy Song Ministry
7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training
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9:00 AM Prayers & Squares 400
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service
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9:00 AM CARE Prayer Group
9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study
12:00 PM Thursday AA Group
7:00 PM Praise Team
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting
24
3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 3502
25
5:00 AM Costa Rico Mission Team Returns
7:30 AM AA #1
9:00 AM AA #2
26
11:00 AM Women Of Faith
12:00 PM Junior High Youth
12:30 PM Confirmation Class 2012
12:30 PM Usher Training
5:00 PM Brownie Troop 472
5:00 PM Senior High Group
28
12:00 PM Tuesday AA
7:00 PM Beginner's Quilting Class
7:00 PM Joy Song Ministry
7:00 PM Stephen Minister Training
29
9:00 AM Prayers & Squares
12:00 PM Lunch Bunch
5:30 PM Children's Choir
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

CALLING ALL LAY READERS!

By Bev Graham, Worship Committee Chair

Have you ever thought about participating in the Traditional Worship Services as a Lay Reader? Has the Holy Spirit ever moved you to seek to become more active in your worship? Have you ever yearned to assist with Holy Communion and feel the powerful way that God can work through you?

Then come...come...on Sunday, February 19th. Training for Lay Readers will be held in the Sanctuary at 12:30. This will give you an opportunity to hone your skills if you have been a Lay Reader before, or to try it on for size if you answered yes to the questions posed above.

Assisting the Pastor with Worship and to really feel God working through you is a deeply spiritual and powerful experience. What skills does it take? Would I be good enough? Would I feel comfortable enough?

Come...come...find out for yourself. There is no long term commitment. You will have the chance to speak behind the pulpit, walk through Holy Communion procedures and see if God is calling you.

What a way to praise our Lord! See you there!

Please call Bev Graham, Worship Chair, at 540-786-4283 or Pastor Steve Hay at 540-786-6162 with any questions.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

By Hal Gibson

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – will be held on the 21st of February from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and have some pancakes and sausage.

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD LENT STUDY

by Lynn Copeland Buckles

Our 2012 Lent study is *24 Hours that Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Leon Anderson and Lynn Copeland Buckles will facilitate the study on Tuesday nights starting on February 28th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pastor Steve will also use this book as the Pastor's Bible study on Thursday mornings beginning March 1st from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. During this six week video study, we'll examine Jesus' trials leading up to Easter's promise and what it means to us today. Please sign-up on the clipboards in Fellowship Hall and the Multi-Purpose Room. For information please contact Lynn Copeland Buckles at 786-6162 or dce@tabumc.org.

UMM MEETING, 45 LESSONS OF LIFE

By Hal Gibson

The UMM will meet on Sunday February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in room 413. All men of Tabernacle are welcome. Denny Iceman will be presenting "45 Lessons of Life".

45 Lessons of Life is presented in a 4+ minute video put together with music Laurie selected. Celtic women presented Ave Maria and Denny's daughter, Andi, edited the music and made the DVD to fit this inspiring winter scene. Canada or "Kanada" is a wonderful place where I spent my summers growing up. I learned how to run my Father's hand made Crist Craft boat there fishing, swimming, and hiking. Laurie and I spent 3 months traveling the western reaches of the Canadian Rocky Mountains about 4 years ago. Late this summer we will spend 2 months in the eastern New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Experiencing pain and loss in our lives is inevitable. Everyone does at some point. Laurie and I have many times and are once again in a period of that experience. She is losing her vision. We have only God to comfort us. He has touched our priorities in life to now see, once again, some of his beautiful creation and meet his wonderful people. We are blessed to have this time to see.

If you knew your future because God had revealed it to you... How would you prioritize the time you have?

When you can answer this question... then it is up to you to make the most of how you live your life with Jesus at your side.

Enjoy the 45 Lessons of Life.

SUBMIT YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE PRAYER VIGIL

By Susan Pleasants

In preparation for Easter, we will have a 24 hour Prayer Vigil in the church sanctuary. The Vigil begins at 8:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 6 and concludes at 8:00 p.m. Holy Saturday, April 7. Please begin to think of how we could pray for you and your family during the Vigil. We invite each of you to make a specific prayer request for yourself, your family, a friend, a financial situation, etc. These requests will be written on 3X5 index cards and be available to those praying during the Vigil. At the beginning of March, these index cards will be circulated during all three Sunday services. If you already know what your request will be, you may email me at visitation@tabumc.org or call me at 786-6162. Having these specific requests makes the Vigil special and more meaningful.

NEW BEGINNINGS

By Linda Donalson, Lay Leader

Do you like acronyms? They sometimes help me identify or remember a topic such as:

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W hisper when you can **shout** about a **new** church year, **new** leaders, **new** challenges, **new** opportunities, **new** blessings, **new** ministries and a **NEW DISTRICT**. Tabernacle is now part of the **Fredericksburg District** of the **Virginia Conference** of the **Southeastern Jurisdiction** of the **General Conference**.

Our **new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Ted Smith**, has stated our VISION as: "Making of Disciples through Heartfelt Connections, Leadership Formation, Empowering the Laity and by Reaching our Neighbors." Take time this month to read the biblical foundation for this new vision: **Psalm 9:1, Romans 12:11, Exodus 32:34a, Acts 9:31 and Luke 14: 13-14.**

Make **2012** the year you get involved in the life of the church in a **new** way. Take part in a **new** ministry, a **new** Bible study, a **new** Sunday School class.

SO WHAT EXACTLY DOES AN USHER DO?



Often when we come to Worship, we are on auto-pilot, ready to hear God's Word, ready to be renewed, rejuvenated and able to start a new week, filled with the Holy Spirit! That, my friends, is awesome!

But how does it all happen? What role in Worship does the Usher play? What exactly does an Usher do?

An Usher is someone just like you who takes care of us....finds us seats, greets us, helps with communion and collection flow, provides emergency assistance, helps the Pastor with whatever may arise, ensures that coats and purses are not left behind, readies the Worship area for the next event. An Usher works quietly behind the scenes to ensure our comfort and our needs are met. An Usher takes care of the rest of us.

All three services and special worship events require the presence of an Usher. This may be the perfect opportunity for you as you seek to do more – to serve God by taking care of your church family. There are no committee meetings to attend. Often you will only be needed as a back-up for the Head Usher or to assist on occasion. Think you would like to learn more? Please call Bev Graham, Worship Chair, at 540-786-4283 or Pastor Steve Hay at 540-786-6162 with any questions.

PACK WELL



During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing.

What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

MISSION NEWS

By Gary and Linda Gross



Communion Offering for February:

Tabernacle's Communion Offering for February will go to SECA (Spotsylvania Emergency Concerns Association). SECA helps families and individuals in Spotsylvania County with emergency needs such as food, electricity, water, medicine, fuel, and shelter. Clients are referred to SECA by the Department of Social Services, Churches, Schools, and other organizations.

Chancellor Community Blood Drive -- February 12th:

Give the Gift of Life on Sunday, February 12th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Chancellor Ruritan Building, 5994 Plank Road. It may be chilly outside, but when you donate blood, you help to warm someone's heart. Cold hands, warm hearts -- donate blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. 44,000 units of blood are needed every day to meet these needs.

Costa Rica Mission Trip This Month:

The Costa Rica Mission Team is making final arrangements for their Mission Trip to Costa Rica later this month. Ten members on the team represent four churches --- Tabernacle UMC, Fredericksburg UMC, and Dahlgren UMC in Virginia, as well as Northridge UMC in Northridge, CA. The team will be traveling to La Bonita de Changuena to work with Wil Bailey and the local residents to help build a parsonage. Work on the parsonage was started in January by a team from Wil Bailey's home church in North Carolina. Wil is a North Carolina Conference Methodist Missionary who has been serving in Costa Rica for 8 years. The team will be taking a prayer quilt along from Tabernacle to present in Costa Rica. Your prayers for the team as they prepare for their mission trip, and as they travel and work in Costa Rica, are most appreciated.

REFOCUS FOR LENT

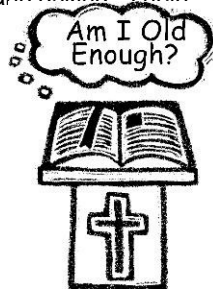
- Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
 - Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
 - Give up worry — trust God to provide.
 - Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
 - Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
 - Give up hatred — return good for evil.
 - Give up anger — be more patient.
 - Give up pettiness — become mature.
 - Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
 - Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
 - Give up sin — turn to virtue.
 - Give up giving up — persevere.
- Author unknown

OLD ENOUGH TO SERVE

In a worship-committee meeting, much debate occurred about the minimum age for acolytes. "If kids can't reach the pulpit to place the Bible, then they shouldn't be allowed to carry it," some said. Others complained that young participants didn't carry the cross straight enough or that their childish delight seemed irreverent.

The conversation seemed to overshadow the central question: "Who gets to serve?" Does God's calling have limits? Shouldn't our faithful, joyful hearts, not our talents or abilities, define the quality of our service?

Perhaps we can learn from the child standing eagerly in the back of the sanctuary, clutching a Bible to his chest and asking "I help God?" I don't want to be the one to tell him no.



From a newsletter in Portland, Oregon:

CHILDREN'S CHURCH attendance was 4%.
The children made a wooden plague.
Join us again next Sunday at 9

Let's hope that plague wasn't contagious.



FORGIVENESS Game

Try this twist on musical chairs.

What you need:

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

What you do:

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.

FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV



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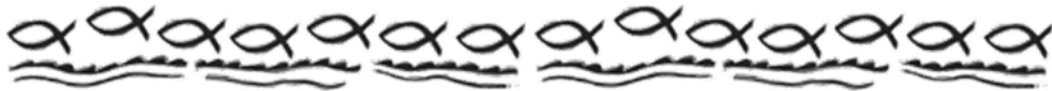
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