

# Tappahannock Memorial Messenger

November 2023



**MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS!**

All Meetings & Events  
Are Offered In-Person  
and Virtually When Possible

## November

- 1: All Saints' Day
- 4: Charge Conference
- 5: All Saint's Worship
- 6: Finance Committee Meeting
- 11: Veterans' Day
- 12: 24th Sunday after Pentecost
- 19: 25th Sunday after Pentecost
- Special Offering UM Student Day
- 23: *Happy Thanksgiving*
- 26: *Christ The King Sunday*  
Put up Chrismon Tree

## DECEMBER

- 2: Tappahannock Winterfest
- 3: 1st Sunday of Advent  
Tapp. Christmas Parade
- 4: Mission Rivers District Conf.  
Administrative Council
- 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Special Offering:  
UM Family Services
- 19: Christmas Musical Event
- 24: 4th Sunday of Advent
- 24: Christmas Eve Service 5pm

## Merry CHRISTMAS

- 25: Christmas Day
- 31: Epiphany Sunday  
5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon  
Watch Night/ New Year's Eve



### All Saint's Sunday Worship

One of the most solemn yet peaceful days of our church Calendar is All Saint's Day, which is always the 1st of November. We will be celebrating All Saints' Sunday on November 5th. This service will include the naming of loved ones that have died over the past year.

We treasure this time to remember our church loved ones, family members, and dear friends. This service will also include Holy Communion with All Saint's Communion Liturgy. Please join us for this special time of worship on November 5th at 10 am.

### Pastor's Pen

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations."  
Psalm 90:1

The last two months of the calendar year contain two very special holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. What comes to mind often when we think about these two are the ideas of "Home". We are reminded of those songs, "There's no place like home for the holidays" and "I'll be home for Christmas". We long to find comfort and security with family and friends and be reminded of the joy, peace, and hope that we are to bring to one another. Those who are far away, want to return to the homestead, the place that holds so many memories and traditions.

I look at the world around us, and while we are soon entering the time of Thanksgiving, season of thankfulness, I can't help but see those from broken homes, those whose homes have been

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### November Lay Leaders

#### LECTORS

11/05: Kelly Wright  
11/12: TBD  
11/19: Frauke Darnell  
11/26: TBD

#### NURSERY

11/05:  
John & Jen Magruder  
11/12:  
Frances Boykin & Susan Hendricks  
11/19:  
Bremda Hamilton & Tami Ward-Dahl  
11/26:  
Jeanie Loser & Karen Ramirez

#### USHERS

11/05: Mary Barrack &  
Diana Robertson  
11/12: Frances Boykin & Jim Wawner  
11/19: Bonnie & Chuck Harding  
11/26: Bonnie & Chuck Harding

#### TELLERS

Andrea Mitman & Dolly Loomis

#### ALTAR GUILD

Ellie Wawner & Kelly Cooke

#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE - TEAM 2

Diane Carter  
Carol Smith  
Laurie & George Turner

### Birthdays to Celebrate in November

- 1 Amanda Hart
- 3 LuAnn Turner
- 5 Jim Wawner
- 6 Baker Wolford
- 8 Lyman Kelley
- 11 Mike Bohlmann
- 12 Bud Wawner
- 12 Frances Boykin
- 13 Carole Croxton
- 15 Katie Kirila
- 15 Ella Wright
- 16 Rita Ramirez
- 16 Tommy Turner
- 18 Arleigh Wood
- 21 Kelly Cooke
- 26 Brooks Wolford
- 28 Steve Angel
- 28 Caroline Clay Cooke

### Faith & Fellowship (Currently)

**Adult Sunday School**  
Sundays @ 11:15 am  
In-Person Only

**TMUMC Choir**  
Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.  
In-Person Only

**TMUMC Glory Ringers**  
Sundays @ 8:30am  
In-Person Only

**Wednesday Morning Group:**  
Wednesdays @ 10:30 am  
In-Person & Via Zoom

Use This Link  
to Access  
E-Giving



TMUMC's  
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### Happy Anniversary

**Ray & Brenda Hamilton**

Celebrating their 47<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>!



Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

Special Offering: United Methodist Student Day

"United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants."

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-faq>



**Daylight Saving  
time Ends  
Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Make sure to turn  
your clocks back!**





### Tappahannock Winterfest

The seasonal experience of Tappahannock Winterfest is just around the corner. On December 2nd the 3rd Annual event will take place along Prince Street. There will be vendors, laser tag, Elsa and Anna meet and greet as well as a sing-a-long. You will also find the Prince Street Express as well as carriage rides. Last, but not least, Winterfest will include the one and only Santa Claus. Come out and enjoy a wonderful time to get in the Christmas Spirit for kids of all ages!!

### TOWN OF TAPPAHANNOCK 48TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE



**THIS YEAR'S PARADE THEME IS "A HOME TOWN HOLIDAY—PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE"  
4:30PM FOLLOWED BY THE CHRISITMAS TREE LIGHTING AND CAROL SING-A-LONG.**

We would love to receive input of some ideas of things we could possibly do for our float this year. If you would like to be a part of the float tem please let Pastor Becca know A soon as possible.



### A Note of Appreciation to the Laity

October was Pastor Appreciation month. I need to start by saying I was overwhelmed by the love and appreciation I received from the congregation in various ways. Our Lay Servant, Jim Glass, reminded us this past Sunday that thie history of the Methodist Church has always relied on a combined effort of both the clergy and laity working together. I appreciate the ways in which you all have recogni=zed my work and efforts to lead in ministry and mission at TMUMC. However, I could not receive that honor of appreciation without recognizing the work of the laity. I know that I have people I can not just call on, but rely on to lead or assist in worship, take care of the needs of our shut-ins, hospitalized, or grieving, or even do laborious taks of mowing the lawn, or taking out the garbage. I fully recognize the way we are called into partnership in our ministry. So THANK YOU for ALL that you do! The work and mission of the church could not be realized with out you!!

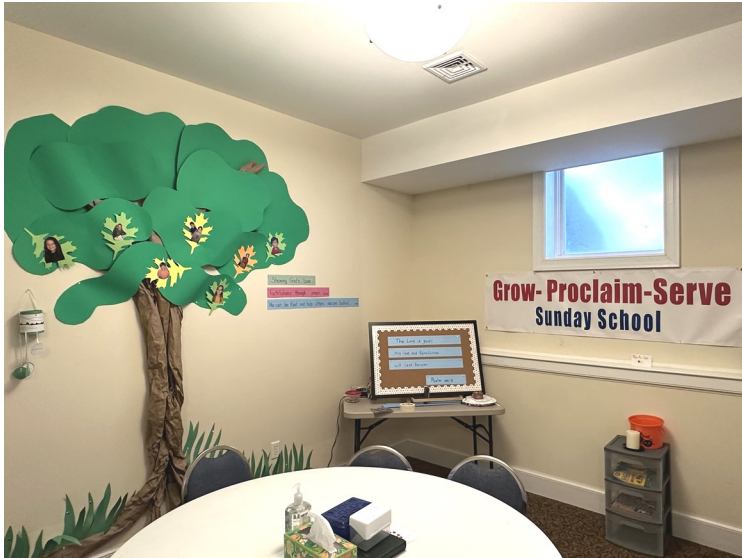
### Chrismon Tree Set-up

We will be setting up the Chrismon Tree with all of the Chrismons following worship, Sunday November 26th.

You are invited to stay after worship and help move into the season of Advent!



## Children’s Sunday School returns to TMUMC!



We are so delighted to share that Children’s Sunday school has returned to TMUMC. Thanks to the dedication of Wanda Ryan who has headed up tis vital ministry, our children are receiving the nourishment of faith at their own age appropriate level that they have been needing. Wanda has really gone out of her way to decorate the space, and make sure each child has their own personal pencil boxes, notebooks, etc. We are thrilled

that this endeavor to bring back our children’s Sunday school, that we have received new children of the community to join in participation. I cannot neglect to say thank you to other adult volunteers that have signed up to share the load of teaching the weekly lessons (Lauriel Turner, Andre Mittman, and Joel Knight). We are always looking for more volunteers to help teach and engage with the children of the church. You will find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. You can sign up for 1, 2, or as many Sundays as you would like!

## Fall Fishin’ Fun Club “Homecoming”

The theme for this fall’s event was “Homecoming” using John 14 1-4 as the scripture that influenced our lesson, craft, music, and fun activity. For our activity, we were able to enter and learn about two historic homes, and then were learned about a few more as we walked down Water Lane and back to the church. What is currently the 1710 Tavern used to be known as the Henley House and Emerson’s Ordinary, and George Washington once ate their and wrote about it. The first meeting regarding colonist opposing the King’s taxes began there as well. What is now the Essex Inn was the Roane House and was taken over twice by Union Soldiers during the revolutionary War, the second in which all the items of the house were removed and burned, because the owner owned slaves. The children were also able to see and learn about the Anderton, Brockenbrough, and Thistle houses of Downtown Tapp.

# THE FISHIN' FUN CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



**TAPPAHANNOCK MEMORIAL  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Sunday School: 11:15 am  
Phone: 804.443.2278  
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Website: <http://www.tappahannockmethodist.org>  
Temp. Office hours: Tue, Wed, Thu 9 am-2 pm

**Join us on Facebook and YouTube!**

**Pastor:**

The Reverend Rebecca Minor

**Co-Music Directors:** Kelly & Rob Wright

**Pianist:** Beth Harvey

**Custodian:** Amanda Hart

*We seek to be disciples of Christ, welcoming  
all as we nurture and support one another  
through service and outreach.*

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demolished from war, those living on the streets, those in homes but scared they will lose them tomorrow, or that their home might be shut-up in gang violence in the night. We see these things in our community, our nation, and around the world, and the question becomes where is their shelter, their safe-haven, their home for the holidays? Another question that might be in our hearts is how can I be grateful and feel blessed when there is so much suffering, pain, agony, destruction, and death.

We hear from Psalm 90:1 that God is our dwelling place and has been in all generations. Beyond our earthly homes, God is our home, our dwelling place. This is when we are reminded that we are made in the image of God, and therefore we are called to love and care for our brothers and sisters as God care for us. In our gratefulness and in our blessing we are called to respond to the broken, the hurting, the scared, the hungry, the homeless, the least of these. What can we do to help offer refuge, shelter, and home? How can we share the good news of God's unfailing love and the hope eternal of our dwelling place found in God almighty?

As we prepare for the holidays, let us not focus just on our own family circles or homes, but also on how we can reach out and offer the love of God to others. We cannot turn a blind eye to those without, but we can be a living vessel of God's precious love and grace. Amen. Let it be so!

You are loved!  
Pastor Becca

Lord,  
you have  
been our  
dwelling  
place in all  
generations.

Psalm 90:1

