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### And We're Off

It's A new beginning and the transition into our 241st church year is off to a great start. BBC's guest speakers list has included Dustin Hoover, Dr. Lynn Hardaway (from The Bridge Network of Churches), Shannon Terhune, and Mark Reon.



In a special called business meeting on September 26 Dr. Lynn Hardaway was voted to become BBC's Interim Pastor.

### Pulpit Search Committee

After much discussion a Pulpit Search Committee has been formed by the Deacons. The five members are Jeremy Schratwieser, Adam Cary, Ashley Boyett, Jennifer Riddle, and Linda Jordan. Members will receive training to learn how to conduct a pastor search and are blessed to have the experience of Dr. Hardaway to guide them in the weeks and months to come.

### Special Thanks

Sometimes a good deed goes unnoticed, but not this time! A great big thank you to Lisa Kovacs for cleaning the three flower beds by the front door of our little country church. It was a very hot and humid day and Lisa worked incredibly hard pulling up the old, spent and over-grown flowers, weeding, and then planting Chrysanthemums for Fall. Everything looks just beautiful!

### Wedding Bells

We also want to send our congratulations to Lisa who is now Mrs. Ian Nolette. Lisa & Ian were married Sept 27.



### Deepest Sympathy

We extend love and prayers to Cheryl Shirley and Gloria B. and their family for the loss of Cheryl's brother, Doug, who went to see Jesus on September 24. A memorial service was held Oct 4. Memorial donations may be made to BBC for missions.

### OCTOBER FUN

Who doesn't love the seasonal change to autumn when cooler temperatures prevail, crickets sing the night away and bobbing for apples or carving pumpkins doesn't seem so weird. Well, get ready....



### Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Night!

*October 26 from 4-6:00pm*

**FALL FESTIVAL** of family fun time with games, lots of goodies like s'mores & apple cider. There will be a pumpkin decorating contest, and a Chili Cook-Off! Participation in the cake walk will be a one donated canned food item to support of a local food bank.

**TRUNK OR TREAT** will follow the festival from 6-6:30pm and includes a Costume Contest (nothing scary please)!

### Women On Mission

On September 8 the Luta Tebault Circle honored the Deacons, Ushers, and Greeters with a wonderful dinner

The Luta Tebault Circle will meet again on Oct 14 when they will feed the Ruritans.

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The GAs and RAs are having a Halloween part on Oct 12 right after church. Following the party the GAs and

Acteens will be delivering Halloween decorations to Chesapeake Healthcare Nursing Home.

The GAs have already begun working on earning their first badge!

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The reactivated Centennial Jenny McClain Circle meets on the last Friday each month for lunch and a meeting. Helen Lane is the new President, Gail Slocum is the Program Chairman, and Lettie Dozier promotes the Prayer Calendar. Their next meeting will be at Irene Frost's home at 12:30pm on October 31. *(Photo courtesy of Gail Slocum)*

## MISSIONS PROJECT

CHRISTMAS BACKS FOR APPALACHIA – New filled zippered backpacks are due no later than Sunday October 26 (no exceptions). The Acteens will later be delivering them to up near Petersburg for us. This project takes the place of the Shoeboxes, so don't hold back! Our goal is ambitious at 25 backpacks.

## Joyful Noise Choir

We have a great group of folks who come out on Wednesdays to practice. But it's hard to have a choir with just a few people. With under seven members it can be devastating when just 1 person is absent from a practice. If several miss it rehearsal is cancelled. When a choir is larger it's not so bad; a missing member doesn't have the same impact and enough people are left to carry on. And when there are just a few people singing it's often hard to bring yourself to sing out like you should. It can feel like you're singing a solo. You know how nerve-wracking just the thought of singing solo can be!

Currently the choir has three people out which translate into no Wednesday rehearsals. With the holiday season fast approaching this has a great effect on song choices and future plans.

Please consider bringing your joyful noise to this little praise group. There is no audition and you can't

be turned away. God loves to hear his people sing and speaks often about it in the Bible.

## Psalm 13:6

I will **sing unto the LORD**, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

## Directory

We are currently updating the church Directory. Please check the current copy on the hall table and make any additions and/or corrections before our final printing!

Do you like the birthdays & anniversaries in the back of the Directory? Or do you miss having them on the church calendar as has been done in the past? Please let Linda know your thoughts. Here's the October list:

- 1 – Charlie Hughes Jr., Georgie Shirley
- 3 – Walter Barcroft Sr.
- 4 – Eddie Gilbert Jr., Daniel Satterthwaite,
- 5 – Dot Joyner
- 6 – Charlotte Garris
- 7 – Nancy Daniels, Betty Jean Whitehurst
- 8 – Danny Jordan, Neil McClain, Danny & Linda Jordan
- 11 – Amanda Skaggs
- 12 – Becky Tatum
- 13 – Kelli Whalen
- 14 – Billie Groh, Cecil Shirley Jr., Emma Saunders,
- 16 – Mikey Dobransky, Lance Gilbert,
- 18 – Neil Foster, Mike Stafford
- 20 – Sarah Shirley
- 21 – Clinton McClain
- 22 – Roger Blanchard
- 23 – Larry & Connie Bearden, Tom & Kelli Whalen
- 24 – Mert Whitehurst
- 27 – Gloria Whitehurst
- 28 – Cheryl Shirley, Rodney & Peggy Foster
- 29 – Joseph Gibbs
- 31 – Alice Savage

## Church Bulletin Info

How do you like the redesigned bulletins? Stephanie Highsmith is doing a wonderful job. If you have weekly announcements, prayer request additions or removals please email Stephanie at [SPecsekHs50@verizon.net](mailto:SPecsekHs50@verizon.net) or call 757-495-3849 or 757-642-3378 (cell).

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