

# Charity United Methodist Church

January  
2019

## New Church Organ Dedication Sunday, January 13, 2019

We want to thank the Stevenson family as they dedicate our new Church Organ in honor of the late Rev. Joseph (Gene) Landon. Rev. Landon was born September 15, 1933 and went to be with the Lord on February 1, 2011. He graduated from Columbus North High School, Ohio Wesleyan University and the Methodist Theological School in OH. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korea war. He served the Lord faithfully for 55 years in the pastorate in Ohio and Iowa and was the Pastor Emeritus at the Crystal River United Methodist Church in Crystal River, FL. Surviving are his loving wife of 50 years, Arlene Landon; three sons – Larry (Laurie), Brad (Beth); Lang Le; two daughters Liz Stevenson (Kevin), Mandy Geisler (Bernd).



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Rev. David Ryu

Office Hours By Appointment

### Church Office

Nancy Clark  
Church Administrator  
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9 am to 1 pm

### Charity Preschool

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Preschool Director  
Monday through Friday  
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### Join Us

**First Sunday Breakfast**  
8-10 am • Fellowship Hall

On the first Sunday of each month, everyone is invited to join us for a free breakfast sponsored by our United Methodist Men.

**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner**  
5:30 pm • Fellowship Hall

### Don't Forget...

- 01/06 Pancake Breakfast
- 01/07 New Organ installed
- 01/19 District Training Day
- 01/21 MLK Day - Office Closed
- 01/25 Leadership Orientation
- 01/26 Leadership Orientation
- 01/28 Blood Drive





## Pastor David's Column



Happy New Year!

I want to take this opportunity to share with you the theme for 2019, "Revive Us Again"! One of the main reasons I have chosen this theme comes from Psalm 85:6 "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" Some of you know that 2019 is the year Charity UMC will celebrate its 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On the weekend of September 13-15, we will have a traditional tent revival weekend at Cedar Hall Farms just down the road on Gum Bridge. We want to celebrate 230 years of God's anointing on our church and it is the hope of our leaders that Charity becomes a beacon to the Virginia Beach community where the Gospel message will be preached, heard and received.

The second reason that I chose the theme of "revival" comes from 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Here Solomon speaks of turning from their wicked ways. The word "repent" essentially means to turn around and go the other way and that's what revival entails. It is a turning away from sin and a turning toward God and only then can they seek God's face but they must first "turn from their wicked ways" and only then will God say "I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land." There can be no revival without repentance or a turning away from sin and a turning to God. I personally believe this is what I need, our United Methodist Church needs and what our Nation needs to realize as well.

The final reason for the "revival" theme is because of what will take place on February 23-26 where the Council of Bishops will call for a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held in St. Louis Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. People have said that our denomination has far been "united" but separated by this issue.

*"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
The testimony of the Lord is sure,  
making wise the simple."*

**Psalm 19:7**

You cannot separate the Word of God from the God of the Word and the same goes for God's Law. His Law and His Word are synonymous with one another. Here we see that the law of the Lord is perfect and by the context of this chapter we know the psalmist is not writing about the Mosaic Law but the Ten Commandments. **What revives the soul?** It is the law of God. The Hebrew word for revive is "shuwb" and means "to return, to turn back" so revival, as we have previously read, means a turning away from sin and a turning toward God and the law of God does the converting or reviving of the soul. Let me put it this way; it takes a person of God speaking the Word of God with the Spirit of God to make the children of God for the glory of God. God is the dominant theme here because God and His law or His Word revives or quickens (makes alive) the soul.

This is why I believe 2019 will be the year of "revival" not only in our lives but in the "Church", in our Nation, in our cities, and especially in our families. Join me as our leaders come together on January 25-26 to see the plan of God for "revival" will be revealed, planned and delivered.



# CHARITY UMC 2019

## CHURCH COUNCIL



Chairperson	Nancy Martin
Vice Chair	Lea Kennan
Lay Leader	June Kernutt & Patrick Kennan
Staff-Parish Chair	Judy Williams
Finance Chair	Bob Williams
Trustees Chair	Wendy Harris
Treasurer	Bernadette Vaughan
Finance Secretary	Pauline Heath
Worship Chair	Lisette Piccillo
Lay Mem to Annual Conf	Jim Oglesby
Nurture Chair	Holly Veber
Outreach Chair	Donna Brehm
Sunday School Superintendent	Janice Beatty
UM Men Representative	Dan Fentress
UM Women Representative	Stormie Henley
Children's Coordinator	Amy Irving
Youth Coordinators	Bernadette & Billy Vaughan
Young Adult Representative	Candence Gilbert
Youth Representative	Reagan Vaughan
Membership Secretary	Susan Flanagan
Preschool Board Chair	Ed Sievers
Pastor	David Ryu
Church Administrator	Nancy Clark



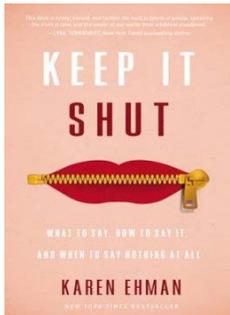
# January Youth Schedule



- Jan 8th 6 to 7:45 pm Youth Feeding the Ruritan's for fundraiser
- Jan 9th 6 to 8:15 pm Princess Anne Rehab
- Jan 16th 6:30 to 8 pm In house activity
- Jan 21st 6:30 to 9 pm Out of church activity
- Jan 25th to the 27th Ski Trip to Snowshoe WV
- Jan 30th 6:30 to 8 pm In house activity

All youth must have on file a current Waiver (consent, medical and liability). Please go to the website to download the file then return it to Bernadette. Youth can't participate in offsite events without the waiver. [www.charitychurchvb.com/NewPage](http://www.charitychurchvb.com/NewPage)

## New Wednesday Night Bible Study

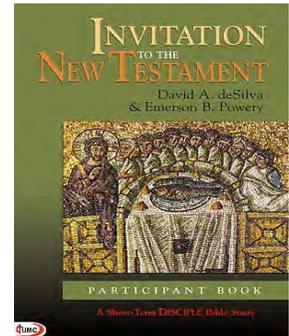


Did you ever say something that you wish you hadn't? Maybe our next Bible Study is for you! Keep It Shut by Karen Ehman is about "What to say, how to say it, and when to say nothing at all". This six-week study will begin on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 in the Wesley Classroom upstairs. I hope you can join us! Please let me know by **January 14<sup>th</sup>** if you would like a book (\$12.99). Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Janice Beatty, 757.630.3248

## Monday Night Bible Study

Explore the writings of the New Testament using the story of Jesus as the starting point. This survey of the testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith. The 8 week study begins Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> with a brief introduction and distribution of books on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> after the second service. Please use your attendance slip to sign up for this class.

Nancy McClure



## Update on the Church Directory...

A Note from Nancy

Thank you to everyone who responded with updates to their information! I will email a finalized directory to everyone by Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter, then you are not on our mailing list. Please use your attendance sheet to update your email and any other relevant information for the directory.

I hope that you can keep the directory digitally (to save paper) but I know some of you prefer a hard copy and those will be available in the Narthex on January 6<sup>th</sup>!

# Mission Trip to Plymouth NC

There will be another opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our southern neighbors. We will work with CROSS (Christians Reaching Out in Sacred Service) to serve the working poor who need repairs to their home or their churches.

We will leave the church Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February and return Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> is now a make-up day for Virginia Beach Schools so a group will be returning Sunday afternoon as well.

You do not have to have skills, there is always someone to teach us how to do the tasks that are needed as well as just general assistants to those who know what they are doing. Join us, you might get a new skill while you are serving.

Please see Kim Peterson for more information. There will be information sheets in the Narthex soon.



## Choir Notes

As I reflect on this past year and Pastor David's sermons, one thing resonates in my heart. Many times, he has asked us if God is nudging us to serve. Is God nudging you to serve or try something new? The New Year is upon us and what better time to take the step!

Why not try out the Chancel Choir? We welcome new members on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the choir room.. No training needed! If you aren't wishing to sing, how about joining the Lute League? Guitar, banjo, string bass, and uke players needed. Give us a try! We are playing on January 6 at the 11:00 service. Come and enjoy "I'll Fly Away" and "I Saw the Light". Please call Madeline Day at 373-4175 for information.



Saturday, January 19, 2019  
Community United Methodist  
1072 Old Kempsville Road  
Virginia Beach VA 23464

Learn more at <http://elizabethriverdistrict.weebly.com/training-day.html>

**Deadline to  
register is  
January 11th.**

**Charity has a bright future ahead with 185 outdated ceiling light fixtures updated to LED fixtures! No more bulb changes or ballast swap outs! We are letting our light shine!**



## WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

L.O.L. (Ladies of the Lord) is a support group that meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at the home of Janice Beatty. This group invites all women, not just Charity members, who would like to share time in a caring and compassionate environment. Janice lives at 2814 Rose Garden Way in West Neck. Call Janice at 630-3248 for more information.

## CHARITY FOOD PANTRY

**Open Every Tuesday - 10am to 12pm**

Our Food Pantry is open each week for anyone in need of food. We also collect items for Virginia Beach's "Beach Bags" program that sends food home to student in need. As always, our Food Pantry volunteers appreciate the support that allows us assist those in our community that struggle to have the food they need on a daily basis. For more information, please contact Donna Brehm at 757-377-0313.

If you would like to contribute to either of these programs, please place your donations in the Food Pantry Wheelbarrow in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.

**Beach Bags Items:** individual sized cereal bowls/boxes, 8 oz. shelf- stable milk, individual sized meals (ravioli, spaghetti, mac & cheese, etc.), fruit cups, 100% juice boxes, snack items (granola bars, pretzels, raisins, etc.)

**Charity Food Pantry items:** Canned/Jarred Spaghetti Sauce, Boxed Cereal (low sugar varieties), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Jam, Canned Chicken or Tuna, Mayonnaise, Pancake Syrup, and Complete Pancake Mix. (No "club-sized" items please - Most of our families are small and most large/club-sized items are difficult to divide and distribute properly).

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

The Intercessory Prayer Ministry meets each Wednesdays at 6 am in the Sanctuary and again at 10:30 am in the Chapel. Anyone interested in praying for the needs of our congregation, community and nation are invited to join us. For more information, please contact Judy Williams at judy@pungoliving.com or 373-5675.



1st	Tim Lee	17th	Alexander Fuge
1st	Gunner Burney	19th	Carter Williams
3rd	Laurie Simpson	20th	Brody Prieto
3rd	Amberley Ailstock	20th	Donna Allen
5th	Bruce Bright	21st	Robert Williams
5th	Caroline Froman	21st	Eric Baptiste
7th	Meaghan Curtis	21st	Porter Gendreau
7th	Ashley Curtis	22nd	Susan Flanagan
8th	Dawson Cox	23rd	Raymond Brown
8th	Daphne Burrows	25th	Mary Anne Sherwood
9th	Taylor Bayly	25th	Sherry Phelps
10th	Faye Dorchester	27th	Steve Baggs
12th	Maci Halstead	29th	Jill Reid
14th	Tammy Lam	29th	Heather Gilbert
15th	Kailey Culpepper	30th	Janna Eason
16th	Mary Pinardi		

FINANCIAL GIVING TO CHARITY IS NOW AVAILABLE VIA

## DIRECT DEPOSIT

Information & authorization forms are available in the Narthex, or contact the church office.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT ALL OF OUR MINISTRIES AND EVENTS, VISIT US AT

[www.charitychurchvb.com](http://www.charitychurchvb.com)  
[www.charitypreschoolvb.weebly.com](http://www.charitypreschoolvb.weebly.com)  
[www.facebook.com/charityumc](http://www.facebook.com/charityumc)



Charity Preschool had its highest enrollment ever this year and we are getting ready for open enrollment in February as we prepare for another great school year. The halls are filled with happy voices and the playground is overflowing with preschoolers. Our playground equipment is over 13 years old and in desperate need of an update to meet the needs of this growing preschool. We are excited to start a fundraiser so that we can replace our playground equipment this spring. To replace just the main climbing structure with a new and improved structure

we need to raise \$13,629.00. We know that this is a tall order in such a short time, but we want to make sure that the money we raise goes to a playground that your kids can play on ASAP! This playground will improve the play experience for the children of the church and preschool, is ADA compliant, meets national standards and CPSC guidelines. Any money raised over and beyond the main goal will go towards a shade structure and other playground components such as swing kickout mats etc.

There are a few ways you can donate! Join us for our annual Preschool Fundraiser Dinner on January 30<sup>th</sup> where 100% of the money raised that night will go toward our playground equipment. Give through your tithe envelope and make a note that says Preschool Playground to make sure your donation goes to the right place. Give online through Paypal Friends and Family. You can use our email [charitypreschool@gmail.com](mailto:charitypreschool@gmail.com) to make sure the payment gets right to us. Make a donation through the preschool payment box with a separate check from your monthly tuition. Make sure to note Preschool Playground on the memo section of your check. Look for updates on T-shirts sales and Spirit Nights in the future! Thank you for all of your help and support. Check out our preschool Facebook page @charitypreschool for a sneak peek of the new playground equipment.



