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From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

WOW! That's the only word that comes to mind to describe our fabulous 70th Anniversary Service of September 17th, followed by a sumptuous lunch with a fabulous cake baked for the occasion by our church secretary, Anne Combes (who also created our fabulous bulletin and updated the bulletin boards in the hallway).

Thanks to everyone who participated including our clergy: former Pastor Tom Bailey, who preached; Pastor Harry Griffith, celebrant; Pastor Barbara Krumm, assisting minister; and Carolyn Moran and Pat Kindred who filled up the chancel! And the pews were filled with worshippers!

Also to our Church Council President and Vice President, Gail Davidson and Deborah Midgett, the Council itself, the 70th Anniversary Committee, our Choir under Lee Hendricks' direction, those who provided sumptuous quantities of food, set up tables, cleaned up, and contributed in so many other ways. And last but not least, our very own Emily Kircheval with her historical "fireside chat".

Now as October rolls in, we have a brief interim of catching our breaths, celebrating Halloween and the birth of the Protestant Reformation before we plunge headlong into Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas.

Grace and peace, with Thanks,
Pastor Don+



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Adult Bible Study

10:30 am

Worship Service

OUR MISSION

*We are a family
of Christ,
committed to serving,
teaching, welcoming
and loving
all God's people.*



Celebrating
70 Years
of Ministry
in Ocean View
1953-2023



From Our Council President

Highlights from the Sept Council Meeting:

Council approved the purchase of a new microphone for Pastor - the cost is under the \$500.00 grant approved by the Synod.

Kitchen update: The fire window is certified as passing code restrictions by the company that installed it! Waiting on Norfolk fire to approve. Cabinets should be installed the week of September 18th.

Love offerings for the 70th are at \$500. More is anticipated.

Pastor Appreciation will be celebrated October 29th partnering with the Congregational Meeting. Send items for discussion to me by October 21st please.

By motion, President was approved as controller for the Stocks gifted St. John by Carl Harrington. They will be liquidated and deposited in the CIA account to replace the borrowed amount for the kitchen project.

2024 Offering Envelopes are HERE!

October 15th, after service hot dog lunch and Bingo sponsored by WELCA.

Gerard made the final updates to the Constitution. Copies to be distributed at our October Congregational meeting.

Pastor will be out of town on September 24th for a family mini vacation.

As of September 3rd, the "Can a Week Club" has donated 454 food items to Advent's food pantry.

Council voted to celebrate Christmas Eve Service the afternoon of Sunday, December 24th. Will discuss having a morning service on the 24th.

Pastor suggested using the church credit card for his discretionary expenses and keeping very little cash at the church. We assisted with shelter for a former member's daughter and husband in August.

Interested in serving on Council? Nominations will be presented at the November Council meeting with a congregational vote December 10th.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Davidson



Budget Update – August 2023	
Monthly Revenues	\$7,625.93
Monthly Expenses	\$25,173.79
Year to date Revenues	\$69,672.82
Year to date Expenses	\$258,607.57
Year to date: Actual Revenue less Actual Expenses	-\$188,934.75
<i>Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.</i>	



THANK YOU to all who made our 70th Anniversary a day to remember. From Pastor Bailey's insightful message, our worship leaders: Pastors Griffith, Wilson and Krumm, Emily's Fire-side chat, the catered meal supplemented by special dishes from attendees, the wonderful cake made by our very own Anne Combes and fellowship will not be forgotten. Gerard and Seika captured the day in video, Emily's granddaughter photographed the day as well. On to our 75th in 2028!!

Gail Davidson



Our organist's surgery went well. He hopes to return by mid-October.

Please remember to contact members you have not seen in a while.

We are in need of additional Worship Assistants. Please contact the Church Office if interested. Training is available.

In Christ's Service, Gail Davidson
Worship and Music Chair



October Birthdays

01 ~ Elizabeth Ball
04 ~ Donald Meyer
04 ~ Carolyn Moran



10 ~ Jeffrey Gulley
16 ~ Norma McNellis
18 ~ Roxiee Dollar

Worship Attendance

Date	Congregation	Choir/Assistants	Nursery	Total
August 6, 2023	29	6	0	35
August 13, 2023	19	7	0	26
August 20, 2023	19	9	0	28
August 27, 2023	28	7	0	35

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1953 & 1978
SCHOOL

Celebrating 70 years of Ministry!

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Gail Davidson

Vice President: Deborah Midgett

Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson

Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton

Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks

School Director: Sheila Sanchez

Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran

Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

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Sunday
October 29, 2023



Pastor
Appreciation and

Congregational
Meeting