

The Antioch UMC

EPISTLE

November, 2014

Say "Thank You" to God

Many years ago my son asked, "Mom, why do I have to say 'I'm sorry' when I'm not?"

I replied, "Because sometimes our words nudge our hearts in the right direction."

I was reminded of this yesterday when I found myself rolling my eyes at yet another admonition to be thankful this week. You see, I love the Thanksgiving holiday, and I have many things for which I am profoundly and genuinely grateful, but I tend to dig in my heels at being told how to feel. This is especially true when it comes to saying thanks for things I *ought* to be thankful for, but am not.

Yet there's value in saying "thank you" to God for things that don't resonate in my heart. There's the value of admitting that I'm not as thankful as I like to believe. There's the value of taking a first step toward changing my attitude.

There's the value of resolving – again – to be truly thankful every single day of my life. And finally, there's the value of remembering that someday I will stand with the angels and elders who proclaim, "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!" (Revelation 7:12)

There's a lot to this thankfulness thing, and we've got to start somewhere. Saying thanks, on whatever level we mean it, is a start. And hopefully, our hearts will follow.



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By Julia Attaway, November 27, 2013*

**Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 7 pm,
at Williams UMC, 4670 Longview Drive.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Wells Bacon	November 06
Jacob Bacon	November 11
Tommy Barnes	November 13
Frances Bacon	November 16
Trudy Wilkins	November 28

Mark Your Calendar for...

- Charge Conference is Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to noon, at Victoria UMC.
- District Conference is Saturday, **December 7** from 10 to noon, Journey UMC, Amelia. This is a change!
- December 5th, Salvation Army Food Drive

By the numbers – October

Average weekly attendance	50
Average weekly giving	\$1,169
Amount needed each week	\$1,278
September Shortfall	- \$109 per week

News on the HOME front



Wayne and Margaret were at Pine View on Thursday, October 16. They usually go on a Friday afternoon but Friday, October 17 was pumpkin-carving day there and they didn't want to interfere with that!!

There were close to 20 residents present and a few visitors dropped in. Margaret got things going playing "In The Mood" on the piano, she really "rocked the joint"! She and Wayne sang some duets and Wayne sang some solos.

They took requests - one of which was "He Touched Me" and it was awesome! One resident stated that it meant so much to them for people to come and entertain them.

They also love it when Pastor Alan is there on the first Wednesday of each month and sometimes on the third Wednesday of each month. The word is that he draws the largest crowd of anyone else who gives their time to come and share with the residents.



Announcement!

Lunenburg Literacy Organization
will be offering **CPR classes**
on an on-going basis.

The classes are FREE. No cost to you, at all.

For more info, see Dana Bacon

Serving in November

	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
9	Trudy Sara	Susan/Diane	William Bacon
16	Julie Sara	Kim / William	Susan Bacon
23	Sherie	Shirley / Sara	Jenna Bacon
30	Wanda Jimmy	Brenda / Abby	Tommy Barnes

Church Notes

WE have started our **Imagine No Malaria** campaign off with a bang !! Our two churches, in one Sunday, saved **200** lives. Stay tuned for more opportunities to save even more lives!

Reaching New People

Our Reaching New People Team, consisting of Abi, Tessie, Earl, Thomas Clegg (Williams) and Pastor Alan are busy discussing ways to help our churches grow. They actually held a meeting over dinner at Mildred's in October. The team will meet with church leadership the second Sunday in November to present their recommendations and answer questions.



It is time to collect cans for the Salvation Army. The can goods and pantry items are due by Dec. 5th but there will be containers for your donations out at church soon. Please be generous in your contributions to help people in need around our area.

Again this year, our churches will be responsible for bagging all of the donated food items. We will meet on



Saturday, Dec. 13th at 9 AM at the Kenbridge Police Station; which is in the basement of the old Kenbridge School on Fifth Avenue. Please mark your calendar and come share the love as we help get the food ready for distribution.

Hopefully a New, Updated – church directory will be available in January of 2015. Please be on the lookout for the attached form which will be in the next edition of the Epistle. Please fill out with any corrections or additions. We look forward to adding ALL of our new folks since the last edition. There will be a box to just “check” if there are no changes. Your help with this project is greatly appreciated.

Children's Corner

Thank you Tessie and your “crew” for providing the Children's Craft Day on Sunday, October 19. All of the little ones were so excited with their “Mummy's”. Maybe another Craft Day somewhere in the future???

The Antioch Youth Group will meet in the fellowship hall on Sunday November 16th. Last month's church scavenger hunt was a big hit. I wonder what Pastor Alan has in store this month?

UMW

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th, 7:30 PM, at Susan Moseley's home (234 Reedy Branch Road). This will be our **World Thank Offering** program, so remember to bring your boxes (or whatever you use to collect in throughout the year). All ladies are welcome! ☺ Join us, or come visit a meeting, if you can.

Planning Ahead ...

The Farmville District **UMW Advent/Day Apart** will be December 6th from 10:00-11:30 a.m., at Crewe UMC. The theme will be “Rekindling the Sacred.” Special Speaker: Rev. Kiok Cho.

The Joke at THE END



Baby Bruno was sitting in his grandmother's kitchen, watching her prepare the Thanksgiving meal.

"What are you doing?" Bruno asked.

"Oh, I'm just stuffing the turkey," his grandmother replied.

"That's cool!" Bruno said. "Are you going to hang it next to the deer?"

An industrious turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey.

His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together. "Well I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!"

They all asked the farmer how it tasted.

"I don't know" said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"

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our mission is to be the Presence of Christ.*

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