

# The Carillon

MAY/JUNE 2016

I gave my first sermon in early 1996 at Lynnhaven United Methodist Church in Virginia Beach. I was being mentored by the church's pastor, Bruce Tuttle, now retired. Bruce asked me to preach one Sunday when the Gospel text was John 2, where Jesus changes water into wine at the wedding in Cana in Galilee. My sermon title was "I Saw the Signs," and I had a great time preaching.

Maybe too great a time: There were two services at Lynnhaven, and Bruce told me in between them, "Maybe talk a little slower next time." I may have talked quickly out of sheer excitement. I said later that preaching was as much fun as being on a roller coaster, and I was happy to see friends from work like James and Mary in the congregation. I also saw my friend Will sitting on the back pew at the early service, but I didn't see a sign that he sent me that morning: He told me later that he was motioning like a traffic control officer, pressing down with his palms to tell me to slow down. I must have been talking too fast to notice. Again, I had a great time preaching, and still do. I'd like to invite you to have a great time, too, by becoming a lay speaker. It involves some training, and it'll help the church, because, with my being a reservist, I have to miss at least three Sundays a year at Epworth, and if I move to a new reserve command next year, it could be more.

I hope to extend with my current command, which allows me to reschedule drills two Friday mornings a month so that I don't have to miss Sundays at Epworth, except for mandatory drills each summer and fall, and during my two weeks of annual training, scheduled this year for May 16-27.

My last command, now stood down, drilled in Newport News. I was pastoring in Clifton Forge at the same time, and I used to have to miss one Sunday a month at Central United Methodist Church. I don't know if I could have rescheduled drills then, but since Central UMC had two lay speakers in the congregation, the church was able to cover my absences. The two shared the pulpit when I was away.

I ask you to consider becoming a lay speaker to help cover my absences due to the reserves. I'll know this summer if I can extend with my command, and if not, I may have to drill outside of Hampton Roads. I hope it doesn't come to that, but I hope you'll consider becoming a lay speaker nonetheless. If God interests you in this ministry, please let me know, and I'll keep you informed of training events.

*Grace and Peace,  
Ned Alderman*

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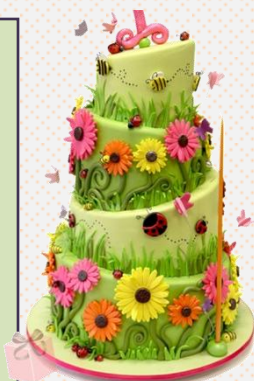
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Pastor's Desk*

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**The Epworth UMC Book Club**

Is always looking for new members. If you enjoy reading or would just like to preview a good book, please come join us. *The book club meets the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.*

Books we will read in May and June:

May 19 - *Along Route 58: True Tales from Beach to Bluegrass*, by Joe Tennis; leader-Ann Long

June 16 - *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown; leader- Carol Cullen



*Come have a cup of coffee & check us out!*



*We extend Our Christian Sympathy to:*

*The Tompkins and Ward families on the death of Harold Tompkins, on March 26, 2016.*

*and*

*Peggy Sumner and family on the death of her husband, John (Jack) Sumner, on March 29, 2016.*

*May God comfort them in their loss.*

Directory Update:

Ms. Mary Banks  
350 South Ridgewood Avenue  
Apt. #208  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



Make someone's day special by participating in our monthly  
*"Card Shower"*  
 for members who are either in Health Care facilities or Homebound.  
*Our "Missing Angels"*

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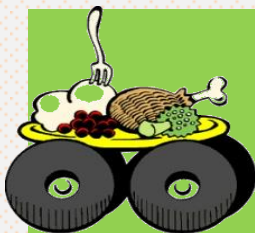
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*Many thanks to those who have delivered the poinsettias, lilies, and seasonal goody bags to our Missing Angels.*

*They do so appreciate it as evidenced by their calls and cards expressing their appreciation.*



**Mobile Meals**

**Thursday May 26, and  
 Thursday, June 23,  
 at 10 am.**

**Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.**

Happy Mother's Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue." PROVERBS 31:25-26

**Mother's Day is  
 Sunday, May 8**



# OUTREACH COMMITTEE

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

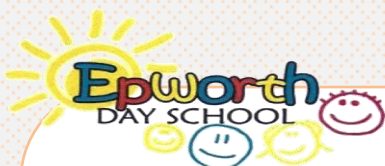
The calendar indicates that it is springtime, but the thermometers don't agree. Still, we trust and wait, knowing that those warm sunny days bursting with color and life are coming. Isn't this how we trust and wait for the promised return of our Lord? As good stewards of His blessings, we are about our Father's business until that day. At Epworth, through our mission work, we have made some wonderful connections with others in our community and state who are either in need of Christ's caring love or are serving others too. It is our joy to help Ignite Norfolk as they find a new way to have church on the ODU campus, by modeling the Christian life of service and love. We are partnering with them on the food collection for their ODU pantry, and in tutoring and feeding at risk students from Ocean View. In that opportunity, we, also, work with ForKids, helping these creative and bright children achieve the education that will provide opportunities for change in their lives. Through this, we have also formed such a wonderful bond with K & W Restaurant as they express such joy in helping us. Amazing, how one connection leads to another, then to another, and the blessings abound for all.

Our contributions during Lent helped the Mattaponi tribe of Virginia as the first young people from this tribe have the opportunity to attend college. What a privilege and honor to be a part of this historic time! Angela "Silver Star" Daniel has called and written to us saying how grateful they are that we care about them; and that we have been an answer to their prayers.

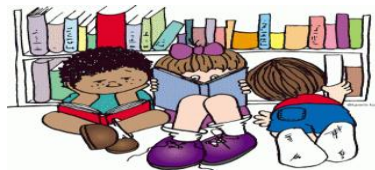
Now, our focus turns to conference and kits and cans of food. This year we are providing school kits, one of the two kits most needed by UMCOR. The other is health kits which we have sent for the last two years. You are beginning to see information about it, and we will kick off our collection campaign on May 8<sup>th</sup>. I think I see a theme to our Outreach missions this year-education. Well, this is where God has led us; and we will faithfully follow. We are on this journey together as a church family. Thank you so much for your support. Let us rejoice and be glad in these inspiring opportunities to serve that God has placed in our path.

May God continue to bless our efforts in 2016,

Mary Baker, Chair, Mary Lee Howlett, Faye Joseph, Ann Long, Donna Benken,  
Vivian Rogers, Karen Ward and Ann Gatling, Member Emeritus.



We have added a "Little Library" to Epworth Day School. It is located on our playground near the front door of the school. Anyone may donate, borrow or exchange a book or books. The books are children's books and parenting information books. Many areas around the country are establishing these in neighborhoods to promote the importance of literacy for young children and to share information on parenting. If you have grandchildren, please feel free to partake in our "Little Library". Thank you for your continued support for Epworth Day School. Remember that we welcome volunteers anytime!



Little Library  
for 'lil' folks

**UNITED IN SPIRIT**

I felt such supportive love at my poetry reading  
that the Holy Spirit's power convinced me to join  
your church because I wanted to become a part of that love.  
What power our church was able to show that day!

Depending on how united we are in God's love and purpose  
determines how much power the Holy Spirit can use to  
bless our church-----and satan knows this.

That is why he loves to cause strife between members because  
he knows if can break the unity, he can fragment the church and  
render it ineffective.

What can we do?

We can watch out for the spirits of offense and strife,  
Arguments or underlying resentments are examples satan uses  
as he plays on our emotions-----through people,  
who are unaware of being used.

So, when we feel offended, throw back to satan the offense  
since it originated from him;

forgive the offender and give him to God to work through;

forgive ourselves for falling into the trap----asking Him to cleanse us  
so we can begin--anew.

Jesus said on the cross:

"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do!"

What better time than at this season of Pentecost, to be  
an example of the earliest church-----united in mind  
and spirit to solve things God's way!

---Jane Edwards

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**PAWS IN FAITH**  
A monthly "pet-friendly" worship service held the 1st Sunday of each month at 5 pm (Services are held in the Southgate Chapel.)  
Come worship with your four-legged friends!  
(Remember dogs need to be on leashes and small pets in carriers)

EDS and the Church Office will be closed Monday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day



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**Pentecost Sunday**  
Is May 15  
Don't forget to  
Wear red to the  
11 am worship  
service!  
Also, the Epworth Day School will  
be a part of the Sunday service  
that day.

Special Sunday in May:

- Peace With Justice Sunday - May 22

For more information on Special Sundays please visit:  
[www.umcsgiving.org/how-we-give](http://www.umcsgiving.org/how-we-give)



## Kits for Conference + 4 Cans 4 Conference

UMCOR School Kits and canned food to benefit local ministries' services to those in need in the Roanoke Conference area are being collected for delivery to the 2016 Annual Conference.

This year the Outreach Committee will supply each member with a tote bag along with a list of required school supplies in which to complete one school kit. Completed school kits (tote bags) need to be returned no later than **May 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Canned food donations should consist of meat/fish, fruit/veggie, soup/stew, and a pop-top can (any contents).

Deadline for canned donations is **June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**For more information on what is included in an UMCOR School Kit, or 4 cans 4 conference go to [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org)**



### SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP - MAY 15TH, 12 PM

District Resource Specialist, Ellen Clements will lead a spiritual gifts workshop after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on May 15th.

God's plan for the church calls for each member of the Body of Christ to play a vital role. Sometimes we think that serving God is an obligation, a duty, and that it isn't meant to be enjoyable. The truth is, though, that God wants us to find joy and fulfillment when we serve. That happens when we serve in a role that matches who God created us to be.

This study leads adults through assessing their spiritual gifts, talents and abilities, resources, individual style, dreams and experiences... all adding up to an enhanced capacity to serve God and neighbor.

If you are interested in taking part in this workshop please contact the church office at 757-622-2970, or email: [epworth@epworthva.org](mailto:epworth@epworthva.org). to receive a questionnaire in advance.

A sign-up sheet is also located at the back of the sanctuary



2016 VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The 2016 session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held **June 17-19** at the Berglund Center in Roanoke. Theme of the 2016 Annual Conference is "Thy Will Be Done."

For more information go to [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org)

Please note that paper grocery store receipts are no longer being accepted. If you would like to continue supporting Epworth Day School through the Farm Fresh community rewards program, scan-able key ring cards are available at the back of the sanctuary and in the church office.



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